

Subject: Redistricting - VOTE ON OPTION 2

From: "Sergey Arustamyan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:26:05 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Member of the Commission,

As a member of the Armenian community of Glendale, I wish to support the new Congressional visualization you released on July 14, 2011. I would urge you to favor option two which keeps the Armenian communities in Glendale as well as in larger parts of Altadena and Pasadena as one voting block".

Dear friends, the Congressional visualization options one and three tend to divide the Armenian vote in highly populated Armenian cities. It is of utmost importance that the City of Glendale is kept in one Congressional District, including the large Armenian populations in its vicinity: Burbank, the Foothill mountains, of Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, and La Canada, as well as the western portions of Pasadena and Altadena.

We have numerous Federal issues of interest to our community, such as the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, support for Armenia and [Artsakh](#) (Karabagh), and other important matters. Having this hub of the Armenian community together is extremely important.

Please vote on Option 2 Map.

Sincerely,

Sergey Arustamyan

Communications Director - Western Diocese

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting

From: Karen Boudreau <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 01:08:24 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To the Commission,

We, as voters chose to put in place a fair commission. One without political bias, that would do the best for each community, not for the politicians. Here in the South Bay, we see doctors, patronize business', send our kids to school, and visit friends. Very rarely do I go to Calabasas, Malibu, Beverly Hills or Bel Air. The latter are not part of our community, nor can you make them a part of it by drawing false inclusion lines. We know how our area is run and what we have here, and know nothing about these areas so far from us. The latter needs their own district that serves and knows their needs, as we need our own district that serves and knows our needs, not someone unfamiliar with our cities, nor do the latter cities need someone unfamiliar with them

The South Bay is made up of these cities: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. These are our communities, not some place an hour and a half -two hours away. Put Torrance back in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District) where it belongs please, it is part of us. The South Bay, from my view, should be Westchester south only.

Sincerely, Karen Boudreau

El Segundo, CA.

Subject: redistricting

From: Sue Forbes <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 05:53:59 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

We are a small community in the Santa Monica mountains. It makes NO sense to group us with areas such as Sta. Clarita. We should be put in a district that is similar with regard to transportation, education, environment, emergency preparedness and land use. 'Our' district needs to be reconsidered with the afore mentioned areas considered and respected. thank you,Sue Forbes-Topanga Canyon

Subject: Removing Torrance from Cong district 36

From: Larry Keese <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 00:26:55 -0700

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

CC: Vic LoCicero <[REDACTED]>

Please DO NOT REMOVE TORRANCE FROM DISTRICT 36!
District 36 needs to be all the South Bay's Beach cities!
Nothing in 36 needs to be changed!
Stop messing with a good district!

Regards

Larry B Keese

Linda P Keese

Sent from my iPod

Subject: torrance and 36 cong district
From: diana cauble <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 08:53:24 -0700 (PDT)
To: [REDACTED]

keep torrance with the 36th--keep beach cities together.

diana cauble
torrance

Subject: Windsor Village & GWNC

From: RJ STROTZ <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:00:29 -0700 (PDT)

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

NO REDISTRICTING EAST OF PLYMOUTH. STATUS QUO SHOULD PREVAIL.

My name is R.J. STROTZ and I reside and own a single family dwelling at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will be personally negatively affected if a re-districting happens and I and my family are taken out of the currently existing district plan.

I request that no re-districting happen which will cause property east of Plymouth Blvd. to be taken out of the Great Wilshire Neighborhood area.

The currently existing districting is logical and reasonable because it covers areas and neighborhoods which are consistent with each other in characteristics, neighborhood populations, use, architecture and other features.

Removing the "east of Plymouth" areas from the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood district will cause a downgrading of our neighborhood and turn this area into an unwanted crowded multi use community.

I have lived in this community since 1973 and it should be kept STATUS QUO.

NO REDISTRICTING PLEASE FOR THIS AREA.

RJ STROTZ

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA. 90005

Subject: 36th re-district...South bay

From: Carolyn Fitzpatrick <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 11:01:52 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

South Bay is the 36th district. Please return it to us. It should be Westchester south only....including Torrance.

We are a like community and have been together in the past.

Be Fair please. Put Torrance back where it belongs.

Thanks

Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Redondo Beach, 90277

Subject: A Plea for Fair Redistricting and Honest Representation

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:13:11 -0500 (CDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members,

I have lived in Rancho Palos Verdes for over 30 years and for much of that time have had to put up with poor Assembly and Congressional representation due to unfair district boundaries caused by gerrymandering.

I voted for the Redistrict Commission and had high hopes that again I would find fair representation rather political folks in Orange County purporting to represent me. The drafts of your work that I have seen dash my hopes of fair representation. Stringing together again a thin line along the coast that joins us with Beverly Hills and Santa Monica is as bad as stringing us South into Orange County and only caters to narrow political interests.

Therefore I respectfully request that you put the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District) together such that it is a true representation of common interests.

The South Bay should be Westchester south only and include El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, all of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena. This then represents our true community. Our personal lives, business interests, economic activity and everything else are intertwined with our neighbors and our community.

We in the South Bay ask that you keep us together. This is very important to us. It's not about party or ideology. It's about our neighbors and having a representative who lives in our community and can actually represent us rather than the poor situation that we have lived with for many years with prominent folks from Orange County purporting to represent us.

Thank you for your consideration, Wesley D. Woodruff
Rancho Palos Verdes [REDACTED]

Subject: District

From: Ginger Caples-Urode <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 11:34:47 -0700

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

MDR has independent & serious issues with Venice, however no commonality with the inland east of 405

City of Inglewood. Grouping them together is destructive to both communities.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Granada hills Unified -Valley Village Split differently

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:18:04 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CRC ,

The following map is in support of an email I just sent regarding the subject. The SFVWC and SFVET are adjusted to keep the Granada Hills community , " *The Valley's Most Neighborly Town*", together.

