

Subject: Los Angeles-Silver Lake- Readjustment of Assembly Boundaries

From: Edgar Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:30:47 +0000

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Please see my attached letter stating my concerns regarding the most current Assembly boundaries proposed for the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles.

Thank you,

Edgar Garcia

[REDACTED]y
Los Angeles, CA 90012
[REDACTED]

Edgar Garcia-Sunset Junction Concern.pdf

Subject: LAEVNT & LAMWS

From: Andrew Lachman [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:52:40 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: [REDACTED]

State Senate District

I am writing to ask that the State Senate district lines be reconsidered to unite the Southern portion of San Fernando Valley and the Westside rather than the current configuration splitting the region into two Senate districts.

I have lived, worked and been active with numerous civic organizations in both the Westside and the south San Fernando Valley and for State Senate purposes only these areas share far more in common than the current proposal putting the Santa Monica Mountains with Santa Clarita or Putting Santa Monica the Beach cities, South Bay and the West side.

Whether through the Santa Monica Mountains, the the 405, the 101 or historical interaction of numerous community and governmental organizations the south San Fernando Valley and the Westside of Los Angeles share more in common for a State Senate district than Beverly Hills does with the beach cities or Malibu with Santa Clarita.

I hope you will listen to the myriad of voices that are calling for the unification of the south San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica Mountains and Westside into a single state senate district.

Assembly District

I have serious reservations about LAMWS failure to include important COI's that surround Beverly Hills, Fairfax and Miracle Mile such as Westwood, Century City and Pico-Robertson. These communities share common resources:

- *The medical corridor linking UCLA, Cedars Sinai and Olympia Medical Center.
- * The Orthodox Jewish community
- * The Persian-Jewish community
- * The entertainment corridor linking Century City, Beverly Hills, Miracle Mile and Hollywood
- * a sizable LGBT community
- * Traffic and shopping patterns that tend to stay East of the 405, but north of the I-10.

To exclude these communities from LAMWS dilutes both the unique voices of this community and the voices of minority communities that surround them.

For instance, Little Ethiopia, which is Fairfax south of Olympic has more ties to the Baldwin Hills communities and Mid-City area than Fairfax. Santa Monica also has dual identities, belonging to the Las Virgines Council of Governments and being a beach city. It may go well as the keystone

linking a State Senate district as discussed above but it can be debated whether Santa Monica should be linked to the Santa Monica Mountains, the beach communities or elsewhere.

I don't envy the difficult job you have in terms of figuring out what goes where. Los Angeles has such incredible diversity and with so few LA voices familiar with the area, it takes more than 8 months to learn. I've been here 12 years and I am still learning it.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.

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Andrew Lachman

Subject: LAMWS and the orthodox jews
From: saul newman [REDACTED] >
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:04:26 -0700 (PDT)
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

sir commisioners

we would like to add our voice to the many other unrecognized minorities of the los angeles Orthodox jewish community. we personally live in Hancock Park but we have relatives in both the Fairfax and Pico-Robertson areas, especially south of Pico. while acknowledging the legal pull on your agency to maximize the power of citizens of color, our community should not be denigrated by dividing our natural boundary lines.

We hope the LAMWS seat will contain boundaries to maximize the voice of the Orthodox jewish community by uniting the above named neighborhoods.

sincerely

saul newman
bunia newman
Highland ave
90048

Subject: Leave Westchester with South Bay.... It is homogeneous with similar issues

From: LISA GAINES [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:48:28 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Quit playing politics with redistricting our community!

Leave Westchester with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista as we are contiguous and have similar issues and concerns

Leave Westchester with South Bay as we share similiar concerns with transportation, LAX issues, costal issues and shared community concerns.

Thank you,

Lisa Gaines

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: IMPORTANT: REDISTRICTING - Malibu, CA 90265

From: "Geoffrey B. Gelb" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:51:20 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Hello.

The Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities should be together in an east/west District that does not include the north inland communities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, or Santa Clarita!

The southern Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal areas should not be amalgamated into a Senate District with these Northern inland communities. We are adjacent to numerous other neighboring populations east and west with who we do share communities of interest.

We do not share any transportation/commute corridors either – the Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal region has the 405, 101 and the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and the northern Simi Valley, Moorpark and Santa Clarita areas have the 118, 126 and Interstate 5.

It is critically important that the lines of the proposed Senate District EVENT be re-drawn.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Geoffrey Gelb

[REDACTED]
Malibu, CA 90265

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Edgar Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:33:14 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Edgar Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly Boundaries: Silver Lake's Historic Sunset Junction Community

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I urge you to protect the integrity of - and NOT split - the historic Sunset Junction area of the Silver Lake neighborhood in Los Angeles.

The most recent visualizations provided from July 14th for the Assembly District (currently the 45th) covering the historic east and northeast portions of Los Angeles propose an incorrect splitting of a crucial piece of the Silver Lake area. Your Commission's first draft of the "East LA" district from June 10th appropriately unified this key portion of the Silver Lake neighborhood and in so doing corrected a senseless and egregious flaw adopted as part of the 2001 redistricting maps, which split this area into 2 assembly districts - the 43rd AD and the 45th AD. Unfortunately, your July 14th visualizations once again divide the Sunset Junction community by drawing the district boundary along Sanborn Ave, right through the heart of Sunset Junction.

Locals, visitors, and business owners alike regard Sunset Junction as a well-established community. The Los Angeles Times' Mapping LA, an online resource incorporating Census data, local data, and extensive public input, preserves the Sunset Junction community and extends the Silver Lake neighborhood boundary to Fountain Ave on the Westside (see attached), just as the annual Sunset Junction street festival extends its footprint to this point.

Mapping by local governmental bodies also preserve and respect the integrity of the Sunset Junction community. These include the City of Los Angeles' Silver Lake Neighborhood Council which extends the boundary of the Sunset Junction community to Myra Ave on the west. The City of Los Angeles' East Area Planning Commission also preserves this community by wholly adopting the boundaries of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council - and other neighborhood councils - in defining the boundaries of its East Area Planning Region. We urge you to similarly respect the integrity of the Sunset Junction community.

