

Subject: Westchester Re-Districting

From: Matt Weiss <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 11:00:20 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Greetings-

I am e-mailing in response to information that with proposed re-districting lines, Westchester is potentially going to be split from Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and cities in the South Bay.

I have been in Westchester most of my 50+ years. The environmental, business, security, traffic and day-to-day life situations that government can help with are very closely aligned with the communities above. Big ticket items like airport issues, property development and traffic along streets such as Lincoln and Sepulveda have little to do with communities outside our area. Do they really want to share their representation and resources with our concerns?

Westchester has a reputation of successfully standing up to be heard. If we have a problem, we actively band together to take care of it.

Why dilute representation to communities outside our local area because of Westchester's concerns instead of giving them (and us) better focused resources? You incrementally disenfranchise *everyone* by doing so.

Thank you for your review and consideration of my input.

Matt Weiss

Subject: South LA

From: Kendall Williams <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 11:04:21 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am a resident of South LA. I attended USC and just recently graduated.

I'm writing to add my voice to those that are working to protect and maintain African American political power in South LA, specifically the 33rd, 35th and 37th districts. The African American Community in South LA cannot and will not accept a reduction in political representation at any level- Congress, Senate or Assembly. We need to maintain the power to transform our communities and not have our legs cut out from under us and voices silenced within the political arena. Please consider these words.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Kendall Williams

Subject: Westchester Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 14:13:38 -0400

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Redistricting Board,

I am a concerned Westchester resident and local business person. I understand that there are many challenges in determining community redistricting; however, the current proposal wherein Westchester would remain in a district with communities with which it shares very little commonality makes little sense. Westchester, Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista have a long standing relationship primarily because they share in common the concerns which directly affect their communities. The issues of LAX expansion and the burdens of responsible growth and development along our shared coastal communities have a long history for which these communities have had a joint stake.

The goal of redistricting should be to enhance representation by districting communities, considering geographic proximity and communal interests. In this regard, The City of Los Angeles, who is better suited to determine the characteristics of its own communities, saw fit to include Westchester/Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista as a single neighborhood in establishing its Neighborhood Councils. <http://www.ncwpdr.org/communityLinks>

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Romero

New South Bay Realty

Cerified Appraiser [REDACTED]

DRE Broker 01208403

[REDACTED] Direct

[REDACTED] Fax

Subject: Speaker 2 Follow up 7/22/11 - Latino Policy Forum

From: Bob Gutierrez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 11:21:59 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity again to speak to you this morning during the public comment. I would like to follow up with a question that was asked of me regarding what adjustments that would need to be made in order to justify our recommendation this morning.

here is a more specific outline of what we recommended this morning:

Swap out the City of Reseda (est 60,000 people) currently in the EVENT SD and put it in with the LASFE SD. Reseda is a majority Hispanic community and should be put into a district that has a 59% Latino population according to your latest draft map.

From there you can take out the City of Granada Hills (est 60,000 people) from the LASFE SD and put it into the LAAVV SD. Granada Hills is a community of interest with many parts of the LAAVV SD.

To make up loss population from the EVENT SD, you can take Valencia, Newhall, Castaic, everything east of the 14 Freeway etc ... form the SCV, which would equal to approximately 60,000 people, from the LAAVV SD.

This would complete the equal population swap between the three districts. East Ventura County and Santa Clarita have historically been in the same senate district for the last three decades and are a community of interest.

Both the San Fernando Valley and the regions of Santa Clarita will benefit from this adjustment which make this a well balanced plan for three areas.

We want to thank the commission for making adjustment thus far that have made this final request closer than when we first started this process. We believe the testimony that has been collected from this region has been significant, and that this final adjustment will be a benefit the the population for the next 10 years. thank you for your on going considerations.

Thank you,

Bob Gutierrez (speaker 2 7/22/11)
Latino Policy Forum

Subject: Westchester

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 14:20:47 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Please keep Westchester in the same district as Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, LAX and El Segundo and include all in the Beach Cities District.

All the above communities and communities south of us have common interests and goals and have worked together for many, many years.

This redistricting would give Westchester the best representation in all areas of concern.