Best,

Joe Vitti

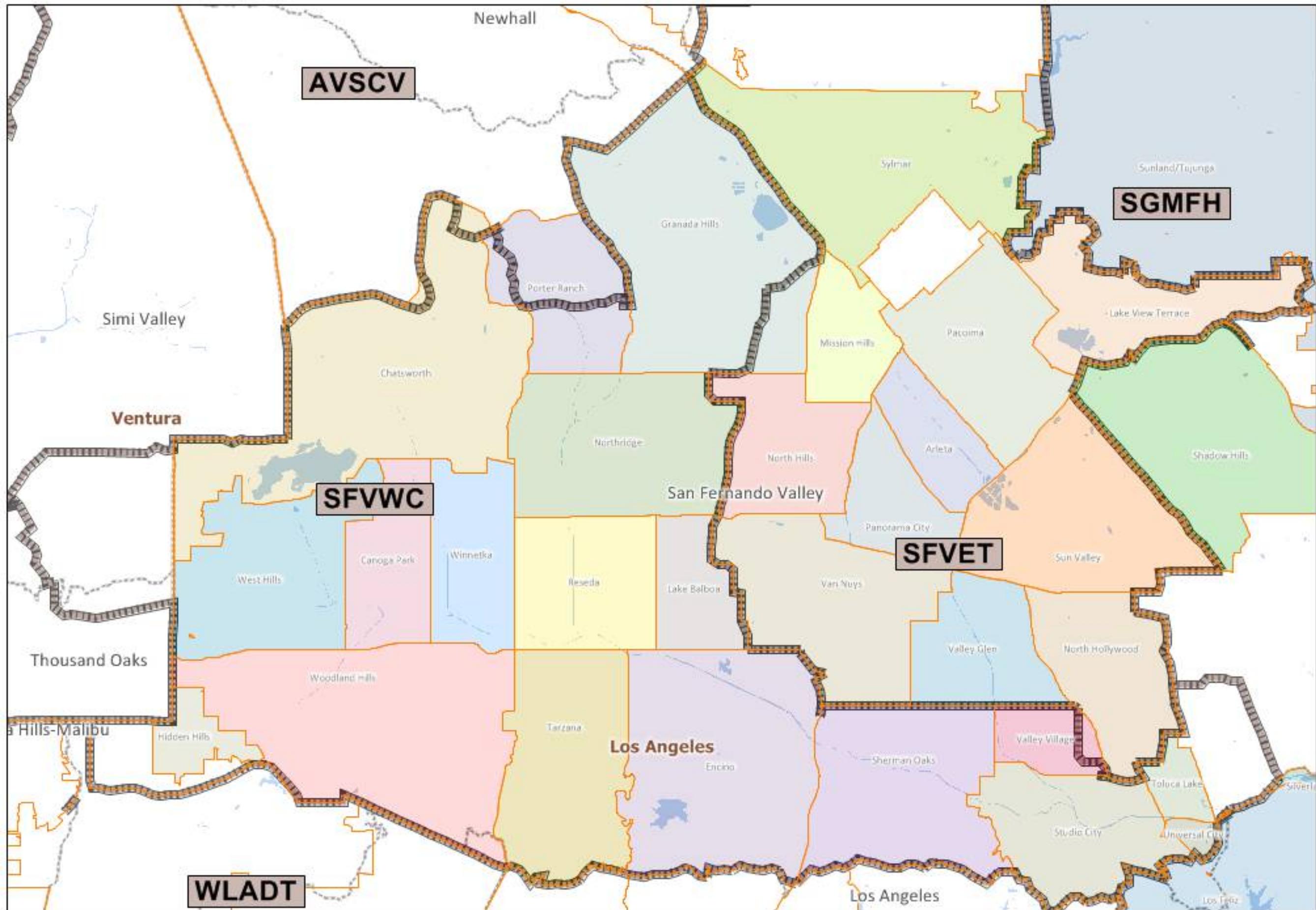
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President Valley VOTE

