

Subject: Fwd: Gwnc cut in half

From: "Linda R. Cowan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Linda R. Cowan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: July 16, 2011 10:42:17 AM PDT

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

Cc: "Linda R. Cowan" <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Fwd: Supporting VICA lines keeping San Fernando Valley Whole

From: Damian Carroll <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to add my support to the Valley Industry And Commerce proposal for redistricting the San Fernando Valley area, intended to the greatest extent possible to keep whole a community of interest with common geographical, commercial, and cultural features. As a resident of this Valley, I believe our region would benefit greatly from electing officials whose districts principally represent this area, rather than splitting us between multiple districts encompassing a small portion of our community. If additional area is needed to complete a Valley district, I suggest incorporating parts of East Ventura County, a region with many similarities to ours.

Thank you for your consideration and best regards.

Damian Carroll

[REDACTED]
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Subject: Greater Wilshire goes to western ave

From: Judyreidel <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 8:00 PM

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

Please don't divide at Plymouth but at western ave. Keep our historic district together. Thanks judy REIDEL
Gramercy place los Angeles

Subject: Hawthorne and Proposed Redistricting 7/9/11 Maps

From: Mich Baltazar <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:55 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I have been a resident of the Ramona tract in Hawthorne for the past 34 years. I bought my house in Hawthorne because I worked in El Segundo for many years. I have always supported the Beach Cities/South Bay businesses...Doctors, markets, malls, entertainment, restaurants, etc. I resent the idea that Hawthorne is proposed to be excluded from the South Bay District. That would be disasterous for our image, and probable drop in property values as well.

This proposal needs to be reconsidered for the good of our Hawthorne community, City of Good Neighbors.....

Sincerely,
Michiko Baltazar

Subject: LA south bay CD lines

From: "brian campbell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 12:54 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission:

I am an elected Councilman in Rancho Palos Verdes south of Torrance. Population approx. 43,000.

Please consider including in the 36th CD boundaries to be east of the south bay coastal cities towards the 110 Freeway, the 405 freeway and generally south of the 91 Freeway.

Why?

- The 110 is a natural border from a cultural, transportation-wise, business activity, social and many other standpoints.
- Much north of the 91 freeway with LAX an obstacle along the coast from all of the above standpoints is effectively a different region. We have little in common in any respect with areas to much further north than the 91 and LAX. Certainly no further north than Marina del Rey.
- It would make more sense to connect us with downtown LA (I know you won't but I wanted to make my point here) than Santa Monica, in that we have little contact in any respect with these far north areas, but many of our residents commute to work in downtown LA. No one commutes (that I have ever met) all the way to Santa Monica as it is at least a 90 min drive most days to get there. Downtown LA is only 50-60 mins.
- We are much more connected with areas to the east of the coast like Lawndale, Compton, west Carson, Hawthorne, etc. than we are to any area to the north of Marina del Rey.

Thanks for your consideration,

Brian Campbell

Councilman

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

[REDACTED]

Subject: Latino Policy Forum

From: Bob Gutierrez [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 12:29 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

I just saw new visualizations and although you took city of Malibu out of senate district event, you left in surrounding areas that are coastal also. Those areas area linked to the coast, not simi valley. This can be easily fixed by taking those coastal areas out and encino out of senate district event and putting in all of santa clarita that you have up. This will fix the coastal area and stop a city split.

Thank you for your consideration

Bob Gutierrez

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: LAX is part of Los Angeles

From: Denny Schneider <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:39 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I want to clarify for your review that LAX is a part of the Westchester-Playa Del Rey Community Plan and that the major impacts of LAX occur there. As chair of the LAX-Community Noise Roundtable I will speak for myself, but note for you that a major noise issue addressed at every meeting are early turns impacting the residents of El Segundo and Westchester-Playa Del Rey.

You do not need to take my word for it. Go to the official Los Angeles World Airport site

www.LAWA.org

from the home page go to "about LAWA" then "Noise Management" and choose LAX...

Denny Schneider [REDACTED] voice [REDACTED] mobile

Subject: Malibu Senate District

From: Chris Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear CRC:

I have testified before you on multiple occasions as a Malibu resident. I just saw the new visualizations online, and although you took the city of Malibu out of the Senate District (EVENT), you still left in the coastal communities in the surrounding area. As I have implored you multiple times, those areas should be linked to the coast with Malibu, not Simi Valley. This can be easily fixed by taking those coastal communities and the city of Encino out of the EVENT Senate District, and by instead including all of Santa Clarita. Not only will this will fix the Senate District for the coastal communities by providing representation that will best serve our needs, but this will also keep the city of Santa Clarita from being unnecessarily split.

I know it's not easy. Thank you again for your valiant efforts in ensuring proper representation for the people of California.

Best regards,

Chris Garcia

Malibu resident

[REDACTED]

Subject: Please do not split Glendale with redistricting

From: Marie Danielian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:05 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Commission:

I'm the President of the Glendale Community College Armenian Student Association (GCC ASA) and I wish to let you know that I and the other members of our Executive Body were unhappy when we heard that a redistricting map might split up Glendale. We do not like the idea of our college being separated from a big chunk of the community it serves. Another reason for our opposition to that plan is that it excludes sections of the Foothills, Burbank, and Pasadena that have large concentrations of Armenians, because it would weaken the strength of the Armenian American community's votes.

We are happy that there is another plan, option two, that would keep Glendale together and would add to its surrounding areas with large Armenian populations. We thank you for adding option two and we respectfully urge you to adopt it.

I want to add that if this were not summer break and if we had more time before your meeting, we could have gotten the ASA's 150 paid members and a large number of the approximately 5,000 Armenian students at GCC to also write to you directly about this issue. We are sure that they would also want you to adopt option two.

We thank you for considering our views.

Meghry Chopurian
President, GCC ASA
[REDACTED]

(To make this communication official, our Secretary, Marie Danielian, is sending it through the ASA's official e-mail address: [REDACTED])

Subject: Please keep the San Fernando Valley Intact

From: tauby ross <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:10 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for all the difficult work you have been doing and for encouraging public comment.