Dianne Landis

[REDACTED]

Westchester, Ca. 90045

Subject: Westchester/Playa del Rey

From: "Holden-Ilgunas, Teresa" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 10:00:11 -0700

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

Why would you cut out Westchester? Playa del Rey is part of Westchester, why wouldn't you keep them together? Our interests/issues are the same as the South Bay cities.

Teresa Holden-Ilgunas
Westchester resident.

Subject: Maps

From: Asher Huey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:31:03 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

I wanted to take a moment to express my concern over the proposed maps for the section of Los Angeles known as the South Bay.

The recent proposal that turns it into a beach district is not representative of the community. The South Bay of Los Angeles belongs in one district. El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, San Pedro, Hawthorne, Gardena and the Palos Verdes Peninsula belong together. They are one community, their interests are intertwined.

This is not about politics for me. I'm a progressive democrat and I know that this might make the seat less safe for a Democrat. But it's the right thing to do, it's the right way to draw the lines. I broke ranks with many in my party to support the redistricting commission in hopes of making truly representative districts. Malibu does not belong in the same district.

I appreciate what you guys are doing, I know you're working hard. I don't have all the numbers at my fingertips, but the cities I mentioned should be together. I hope that you take this into consideration.

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Asher

Subject: LAVSQ - from Bro Kokayi

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:04:15 EDT

To: <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
CC: <[REDACTED]>

Please receive the information from a member of the community who is attempting to track the work of the Commission.

JDW

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From: Bro. Kokayi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, Jul 21, 2011 at 8:50 AM

Subject: Re: A Major Issue [FWD: UPDATED: Visualization stats and Updates]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Blair H Taylor <[REDACTED]> LEON JENKINS <[REDACTED]> lawrence aubry
<[REDACTED]> "William D. Smart"
<[REDACTED]> tony wafford <[REDACTED]> "Dr. Maulana Karenga"
<[REDACTED]> "Rev. Donald Wilson" <[REDACTED]> Lola Smallwood Cuevas
<[REDACTED]> "Rev. Lewis Logan" <[REDACTED]> Chimbuko Tembo [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks Eric for the update.

There is a huge (yet subtle) issue that I picked up on with these maps.

The mostly active Black community in the 48th Assembly District (titled as LAVSQ on the visualization) has been removed and put in another District further south.

This, in my opinion, is a huge disenfranchisement move and why when we define a district as "strong Black voting district" we have to go beyond simple population numbers. As community leaders, we know that there tends to be low voter turnout in elections. For example, a recent school race had **7% turnout**. What does that mean? That means we need to make sure that these districts not only maintain a high overall population number, but keep the most active segments of our community together.

In terms of the 48th District, the most active block clubs and neighborhood activists with Black leadership are south of Manchester (i.e. 108th Block Club, Empowerment Congress South Area, West Park Terrace, Southwest Neighborhood Council, Menlo Block Club). These Black activists have little in common with people in Compton and areas further south.

However they do share resources, political representation and institutions with their neighbors up north. These Black activists are honestly the heart of the political world for Black people who live east of Western. They must be kept in a South LA Assembly District. Especially since so many of them depend

heavily on state programs for survival (i.e. In Home Support Services, medical, public education).

By the way, I am also on the Neighborhood Council in that area. I know firsthand, that this District needs to be adjusted.

Adjustments to LAVSQ should go as follows:

The west and southern border of this district should go like this:

- 1.) As Far west as Van Ness/Century
- 2.) Then go east along Century until Normandie
- 3.) On Normandie go south until Century
- 4.) From Normandie/Imperial go east until the 110 Freeway

I will look for other issues with these visualizations and bring up at our meeting.

Thank you all for your work and dedication to this issue

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Subject: Keep Downtown Intact

From: "Kimberlina Whettam" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:39:00 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Downtown Division

I am a business owner in downtown Los Angeles. Downtown has started to come around to be a great place to enjoy. I have seen downtown go from a homeless encampment to an area full of economic vitality, a true urban center for the 6th largest city/economy in the world.

I encourage you to maintain downtown intact as it is currently in order to maintain the unity & growth potential as one community.

KEEP DOWNTOWN INTACT AND TOGETHER!!!

Sincerely,
Kimberlina

Kimberlina Whettam & Associates
[REDACTED]

Subject: Keep South Bay Together

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:40:57 -0500 (CDT)

To: [REDACTED]

The time to stop irregular districts is NOW. PLEASE keep the South Bay together so we can have a representative that lives in our community and actually represents our common interests.