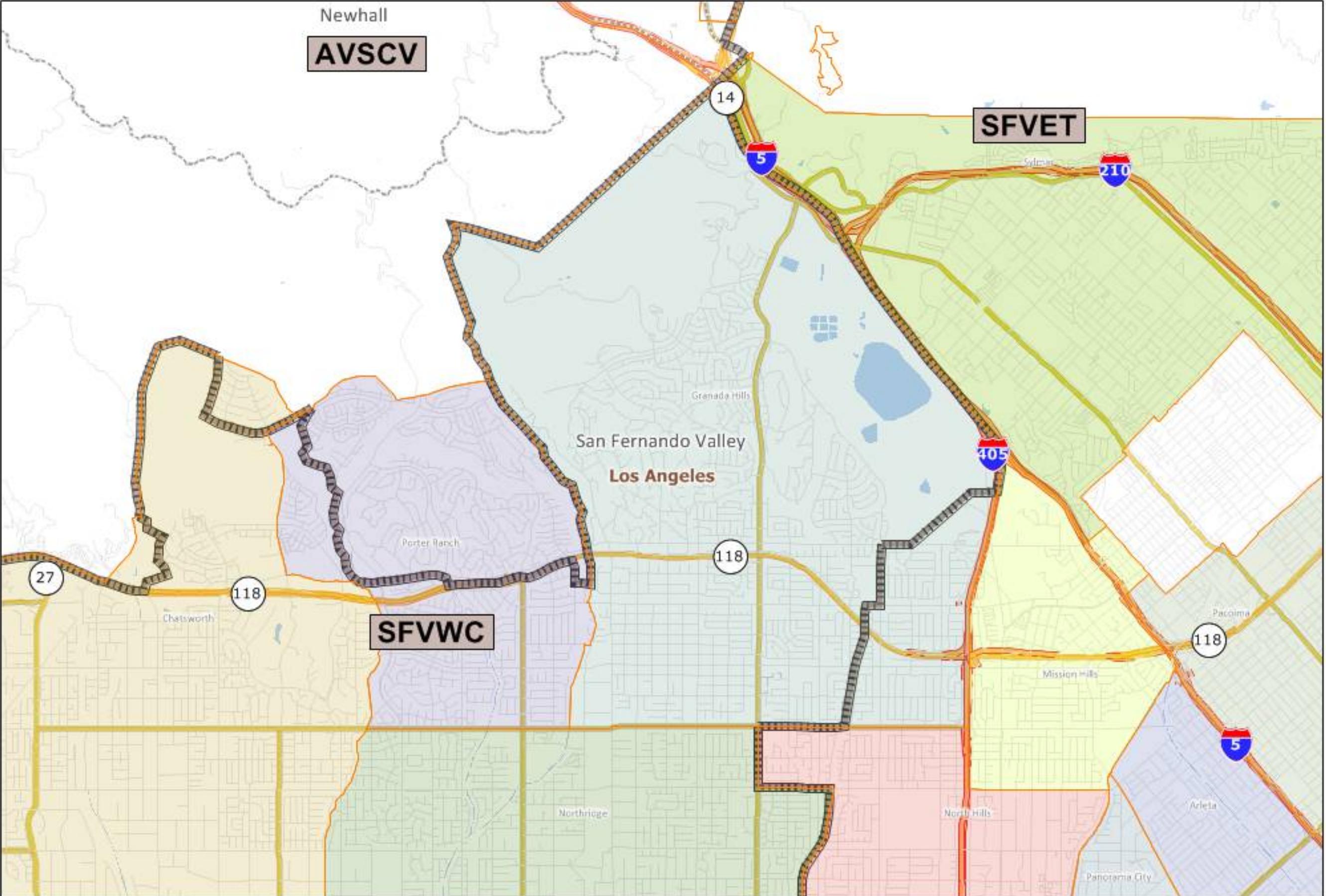
Ganada hills north neighborhood council

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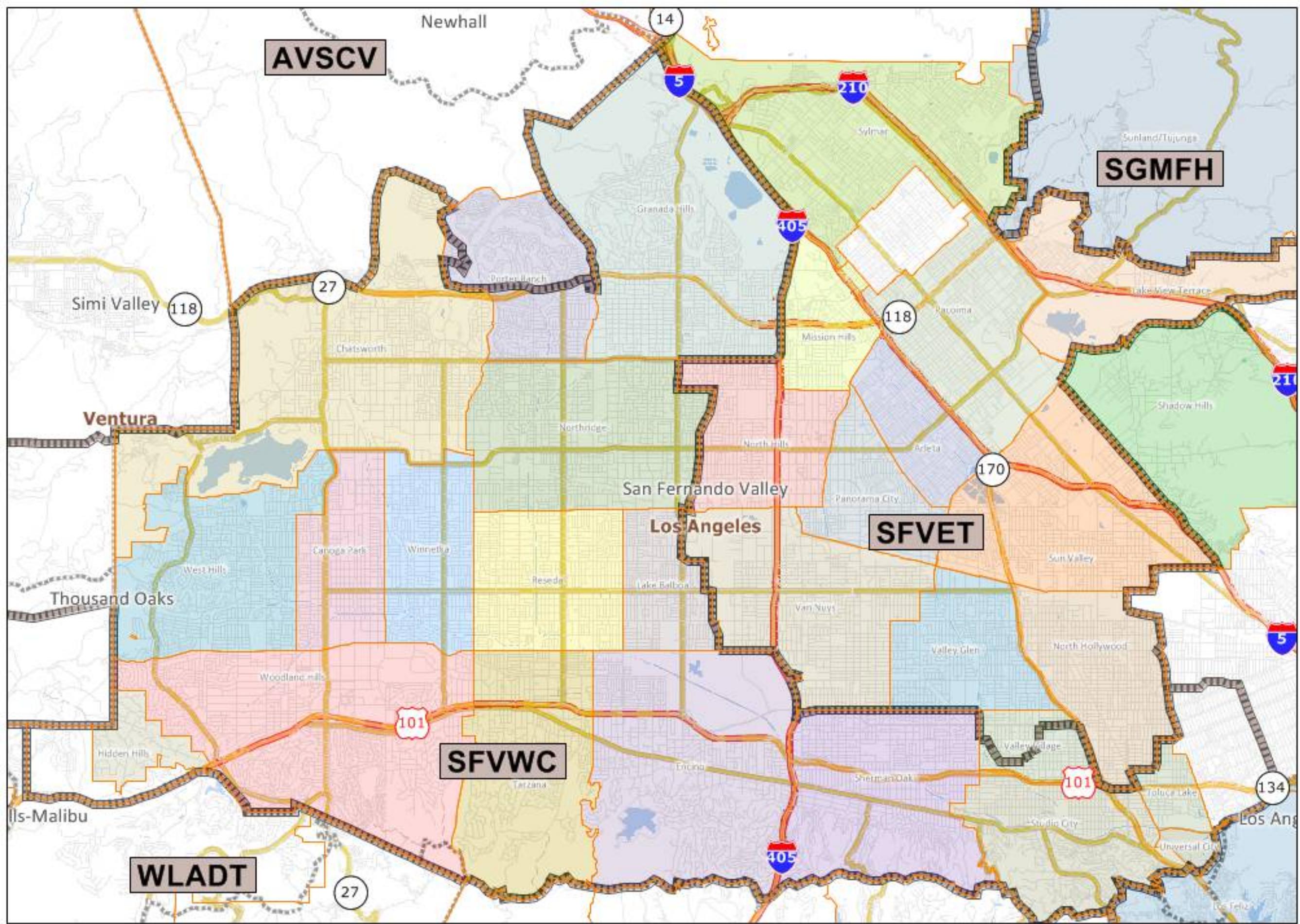
CA Redistricting Commission Visualization Map: Granada Hills and Valley Village are Split



CRC Visualization Map: Granada Hills Split



CA Redistricting Commission Map Improvement: Granada Hills Unified. Valley Village Split Differently



Subject: Keep Southbay Together

From: "Steven D. Snyder" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:43:22 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I am a voted and resident of Westchester. Let's stop the gerrymandering and KEEP SOUTHBAY together. Thank you.