I have lived and worked throughout the San Fernando Valley for more than 40 years and believe I understand the demographics and the flavor of the Valley from a very personal perspective. We who live and work here understand how important it is to keep the San Fernando Valley together after redistricting. If additional area needs to be added to make the population numbers work, I would personally recommend adding the eastern portion of Ventura County where I spend considerable time since several members of my family members reside there.

Thank you for listening!

Tauby Lynn Ross

[REDACTED]
Van Nuys, CA 91405

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES**Melanie & Mark Gragnani**

Valley Village, CA 91607

FAX COVER SHEET

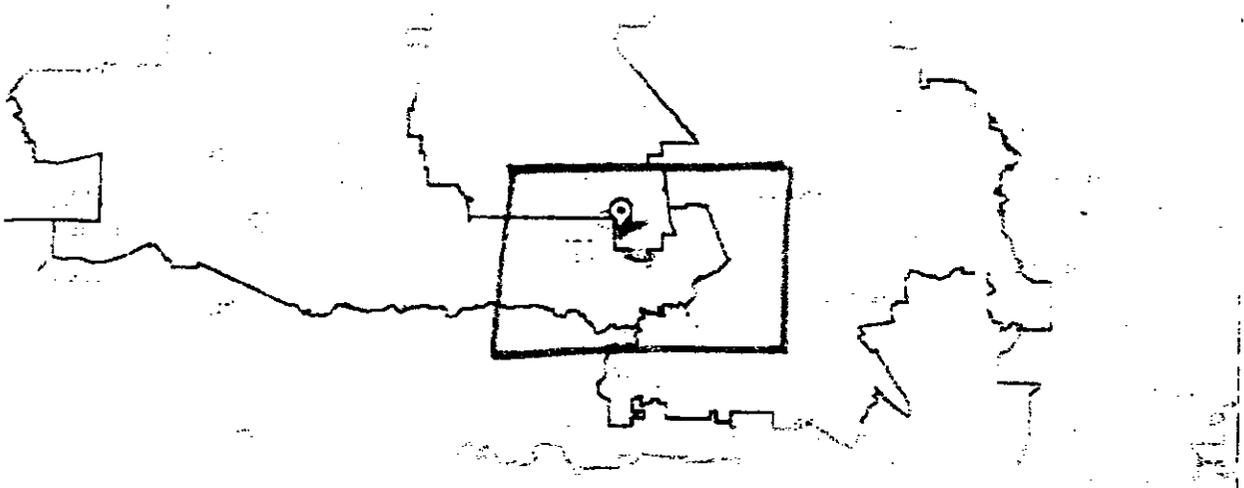
DATE: July 16, 2011
TO: **Citizens Redistricting Commission**
FAX: 916-651-5711
PAGES: 2 (including cover)
RE: **PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST
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DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE
CALIFORNIA.**

I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district. See the attached map.

Thank you for your attention,
Melanie Gragnani

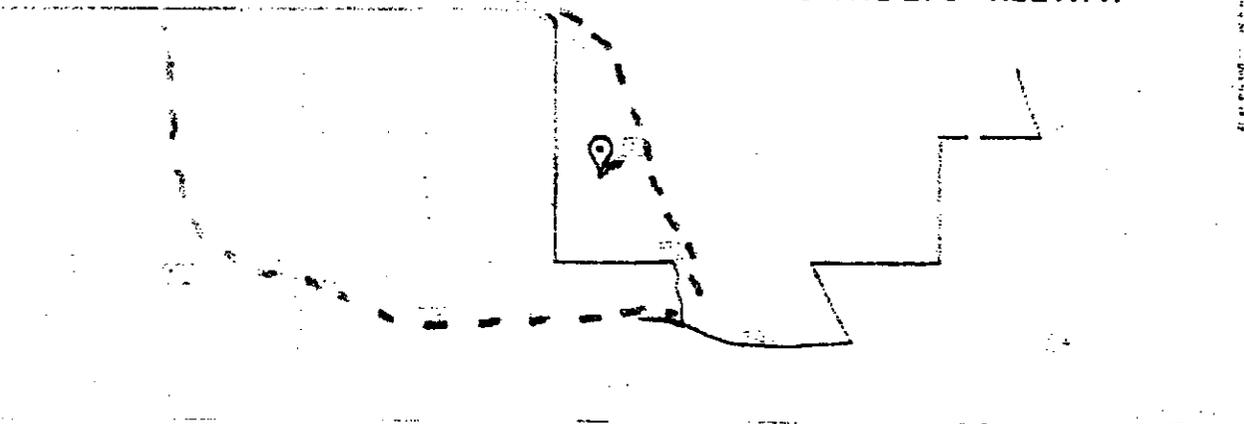
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The current draft of the map divides the 25,000 persons in Valley Village California into two congressional districts. **WE OPPOSE THE MAP AS PRESENTED BECAUSE IT DIVIDES OUR VALLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY INTO TWO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.**



IF YOU MOVE THE BOUNDARY LINE TO THE 170 FREEWAY, IT TRACKS ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF VALLEY VILLAGE AND ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS WILL BE IN ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

PLEASE MOVE THE
BOUNDARY EAST
TO THE 170 FREEWAY



WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU REDRAW THE SOUTH EAST BOUNDARY OF THIS DISTRICT TO KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE IN ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

- - - - DENOTES CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF VALLEY VILLAGE

Subject: Please Listen To US

From: "Cyndi" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:15 AM

To: [REDACTED]

WESTCHESTER truly belongs with the coastal communities and most especially with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. Please do not repeat the mistakes of the past. Ort community shares very little with communities to the east of us. Please be smart about this.

I again urge you to reach the obviously correct and productive conclusion for the folks in WESTCHESTER/LAX. Cyndi Hench

President, Neighborhood Council of WESTCHESTER, PLAYA DEL REY, PLAYA VISTA

Cyndi

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jay Werner <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 4:23 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jay Werner <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Boundaries for Valley Village

Message Body:

you have drawn the community of Valley Village into two separate congressional districts and that is wrong! Please don't divide our community. I thought your mandate was to keep communities together. We are a great neighborhood and have been recognized as LA's greenest community and one of the best (per capita) voting in all of Los Angeles. right now the line is straight down Colfax Avenue, and that moves several blocks of our friends into a different congressional district. Please use the 170 freeway as the boundary, not Colfax Avenue/Riverside as proposed. Thank you for making that change and helping us keep Valley Village together.