The real South Bay starts with Westchester and all cities south and east ONLY. El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena all belong together...

I live in Hermosa Beach. We rarely drive north of the airport.

Thank You for your consideration.

Lana & Richard Van Aggelen

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Downtown Division

From: Tina Choi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:19:29 -0700

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

From: Tina Choi

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Downtown Division

I am a business owner in downtown Los Angeles, and have been an angeleno all my life. I have seen downtown go from a homeless encampment to finally, to an area full of economic vitality. Finally a chance for a true urban center for the 6th largest city/economy in the world.

And now I am finding out that the usual geniuses is certain government bureaucracies are thinking of blowing/splitting/dividing the very center that is one of the most vibrant economic centers of Los Angeles. WHAT??!! Downtown has NOTHING IN COMMON with Culver City. I've been to Culver City, and although it has restaurant/retail/studio - it's like integrating a quasi suburban area with Manahattan.

KEEP DOWNTOWN INTACT AND TOGETHER!!!

Tina Y. Choi-Nelson

Tina Y. Choi-Nelson

Principal

tchoi & associates

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90017

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Subject: Current Drafting of Maps

From: "Marjorie Miller" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:22:46 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "'Cyndi Hensch'" <[REDACTED]>

I LIVE IN WESTCHESTER WHICH IS PART OF LOS ANGELES, AS ARE PLAYA VISTA AND PLAYA DEL REY. THEY SHOULD NOT BE SPLIT UP. WE SHARE COMMON INTERESTS WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME DISTRICT AS THEY ARE. WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH IN COMMON WITH THE CITIES OF INGLEWOOD, COMPTON, GARDENA AND OTHERS TO THE EAST OF US. OUR ISSUES AND CONCERNS ON COASTAL ENVIRONMENT, LAX, AND TRANSPORTATION ARE MUCH MORE LIKE THOSE OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES. PLEASE RESTORE US TO THE SOUTH BAY CITIES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

THANKS,

MARJORIE MILLER
HOMEOWNER AND ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTER

Subject: district lines

From: AF <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:21:50 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Respected Commission,

I live in Beverly-Fairfax on Fuller between 1st and Beverly. I work on La Brea between 1st and Beverly.

In my community, the orthodox community, we are a single tight knit unit. We offer volunteer EMS, (hatzolahofla.org), a private security patrol is kicking off (shmirapatrolla.com) and we have dozens of synagogue chains that are all connected.

Our social interests are very similar, therefore, keeping us within the LAMWS district would make a lot of sense, in order for our community to have a voice.

A day doesn't go by when I don't go from La Brea to Pico Blvd., it is a rock-throw away and essentially one big neighborhood. In fact, you can't get a good kosher deli sandwich near La Brea - I just drive on over to PKD, Jeffs, or the dozens of kosher establishments on Pico Blvd (including the only kosher Subway).

I further request that you keep Pico and Beverlywood in the same district based on the above rationale as well.

Thanking you much in advance for your time and considering my request.

Very Truly Yours,

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Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 11:44:00 -0700

To: "Communications Office" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Bobbiejean Anderson. I am a resident of the 48th Assembly District and the 35th Congressional District. I live in the Vermont Knolls Community and have lived here for 40 plus years.

We as a community will not accept a reduction in political representation at any level—assembly, senate or congress!

I ask the Commissioners to reserve the representation of our Assembly District, 26th Senate District and 35th Congressional District.

Bobbiejean Anderson

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90044

Subject: 35th Congressional District

From: Jeffrey Yip <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:07:03 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I believe that the community of Westchester should remain in the 35th Congressional District with Congresswoman Maxine Waters because the communities share a common problem, namely LAX and its expansion.

KEEP WESTCHESTER IN THE 35TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND NOT ALIGNED WITH THE OTHER BEACH CITIES OF REDONDO BEACH, MANHATTAN BEACH, HERMOSA BEACH, PALOS VERDES OR RANCHO PALOS VERDES.

Thank you.

