

Subject: CRC - Letter from Mayor Bogaard, Pasadena

From: "Stewart, Jana" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/14/2011 2:58 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Attached is a copy of a letter that was read before the Commission during Public Comment today at McGeorge Law School.

Jana Stewart
Office of the Mayor & City Council

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 14, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This statement is submitted in connection with the Commission's determination of final district boundaries for the Assembly District that has until now included Pasadena, Altadena and South Pasadena. Thank you for this opportunity to present views on this important element of your historic work.

I am the Mayor of Pasadena, having recently begun a fourth 4-year term as Pasadena's first directly elected Mayor. The past 12 years have provided an opportunity for me to experience the operation of local government and to pursue the important relationship between a city and its elected representatives at other levels of government.

The Commission's current tentative boundaries for this Assembly District recognize the close ethnic, social, economic, educational, and cultural ties that bind these three communities. This approach appears to me to be optimal for our area, having in mind the goal of redistricting to strengthen the democratic process. I urge that this configuration be retained in the final determination, even if this requires grouping these three communities with other towns along the San Gabriel Foothills to the east.

As you consider options, please continue to recognize, as does the tentative configuration, the importance and the benefits of keeping the three communities together. The Commission has difficult choices to make, but I am convinced that the current proposal not only complies with redistricting guidelines, but protects public interests in the region.

Thank you for this opportunity to present my views, and for your hard work in this effort.

Sincerely,

BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

BB:jls



Subject: Diamond Bar belongs in LA County

From: Sandra Pérez González <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/14/2011 4:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

On every level the commission has chopped Diamond Bar from any community of interest neighbor from pulling it from seats (Congressional & State) to let its vote be diluted but Orange County voers. This is appalling. Diamond Bar and Walnut belong with our LA County neighboring communities like West Covina and the other San Gabriel Valley cities with whom with shared municipal, water and school districts. Moreover we pay taxes into LA County but our votes will always be overwhelmed by voters in Orange County? Its time to stop letting OC districts steal voters from Diamond Bar to weaken these LA County areas. Put Diamond Bar BACK into the San Gabriel Valley congressional seat that your FIRST had drawn. On the legislative side put us with Whittier & West Covina...don't cave to pressure from incumbents in San Bernardino and Orange County who want seek to dilute our potential voting power while protecting their seats. Stand up for communities... Diamond Bar belongs with LA County not with Orange or San Bernardino!!!

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Sandra Pérez González

[REDACTED] voice
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"I should be able to love my country and still love justice," Albert Camus

"It's injustice that motivates us to do something, to take risk, knowing that if we don't, things will remain the same," Digna Ochoa y Placido

Subject: Fwd: Jewish Community concerns in the Westside of Los Angeles

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/14/2011 5:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Commissioners,

I stopped by the Commission late this afternoon but couldn't wait for public comment as I have another engagement in the Capitol tonight.

I did leave some hard copies of the material for all of the Commissioners .I would like to add one general point.

If there ever was a "community of interest", this Jewish community is it. In addition to the Institutions mentioned in the attachment ,there are 21 Jewish Day Schools, K-12, within the boundaries we are proposing. There are numerous Kosher restaurants and Judaica stores stretching from Beverly-Fairfax to the Pico-Robertson areas.

Many other ethnic groups have come before you advocating for 5 or 10 or even 40 new potential seats with majorities of their constituents. We don't have any. Even in this proposed one we would not be a majority. We would at least be a critical mass. It is our only chance to be heard. Please do not divide the one actual cohesive community in the State of California.

Thanks for giving us this opportunity to bring our concerns to you.,

Dr. Irving Lebovics

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: 7/13/2011 7:48:15 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time

Subj: Jewish Community concerns in the Westside of Los Angeles

To The Commissioners,

I would like to thank the Commission for permitting me to offer testimony during public comment. This e-mail represents the content of that testimony..

I am Doctor Irving Lebovics and I am here representing portions of the Jewish community that are concerned about the splitting of the Westside Orthodox Jewish community. These groups have submitted letters on their own and we attempted to send people to speak at the Culver City hearing, but the lines were so long and many of us have young children to look after so we dropped off written comments.