Most compellingly, Hoover Street marks the boundary where the historic Spanish-Mexican street grid emanating from the heart of the city at the Pueblo (with its distinctive 36 degree angle) meets the Jeffersonian north/south American grid. This important moment in the development pattern and history of Los Angeles has previously been marked by plaques and has served to distinguish the community of Silver Lake from areas such as Hollywood that lie fully in the north/south grid. Although to the day-to-day commuter this is an imperceptible change, this distinctive street pattern and its relationship to winding Sunset Blvd is an important and often uncherished feature of Silver Lake.

The Sunset Junction neighborhood itself is a diverse and vibrant area with its own distinct identity derived from significant and well-documented historic developments. A longstanding hub to artists, musicians and creative classes, the neighborhood is also the site of the Black Cat protests on February 11, 1967, which was the first civil rights demonstration asserting LGBT rights. Later, in the 1970's, tensions between the growing gay and lesbian population and working-class Latino families led local activists to engage in organizing efforts to promote community dialogue between these

two communities. These efforts gave rise to the organizing of the first Sunset Junction Street Fair, an annual tradition celebrated in Sunset Junction for more than 30 years.

Please keep the Sunset Junction community united by extending the western portion of the East L.A. Assembly District to the Sunset-Fountain-Hoover Avenue intersection and thereby better aligning the boundaries with important historical precedents, local planning bodies, as well as the Los Angeles Times' Mapping LA Project. The history of this important neighborhood and the legacy that it represents to thousands of Los Angeles residents deserves to be preserved and respected.

Sincerely,

Edgar Garcia


Los Angeles, CA 90012

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Pam Miller [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 23:41:25 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Pam Miller [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting Westchester

Message Body:

Westchester clearly should be "bundled" with Playa del Rey, Marina del Rey and Playa Vista. Any change would be nonsensical.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Paul Savage [REDACTED] >
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:11:51 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Paul Savage [REDACTED]
Subject: Redistricting line

Message Body:

I live in El Segundo. We are a beach city. We have a beach city culture. Putting us in the same district with Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox for example would leave us without representation.

Those are fine cities, but they have priorities which are much different than coastal cities. It would be the same as putting Inglewood in with Manhattan, Hermosa, and Redondo Beaches. They wouldn't be represented fairly when it came to their needs and interest.

Being a beach city we have unique issues and need to be represented by people who put those unique issues at the forefront. eg. Coastal Commission issues, beach preservation issues, etc.

I implore you to keep El Segundo with the beach cities that have similar needs/issues and want to be represented by people who would primarily address those issues. We would be consistently out voted and under represented being grouped with the aforementioned non beach cities. In my mind it would be a tragedy and a major injustice for us to be grouped with cities we have very little in common with as relates to each city's needs.

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Subject: Postion letter from the City of South El Monte

From: "Dianna Gomez" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:41:34 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

CC: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please see attached letter from the Mayor and Power Point Presentation illustrating the changes requested.

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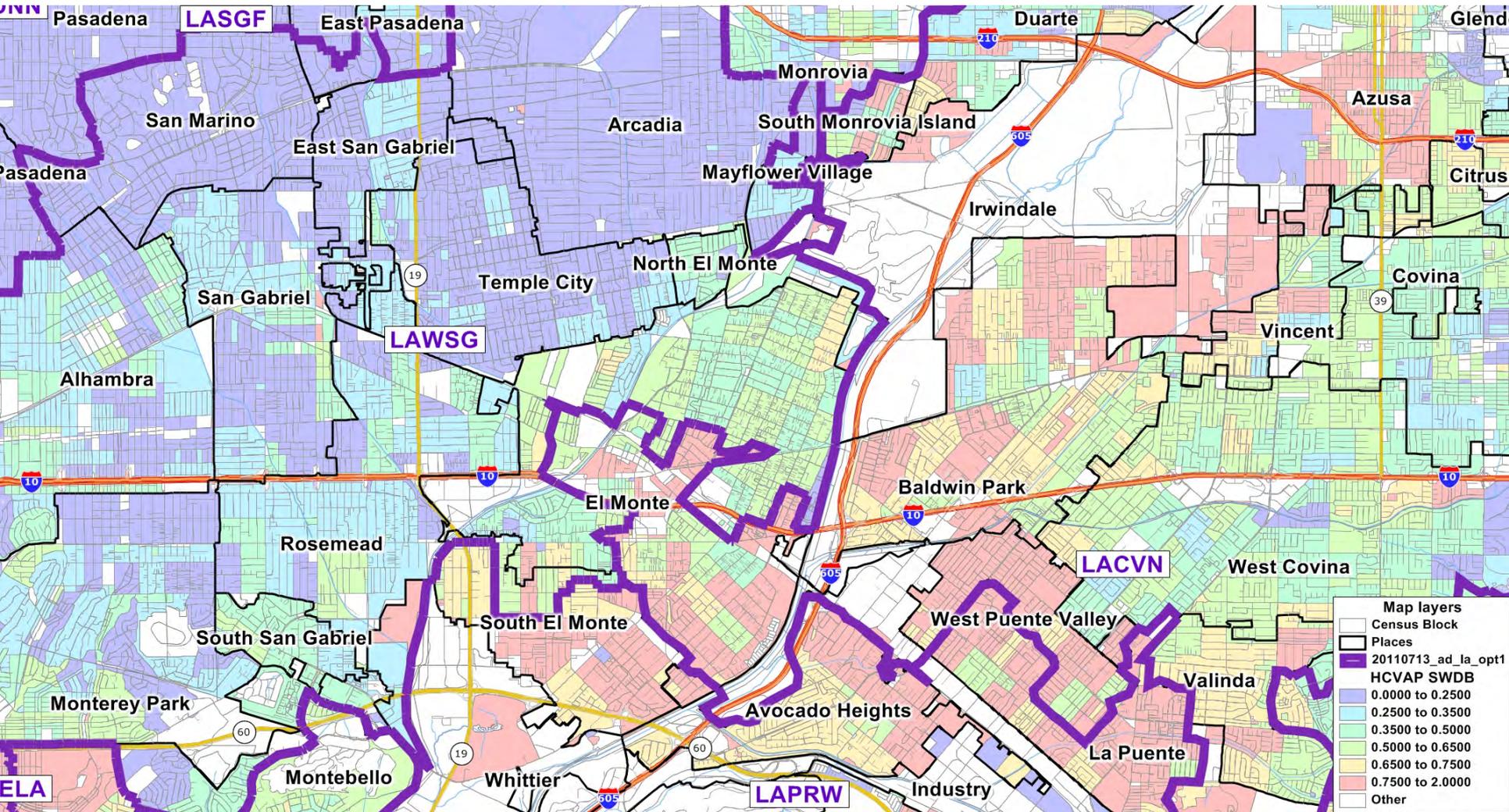
Request for Changes in Assembly Plans