Jeffrey S. Yip

Subject: "LAMWS" district

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:44:37 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in the Pico-Robertson area of Los Angeles at [REDACTED], LA, CA 90035. I am concerned about the redistricting that has taken place. I am a member of the Orthodox Jewish community and basically this community resides in the Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhoods. These 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.

Personally, I live in the Pico-Robertson community and send my 6 children to schools in the Fairfax/Hancock Park community. Three children are in elementary school, two daughters in a girls high school, and one boy in a boys high school. Cedars Sinai Medical Center is our hospital and where our doctors are. We go to classes in the evening in institutions in Fairfax/Hancock Park.

We are not alone. The majority of our friends and our kids friends also do the same. Uniting our community should be allowed. Furthermore, it will not 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 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.

Thank you.

Sam Goldberger

Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Thelma Ajawara <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 11:31:24 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an African American that lives in the Leimert Park neighborhood. I do not think the proposal to reduce the African American political representation at any level, Assembly State or Congress in the 33rd, 35th & 37th districts is fair! I am writing this email to protect our political representation. We as African Americans will not allow our voting rights that we fought so hard to obtained to be diminished, nor our communities gutted with political power.

I am expressing my frustration as a concerned citizen.

Please let our voices be heard!

THELMA IYESHATU AJAWARA
Broadcast Media Supervisor

[REDACTED] | Torrance, CA 90505

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July 22, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify at your meeting yesterday in Sacramento. My testimony was limited to the Board of Equalization visualization dated July 18, 2011. Here are my comments in writing for your consideration.

The California Taxpayers Association is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association that supports good tax policy, opposes unnecessary taxes and promotes government efficiency. CalTax President Teresa Casazza signed the ballot argument in favor of Proposition 11, which requires the Commission to draw fair districts that reflect the best interests of the people. The lines in the July 18 Board of Equalization Visualization do not meet this test.

The BOE districts presented in the latest visualization would make it extremely difficult for taxpayers to access their elected Board member. For example, taxpayers living in the eastern part of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, who desire to meet with their Board member, would have to travel to San Diego or Riverside. Board members should be accessible to taxpayers and the accessibility should not be unduly burdensome for taxpayers.

The lines tear apart communities of interest in Orange County, Los Angeles, the Bay area and particularly the Central Valley. Instead of keeping the City of Los Angeles whole, the entire San Fernando Valley and a huge swath of suburban Los Angeles have been cut out, and instead joined to the Central Valley and the City of Vallejo. The remainder of urban Los Angeles is merged into a district that includes nearly all of Orange County.

No other major city in the state is so thoroughly divided in its BOE district as Los Angeles. The commission can keep the entire LA metropolitan area in one BOE district, but the latest map ruins that opportunity.

I also would like to note the following consequences of the latest visualization.

The Central Valley District, traditionally the agricultural district, is carved up beyond recognition, and now includes a huge portion of the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles' urban neighbor cities. What should be a seat dominated by communities in the Central Valley is, instead, dominated by urban Los Angeles and urban and suburban portions of the East Bay area in

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Solano and Yolo counties. There is no legitimate rationale for a proposed district to start in San Diego and end in Yreka.

Instead of joining Orange County with its similar neighbor to the south, San Diego, the proposed visualization goes from San Diego, through the Sierra Nevada mountain range to the Oregon border and then takes in the eastern and northern Central Valley.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the commission to readdress the BOE lines, changing only the existing lines to reflect the slight population change in Southern California. You can make Los Angeles whole by swapping the City of Los Angeles portion of the East District with Ventura County, as proposed by the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce and leaders throughout Ventura.

You may reach me at [REDACTED] Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gina Rodriguez
Vice President of State Tax Policy

Subject: Please do not redistrict Westchester!!

From: Renee Lynch <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:20:42 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Westchester. I understand that the current drafting of the districts splits Westchester from Playa del Rey and Playa Vista and groups Westchester with Inglewood and other cities to the east. We have much more in common with the South Bay Beach Cities (i.e. Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, El Segundo, etc.). These interests and concerns involve transportation, LAX developments, and coastal/environmental issues to name a few. Grouping Westchester with Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, etc.. ignores the fact that we have much more in common with the South Bay Beach cities and undermines many of the projects currently being addressed by involved citizens and local government. Please do not redistrict Westchester - group it with communities that share similar concerns and interests!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,
Renee Lynch

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Mke Heath <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 14:58:07 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I live in congressional district 33 and I will **not accept** a reduction or redistribution in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress in my area. I hope you will consider my concerns in this matter.