STEVEN D. SNYDER M.A.

Happy Man Can- President

[REDACTED]

Subject: LA Map

From: Evan Chase <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 11:07:38 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

Please put Torrance back in the 36th Congressional and Assembly District.

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne and Gardena belong in the same district.

This is our South Bay community. This is our community of interest.

Evan Chase
South Bay Community Organizer since 1998

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Karin Sentry <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:36:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Karin Sentry <[REDACTED]>

Subject: East LA District Including Silverlake?

Message Body:

Please put Silverlake 90039 in the district that includes Los Feliz, Hollywood, and south Burbank. Our neighborhoods share the same industries, looks, and feels. There is nothing in common with East LA, El Sereno, etc. Just because Echo Park is also in the East LA district, does not mean that Silverlake belongs there too. This is a small tweak. We ask you to respect the wishes of the community. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "M. Toossi" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:45:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: M. Toossi <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Keep VA in Brentwood District

Message Body:

1. Keep the VA in our district- we have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use.
2. Many of our programs and governance is done within our zip code area to strengthen our input as a community

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: ilana shirian <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:54:01 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: ilana shirian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district- we have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use.

Many of our programs and governance is done within our zip code area to strengthen our input as a community

Thank you

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ben Toubian <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:05:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ben Toubian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood VA

Message Body:

Please stop trying to get the VA out of our area for your political advancement.

VA has always been part of our community and we have made it very possible for VA to grow with in our community.

It has been preserved as part of our Brentwood community and will need to stay with us.

Please find somewhere else to do play your political games.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alejandro Caro <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:39:12 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alejandro Caro <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep the VA with the Culver City District

Message Body:

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am greatly encouraged to see that the proposed redistricting maps place the VA lands within the IGWSGF district. For too long the VA has been placed within a congressional district whose population is not served by the VA. Placing the VA within the proposed district will connect the VA with a population more likely to need the services the VA provides.

I feel this map will greatly enhance the political support the VA will receive as it strives to better serve our veterans whose needs will be greater than in any time since the post-Vietnam War era.

Thank you for looking out for our veterans.

Alejandro Caro
Resident of West Los Angeles

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Brentwood Homeowners Association <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:50:09 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Brentwood Homeowners Association <[REDACTED]>

Subject: State Redistricting - VA Hospital & Brentwood neighborhood

Message Body:

The Brentwood Homeowners Association has over 3,500 homeowners in the same district as the VA. It has been decided that it would preferable for the VA to remain in the same district.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Carol Gilbert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:01:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Gilbert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I am deeply concerned that the Veterans Administration in West Los Angeles is no longer going to be in our district with the proposed new redistricting. It abuts on neighborhood of Brentwood Glen on the east and south. We work diligently to maintain good relations on a myriad of issues that potentially impact our neighborhood. We have gone to great efforts to enlist community support to protect the contiguous land and its use. The proposed plan could have injurious implications for both Brentwood Glen and the Veterans Administration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: anita johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:03:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: anita johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Splitting Brentwood would be very detrimental to our neighborhood and our common inerests. I live in the Brentwood Glen and the VA is our neighbor on two sides. Our interests are tied to the VA interests. Please keep the VA within our district. Combining areas with little in common in terms of issues would be counterproductive and destroy our voice on many fronts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Catherine Atherton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:08:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Catherine Atherton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood redistricting.

Message Body:

The proposed division of South Brentwood into an east and a west area is highly inappropriate. (1) The VA (in the proposed eastern area) has down the years been the object of vigorous campaigning by the Brentwood Community Council, which has helped keep its property well-maintained, intact and used for the VA's proper purposes. The VA should not now be cut off from such good friends and neighbours. (2) On an entirely practical level, dividing Brentwood would result in management chaos locally. To construct political and administrative boundaries different from the present zipcode ones will lead to waste and inefficiency at a time when California cannot afford either.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lily Kaye <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:21:20 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lily Kaye <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA West Los Angeles

Message Body:

I am writing with regard to the redistricting issue. This is important to me as a citizen of Los Angeles (Brentwood neighborhood) because many of the issues that effect the VA impact our particular community. Below is a summary of my thoughts as well as our Brentwood community:

1. Keep the VA in our district- we have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use.
2. Many of our programs and governance is done within our zip code area to strengthen our input as a community
3. Geographically VA is very close to our neighborhood and it only makes sense to have it be part of our district.

Thank you for yourhelp in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lily Kaye

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Bonnie Shrewsbury <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:24:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bonnie Shrewsbury <[REDACTED]>

Subject: great website!

Message Body:

The website is great. Love the maps and LOVE the downloadable shapefiles! As a mapping professional, this is wonderful. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: marta rallis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:25:33 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: marta rallis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: REDISTRICTING of Brentwood Glen

Message Body:

the arguments are: we are brentwood glen not westwood glen

the freeway and the VA are natural boundaries

we are an active member of the brentwood community council

our interests and concerns align directly with the brentwood community

Do NOT redistrict Brentwood Glen

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alison Wilk <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:27:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alison Wilk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District(s)

Message Body:

My preference is to keep the City of Santa Clarita whole with East Ventura County in a Senate District.