Instead of deluging you with letters, we have sent you letters from specific leaders on behalf of the community. Those leaders have emphasized the importance of uniting two communities: Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood and The Fairfax-Hancock Park-Miracle Mile area.

We also wish to submit these proposed maps to suggest how our community can be kept whole while respecting the other communities of interest that surround us.

We appreciate that you have been so conscientious about keeping Fairfax and Hancock Park together, but unless you include the Miracle Mile, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood and Century City areas as well, you are still splitting us in half, just like you are also splitting the Persian community by dividing Westwood from Beverly Hills.

As we mentioned in the letters we sent from the Orthodox Union, Agudath Israel, Hatzolah

Ambulance Services and the Weisenthal Center, the Orthodox Jewish community is about 80,000 living mostly in Pico-Robertson (from 18th Street north to the Beverly Hills line between Beverwil and La Cienega and in the Fairfax, Hancock Park and Miracle Mile area north of Olympic from Beverly Hills to Rossmore. As the map on the first page demonstrates, there is clearly a cluster of synagogues and service organizations in the Pico-Robertson, Fairfax-Hancock Park and Miracle Mile area. Over 25 Orthodox synagogues and 15 service organizations are in the area, including Hatzolah Ambulance Services, the Los Angeles Jewish Federation, the Frieda Mohr Senior Center, ORT and the Weisenthal Center.

Because of our religious observance, we walk to our synagogues and use the businesses in our immediate community, many of which are owned by the people who live here.

We are particularly concerned because every map you issue splits the 16 synagogues. in the Pico Robertson/Beverlywood and Century City area into a separate district.

As I mentioned, we use many common services between Fairfax and Pico-Robertson including Cedars Sinai and Olympia hospitals, the numerous Jewish day schools (which we do drive to) and much of the shopping takes place in Pico-Robertson even for those living in the Fairfax and Miracle Mile area.

As the maps we have provided show, you can keep our community whole by switching out communities that actually have dual identities that connect with the beach cities such as Santa Monica and Venice, which have more in common with West LA, Palms, Mar Vista and Culver City. These communities are distinctive enough to be in a separate Assembly district that focuses on environmental issues such as the Ballona wetlands and beaches. This can happen without affecting the CVAP populations that are important to protecting other voices as well.

For decades, our community has been used as a buffer or point of exchange between two districts. This has affected our ability to get support for our social service programs and other needs that are unique to or community.

We respectfully ask that you keep our communities together so we can make sure our voice is heard too.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Dr. Irving Lebovics
Chairman, Presidium
Agudath Israel of California



Attachments:

JewishcommunityLAMWSProposal.pdf

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TO: Q2, Redistricting Commission