Mike Heath

Subject: Opposition to new boundaries for 33rd Congressional District

From: Maisie Chin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 14:38:24 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am a constituent of the 33rd Congressional District, represented by Congresswoman Karen Bass. I am not in favor of a reduction in representation at any level, and in no way should African American representation be diminished by the way that this district is re-drawn.

I ask that you take into account the vision of a multiracial, multicultural Los Angeles, towards which the 33rd Congressional District greatly contributes.

Respectfully submitted,
Maisie Chin

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90019

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Executive Director/Co-Founder
CADRE

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90003

T: [REDACTED] extension 311

F: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Sandi Cook <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:05:53 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Sandra Cook, and I live in the Canterbury Knolls area of South Los Angeles. I was born in raised here. My family has been here for over 40 years. We've seen a lot and have worked hard to make sure our community is represented, nationally and statewide. I am in the 33rd Congressional District, the 26th Senate District, and the 48th Assembly District.

I am so disappointed that you, the commission, are choosing to divide my diverse community, take out many valuable assets all while destroying the progress we've made over the past fifty plus years.

I would like for my voice, the voice of my community to be heard. I respectfully ask that the Commissioners to reconsider any plan that would divide my community, or diminish the representation we have now, 2 Senate seats, 3 Congressional seats, and 4 assembly seats.

Sincerely,

Sandra Cook

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jay Loden <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:43:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jay Loden <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District

Message Body:

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

This visualization does not reflect community of interest testimony.

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

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

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Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Edward Grice <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:05:05 +0000

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

This email serves to alert you of my concern to redistrict my congressional district. It is important for our community to maintain a solid voting block capable of defending our community interest. Please do not separate of community!

Edward Grice

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90047

Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Black Women For Wellness <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:57:28 -0700 (PDT)

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

South Los Angeles is working diligently to build community efforts, team concepts, to allay the tensions and enhance the life of our residents. We do not need division, to reboot, start over because of redistricting with out our voice. Our community needs to remain in tact to work together, division dilutes our power, effort and team. stop and listen to our voices - we appreciate the ability to work together and contribute to this democracy rather than have the democracy impede our ability to be a democracy.

Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Hector Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:58:34 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Do not divide our communities please keep our neighborhoods in tact. A lot of work has been done to unify a community and it will be a shame for you to divide all of that work up.

Hector Sanchez
Director of Finance
Community Coalition
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, Ca 90044
[REDACTED] ext. 209
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Evelyn Taibi-Richards <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:36:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Evelyn Taibi-Richards <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Redistricting Commission:

I am very opposed to the redistricting plans you are contemplating for Santa Clarita. We are a cohesive city and should not be split up into different districts. It doesn't make any sense. If you need to make the district bigger, include the Antelope Valley or the North end of the San Fernando Valley. I oppose cutting our city into 2 separate districts. There's no reason for it.

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Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: "Rene' Cross-Washington" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:29:45 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Hello, I live in the 33rd Congressional District in Los Angeles, California and I am concerned about and will **not accept** a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. I seek to join others in my to protect my political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, and particularly in the 33rd, 35th or 37th Congressional district which manta of the African American citizens reside and flourish in Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely,

Rene' Cross-Washington

Art Director/Creative Consultant

P: [REDACTED]

F: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: "Graciela E. Geyer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:06:16 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

As a Latina and a progressive minded citizen, I strongly urge the committee to ensure that in the redistricting process our community does not lose African American political representation. To move ahead with solutions for communities of color nationally and locally, the representation of all communities of color should increase, not decrease because of short sighted or perfunctory processes that do not take underrepresented communities into account.

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Graciela Geyer

Lead Organizer

SCOPE- Strategic Concepts in Organizing & Policy Education

Los Angeles Apollo Alliance

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Connie Saathoff <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:34:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Connie Saathoff <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please Change the Latest Congressional Map Boundary which Divides the Community of Valley Village California

Message Body:

The community of Valley Village, located in the Sana Fernando Valley of Los Angeles, California has been a distinct entity since my childhood there 70+ years ago. I am very concerned that this historically cohesive community not be whimsically divided into two parts. Please listen to our concerns and redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway which will keep our neighborhood in one congressional district. Thank you very much.