City of South El Monte

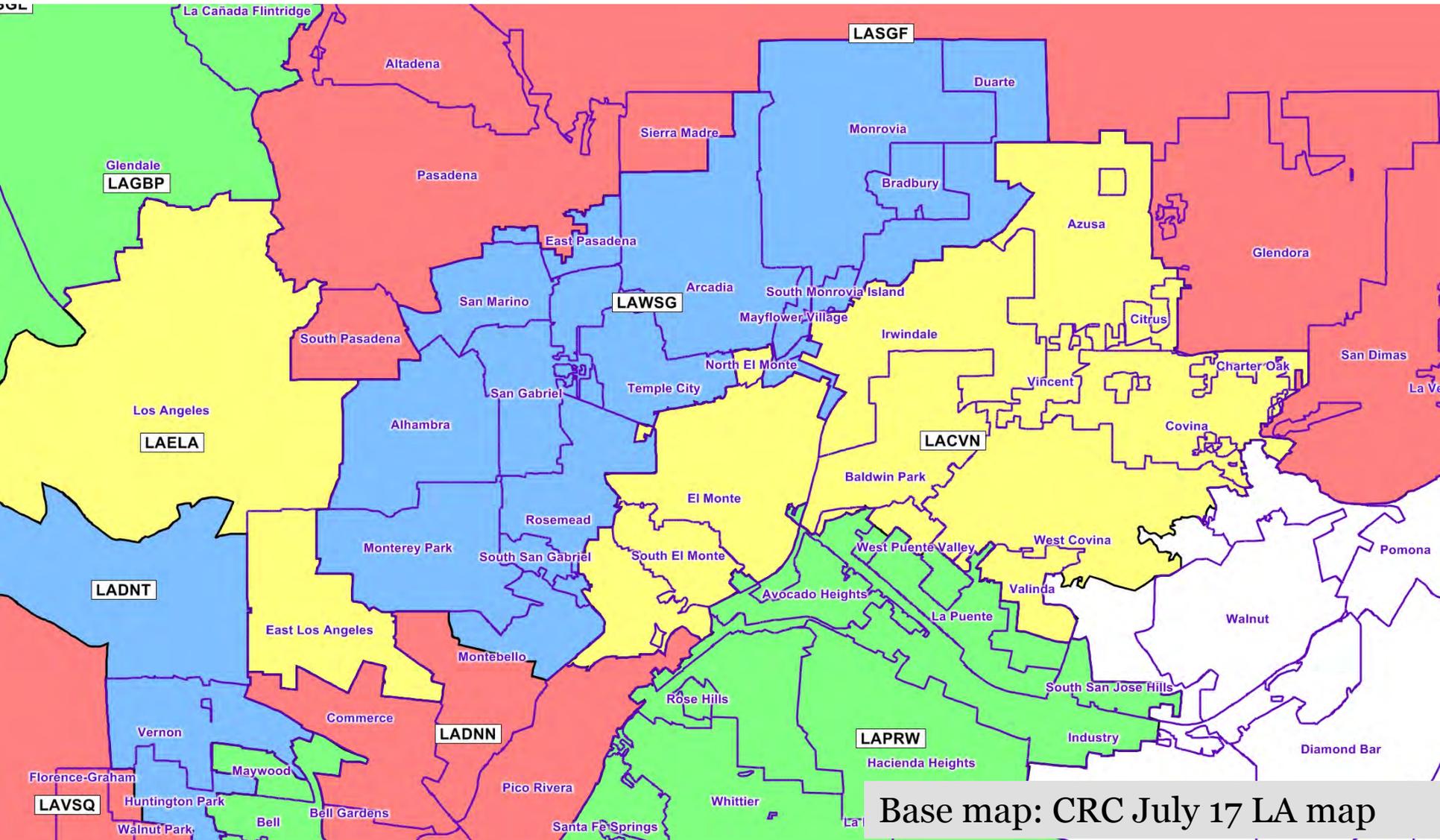
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Racial Gerrymander?