Alternative Proposal for West LA Districts

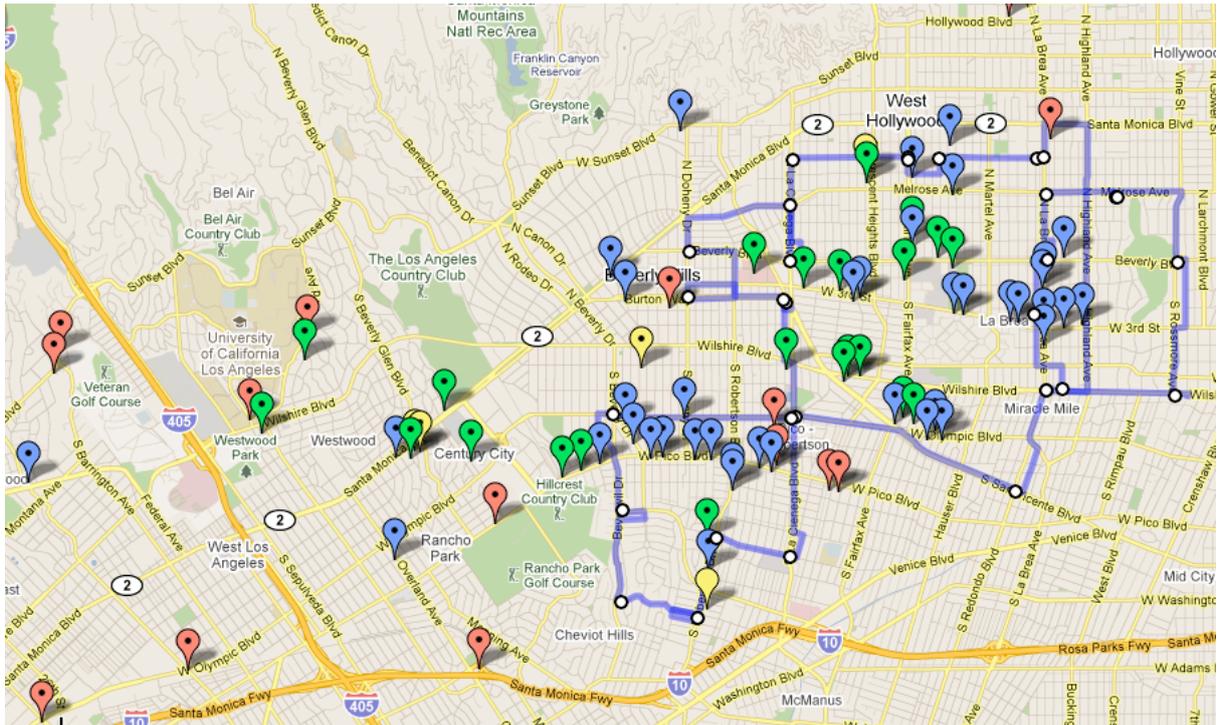
[July 13, 2011]

These districts are based on the last round of visualizations, but make changes to maximize Jewish turnout in the Westside District without materially reducing nearby minority voices. Consolidates traditional West/Mid-City West Jewish communities that have been divided by redistricting in the past.

Guide to Jewish Community

Core Jewish neighborhoods – Beverly Hills, Westwood, Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park, Pico-Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Century City, Brentwood, Bel Air, Beverlywood, Pacific Palisades, Miracle Mile (North of Olympic), Park La Brea.

There are approximately 600,000 Jews in the Los Angeles area, 80,000 of which are Orthodox. There are also large Persian Jewish populations in Westwood and Beverly Hills. The core communities above are a significant sector of this population (excluding populations in the South and West San Fernando Valley)



- Blue Markers – Orthodox Synagogues
- Yellow Markers – Persian/Sephardic Synagogues
- Red Markers – Reform/Conservative Synagogues
- Green Markers – Jewish community service organizations

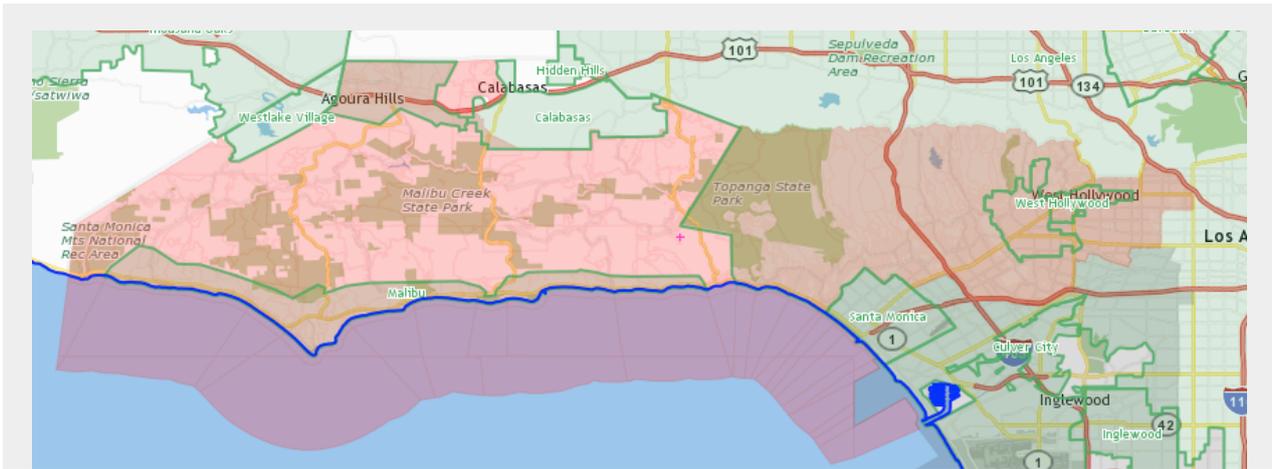
PROPOSED DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WESTSIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Redistricting Data: LA Santa Monica Mts – West Side (LAMWS)