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Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: "Rubin, Robert E" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:19:50 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

We are already underrepresented, please do not move the lines and push us further out of the political will .

"A Healthy Community is an Informed Community"

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Robert Rubin

Concerned Citizen

Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Gaye Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:45:07 +0000

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

I just found out that The Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) is threatening to divide the 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts - eviscerating African American political power in our community. I want you to know that it is very important to me to *save our multi-racial community*.

I live in the Silver Lake neighborhood I will **not accept** a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. I wanted to protect my political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially the 33rd Congressional district where I reside.

Thank you,

Gaye Smith

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90026

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Susan Loden <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:39:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan Loden <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Senate District

Message Body:

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

This visualization does not reflect community of interest testimony.

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

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

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ron Felicioni <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:53:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ron Felicioni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista

Message Body:

As a homeowner in Playa del Rey, I urge you to give full recognition to the proximity and shared concerns of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista with adjacent South Bay communities. Dividing our communities will reduce our ability to address common issues, as ours is a community that shares far more with our neighbors to the south than we do with those to the east. As such, we cannot stand for business as usual and the constant dissecting of our communities into different districts where our voice cannot be heard.

Thank You

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Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: André J Molette <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:38:52 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear CRC:

I personally live in the 35th district and I am appalled that you want to take my vote away from me! I am a 29 y.o Black Male and it's important that my congresswoman is not moved into a district that dosen't represent me or disenfranchises the black voice of LA. Please restore the boundaries that we had previously!

Andre Molette

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Matthew Hetz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:42:01 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matthew Hetz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I live in Westchester, and I ask that in drawing up the new boundaries that we are affiliated with costal cities such as Venice, Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach with which we have much in common.

Inglewood may be part of this mix, but in al due respect to these other cities, we have little in common with Lawndale, Lennox, Hawthorne, and South Los Angeles.

I have the greatest respect for the people of those communities, but Westchester should not be grouped with those cities, there is little commonality and little sense of common purpose in pursuing issues which are pertinent to Westchester but not to these other cities.

Thank you,
Matthew Hetz

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Elizabeth Diaz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:55:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Diaz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of El Segundo

Message Body:

Please do not redistrict El Segundo to Hawthorne - Compton. This city has always been considered one of the beach cities. So much so that we often times interchange services such as fire, police and small city coastal beach concerns. Pleasee reconsider.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Stephen Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:40:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Stephen Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: North east LA

Message Body:

Both for assembly and congress, NE los angeles has little in common with east los angeles south of downtown. I would encourage you to drop the long finger south of downtown and include downtown. Otherwise please include areas north of York with Pasadena, Montrose and La Canada. We live in a mixed neighborhood and this would put us under total hispanic dominance numerically. Thanks.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Myra Kriwanek <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:20:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Myra Kriwanek <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Congressional District #36

Message Body:

We are residents of Westchester & have owned our home at 6340 Riggs Place in Los Angeles 90045 for over 28 years. We are currently in Dist.#35. However, we support having the opportunity to be represented in Dist.#36 for the next 10 years. We can see the beach less than 3 miles away from our streets on the Kentwood Bluffs near LMU & above Playa Vista. There is no doubt, we live in a Beach Community. We belong in a District where coastal issues are concerned. It is in our best interest to live in Janice Hahn's Dist. #36 which will better represent us & our neighbors regarding all concerns, especially coastal area issues, including LAX, safety, crime, traffic & services. I appeal to the Redistricting Commission to redraw the lines to keep ALL of Westchester 90045 together with Playa del Rey & Playa Vista. Keeping this very cohesive beach community TOGETHER in the Beach Cities Dist.#36 is more appropriate than dividing it up with the cities much farther from the ocean such as D!

ist.#35. There will be significant negative impacts, if our established, stable, model beachside neighborhood community is disconnected from other neighboring beach cities to the north & south.

Please reconsider redrawing lines to include Westchester, Playa del Rey & Playa Vista in Congressional District #36 in your final decision.