Race clearly appears to be the only reason for dividing the cities

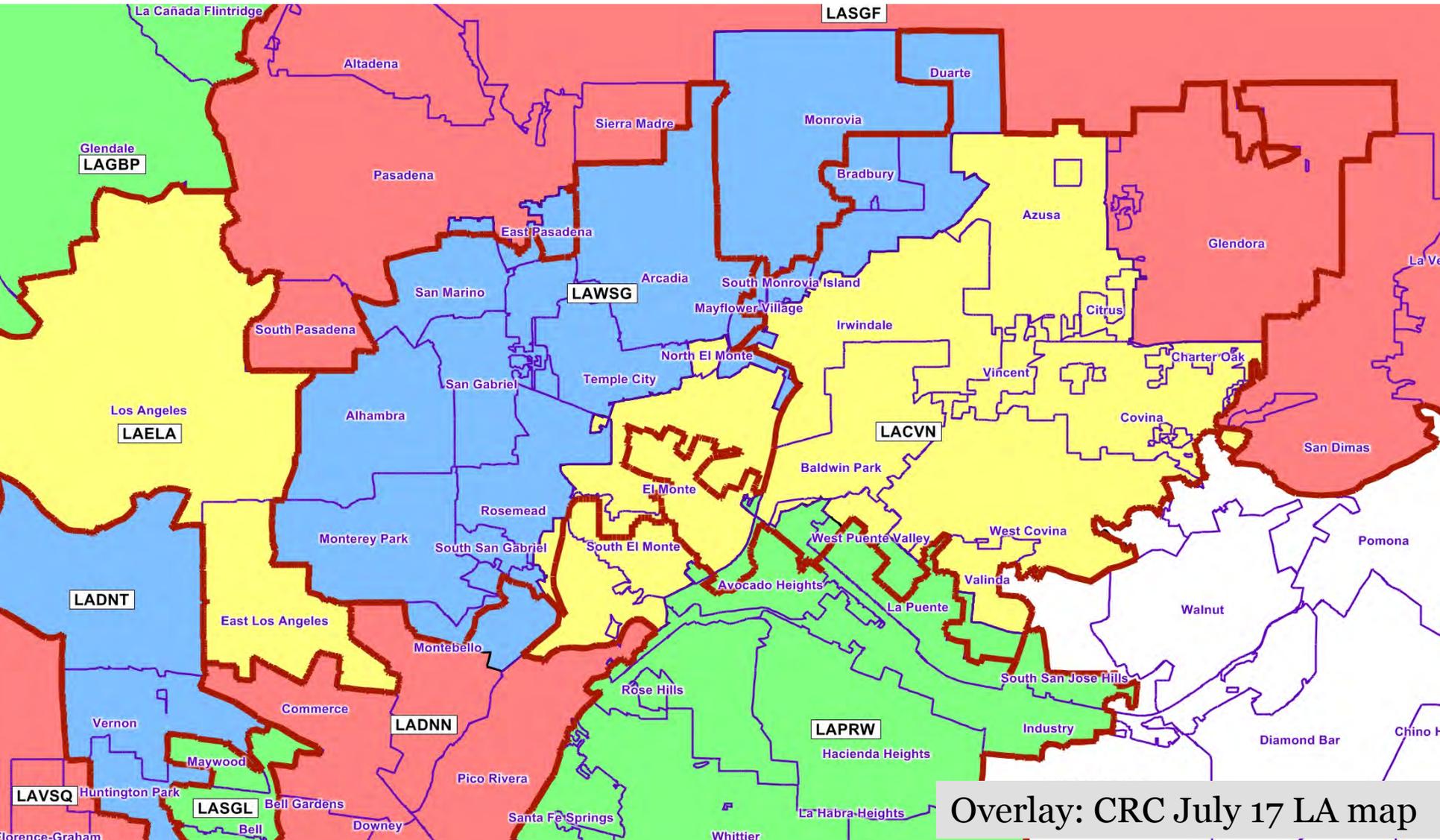


The Community Asks for a Change



Base map: CRC July 17 LA map

Change with CRC Draft Overlay



Overlay: CRC July 17 LA map

Summary of Changes to LACVN

- **Adds**

- Rest of El Monte
- Rest of South El Monte
- North El Monte
- Unincorporated area between South El Monte and Montebello

- **Loses**

- Glendora
- Duarte
- Bradbury
- South Monrovia Island
- part of Monrovia (now united in LAWSG)
- LACVN's parts of Industry
- part of Mayflower Island (now united in LAWSG)
- part of West Puente Valley

Summary of Changes to Other Districts

- **LASGF:**
 - **Adds** Glendora
 - **Loses** Monrovia, San Pasqual, East Pasadena (was split)
- **LAWSG:**
 - **Adds** both parts of Monrovia, San Pasqual, Duarte, Bradbury, South Monrovia Island, rest of East Pasadena, rest of Mayflower Village, larger part of Montebello
 - **Loses** parts of El Monte and South El Monte, North El Monte, and LASWG's part of the unincorporated area between South El Monte and Montebello
- **LADNN:**
 - **Adds** nothing. **Loses** larger part of Montebello
- **LAPRW:**
 - **Adds** LACVN's parts of Industry, part of West Puente Valley
 - **Loses** unincorporated area between South El Monte and Montebello

Improvements in plan “South El Monte 2”

- **Small area modified:**
 - Only districts LAWSG, LAGSF, LACVN, LAPRW and LADNN are modified
- **Deviation reduced:**
 - No district has more than +/- 0.71% deviation
 - Smaller than CRC plan for these districts
- **Compact**
 - More compact. No more jagged divisions of communities.
 - Virtually district border is now an incorporated city border, and the only remaining jagged parts are jagged incorporated city areas.

Improvements in plan “South El Monte 2”

- **Communities Unified:**

- Unifies cities of El Monte and South El Monte
- Unifies communities of Mayflower Village, and East Pasadena
- Removes one split of Industry (another split still remains)
- Improves (but unable to completely eliminate) split of Montebello
- The only new split is of unincorporated W. Puente Valley, where the new split now places part of W. Puente Valley with La Puente.

- **Communities of Interest**

- Glendora makes much more sense in LASGF than in LACVN

Latino Voting Strength Increased

- LACVN starts at 51.3% Hispanic CVAP
 - Proposed plan is at 56.5%
 - Takes district out of majority-CVAP margin of error
 - *Thanks to uniting El Monte & South El Monte in LACVN, and moving Glendora to LASGF*
- LAPRW starts at 56.9% Hispanic CVAP
 - Proposed plan is at 56.7%
- LADNN starts at 56.1% Hispanic CVAP
 - Proposed plan is at 56.1%

- The new maps would place the City of South El Monte with larger, more affluent cities that are aligned with Gateway Cities and not the San Gabriel Valley. The Commission must allow for sufficient opportunity for fair representation by a multijurisdictional agency historically and geographically representing the needs of our community.