Jay Werner

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Evan Chase <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 7:18 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Evan Chase <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th District

Message Body:

I'm a community organizer who has worked in the 36th district since 1998 and was excited to see the first map that finally "respected the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of Interest, and minimize their division", but am now appalled that you take Torrance and Lomita out! Those of us who live and work here call Torrance the heart of our community and Lomita is like our little brother. You have ripped apart our community again and this time torn the heart out. This is completely wrong and the new maps seem to twist our community once again and now has many of us here suspicious of the commission and process.

Please keep to the commissions goal to keep communities of interest together and with a "fairly regular shape," and return to considering something similar to the first map drawn. Our district is completely lopsided and the first map seemed to be a fair representation of our community.

Thank you

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Roger Seaver <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:10 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Roger Seaver <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

Message Body:

On July 9, the CRC directed Q2 to create a visualization of an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate District. The visualization created divides our community of interest (the Santa Clarita Valley into two senate districts!

Please follow our community of interest testimony and direct Q2 to present an East Ventura County and Santa Clarita valley Senate District that keeps SCV whole.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Matthew Hicks <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matthew Hicks <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Senate District

Message Body:

On July 9th the CRC directed the consultants to craft a SCV to East Ventura County Senate District.

The visualization produced by Q2 divides the City of Santa Clarita into 2 Senate districts.

SCV is already divided in the congressional and the Assembly.

Please have SCV is a single Senate district with East Ventura County.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Teri Knafla <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:24 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Teri Knafla <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate District - Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Despite overwhelming COI testimony the CRC has yet to see a map that encompasses SCV and East Ventura County in a Senate seat.

In fact, the new visualization splits the City of Santa Clarita into two districts!

Please direct Q2 to follow your directions (which you gave on July 9th) and draw a SCV to East Ventura County Senate District.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mark Horowitz [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 9:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Horowitz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: congress la option 1.2

Message Body:

I believe that option 1.2 for Congressional districting is the WORST option of the choices. We live in Redondo Beach and this option will create an area around us that is non-representative.

Please choose one of the other options that includes the beach areas of Los Angeles together. They reflect the reality of Los Angeles's political thinking in a much more accurate manner.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Hunt braly <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:05 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Hunt braly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa clarita senate district

Message Body:

Please have your consultants prepare the senate district you have directed including the entire Santa clarita valley and eastern Ventura county

hunt Braly
Vice President
Sanya Clarita Chamber

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: This South Bay CD you are drawing is a disgrace!!!

Message Body:

Dear Commission,

You aren't listening to us -- the South Bay is its own community and you are blowing us to smithereens! We have nothing to do with Inglewood nor with Malibu nor Santa Monica nor Beverly Hills.

Keep us together -- Torrance, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo and Westchester/Playa Del Rey -- in all districts.

Thank you,

Judith Mintz
Redondo Beach

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:30 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please go back to your first round draft for South Bay

Message Body:

It makes more sense and maintains our community of interest.

Keep Torrance, Palos Verdes, the Beach Cities, Lomita, El Segundo and Westchester/Playa Del Rey together.

Thank you,

Judy Mintz
Redondo Beach

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REGION 4 : LOS ANGELES**Freddie**

From: Stokes, Steven [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 4:07 PM
To: Stokes, Steven
Subject: VALLEY VILLAGE CONGRESSIONAL MAP

VALLEY VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As you might know, the California Citizen's Commission is redrawing legislative boundaries in California (www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov). The first map that was distributed was very "good" for Valley Village, and we were able to give our support to the map as presented.

Earlier this week a SECOND map was released. If you look closely at the map, where the red arrow is, it moves a very small part of Valley Village into a separate congressional district. This is VERY disturbing. We want the map redrawn and 170 Freeway to be the south boundary, NOT Colfax Avenue.

We only have a few days to get our point across. THIS MAP BECOMES PERMANENT BY AUGUST 1. PLEASE HELP US CALL IN OUR CONCERN.

Here are three things we need you to do:

1. Go to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov and send an email that says:

SUBJECT: PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA.

COMMENT: I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district.

2. Also FAX this message along with the map on the back of this page to The Citizens Redistricting Commission (916) 651-5711

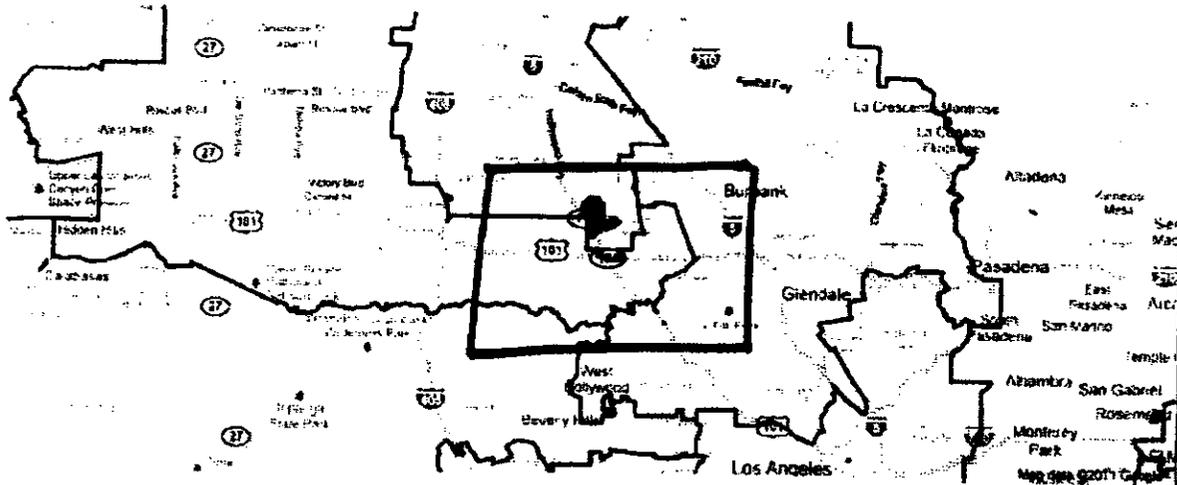
3. Tell everyone you can to please do this too – neighbors, friends, family members. We need to get our message across.

AGAIN, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP.