However, if you are going to divide Santa Clarita, please do so along communities of interest.

Please place the communities of Valencia and Newhall with East Ventura County and Saugus and Canyon Country with Antelope Valley.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Bonnie and Sam Strangis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:29:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bonnie and Sam Strangis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: CA Congressional Redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep the VA in our district - we have worked constantantly and diligently with them over the years to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use.

The VA is our immediate neighbor on both the south and west sides of Brentwood Glen; and many issues with the VA impact our neighborhood, Brentwood Glen. Many of our programs and governance are done within our zip code area to strengthen our input as a community.

Bonnie and Sam Strangis

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Malika Mirkasymova <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:39:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Malika Mirkasymova <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood

Message Body:

As a resident of South Brentwood I believe it is very important to keep our community integrated and not divide it by new redistricting proposal. A lot of our community programs are done for the whole Brentwood and such division would undermine these programs. Governance is also done for the whole area covered by zip code 90049. Also, considering how much effort was put by our community into protecting & developing VA it would be very unreasonable to move it into a different district as well.

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Subject: Redistricting - VOTE ON OPTION 2

From: Sergey Arustamyan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:50:09 +0000

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Member of the Commission,

As a member of the Armenian community of Glendale, I wish to support the new Congressional visualization you released on July 14, 2011. I would urge you to favor option two which keeps the Armenian communities in Glendale as well as in larger parts of Altadena and Pasadena as one voting block".

Dear friends, the Congressional visualization options one and three tend to divide the Armenian vote in highly populated Armenian cities. It is of utmost importance that the City of Glendale is kept in one Congressional District, including the large Armenian populations in its vicinity: Burbank, the Foothill mountains, of Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, and La Canada, as well as the western portions of Pasadena and Altadena.

We have numerous Federal issues of interest to our community, such as the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, support for Armenia and Artsakh (Karabakh) and other important matters. Having this hub of the Armenian community together is extremely important.

Please vote on Option 2 Map.

Subject: Redistricting comment

From: Carl Stammerjohn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 10:52:01 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I just looked at the maps for the 36th Congressional District (and the Assembly District) and am disappointed to see that it snakes north to include West Los Angeles and northward, but does not include Torrance. Anyone living in the area will tell you that Torrance must be included in the district, as well as Hawthorne and Gardena. This is the area in which we live, shop, and share our lives. I rarely travel north of the LAX airport.

The South Bay should be Westchester or the airport and south only.

Thanks for listening.

Regards,
Carl Stammerjohn
San Pedro

Subject: Redistricting Hawthorne

From: "Marsha Kelly" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 10:05:06 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hello-

My name is Marsha Kelly and I grew up in Hawthorne, attended public schools through high school and have now returned. Hawthorne has ALWAYS been considered part of the South Bay. My email address bespeaks my joy at being back in the South Bay. My auto license plate declares that I am a "South Bay-er". I am very proud of being part of this area. I shop, eat at restaurants, bank and do all my business in cities that are considered South Bay.

It has recently come to my attention that a redistricting for representation is being considered where Hawthorne would be annexed into the district including cities that are mainly east of the South Bay. I have worked in many of these areas so I am quite familiar with the needs of the families that live in Willowbrook etc. I strongly feel that this redistricting would not be in the best interest for either the citizens of Hawthorne nor the citizens of the other communities.

Therefore, I am URGING the parties to rethink this proposed change. Please consider the citizens who would be affected. Also, the voting public will not support this change nor the the public officials who favor or are encouraging this dastardly change. Or more bluntly.....drop this motion or there could be political repercussions.

Sincerely,

Marsha Kelly

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Laurie Mira" [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:36:37 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am against the redistricting proposal. The combining of the Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal district with the Santa Clarita district simply does not work.

Simi Valley, Moorpark and Santa Clarita are a north INLAND corridor and the Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities are a south COASTAL corridor.

Laurie G. Mira, CPM, RPA, FMA
Senior Administrative Officer
Director of Customer Service

Douglas Emmett Management, LLC

[REDACTED]
Santa Monica, CA 90401

(T) [REDACTED] (F) [REDACTED]
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Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 13:43:37 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Committee,

You have promised to redraw the congressional and assembly district lines fairly, so that no district "belongs" to one party. However, the gerrymandering proposals that I'm seeing in newspaper articles and on the Internet are ridiculous! The South Bay belongs together. This is my community that I love. It has a personality of its own and needs that unify the following cities/communities: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena. These cities belong in the same congressional and assembly district. Please keep your promise to draw these lines fairly for Californians who live in and love the South Bay.

Sincerely,

Deborah Ross Klingsporn
Torrance, CA

Subject: Senate District EVENT

From: Norman Buehring <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:52:55 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

The Community Association of Saratoga Hills, located in the City of Calabasas, is opposed to the proposed Senate District EVENT. It does not work for our Santa Monica Mountain/coastal Communities. You have combined two completely different areas. Simi Valley and Moorpark should be removed and replaced with communities that relate to the Santa Monica Mountains and Coastal corridor. Our transportation interests are different. They are an Inland Corridor. We are Coastal. We do not have common interests in schools, business organizations, or community organizations.

The current proposal does not work. Please create a Districts that fosters common interests and priorities.

Subject: Silver Lake (in L.A.)

From: Frank Rosen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:29:13 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Since April, Silver Lakers have written the Commission detailing in excruciatingly extensive detail why we belong with the Hollywood Hills and Los Feliz. In sum, we are the same hills (look it up), with the same stores (ask anyone), the same media (Los Feliz Ledger), the same schools (John Marshall High School, etc.), and the same OUTLOOK. Silver Lake, Los Feliz, and the Hollywood Hills are hilly neighborhoods of architecturally significant houses, priced quite expensively compared to the rest of LA. We thus share socioeconomic similarities.