Agoura Hills, Malibu Hills, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Topanga, Brentwood, Bel Air, Westwood, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Hancock Park, Hollywood (part), East Hollywood (part), Westwood, Cheviot Hills, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, Miracle Mile (part)

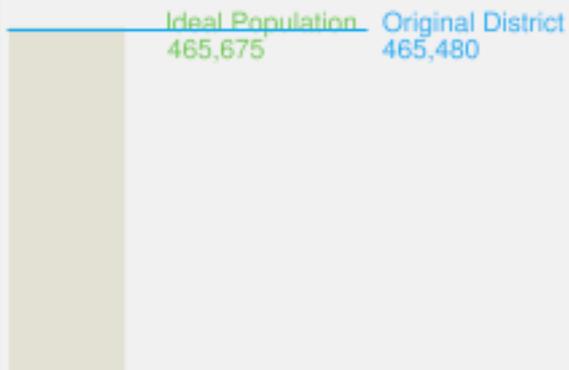
Loses Santa Monica, gains Pico-Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Beverlywood, Miracle Mile.

Corroborating COI Testimony: (a) Westwood-Beverly Hills unites Persian/Armenian communities. Pico-Robertson-Hancock Park-Fairfax unites Orthodox communities. (b) Santa Monica Mountains communities united, excluding Santa Monica, which also has ties to Beach areas and Calabasas, which has ties to West San Fernando Valley, (c) Jewish community organizations tie Brentwood, Westwood, Beverly Hills, Century City, Fairfax, Park La Brea, Miracle Mile & Hancock Park (d) Miracle Mile tied to Fairfax/Hancock Park areas (same neighborhood councils).



Population

Total Population: 469,176
0.75% variance from ideal population



Universe: Total Population
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
Data Year: 2010
Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	469,176
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.75%
Original District	465,480

Citizen Voting Age Population



Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
Data Year: 2010
Data Level: Census Block

	New LAMWS	Original LAMWS
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	8.73% 29,670	8.32%

Asian	8.93% 30,354	8.59%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.64% 2,192	0.66%
Black or African American	4.89% 16,639	4.88%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.05% 185	0.08%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	76.42% 259,786	78.75%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.33% 1,115	0.32%

Ethnicity / Race



Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	13.10% 61,460	
White alone	68.97% 323,594	
Black or African American alone	3.45% 16,194	
Asian	10.71% 50,258	
Some Other Race	0.45% 2,118	
Two or More Races	3.31% 15,552	