7/16/2011

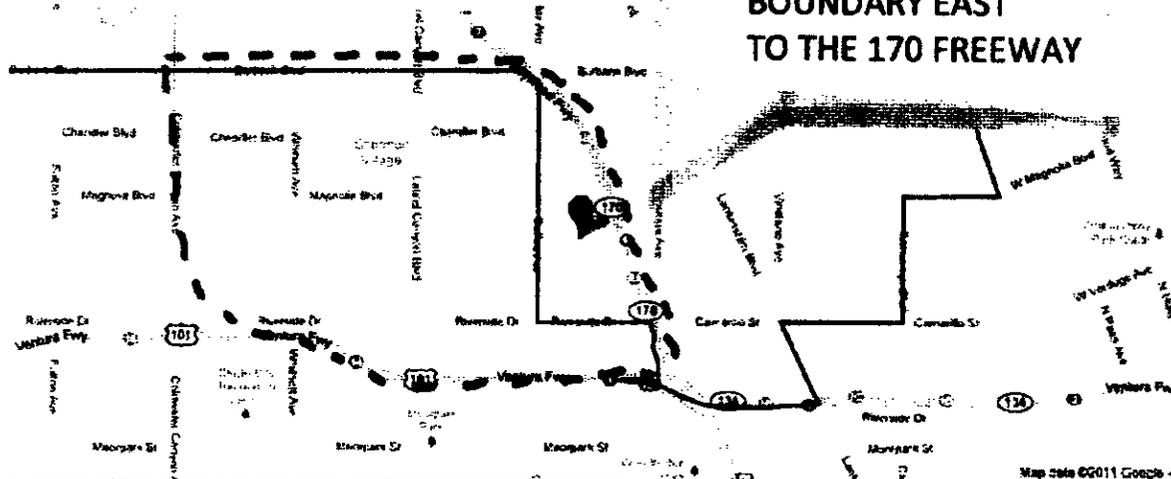
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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Carol Kiernan Convey <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 11:05 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Kiernan Convey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village must include residents to 170 freeway!

Message Body:

Valley Village must include residents to 170 freeway. We have helped grow this community, its businesses and schools for years. Your earlier map included the residents all the way to the 170 as it should. I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district. Our 2006-07 re-named 'Valley Village Park' will even be out of the area if the new map suggestion is followed. It is wrong to split our community at Colfax and the 91601 zipcode should be included up to the significant 170 freeway divider, following school inclusions, Neighborhood Council reps and Valley Village Homeowner dedicated volunteers for years.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: adele <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 11:09 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: adele <[REDACTED]>

Subject: valley village

Message Body:

PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA - THANK YOU

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Karen Saranita <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 11:23 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Karen Saranita <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congress LA Opt 1.2

Message Body:

This is by far the most sensible district lines I have seen. This area has a shared dependence on the aerospace industry for the tens of thousands of jobs that industry provides.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alvin J Fletcher <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 12:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alvin J Fletcher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Communities with common interests

Message Body:

Dear Sir,

The beach cities south of LAX have common interests and should be included in grouped together in the various districts. These beach cities include El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance, Redondo Beach and the PV Peninsula communities.

For example the current 36th district was gerrymandered to exclude the PV Peninsula communities and include it with Orange County. That is wrong and should be undone.

Alvin :o)

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Holly Harpham <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 2:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Holly Harpham <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District

Message Body:

On July 8th, the Commission reviewed a visualization of an Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita Valley/Northeast San Fernando Valley Senate District.

This visualization does not reflect community of interest testimony.

This visualization does not reflect the direction the Commission gave to the line drawers.

Please connect the Santa Clarita Valley with East Ventura County. These communities are similar and have been together in a State Senate district since 1982.

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From: Richard Fernandez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 2:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard Fernandez <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Danielle Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 2:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Danielle Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

Message Body:

On July 9th, the CRC directed Q2 to create a visualization of an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district.

However, the visualizations created by Q2 divides Santa Clarita Valley into two Senate seats.

Please follow community of interest testimony and, once again, direct Q2 to present the Commission an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district that keeps SCV whole.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: michael goldeen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 3:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: michael goldeen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

L.A. Congressional Option #3 is the only one which will preserve the integrity of the San Pedro community.

Please don't divide our community between the South Bay and Long Beach.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal

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JUL 16 2011

Dear Commissioners:

Per _____

I am willing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges - The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor - Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting proposal be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

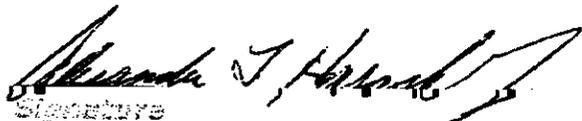
Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; Lake View Terrace - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; La Tuna Canyon - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); Glendale and Burbank - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business

These communities have commonalities and interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District.

I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



ALEXANDER T. HARASHEVSKY

[Redacted Address Line]

SUNLAND 91040

[Redacted Address Line]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Nick Garzilli <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 4:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nick Garzilli <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Bay

Message Body:

Please keep the South Bay together! It is not fair to split it up. The South Bay is very different from the rest of the surrounding areas. They deserve their own district and the subsequent proper representative.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject:

From: "Mar Vista Community Council" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:58 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "'Geoff Forgione'" <[REDACTED]> "'Bob Fitzpatrick'" <[REDACTED]>

<[REDACTED]> "'len nguyen'" <[REDACTED]>

July 12, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

The Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors, at its regular July 12th meeting, approved the following motion:

Whereas, on June 10, 2011, the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission (CCRC) released its preliminary proposed statewide redistricting maps for State Senate, State Assembly, and Congressional Districts;

Whereas, while the MVCC applauds the CRRC's decision to keep the MVCC entirely in a single Congressional district, the CRRC's proposed State Senate and State Assembly districts appear to sever the area encompassed by the MVCC and apportion those severed areas into different representative districts;

Whereas, the CRRC is charged first and foremost with respecting the geographical integrity of any local neighborhood or community;

Whereas, by establishing the Neighborhood Council system nearly a decade ago, the City of Los Angeles has declared and designated certain communities of interest and those communities, having chartered a neighborhood council, have operated as communities of interest within their borders;

Therefore, the MVCC opposes the splitting of any neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles into different representative districts and specifically calls upon the CRRC to respect the geographical integrity of the boundaries of the MVCC by not splitting any portion of the MVCC into different State Senate and State Assembly districts.