Despite ALL THESE LETTERS AND COMMNTS AND TESTIMONY, you continue to place Silver Lake in the "East LA" Assembly district. It is starting to sound like you have some sort of ulterior motivation for this. Aren't you supposed to listen to the community? People from East LA have even testified, stating that the people of East LA do not believe Silver Lake forms a Community of Interest within the East LA district.

The fix is SO EASY. You can swap Silver Lake 90039 with Atwater Village 90039 in the two districts. Atwater Village 90039 IS EAST of the LA River, yet you include Atwater in the affluent, mostly white Glendale-Burbank district. (Silver Lake is NOT east of the river, yet you include it in the East LA district).

Alternatively you can swap the southernmost point of the Glendale-Burbank district, which inexplicably goes to Santa Monica Boulevard, for Silver Lake. That configuration is also odd, by the way. The largely Central American immigrant population of southeast Hollywood, you link with La Canada and La Crescenta. This makes no sense! Another easy fix.

It is positively mystifying why you do not take these simple steps to please everyone. No one in the community has spoken FOR the current configuration. I hope there is not some agenda of which the community is unaware.

Subject: Stop your lies!

From: Brian Lewis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 10:02:02 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Your gerrymandering is worse than ever! Put Torrance back where it was. Its part of the south bay and not part of where you place it in order to neutralize its votes. I have three college degrees and have served in four states and D.C. as a public servant. I think you need to realize you are a SERVANT to the ENTIRE PUBLIC, not your party's hack. Either serve this country honestly or get out before you take it lower than you already have..

Subject: voter input on redistricting

From: Kim Huffman Cary <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 11:27:33 -0700 (PDT)

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

Hello -

I am a resident of Los Angeles at 520 S Rossmore Ave, 90020. I've reviewed the new district lines and feel that I must comment. As a resident of the HPOZ neighborhood of Hancock Park, I should point out that the N/S line between WLA and ELA runs down Plymouth Blvd, thereby splitting the HPOZ neighborhood of Windsor Square. Windsor Square and Hancock Park are original suburbs of Los Angeles's downtown and filled with stately 1920s mansions. We both have HPOZ protections and attend the same elementary school. The neighborhoods are quite similar, and therefore I would suggest moving the N/S division between east and west further east to Normandie (which is already appears as a boundary). At the very least, don't divide Windsor Square! Windsor Square's boundaries are Arden on the west to Wilton to the east. The neighborhood changes significantly as you go further east.

Thank you for presenting us with the opportunity to comment, as we are not only voters, but citizens familiar with our individual neighborhoods which we treasure.

Best,

Kim Huffman Cary

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Subject: 36th Congressional District, just a South Bay District

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:41:34 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

It makes no sense to combine the Westside of Los Angeles with the South Bay.

The 36th Congressional District should only be a South Bay district, south of Westchester and including Torrance.

I am in the Westside and a CERT member. I don't want to be part of a South Bay district--it makes no sense.

Please revise the map so Westsiders have a district devoted to their needs and concerns and South Bayers have their own district.

Thank you.

Don Silver

Subject: 36th district

From: Gerry Stark <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 13:22:19 -0700

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

To the Redistricting Commision.

I have heard that you are not going to honor the desire of the people of the South Bay to keep our district together. I hope and pray that this is an ugly rumor. It only makes common sense to have the city of Torrance combine with the coastal cities. Please do not create a long string of cities where the north does not have any thing in common

With the south.

If this happens, we will know for sure, that you do not have our best interest at heart. It will be one more disappointment of our government officials not listening to the people who have elected them.

Sincerely,

Gerry Stark
Redondo beach resident

Sent from my iPad

Subject: 36th District

From: Sean Tiernan [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 11:58:19 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

The 36th District MUST include Torrance.

Torrance is a Beach City as is Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, etc. Torrance has as much in common with South Central L.A. as Beverly Hills has with South Central Los Angeles.

Go back to the old district - - that will satisfy the most people and be the pairings of cities/communities that should be together.

Thank You,

Sean Tiernan

[REDACTED]
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Subject: 36th district

From: Justin Folk <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:00:25 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hello. I live in the California 36th district. Upon hearing about the new redistricting of my area, I was alarmed to hear about the areas that were being considered. As a voter and taxpayer, please consider my requests:

Do not remove Torrance from the 36th district. It makes absolutely no sense to do this. Torrance is right in the middle of the district.

Also, please keep the 36th district SOUTH of Westchester only. I do not want my district to contain areas like Venice, Santa Monica, or Malibu. This also makes no sense. Our needs and representation should be separate from theirs.

As a general request, please refrain from anything that resembles gerrymandering. This will come at a great disservice to the citizens of the South Bay. We need representation that represents the areas nearby, nothing more and nothing less.

Thank you,

Justin Folk

[REDACTED]
El Segundo, CA 90245

Subject: comments - redistricting

From: Kirsten James <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:19:16 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Mark Gold <[REDACTED]>

Please see the attached comment letter on senate redistricting.

Kirsten James | Water Quality Director

Heal the Bay | [REDACTED] | Santa Monica CA 90401

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July 19, 2011

RE: EVENT – State Senate District

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Heal the Bay, a nonprofit environmental group with over 12,000 members, we strongly urge you to maintain a cohesive coastal state senate district in the Santa Monica Bay watershed.