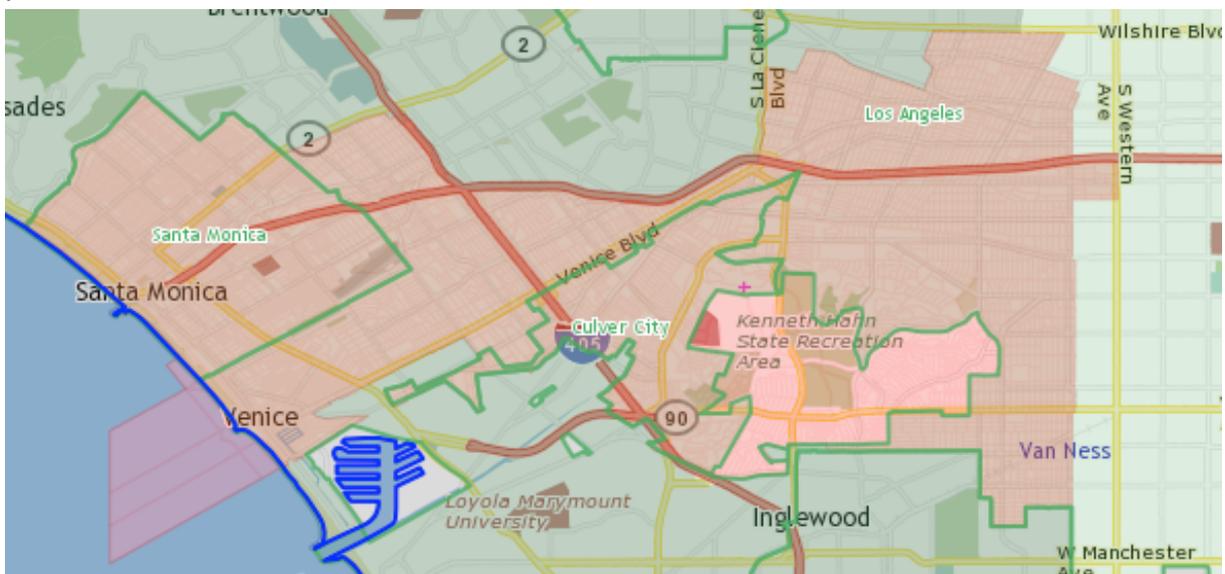
Redistricting Data: LA West - Crenshaw Culver City

Keeps south & east original lines: Mid-City, Victoria Park, Lafayette Park, Hyde Park, View Park, Leimert Park, Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, Little Ethiopia, Culver City, Palms, West LA, Venice, Santa Monica

Loses Pico Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Miralce Mile, Century City, gains and unifies existing beach communities of West LA/Mar Vista/Palms with Venice/Santa Monica.

CVAP and population numbers do not change.

Corroborating COI testimony: ties together “beach” communities of Santa Monica, Venice, West LA with COG partner Culver City and Baldwin communities. Ties Mid-City with Baldwin communities



Population

Total Population: 468,293
 0.56% variance from ideal population
 Ideal Population: 465,675
 Original District: 465,575

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	468,293
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.56%
Original District	465,575

Citizen Voting Age Population



Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	New LAWSC	Original LAWSC
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	16.20% 49,230	16.4%
Asian	9.54% 29,000	10.17%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.67% 2,036	0.65%
Black or African American	30.56% 92,846	30.87%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.20% 597	0.16%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	42.41% 128,852	41.34%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.42% 1,274	0.41%

Ethnicity / Race



Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block
 Original District = Blue line

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	29.10% 136,262	
White alone	33.42% 156,492	