It is imperative that South El Monte have equal right to representation in the electoral process. The new maps adversely affect our ability to both advocate for our City and greatly silences our voice at all levels of government.

If you would like additional comments or would like to meet to discuss the matter in further detail, please do not hesitate to call me at 626-579-6540. Thank you for your time and for contemplating the detrimental affects your maps would have on our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Aguiñaga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luis" and last name "Aguiñaga" clearly distinguishable.

Luis "Louie" A. Aguiñaga
Mayor
City of South El Monte

CC: South El Monte City Council



CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

[REDACTED]
SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA 91733
[REDACTED]



July 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
State of California
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Chairman and members of the Commission:

This letter is to reiterate the City of South El Monte's position of adamantly opposing the first draft redistricting maps released on June 10, 2011. We have carefully reviewed the drawing of the lines and are requesting that the City be included into the **East San Gabriel Valley-Covina Assembly District**. Our discontent stems from several adverse effects that the redistricting would have on our City and the representation of our citizens. The reasoning behind our request to be moved into the East San Gabriel Valley- Covina district includes:

- The City of South El Monte would be split into two separate State Assembly Districts there by reducing our ability to be represented. The City of South El Monte must remain a whole to ensure we are protected from discrimination in the electoral process. We strongly advocate being placed in the East San Gabriel Valley-Covina Assembly District.
 - This district better represents the socio-economic growth patterns of the region.
 - The new district has demographics that are similar to those of South El Monte.
 - The political predispositions of the proposed assembly district cities are more in tune to those of the City of South El Monte.
 - There are multiple existing regional projects and collaborations that are due in large part to our common demographic and geographic commonality within the ESG-Covina district.
- The new congressional map would place the City of South El Monte into a district that has very little in common as it relates to demographics, economics, and political tendencies. The City of South El Monte would like to maintain its current Congressional neighbors in the East San Gabriel Valley – Diamond Bar Congressional District.

Subject: Please do not redistrict Westchester!!

From: JPS <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 19:58:42 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I live at 6472 Nancy Street in Westchester. My home overlooks Playa Vista. I am involved with the Westchester/Playa del Rey Neighborhood council and Neighborhood Watch, participate in the LAX expansion meetings, and along with Councilman Bill Rosendahl and the Westside Citizens work to improve alternative transportation and cycling around the Beach Communities. Cutting us of from our sister neighborhoods will undermine most of what we are working towards.

Thank you or your attention to this matter, George M. Jentges

Subject: Playa Del Rey, Westchester & Playa Vista

From: "Caddle, Larry S" [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:14:23 -0600

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

These three cities are in fact one. We interact as if there is one city. It is my strong belief that we should remain together. They are very close in proximity and serve the same residence. Restaurants, shopping Home Depot, etc. are shared by the residence of these cities. My wish and my vote will be to the individuals that want to keep them together.

Subject: Fwd: Santa Cruz Whole MONT Congressional District

From: Chris Chaffee <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:13:50 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: [REDACTED]

Please find the equivalency files that align with the PDF maps attached here. I sent these equivalency files last night as well.

Thank you,
Chris Chaffee
Redistricting Partners

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Nik Bonovich <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, Jul 20, 2011 at 9:24 PM

Subject: Santa Cruz Whole MONT Congressional District

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Please see the attached maps of Congressional Districts that make the City of Santa Cruz whole in MONT, make Sunnyvale and Santa Clara whole in SNMSC, decrease the split of San Jose from three to two districts (SNACL & SANJO) and increase the Asian CVAP in SANJO from 40% to 41%.

Thank you,
Nik Bonovich
Redistricting Partners

Subject: Fw: Mail Not Delivered

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:45:12 GMT

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

The address was incorrect on my part. Please read the attachment.

Please note: forwarded message attached

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Mail Not Delivered

Date: 22 Jul 2011 00:42:26 -0000

Unfortunately, your mail was not delivered to the following address:

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Giving up on 74.125.53.27.

--- Enclosed is a copy of the message.

—Redistricting.eml

Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:40:37 GMT

To: vvotersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

For many years our immediate neighbors have belonged to different districts and we have to share nothing in common with whom we are presently joined with. Just take the last state election...Playa Del Rey voted but we in Westchester, who are within steps of them did not. We, who share common interests, parks, recreational areas, schools, shopping centers, the airport and what have you, have different people representing us. Westchester, Playa Del Rey and Marina Del Rey share the same interests and should be in the South Bay with El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, etc. as one community. Please consider the above. Thank you.

Redistricting.eml

Subject: California Redistricting-

From: Chana Heller [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 02:17:08 +0000

To: "'votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov'" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Dear Commissioners,

We live a little south of Pico Blvd near Robertson. We know you are redistricting and we think that the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. We live in Pico but all our children's schools are in the Fairfax/Hancock Park area. We go back and forth for classes, social and religious events and for shopping.

We do not think that uniting our community in a single district will weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

Thank you for putting some of Pico-Robertson into the "LAMWS" district, but I don't think we are personally part of this and we would also like to be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills

Thank you very your very kind consideration of our needs.

Sincerely,

James and Ann Heller

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, Ca. 90035

Subject: Districting 2011

From: "yitzchok bader" [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:49:21 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Attn. Please

Please unite our communities of Hancock Park & the entire Pico/Beverlywood areas into one district.

Please understand that the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhoods constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. The only way that the Orthodox community will have a voice in the Assembly is if Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood are all in the "LAMWS" district.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Yitzchok Bader & Family
Hancock Park
Los Angeles

Subject: Community

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 01:52:23 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Hi.

I'm a very concerned resident of Westchester.

I'm aware of the possible redistricting of our wonderful city.

I strongly feel that we should stay within the parameters of the Beach cities...we have so much in common with the other communities surrounding us...Playa Vista, Playa Del Rey...these are our neighbors...this is where we should stay.

Cities to the east of us have nothing in common with us. The environmental issues we face, the coastal commission, LAX expansion issues, all of these, and plenty more are why I feel that we belong within the Beach cities lines for zoning.