Many of the cities within the current 23rd State Senate district have a long prioritized coastal resource protection, as they serve as gateways to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and our beaches. Specifically, the coastal and mountain communities of Santa Monica, Malibu, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Topanga and BOTH sides of the Santa Monica Mountains share critical natural resources and should thus be maintained in the same district. Similarly the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, a state commission that is part of the Federal National Estuary Program, is also watershed focused. Further Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village are within the Malibu Creek watershed, which empties into Santa Monica Bay, have a strong interest in staying together in order to address resource protection issues. The unincorporated areas of Ventura County along the coast as well as Thousand Oaks would add strength to these goals.

Several of the most recent maps on the Commission's website dramatically changed our community of interest. Please recognize that a cohesive coastal district is necessary so that an elected official can better represent resource protection interests.

Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Gold, D. Env.
President

Subject: EVENT State Senate District

From: Fran Diamond <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:54:45 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

July 19, 2011

RE: EVENT – State Senate District

Dear Commissioners:

There are have been many map proposals over the past few weeks. My name is Fran Diamond and I live in Pacific Palisades, CA . My community of interest includes Santa Monica, Malibu, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Topanga and BOTH sides of the Santa Monica Mountains. This mountains and coastal district is defined by key transportation corridors of PCH, the 405 and the 101. Cross mountain roads provide access for both our residents, commuters and the many people who come to visit the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Santa Monica Bay. The City of Malibu is part of a Council of Governments with Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village. These 5 cities and Topanga have a strong interest in staying together in order to address transportation, fire protection, and resource protection issues that impact the coastal communities and Santa Monica Bay. The unincorporated areas of Ventura County along the coast as well as Thousand Oaks would add strength to these goals.

The 101 Corridor communities in the SF Valley include Woodland Hills, West Hills, Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks and Studio City. I understand that additional parts of the Valley and Westside may need to be added to this district to achieve the required population.

All these cities and communities serve as gateways to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and our beaches. Many locally elected officials and residents, homeowner and neighborhood council leaders have testified at your hearings and sent in letters in support of this united community of interest. The Supervisor who represents this area in LA County, Zev Yaroslavsky, also has sent letters restating this strong connection between the Westside, coast, mountain cities and the SF Valley.

Several of the most recent maps on the Commission's website dramatically changed our community of interest. Please do NOT include areas North of the 118 Freeway. Simi Valley, Moorpark, Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, Val Verde and other communities are separate geographic areas and share little in common with this Santa Monica Mountains, 101 corridor and coastal district. We do not share the same roads, schools, religious institutions, County Supervisors, or cultural or civic organizations. Please recognize that these are two distinct areas by keeping them in separate districts so that an elected official can better represent their interests.

Best regards,

Fran Diamond

Pacific Palisades

Subject: gerrymandering

From: columbianumbersix duquesa_2002 <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 11:46:02 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners:

As I recall, you promised to be fair when setting district borders. I was foolish enough to believe you would do what you promised.

The new borders you are proposing at this time show that you are determined to get your favorites voted in for the 2012 election in District 36 (my district). Are you so afraid that Janice Hahn cannot win her election when it is time to re-run for Congress person in 2012 that you have to get Torrance out of our neighborhood and into a district that can outvote anyone that might vote against her (and/or) others that might be running for other offices

Even a high school student looking at your proposed District can see what you propose with your gerrymandering.

Please leave our District 36 with our neighborhood towns of Torrance, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Gardena, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and the south part of Westchester.

We would like to have at least a chance of getting some politicians in our corner.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Sharp

[REDACTED]
Lomita, CA 90717

Subject: GERRYMANDERING

From: "Laura Yoshimura" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:27:12 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attention Redistricting Commission,

I have been a resident of South Bay since 1983 I have lived in Torrance, Lomita, Redondo Beach, and Gardena.

I love the South Bay that is why I CHOOSE to live here, it is where I raise my family, where my children go to school, where my family spends money, pays taxes, works, serves, plays and prays.

There are enough troubles separating and dividing communities without special interest groups carving up my neighborhood, we need someone who actually lives in the community, with the real people they are supposedly representing, right alongside the good, the bad and the ugly. Your promise was to create new boundaries that were fair and competitive, so no district belonged to any one party.. So now you have slithered right out of the gate with a lie. SHAME ON YOU!

Pride and arrogance are poor substitutes for your honor, your integrity, and your honesty. Promises are meaningless unless they are kept.

KNOCK IT OFF! MAKE IT RIGHT! KEEP IT FAIR!

- Put Torrance back in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District)**
- The South Bay should be from Westchester south only**

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district.

This is our community. Our personal lives, business

interests, economic activity and everything else are intertwined with our neighbors and our community.

We in the South Bay ask that you keep us together. This is very important to us. It's not about party or ideology. It's about our neighbors and having a representative who lives in our community and can actually represent us.

I care about and serve my community, I ask that you do the same.

It is not too late to make it right,

Laura Yoshimura

Torrance, CA

Subject: IMPORTANT - Keep South Bay Together - Westchester to Palos Verdes with straight lines

From: "Terry Fredrickson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 11:55:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

South Bay Congressional District: Spans from San Pedro to Jefferson Blvd, i.e. Westchester/Playa Vista and Playa Del Rey with a population of approximately 708,000.

Includes the following cities: Playa Del Rey, Westchester/Playa Vista, Lennox, El Segundo, Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd (approximately 50% of population), Hawthorne, Lawndale, Gardena south of Roscrans (approximately 65% of Gardena population), Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Harbor Gateway south of the 405 (approximately 30% of Harbor Gateway population), Harbor City, San Pedro, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes and Catalina.

South Bay Assembly District: Spans from San Pedro to El Segundo with a population of approximately 466,000.

Includes the following cities: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach Redondo Beach, Torrance, Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd (approximately 50% of population), Lawndale, Lomita, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Catalina and San Pedro.

Thank you for your consideration,

Terry Fredrickson

Rancho Palos Verdes

Subject: Keep Lancaster & Palmdale Together

From: Promise Roberts <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 13:23:47 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please keep Lancaster & Palmdale together.