Thank You,

 ALO blue sig

Albert Olson
Chair
Mar Vista Community Council
Board of Directors



July 12, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors, at its regular July 12th meeting, approved the following motion:

Whereas, on June 10, 2011, the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission (CCRC) released its preliminary proposed statewide redistricting maps for State Senate, State Assembly, and Congressional Districts;

Whereas, while the MVCC applauds the CRRC's decision to keep the MVCC entirely in a single Congressional district, the CRRC's proposed State Senate and State Assembly districts appear to sever the area encompassed by the MVCC and apportion those severed areas into different representative districts;

Whereas, the CRRC is charged first and foremost with respecting the geographical integrity of any local neighborhood or community;

Whereas, by establishing the Neighborhood Council system nearly a decade ago, the City of Los Angeles has declared and designated certain communities of interest and those communities, having chartered a neighborhood council, have operated as communities of interest within their borders;

Therefore, the MVCC opposes the splitting of any neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles into different representative districts and specifically calls upon the CRRC to respect the geographical integrity of the boundaries of the MVCC by not splitting any portion of the MVCC into different State Senate and State Assembly districts.

Thank You,

Albert Olson
Chair
Mar Vista Community Council
Board of Directors

Subject: Comment re the San Fernando Valley

From: Chad Jones <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear members of the Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for all your hard work in putting together the proposed maps. For a state as large and diverse as ours, it can't be an easy job.

As a long-time resident of the San Fernando Valley I'm concerned that the proposed districts split up the Valley. We have common interests here: development, transportation, housing, etc, and by putting different parts of the Valley in different districts it may be difficult to have elected officials who champion our particular interests.

The current districts have shown that having Valley-specific districts are very beneficial as our representatives have obtained funding for projects like the I-405 widening, the Metro Orange Line, and the new Valley Performing Arts Center. They have also passed laws regarding eyesores like mobile billboards, something someone from outside the Valley might be aware of. All of these initiatives were passed with bipartisan support, which is one of the goals of the Redistricting Commission.

Again, thank you for your time and please consider keeping the San Fernando Valley in its own districts.

Chad Jones

[REDACTED]
Granada Hills, CA 91344
[REDACTED]

Subject: Comments on Mid-July Maps

From: Houg Tom <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 11:50 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Below are my comments regarding the mid-July release of redistricting maps.

Tom Houg

South Pasadena, CA

LA Congressional Districts

Maps: 2011-7-13 10:16AM congress la opt 1, opt 2, and opt 3; and 2011-7-15 9:59PM congress la opt 1.2

I am pleased to see South Pasadena combined with San Gabriel Valley cities and not with Los Angeles. What seems odd though are the various attempts to carve off pieces of west or southwest Pasadena, while skipping all the way over cities like Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, and Glendora to grab miscellaneous pieces of real estate near La Verne, Claremont and San Dimas. These eastern cities have little to do with the Pasadena area, unlike the portions of Pasadena itself that have been curiously sequestered. The Option 3 map is the most egregious, slicing off the western portion of Pasadena all the way to Lake Avenue - which is commonly thought of as the middle of town - while adding the greatest number of unrelated eastern cities. Keep Pasadena intact and disconnect remote eastern cities.

LA Assembly Districts

Maps: 2011-7-14 8:42AM assembly la opt 1 and opt 2

An undivided South Pasadena is satisfactorily grouped with Pasadena and Altadena, but there are some anomalies.

Monrovia is part of the district, yet Arcadia (which is more nearly contiguous) is not. It's also strange that while San Marino and Arcadia are not part of the district, San Dimas and Upland are. This makes no sense with respect to communities of interest. Is this distortion caused by an attempt to create explicitly race-based districts? While the Voting Rights Act is intended to prevent overt discrimination that marginalizes a particular race, its purpose is not to establish affirmative-action-style racial preferences for drafting legislative district boundaries.

LA State Senate Districts

Maps: 2011-7-15 10:30AM senate la

This district logically combines Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Altadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, and Duarte. But it skips over Azusa and Glendora in order to include San Dimas and Upland. It would make more sense to include Alhambra, Temple City, and San Gabriel before attaching the unrelated eastern cities. Perhaps a swap could be made, since the two adjacent districts could simply trade these areas.

Subject: Comments on Proposed Redistricting Maps for Los Angeles county area.

From: Connye Thomas <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 1:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning Committee Members,

I would like to "Thank you" all for the tremendous task you've been given and the capable job you are doing. I was fortunate enough to be in the audience when you met with the community in Culver City.

I just finished reviewing the latest maps of Los Angeles County for the Redistricting. My personal concern and desire is that when the Redistricting is done that all the districts, Congressional, Senate and Assembly will each be reflective of the diversity in our population in California and the need for diversity in districts to reflect cultural and educational institutions and opportunities, national and local businesses, income, expenses and resources, religious denominations and edifices, transportation access, industrial base, economic and employment opportunities, recreation facilities, our beaches, other natural resources and most importantly being able to have capable committed citizens in our neighborhoods who share our concerns for building a better community, state and nation.

In looking at the maps:

- 1.) I see there are districts which appear to be grouped because they are similiar residents who all live along the beach and are possibly more affluent. What is the diversity ratio when compared to other areas?
- 2.) I see other areas that are pockets for certain ethnicities. What is the diversity ratio for these type districts when compared to other districts?
- 3.) I see districts which have a large industrial or corporate base with ample employment opportunities when compared to other areas with very little industry or employment in their area. What is the diversity ratio when compared to other areas?

I am asking the committee to continue working on the redistricting task but to look are the districts to ensure the new lines are being drawn in the most equitable, feasible and useful ways possible.

Thank You,

Connye Thomas
[REDACTED]

Subject: EVENT as of 7-15-11

From: Joseph Edmiston <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 4:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

The EVENT Senate district should:

INCLUDE Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, and the Santa Monica Mountains West of the 405 Fwy.

The current (7-15-11) shape of EVENT doesn't make sense in excluding the thin Malibu city sliver of the Santa Monica Mountains, nor does it make sense to cut off the heart of the mountains at the Topanga State Park boundary.