Please take this into consideration,

Racquel and James Frawley

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Subject: Fw: South Bay Community District #36

From: Oliver Donan [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:29:55 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Commission Members,

I am a resident in the city of Torrance in the 36th congressional district. I am concerned that the

Redistricting Commission is not honoring the original intent for which the Commission was created. I believe the community of South Bay cities should maintain their integrity by being included in the same district. The outline of South Bay cities is listed at the end of this letter.

I do not support the tentative district map which starts at the Palos Verdes Peninsula, cuts through half of Torrance and then extends up to through Malibu. This area may be contiguous, but it does not respect the neighborhoods nor the boundaries of the local cities. Nor is this area compact. It, in fact, has an unusually long & irregular shape. It cuts out the most of the community known as the "South Bay." There is no reason to do this according to your own criteria which I have listed below.

Three criteria mentioned in in the "**FAQ's**" page on the **California Citizens Redistricting Committee** web page (at www.wedrawthelines.com) are as follows:

- Districts must be contiguous so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
- Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of

Interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.

- Districts should be geographically compact, that is, have a fairly regular shape.

I would like to see reasonable district boundaries that tie communities together. I believe the community of South Bay should be tied together within the same congressional district. We should have a local representative for the South Bay cities that we know and feel connected to.

I am not interested in boundaries that give one party large advantages over the other by

design. If a community votes one way and then the trend goes in a different direction, so be it. Outcome based re-districting for racial, ethnic, party affiliation(s) all need to stop. Equal rights do not mean equal outcomes.

The current district, designed by democrats, cut up the South Bay area in order for them to gain an 18-19% advantage in registered voters. Please don't repeat this same mistake by creating an area that only shares in being within "X" amount of miles from the Pacific Ocean.

Please put Torrance back in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District.) Also, the South Bay should be Westchester south only. Please maintain (or put back) the following cities which belong in the same district:

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena.

Thank you for your consideration,

Oliver Donan

Torrance, CA 90501



Subject: Division of West Covina

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:35:09 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission

FROM: Fredrick Sykes, Former Planning Commissioner City of West Covina

DATE: July 21, 2011

RE: Division of West Covina

In your Assembly and Senate plans you are splitting the City of West Covina. As with every city we also have a strong desire to be kept whole. At this point we realize that this is likely not going to be possible.

However as a former planning Commissioner in West Covina I want to alert you that your current split is non-contiguous with two separate fingers extending into our city. While doing your "live line-drawing" I would ask that you rectify this by making the split of West Covina in the Assembly and Senate plans contiguous. As with your current lines the split should be identical in both plans to ensure continuity of representation.

With the help of the Los Angeles redistricting center I would suggest adding census tracts 407900, 408003 and 408004 to the Covina districts and census tract 408005 to the Walnut districts.

This would create only one finger into West Covina. It would also use a major road, California State Highway Route 39 (Azusa Avenue) as a recognizable district boundary. It exchanges one heavily Asian neighborhood for another so it does not impact your attempts to keep the Asian community of interest in the eastern San Gabriel Valley whole. Finally it would not affect the Section 2 status of the LACVN Assembly district.

Thank you,

Fredrick Sykes
[REDACTED]

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TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission

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DATE: July 21, 2011

RE: Division of West Covina

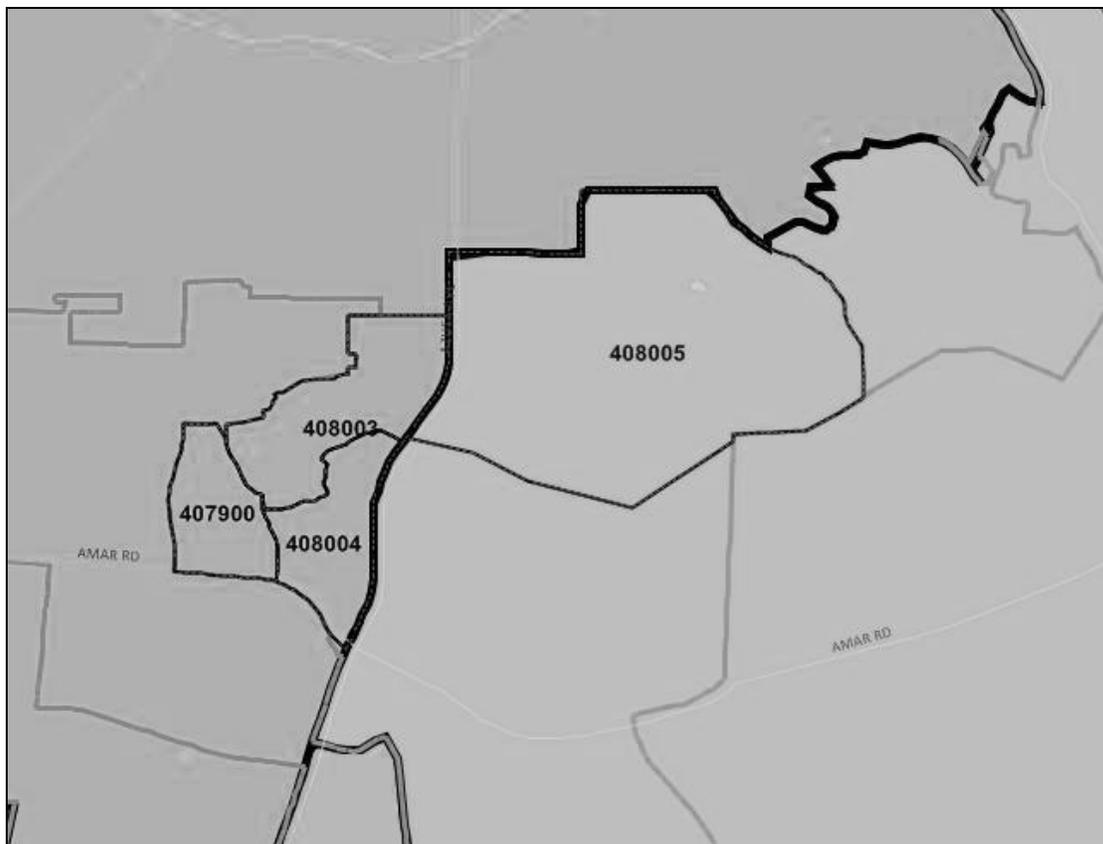
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Thank you,