Keep the High Desert communities of Lancaster/Palmdale in Northern La County together with East Kern and the Victor Valley cities in San Bernardino in the same Senate District.

The Senate District released in the first draft was excellent, it unified the entire High Desert community of interest together, please keep the Senate District in the first draft.

Thank you,

Promise Roberts

Century 21 Doug Anderson & Assoc., Inc.

Direct [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

Fax [REDACTED]

Subject: Please keep Fusion (in Hawthorne) as part of the South Bay

From: Debbie Bliss <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:02:01 -0600

To: [REDACTED]

Hello,

I am writing in response to the current redistricting of the South Bay area of Los Angeles. I am a resident of the Fusion complex in Hawthorne ([REDACTED] Hawthorne, CA 90250). I was born and raised in Manhattan Beach, and attended McMartin Preschool, Pennekamp Elementary, Manhattan Beach Intermediate (the predecessor to Manhattan Beach Middle School) and Mira Costa High School. My parents live in Manhattan Village, approximately 5 blocks from the Fusion complex. Furthermore, my dad's family has resided in Venice Beach since the late 1800. This is relevant because I consider myself and my family to be 100% native to the South Bay.

With what I feel is a pretty credible knowledge of the area (over 3 decades of personal experience), I strongly oppose any redistricting that would place Fusion outside of the South Bay area. As I previously mentioned, my parent's house in the Manhattan Village is located approximately 5 blocks from Fusion, and my particular unit, in the 2nd building east of Aviation, is so close to what I know to be the technical border of Manhattan Beach, I could practically step out my front door and be in that city rather than in Hawthorne, the city on my address.

In addition to being just steps away from Manhattan Beach, we are also 1.5 blocks from Redondo Beach (to the south) and El Segundo (just 1.5 blocks to the north). With such proximity to 3 cities naturally included in the "South Bay", I am surprised that Fusion would be excluded in a redistricting decision. Furthermore, since I have moved in close to 5 years ago, I have consistently seen and heard Hawthorne to be part of the South Bay.

I was one of the first buyers of a Fusion condo, and one of the first to move in on December 24, 2006. I reside in the community with likeminded young professionals who bought in Fusion. We also share the area with the professionals of multiple aerospace companies.

I humbly urge you to keep the city of Hawthorne, or at least the Fusion complex as part of the South Bay. Please feel free to contact me for additional information,

Debbie Bliss
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Vita Hall <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:43:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Vita Hall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please change the latest boundry map. My family lives East of Colfax

Message Body:

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE change the latest congressional map boundary which divides the community of valley village California!

My family lives in the Valley Village location and I am very concerned that the new map proposed 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!

My daughter attends Colfax elementary school along with many other families East of Colfax. This is a wonderful community held together by the school and the Valley Village association. We all attend the 4th of July parade, the Colfax World Fair and we all frequent the Valley Village Park located on Westpark Dr. When I bought my house 2 years ago, I made an investment in an area that has a wonderful neighborhood community. In the middle of a huge metropolis called Los Angeles, we found an area where we could commute to work, have the cultural benefits of a big city and have that small community feeling of an active-family-friendly neighborhood. We found that in Valley Village. Please keep us together!!!

The families of Colfax Elementary should not be divided into separate congressional districts.

Thank you!

Vita Hall and Michael Manson

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kendall and Joyce Hudson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:14:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kendall and Joyce Hudson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th Congressional District mapping

Message Body:

To Whom it May Concern,

We are in total agreement with the information presented and sent to you by Eugene Starr. To map this district any other way is to gerrymander this area in favor of the Democratic Party and that is not what you were charged with doing. The Congressional and Assembly Districts should be as follows:

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In summary, We greatly appreciate the fact that the Commission has included the peninsula cities into a CD with the beach cities of the north. We respectfully request that the Commission finalize the Southbay districts as described above. Please recognize that the Commission has testimony from the cities of Westchester, Hawthorne, Lawndale and Torrance specifically requesting that their cities be included in the Southbay CD as they certainly are very much a part of our community of interest, as is south Gardena. Please also recognize that the cities of Santa Monica, Venice and Malibu have requested to be EXCLUDED from this district. We thank you, in advance, for realizing that Mr. Starr's proposal is the only fair and equitable way to draw the new maps.

Respectfully,

Kendall and Joyce Hudson
Rolling Hills Estates, CA90274

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Rabbi Morley Feinstein <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:21:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rabbi Morley Feinstein <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood and VA (90049)

Message Body:

Do not split the VA from its contiguous Brentwood neighborhood (90049). There is a long history of working with the VA through various organizations including the Brentwood Community Council. The VA traffic connects with Brentwood, the restaurants serving liquor are across the street or just blocks away from the VA, and there is a need to keep the VA connected to Brentwood as you redistrict. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Grant Seltzer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:31:51 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Grant Seltzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-districting

Message Body:

It is important to keep areas and "neighbors" in the same district to make sure communication is as simple as possible. The VA borders a great deal of our homes and constant communications will enable "peaceful" coexistence and harmony. Our veterans are important to us. We want to continue to "join" them, not fight them.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Michelle Rubin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:35:54 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michelle Rubin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles

Message Body:

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

As a resident of Brentwood Glen I am asking you that you please keep the VA in our district- we have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use. Many of our programs and governance is done within our zip code area to strengthen our input as a community.

I would also like to point out that the VA is our immediate neighbor on both the South and West of Brentwood Glen and many issues with the VA impact the Brentwood Glen.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Wendi Trilling <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:46:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wendi Trilling <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood - VA Land

Message Body:

Please keep the V.A. land in our Brentwood district. Our community has worked long and hard to improve, maintain, and protect this land and it's use.

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