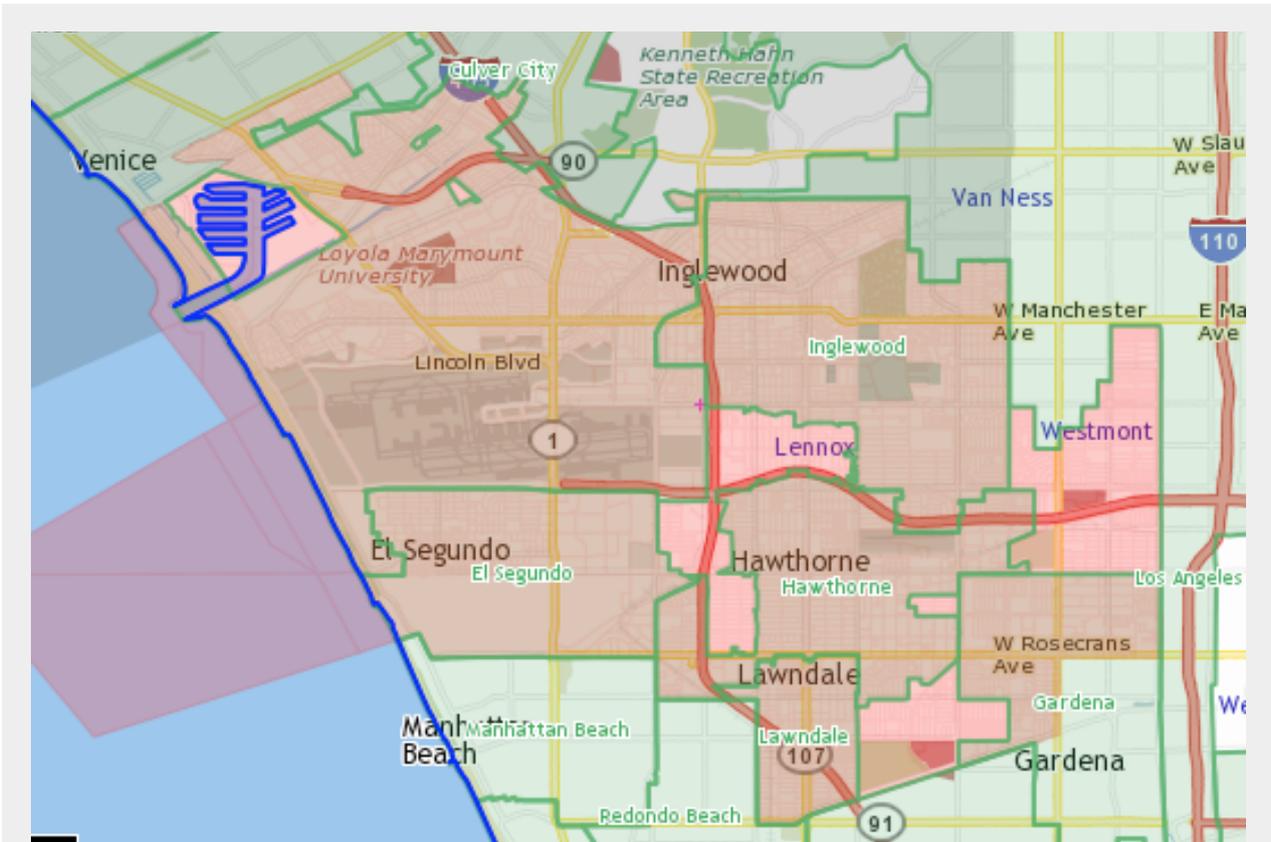
Black or African American alone	23.65% 110,743	
Asian	10.10% 47,308	
Some Other Race	0.69% 3,215	
Two or More Races	3.05% 14,273	

Redistricting Data: LA Inglewood Hawthorne Gardena (LAHIG)

Keeps original lines (Inglewood, Hawthorne, Del Aire, Gardena (part), Lennox, Westmont, Westchester, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, Del Rey, Venice (part), Mar Vista (part)).

Changes: Loses most of Venice, gains parts of Del Rey

Corroborating COI Testimony – Keeps “Airport” communities of LAX, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, El Segundo together with Inglewood, Hawthorne & Lawndale.



Population

Total Population: 468,132
 0.53% variance from ideal population
 Ideal Population: 465,675
 Original District: 465,666

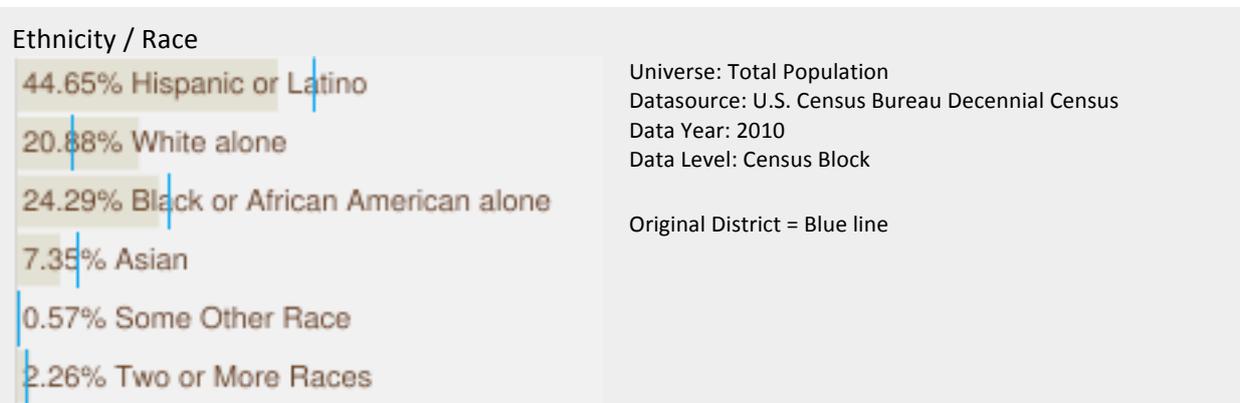
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Total Population	468,132
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.53%