There is a strong community of interest that bonds Santa Monica and Malibu--critically important is that Santa Monica and Malibu are the same school district--as well as share the PCH commute corridor.

Critically important to Malibu are brush fire issues that Malibu shares with the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains, but doesn't share with Marina del Rey or Torrance, for example.

Pacific Palisades and Brentwood should be included in EVENT which otherwise has the bulk of the Santa Monica Mts. Topanga State Park, Temescal Canyon Conservancy Park, and Will Rogers Historic Park, all share common issues and problems with the rest of the Santa Monica Mts represented by the EVENT seat, including all the rest of the state and federal parks.

EXCLUDE the Northwest L.A. County area north of the 118 Fwy and along the I-5.

Splitting a portion of City of Santa Clarita (19,000) and Stevenson Ranch (17,000 people) doesn't make any sense at all, and I'm sure that residents of these communities don't want to be excluded from the concerns of the rest of the Santa Clarita Valley, nor would they necessarily share any community of interest with Topanga, for example.

Sincerely,

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA

[REDACTED]
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Subject: From Ted Grose: Westprot Hieghts, Westchester 90045

From: Ted Grose <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 2:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

To include LAX in the Inglewood district lines is as unlogical and ill advised as including Westchester in those district lines.

- 1) the airport area is not part of Inglewood, it is part of the beach cities both by geography and community of interest. It is wrong to include the airport area in Inglewood for the same reasons it is wrong to include Westchester in the Inglewood district.
- 2) Airport/Westchester are not a part of Inglewood and are contingious communities with Playa Del Rey for the following reasons
 - a) the residents children go to the same schools, which are not located in Inglewood
 - b) traffic and commerce patterns are north/south not east/west
 - c) Westchester residents do business in the Marina, Playa del Rey, El Segundo and by and large do not do business in Inglewoopd
 - d) community issues regarding improvements and fund allocations and grants are shared by Westchester and Playa del Rey ... not Inglewood
 - e) Westchester has has no active representation by its Representative for decades ... I know this from personal experience having gone to DC many times and having no access to the Representative while constituemts east of the 405 freeway appear to have an open door.
- 3) connecting the beach cities with an uninhabitated stretch of beach is gerrymandering at its worst and defeats the intent of the proposition establishing unbiased redistricting,

If the commision finalizes the lines including the airport and Westchester in Inglewood it will perpetuate an injustice which promises to create the unnecessary distraction of litigation.

Ted Grose

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles CA 90045

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: George Memmert <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 5:35 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: George Memmert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: You Keep Failing Silver Lake

Message Body:

The Silver Lake borough of Los Angeles does NOT belong with East LA. It is WEST of the river, and socioeconomically VERY different. It belongs with Los Feliz and the Hollywood Hills. The Silver Lake hills in 90039 ARE IN FACT the same hills as Los Feliz and the Hollywood Hills. We share everything: shopping, newspaper (Los Feliz Ledger), outlook, schools (John Marshall HS). You MUST address this issue in your Assembly maps!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: William Chenault <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 5:40 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: William Chenault <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Silver Lake With Glendale and Burbank!

Message Body:

I am very disappointed that your draft assembly districts keep driving an arbitrary line between Silver Lake and its sister communities of the Franklin Hills and Los Feliz. Silver Lake has been districted with Glendale and Burbank for forty years. It makes no sense for Silver Lake to be in one district, and Los Feliz to be in another. You split the 90039 zip code in two! Atwater Village, which is east of the LA River, is not in the East LA district. Silver Lake, which is west of the river, is (ironically) in the East LA district. Aren't you supposed to respect natural boundaries? You drew an East LA, East River district, yet put the wrong part of 90039 in it. We ask you to respect hundreds of emails and natural boundaries and do the right and proper thing.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Gene McCarthy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 5:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gene McCarthy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

KEEP the beach communities together. Include all four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance and the Beach cities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kristina Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 6:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kristina Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Pedro district

Message Body:

As a stakeholder in more than one of the San Pedro Neighborhood Councils, I respectfully request that you consider keeping all of San Pedro United when drawing the district maps that affect where my business and residence are located.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jaime Rojas Jr <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 8:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jaime Rojas Jr <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional District 34

Message Body:

The overall alignment in the 2nd draft looks great which now includes Koreatown and Downtown LA. But what does not make sense is not the inclusion of ECHO PARK into CD 34. The 2 Freeway should be the natural border to the west for this district and its definitely part of the fabric of the rest of CD 34.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Susan Picascia <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan Picascia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village Redistricting

Message Body:

I want to respectfully request that the map for this congressional district be restored so that Valley Village is preserved as a single unit in the district. This means restoring the Eastern boundary as the 170 Freeway, and not Colfax Boulevard as is being proposed.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: joe buscaino <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: joe buscaino <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Pedro

Message Body:

San Pedro ought to be in one congressional district...not two! Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: James R Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 11:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: James R Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please don't divide Venice

Message Body:

Your proposed district maps for the 53rd Assembly District would cut Venice in two.

Venice is one of the most politically active parts of Southern California. That public-minded activism would surely falter if our community is divided into separate districts.

In addition, your envisioned 36th Congressional District would lop off the Oxford Triangle, part of the Silver Triangle and part of the Penmar (Zanja) District between Washington and Venice Blvds.

These areas have been part of Venice since 1905 and are strongly linked politically, geographically and culturally with the rest of Venice. Let us stay together!

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Subject: Re: 36th Congressional District

From: "Dan Davids" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 7:58 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

The boundary lines for the 36th U.S. Congressional district need to be drawn along city lines including the Palos Verdes peninsula cities of Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Rancho Palos Verdes. Carving the district in such a way as to eliminate these cities makes no sense. Districts should not be drawn as to exclude cities located in close geographical proximity to neighboring cities for political purposes.

At this time in our nation's history, it is of vital importance that the process is begun to restore trust in our governmental system. Working to eliminate "gerrymandered" districts is a step in the right direction.

Thank you.

Subject: RE: Proposed redistricting for CA CD36

From: Al Lay <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 12:00 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I have lived in Hermosa Beach for over 16 years.

I grew up in Manhattan Beach, thus I've lived in the "South Bay" of Los Angeles all my life.

This all being said: I believe I have a good "feel" for the area, to say the least.