Subject: District for Westchester, Playa del Rey & Playa Vista

From: "Stan & Sheila Weinberg" [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:54:26 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To the redistricting commission:

We urge you to keep Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista together as a community when drawing district boundaries. They are more properly aligned with the South Bay and Beach Cities, where they have common interests and concerns such as those involving LAX, transportation and the environment. Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista should not be included in districts with Inglewood, Compton, Gardena and South Central L.A., where they have little in common and would not be adequately represented.

Stan & Sheila Weinberg

Subject: CCRC is a Travesty
From: "Ron Robinson" [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 19:35:56 -0700
To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Ron Robinson
[REDACTED]



I am deeply ashamed for the CCRC over the travesty they have inflicted on the people of California.

First, they decided to contract the map drawing itself to a manifestly partisan contractor.

When the first round of maps was published, they were published in a fashion that did not allow online mapping enthusiasts to use the data - it was an act that lacked transparency and marred an otherwise promising track record for the CCRC. This was eventually remedied when the CCRC finally published Google Earth friendly files, but then the CCRC found other good ways to diminish transparency and make the process more opaque to CCRC-watchers.

Now that the second round of maps have been 'published' we learn that they are mere 'visualizations' of what the CCRC intends, and indeed, the CCRC left the publication of these 'visualizations' to third parties so that no 'visualization' is advanced with the full authority of the CCRC. The CCRC is trying to vote 'present' on its very own work.

Then we learn that the CCRC intends to skip the last round of public input on their work.

Finally, we learn that one of the Commissioners, Gabina Aguirre, possesses deep and broad partisan ties that all commissioners were 'certified' to be free of.

The CCRC has betrayed us at every turn, and their betrayals are not trivial.

I want to remind the members of the CCRC that the citizens of California have at least 2 avenues of remedy that will be used. One is the courts and the other is the referendum process.

As a local party official, I can guarantee the CCRC that both avenues will be very vigorously pursued, and that the members of the CCRC will be deeply discredited for the travesty they have inflicted on the citizens of California.

Sincerely,

Ron Robinson
Alhambra, CA

Subject: Assembly Districting

From: "Aaron Gross" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:29:06 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To the Commission:

I live at 1440 Stearns Drive, just south of Pico, between La Cienega and Fairfax. I have lived there since 1987, raising my family with six children.

I would like to emphasize that the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. The only way that the Orthodox community will have a voice in the Assembly is if Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood are all in the "LAMWS" district.

I have many connections in both Fairfax/Hancock and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood communities. I live, shop and attend a synagogue along Pico Boulevard. I work near Olympic and Robertson. My wife works on Fairfax just north of Beverly. My children all attend schools near La Brea and Beverly. All my children and their physicians doctors are associated with Cedars-Sinai. I coach a little league team that plays at Fairfax HS and I am a Boy Scout Assistant Scoutmaster for a troop associated with a synagogue located at Olympic and Beverly.

Our community would benefit by being a single district which will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

Please put some of Pico-Robertson into the "LAMWS" district, and please do not divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half. All of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Aaron Gross

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Subject: Assembly and Senate district lines

From: JC R <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:31:22 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Please see the attached letter regarding the proposed district lines.

Thank you

Juan Reinoso

RedistrictingLTR.pdf



Juan & Maria Reinoso
A family that plays together stays together.

West Covina, CA, 91791
(626)926-0060

July 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

RE: Division of West Covina

In your Assembly and Senate plans you are splitting the City of West Covina. As with every city we want to be kept whole. At this point we realize that is likely not going to happen.

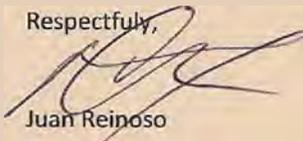
However as a long time West Covina Resident and Business Owner I want to alert you that your current split is non-contiguous with two separate fingers extending into our city. While doing your "live line-drawing" I would ask that you rectify this by making the split of West Covina in the Assembly and Senate plans contiguous. As with your current lines the split should be identical in both plans to ensure continuity of representation.

With the help of the Los Angeles redistricting center I would suggest adding census tracts 407900, 408003 and 408004 to the Covina districts and census tract 408005 to the Walnut districts.

This would create only one finger into West Covina. It would also use a major road (Azusa Blvd) as a recognizable district boundary. It exchanges one heavily Asian neighbourhood for another so it does not impact your attempts to keep the Asian community of interest in the eastern San Gabriel Valley whole. Finally it would not affect the Section 2 status of the LACVN Assembly district.



Respectfully,



Juan Reinoso

Subject: 36th Congressional and Assembly Districts

From: LAURIE WATERMAN [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:18:49 -0700 (PDT)

To: VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov

Dear Commissioners

As a citizen of the South Bay I strongly oppose the latest restructuring of the 36Th district. This is the very gerrymandering process I voted to rid the state of. Once again the lines are being drawn for parties and ideologies not for the communities and their common interests.

Put Torrance and El Segundo back in the 36Th Congressional District (and Assembly District)

The South Bay should be 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 even have our own common newspaper.

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.

Sincerely

Laurie Waterman

[REDACTED]
El Segundo

Subject: South Bay

From: Wade Austin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:34:48 -0700

To: "VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov" <VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov>

Please keep South Bay traditional.

Wade Austin

Subject: Senate Seat Recommendation

From: Bill Jackson [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:39:28 -0700

[REDACTED]

Please include Simi Valley with Santa Clarita. and not the 101 corridor. We have much in common with Santa Clarita, and little with the San Fernando Valley.