Original District	465,666
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	NEW LAHIG	Original LAHIG
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	27.47% 73,193	26.71
Asian	7.32% 19,503	6.45%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.73% 1,940	0.77%
Black or African American	32.48% 86,546	32.39%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.31% 839	0.72%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	31.34% 83,513	32.59%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.35% 922	0.37%



	New LAHIG	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	44.65% 209,017	
White alone	20.88%	

	97,741	
Black or African American alone	24.29% 113,703	
Asian	7.35% 34,423	
Some Other Race	0.57% 2,664	
Two or More Races	2.26% 10,584	

Subject: Hawthorne is part of the South Bay

From: MaryJo Farrell <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/14/2011 6:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to group Hawthorne with other South Bay cities (Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Torrance, and Hermosa Beach.)

We are literally across the street (Aviation Boulevard) from Manhattan; across the street (Marine Ave) from Redondo; and across the street (Rosecrans Blvd) from El Segundo. We shop in those towns, work in those towns, our kids go to school in those towns, we utilize recreation in those towns.

We never go into Compton, South Central LA, West Athens, Westmont, View Park, Windsor Hills, or Willowbrook. We are nowhere near those cities. We have nothing in common with those cities.

Please vote to keep Hawthorne in the same district as the rest of the Beach cities. Thank you.

MaryJo Farrell

[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Subject: Los Angeles' South Bay redistricting: City of Hawthorne

From: Brent Morgan <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/14/2011 3:09 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hello -

I'm writing in regard to proposed redistricting boundaries that pertain to the City of Hawthorne. Boundary visualizations from July 9th include Hawthorne with a variety of communities to the east and north of the City. However, it is my belief that Hawthorne's identity is more closely associated with its western and southern neighbors.

As a personal example of this, I live in Hawthorne and I work in El Segundo, my son takes music lessons in El Segundo, and our family doctors are all in Torrance. Last night we dined and watched a movie in Manhattan Beach, and the night before we dined in Redondo Beach. I do grocery shopping in Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, and Manhattan Beach. I recently visited friends in Del Aire. Since I spend so much of my time in other South Bay cities, it makes sense to me that we would share common congressional representation. On the other hand, since I infrequently travel to the communities in the July 9th proposed boundaries, it does not make sense to me to share congressional representation with them.

Brent Morgan

Subject: NO Citizens' Redistricting Committee

From: Martin Tondreau <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/14/2011 3:20 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

DO NOT group Lancaster and Palmdale with pacoima Sylmar and San Fernando we moved from there to get out of there districts how dare you consider this as a possibility NO.

Subject: Please include Wiseburn/Hawthorne in redistricting of the South Bay area

From: Maria Ayala <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/14/2011 1:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

"To whom it may concern on the board of redistricting:

As a resident for 11 years in the community, an active parent of Wiseburn, I would like for you to consider our district Wiseburn/Hawthorne in the redistricting of the South Bay area. My family and I shop in Manhattan Beach, South Bay Galleria, Hermosa Beach, and attend family events there as well. We also have our doctors/dentists in the South Bay area. We frequently drive along Sepulveda, PCH heading South to Palos Verdes to view our beautiful beach scenery.. We are a small, united and committed community. Please consider including Wiseburn/Hawthorne, CA in the redistricting of the Beach Cities/South Bay area into one contiguous Congressional District.

Sincerely
The Ayala Family