I think your 3 proposals for the the future of CA 36 are downright awful & shocking.

Where do you all get off thinking you can "split" the Beach Cities in half with the 405 being the dividing line?

You are messing with peoples lives...

You have NO idea about what makes our communities what they are.

Also, how does the "South Bay" have ANYTHING to do with the North End (Topanga, Calabasas etc.)?

You KNOW very well that because of your actions, that there will be many lawsuits & litigation; and in light of these latest proposals, it's very obvious to see why.

To phrase it simply: these proposals "will not stand".

Concerned Citizen of Hermosa Beach CA (36CD),

Al Lay

Subject: RE: Redistrcting Plans for 35th District

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 1:30 PM

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Citizen Redistricting Commission:

The recent map of the 35th Congressional District is totally illogical and is obviously not geared toward the continuing of a cohesive productive African American Community which the constituents of the 35th District have and continue to work so hard to build.

Torrance and Inglewood both strong communities have nothing in common. Please do your due diligence and research what the outcome would be if you paired these two communities together. It would be a total dissolution of the African American political influence. I have to trust that this is not what your desired outcome is. Your goal should be to promote our common interest not to dissolve them. **I ask the Commission to please do not disrespect our community by drawing lines that do not reflect community interest of the 35th CD.**

Subject: redistricting boundaries

From: stewart oscar <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 8:10 AM

To: [REDACTED]

hello,

i live [REDACTED] in venice, ca 90291.

as you redraw the congressional district boundaries, i ask you to please keep venice california as an entity in one district. please do not split up our town into different districts.

thank you,

stewart oscar

Subject: redistricting commission

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 9:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for all the hard work you have done. However, we are concerned and want to ask you to keep the San Fernando Valley together as a whole district. Please use the district lines as recommended by Vica. Thank you, Meyer Bendavid

Subject: Re-districting in the San Fernando Valley

From: Daniel Tamm <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:43 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I commend the work of the re-districting commission in *attempting* to envision fair districts for voters. I live and work in the San Fernando Valley. I am a homeowner and coach of youth soccer. Our child goes to school here. I try to participate as a citizen on my neighborhood watch group, neighborhood council, homeowners association and other civic groups. In my experience, what is of utmost importance to our area is that *the Valley remain intact*. Districts that wander out of the Valley make no sense. The re-districting commission was intended to uphold "communities of interest." The geography of the San Fernando Valley really brings us together as such. The Valley is presented us with unique challenges. Whether it is public education, transportation, the environment or business concerns, it is both practical and effective when we can work together to bring common solutions to common problems. I urge you to keep the focus on *keeping the San Fernando Valley together* while drawing Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts.

Thanks for your time.

Daniel Tamm

[REDACTED]
Van Nuys, CA, 91401

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Daniel Tamm

[REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting maps

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 9:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I have been following the hard work that the commission has been doing, and I appreciate the great effort that you put into drawing new district boundaries.

As someone who has lived in the San Fernando Valley for more than 35 years, keeping the Valley together is very important to me.

I have reviewed the maps submitted by various organizations, and I support the maps submitted by VICA. These seem to be the best maps to keep contiguous areas of the Valley together.

If the VICA maps would leave some districts too light in population, the eastern part of Ventura County is quite compatible with the San Fernando Valley.

Thanks again for your hard work.

Sheldon Kadish
Sherman Oaks

Subject: Redistricting of the Antelope Valley

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 3:12 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I do not want to be part of the San Fernando Valley.

Keep it the way it has been with East Kern and Victor Valley in the same Senate District.

Why would you change it?

NO, NO, NO.

Resident of Littlerock, California in the Antelope Valley

Subject: redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 9:24 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Commission:

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Thank you, Cecile Bendavid

Subject: Redistricting

From: "bvgodwin @dslextreme.com" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 1:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To the members of the Commission:

I think it is a really bad idea to segregate the Hawthorne, Wiseburn, and Del Aire areas from their current South Bay district. I have lived in the Wiseburn area for over 30 years and feel a strong attachment to the Beach Cities/South Bay district. I do much shopping there. My doctors are there. I belong to the King Harbor Yacht Club. My Yarn Angels volunteer group is there. I take tourists there who provide business income.

I want to be in the current district that represents the interests of all of us connected to it. Because of our attachment to this district and its affairs, we have different interests and concerns than those living in West Athens, Westmont, View Park, Windsor Hills, and South Central.

It is our best interest to remain in the Beach Cities/South Bay Congressional district. Please do not separate us from what is so familiar and useful to our lives.

Sincerely,

Beverly Godwin

[REDACTED]

Hawthorne, CA 90250

Subject: Ruben Valdez

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 3:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Please read opinion regarding the plan for redistricting.

Thank you,

-Ruben Valdez

—Attachments:—

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I would like to request one further amendment however. The City of Montebello seems to more properly belong in the district directly north of LAPRW. I have always thought of Montebello as part of the San Gabriel Valley rather than the Gateway Cities or Southeast cities. Montebello is a part of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. If you search the term San Gabriel Valley, Montebello will show up as a part of the definition or listing of cities.

I rarely go to Montebello for entertainment, to shop, to dine or for recreational opportunities. I consider Lynwood, South Gate and Huntington Park to be much more similar to my communities and the other communities depicted in the visualization on your website. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Proposed 27th Senatorial Districts Alternative Plan/Map also makes this distinction. I believe the proposed Alternative Plan/Map for the 27th District prepared by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance does a better job in grouping our cities based on the similarities of our communities and geography.

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Sincerely,

Subject: San Fernando Valley Continuity

From: Kess Kessler <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:33 AM

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

I've lived in the San Fernando Valley for over 45 years and it is a great place to live. You have been charged with an incredibly difficult task to re-district and I thank you for stepping forward to take on this task.

As a San Fernando Valley resident, it is very important to me that the Valley is kept together. This makes sense as we are truly a community of interest. I have been following the Commissions work and the different submissions and would like to say that the VICA map makes sense to me.

After having considered what would make sense if you have to add more people to the SFV in order to keep it together, I would like to suggest that East Ventura County, such as Thousand Oaks and Westlake, makes good sense. I hope you give my email serious consideration and again, thank you for the work you are doing on behalf of all Californians.