Thank you!

Bill Jackson
[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester/Playa del Rey (90045/90203)

From: Danna Cope <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:49:05 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

It has come to my attention that there is a concerted effort underway to request that Westchester and Playa del Rey be removed from the 35th CD and placed into the beach cities congressional district. This last-minute effort seems to be blatantly politically and racially motivated. The call to action stated that Westchester is ... "in the 35th Congressional District with Maxine Waters. A total misfit!"

We are NOT a community of interest with these beach cities. We are, however, a community of interest with the areas surrounding LAX. We share both the positive and negative impacts from this behemoth.

We also share other entities of interest with our LAX neighbors, such as the Inglewood Adobe and the Airport Marina Counseling Service.

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Danna Cope

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

[REDACTED]

Subject: re-districting

From: Gail [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:22:00 -0400 (EDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I am requesting that the Westchester/Playa del Rey/ Playa Vista area be included in the Beach Cities district as we have more common interests and concerns with them than we do areas east of us. Issues concerning LAX, transportation, and the coast and environment impact all of these communities and would benefit from having representation that would speak for us as an entity.

Gail Ruhlen

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, Ca 90045

Subject: Westchester 90045 District

From: Jane [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:24:43 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Hello,

I am writing this to request that Westchester, CA remain in the same Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista districts. The citizens of Westchester share common interests and concerns with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them. We share transportation issues, LAX issues, coastal and enviromental issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Jane Yeow

Subject: Westchester Redistricting

From: "Dave Cooney" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:51:08 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add my single voice to the cacophony of displeasure in the proposed alliance of Westchester with Cities east of our area and disallowing our strong affiliations with cities to our west and south, with whom we share a much more common thread of Community interests, coastal concerns, and property and other issues surrounding LAX. Host to a major University in Loyola Marymount, we also share traffic concerns related to the influx of non-residents and other attendant concerns of housing, noise abatement and the like. Mostly, as a resident of Westchester for over 20 years, the impact of decisions and interests as shared with our coastal brethren on the environment and water quality is best shared with those experiencing the same 'downstream' concerns.

The commonality that Westchester shares with Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, and the South Bay Cities supports a of bond of unity and Community to improve the areas and maintain the common interests we all share. That cannot be said for those entities to our east and surrounds – their concerns and points of engagement for their Cities reflect issues of their own climes and different in construct and purpose than Westchester, no doubt as equally important and charged, but best aligned with similar environments.

Please see fit to align our great City, the Gateway to LAX – Westchester, with cities of like-mindedness and purpose – those of Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and points South.

With All Due Respect,

Dave

David FM Cooney

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: Redistricting of Westchester/Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista

From: Michelle Anderson [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:02:52 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To whom it may concern:

I am a concerned voter of the Westchester area in Los Angeles. It has come to my attention that our community is being redistricted. I feel that our community has more in common with our current district of South Bay Cities than the other proposed district. Also, we are so closely related to Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista we should continue to be recognized with them as well.

Thank you,

Michelle Anderson

Subject: Redistricting South Bay L.A.

From: Rudolf Marloth [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:36:55 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Commissioners:

Westchester is part of the South Bay and should be included in that district. We have the same issues as the other communities in the South Bay: coastal/environmental, LAX, and transportation to name some of the most important. What our community has in common with the cities to the east, I am unable to see. You probably can't either. Keep Westchester in the South Bay district.

Rudolf Marloth, a registered voter

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles

Subject: Redistricting of Westchester

From: "Mark & Joyce Liberman" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:39:28 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To whom it may concern,

It has come to our attention that you are in the process of redistricting throughout Los Angeles, and that there is a chance that as opposed to Westchester being grouped in with the South Bay/beach communities and Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista, it might be grouped with communities to the east like Inglewood, Compton, Lennox.

To us, not being grouped with Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista is very strange, as we are basically one community. We live in Westchester and our kids go to school in Playa Vista, and our kids play soccer, lacrosse and baseball with kids from those areas. We are all basically LAX communities that are concerned with the beach/wetlands and with similar traffic issues.

Hopefully, the sensible decision of keeping Westchester districted with it's "sister" communities of Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista is reached.

Thanks for your consideration.

Mark and Joyce Liberman

Subject: Tentative district map

From: Ulric Pattillo [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:00:03 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Commission Members,

I am a resident in the city of Torrance in the 36th congressional district. I am concerned that the

Redistricting Commission is not honoring the original intent for which the Commission was created. I believe the community of South Bay cities should maintain their integrity by being included in the same district. The outline of South Bay cities is listed at the end of this letter.

I do not support the tentative district map which starts at the Palos Verdes Peninsula, cuts through half of Torrance and then extends up to through Malibu. This area may be contiguous, but it does not respect the neighborhoods nor the boundaries of the local cities. Nor is this area compact. It, in fact, has an unusually long & irregular shape. It cuts out the most of the community known as the "South Bay." There is no reason to do this according to your own criteria which I have below.

Three criteria mentioned in in the "**FAQ's**" page on the **California Citizens Redistricting Committee** web page (at www.wedrawthelines.com) are as follows:

- Districts must be contiguous so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
- Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of

Interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.

- Districts should be geographically compact, that is, have a fairly regular shape.

I would like to see reasonable district boundaries that tie communities together. I believe the community of South Bay should be tied together within the same congressional district.

I am not interested in boundaries that give one party large advantages over the other by design. If a community votes one way and then the trend goes in a different direction, so be it. Outcome based re-districting for racial, ethnic, party affiliation(s) all need to stop. Equal rights do not mean equal outcomes.

The current district, designed by democrats, cut up the South Bay area in order for them to gain an 18-19% advantage in registered voters. Please don't repeat this same mistake by creating an area that only shares in being within "X" amount of miles from the Pacific Ocean.

Put Torrance back in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District.) Also, the South Bay should be Westchester south only. Please maintain (or put back) the following cities which belong in the same district:

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sent from my Samsung tablet