Kess Kessler

[REDACTED]

Woodland Hills, Ca 91364

[REDACTED]

Subject: San Fernando Valley maps

From: Thomas Hansen-O'Shaunnessey <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 9:43 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear First Act Commissioners:

As a resident of Burbank, and someone who does much of his business and leisure activities in the San Fernando Valley I would ask you to consider the following.

The San Fernando Valley is its own community of interest. It is approximately 1/3 of the City of Los Angeles and is also linked out the Ventura Freeway to the area of Eastern Ventura County. If additional population is required to maintain Valley Districts; please consider areas out towards Thousand Oaks into Eastern Ventura County in what is considered the Conejo Valley.

Also let me thank you for keeping Burbank & Glendale in the same districts as they share an Airport and vital emergency & public safety services and are the first foothill communities going eastward out the 134 to the 210 freeway.

All the best,

Thom G.P. O'Shaughnessy

Subject: Topanga

From: David Shapiro <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 7:02 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Keep Topanga with its adjacent communities in the Santa Monica mountains where we all have common issues. Connecting our district as far as Kern County is misdirected. I've lived here since 1976, and the community is teathered to the coastal district, not inland. Our weather is coastal; our roads are interconnected; our schools are either in Topanga, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, or Woodland Hills. That's where we shop, work, etc. Please don't make this big mistake of isolating our community from our neighbors. That would be disastrous. Thank you.

David Shapiro

[REDACTED]
Topanga, CA 90290

Subject: Valley Village community in Los Angeles must include actual residents up to the 170 freeway divide

From: "Carol Kiernan Convey" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 5:57 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "'Abbe Murray-Cote'" <[REDACTED]>

The community of Valley Village must include our family residents to the 170 freeway in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. We have helped develop this community, its businesses and schools for years. Your earlier map included the residents all the way to the 170, as it should. I live in Valley Village, and I am very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district. The indiscriminant re-drawing of the boundaries shows no concern or awareness of the community that has worked to build a thriving neighborhood of support in a budget strapped economy.

The 91601 Zipcode, with the significant physical divide of the 170 freeway, should be included in any re-draw of the district boundaries following community volunteerism, school inclusions, Neighborhood Council reps, the Valley Village Homeowner Association and dedicated community supporters at work in our area for years. Even our 2006-07 City re-named 'Valley Village Park' would be out of the area if the new map suggestion is followed. It is wrong to split our community at Colfax. Please step out of your offices and visit the actual community at work in Valley Village.

Carol Kiernan Convey

Phone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] fax, [REDACTED] cell
[REDACTED]

Subject: Voter appropriation

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 1:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Jacques Brun

[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA 90250

I am perplexed and astonished hearing about the proposal to disect Hawthorne out of the South Bay district and into the South Central LA district.

All of my economics ties are with the South bay community:

I bank in Manhatten Beach,

I buy my groceries in Redondo Beach,

My doctor is in Torrance,

My Dentist is in Redondo Beach,

I have my truck serviced in Redondo Beach,

I go to Church in Hermosa Beach,

I use the post office in Lawndale.

Moving Hawthorne out of this district is complitely outrageous, Don't do it!!!

Jacques Brun

Subject: We Draw the Lines Congressional Map Inglewood

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 1:03 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Greetings,

After all the testimony provided at the June Culver City Hearing by hundreds of community members including me from Hawthorne, Westchester, Inglewood, Lawndale, Gardena, ElSegundo and Playa Del Rey how can this Commission even consider a common interest with Torrance and Carson? Those diverse community members clearly indicated their common interests in LAX noise mitigation and runway expansion, SCAG, LMU high school programs, MTA Light Rail meetings, South Bay Workforce Investment Board for job training and placement, Ballona Wetlands mitigation and West Basin Water Recycling Facility just to name a few projects of collaboration. The diversity of these communities was a significant factor in the mutual success achieved on these programs. Torrance nor Carson have never been involved in any of these projects.

I previously testified that the commission should avoid appearances of protecting the ivory coast and consider diversity and common resources in their final design. Ladies and gentlemen I am asking you to get back to the table and review your commitment to the mission of this redistricting process and retain and preserve the communities that have been collectively working together for a better place to live, work and play. Our voices will be heard.

"At the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

MLK

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Carolyn Fowler
Hawthorne Resident

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Subject: 17th Senate District

From: "Dana E. Haycock" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 5:04 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members,

Please rethink the way you have changed the 17th Senate District. The citizens of Lancaster and Palmdale do not want our unique communities of the High Desert paired with the Valley communities of the San Fernando Valley. Please keep the 17th Senate District the way it is now.

Dana Haycock

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Lancaster, CA 93536

Subject: Appeal for Option 2 for the Glendale Area

From: Levon Marashlian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 8:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Members of the Commission:

I am a 28-year resident of La Crescenta and I'm writing to ask you to adopt Option 2 for the Glendale area. As I understand it, a previous Option would have split Glendale City into two districts, which I think would be unfair and unfortunate. Dividing Glendale between two Representatives would dilute the voting strength of the local Armenian American community, which has important concerns and issues, local and national, that might not receive the same level of attention that a single Representative would provide. Therefore I applaud you for adding Option 2 for consideration, which includes the Foothills, Burbank, and Pasadena, surrounding with large concentrations of Armenian Americans.

Again, I ask you to choose Option 2, which is more in the spirit of democracy. And I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Levon Marashlian
La Crescenta, CA

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From: Ruben Hovhannisyan <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 12:47 AM

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

Dear Commissioners:

As an Armenian American residing in Glendale, California, I want to encourage the Option 2 map of July 14. I was crushed when I saw Glendale split in the prior visualizations. As a student at Glendale Community College (GCC), the sense of “community” seemed to disappear when the map showed GCC severed from the rest of the city. Glendale is the heart of the Armenian community, and truly a home away from home. I speak on behalf of myself, my brother, my parents, and my countless Armenian friends, when we thank you for the ideal concept of keeping Glendale whole in the Option 2 map of July 14. Please keep our churches, cultural centers, the schools—such as Glendale College and the Armenian Schools, and most of all, the extended family of Armenians together. We applaud you, and remain forever grateful for this great concept. You truly restored hope and faith within our hearts.

Sincerely, Ruben Hovhannisyan