Most Sincerely,

Your Constituents Richard & Myra Kriwanek

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Candace D. Yip" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:02:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Candace D. Yip <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 35th Congressional District

Message Body:

I recently was misled regarding a petition to place Westchester, California in a Beach Cities District. I wish to rescind my signature on this petition. I wish to have Westchester remain with its current communities which are affected by LAX, its expansion and the problems associated with the airport.

I do NOT wish to have Westchester, California 90045 aligned with other Beach Cities such as Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Palos Verdes.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Gabriel Godinez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:44:54 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gabriel Godinez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: maps

Message Body:

Good afternoon Commission. Let me start of by saying that i know there are groups that put ethnicities together but they fail to realize that some of those differences in generations even though they might be of the same ethnicity is wrong.

There are districts that are put together to make up a hispanic district, but some of those residents that are first or second generation don't have the same needs as heavy immigrant or first generation cities.

I am writing in regards to the maps that are in LADNN,LASGL for the assembly. These two areas should be put together in a north- south orientation. I would put Lakewood, Cerritos, Bellflower, Artesia, Hawaiian Gardens, Downey. The rest of the cities in the two above mentioned districts should be put together. The cities in the south have more in common with each other and the cities in the north have more in common with each other. There are groups out there that would like nothing more than to put two districts with an even amount of hispanics, but this would harm the south district since it would dilute the progress that those cities have made with the needs of the cities to the north that have very different needs to there population as thus the programs that would progress the cities in the south would have dire consequences for the cities in the north and vice versa. So i would say to have a northern district with more hispanic population but a district that would have!

representation that would be able to move the district forward in a more unified manner. The districts in the south should be put together since there economic development is closer related and the cities in the south can relate to the issues and would be able to speak with one voice.

The senate in the south is ok.

The congress district is not in a good position either. The district in the DWTR and DOWNTOWN. The main issue is that the city of Bellflower is split. I would recommend that you put all of Bellflower in the DWTR district. The way it is now, Bellflower is split in the south to the DWTR and the north is in the DOWNTOWN. will this might put the population in order but this would split a city almost in half and would set back the city. This is a south north split but i think that this would be a district that can and should be defended if there would be some type of lawsuit.

In closing i think that assembly should be put in a north south district for the assembly, the senate is good, the congress district should also have a north south and include ALL of BELLFLOWER in the DWTR district. Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Janet Conroy <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:45:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Janet Conroy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I am satisfied

Message Body:

Looking at my address, 1421 Venice Blvd. 90291-5060, in relation to the 7/19/2011 q-2 maps for assembly, senate and congressional districts. I find these to be satisfactory districts. Thank you.

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From: **Eric Eisenhammer** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Jul 21, 2011 at 4:46 PM
Subject: Senate District labeled EVENT
To: [REDACTED]

Greetings Jodie,

I testified at the hearing on Saturday, my hometown is in the Senate district labeled EVENT and I wanted to urge the redistricting commission to keep Santa Clarita whole in this district. My family and friends all feel that we have much more in common with Santa Clarita than with the south San Fernando Valley areas of Reseda and Encino. My community in the Conejo Valley is more suburban and semi-rural and it is a good fit for it to be linked with Santa Clarita in its entirety.

Thank you for the work you are doing.

Eric Eisenhammer
Dauntless Communications
[REDACTED] (cell)

From: **Tim Snipes** <[t](#)>
Date: Thu, Jul 21, 2011 at 3:31 PM
Subject: Senate District EVENT
To:

People's advocate has viewed all the hearings, and we continue to urge the commission to include all of Santa Clarita into the senate district labeled EVENT. Even today you heard from environmental groups wanting specific areas out of EVENT. By moving those areas out, Santa Clarita can be kept whole in EVENT. This can be accomplished in several other ways, such as moving Encino or Reseda out of senate district labeled EVENT and into the senate district labeled LASFE.

It also makes more geographical sense to move Reseda to LASFE. Likewise, you can pick up the population difference of moving Reseda out of EVENT by going into more of Santa Clarita for EVENT. This switch also makes sense geographically and there has been vast COI testimony from both sides wanting Santa Clarita with Simi and Simi with Santa Clarita. Please keep Santa Clarita whole and link it with eastern Ventura County, as the community testimony from that area has urged from the start of this process.

Respectfully,
Tim Snipes
People's Advocate

Subject: Redraw ARCADIA as LASGF

From: PA2k <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:21:37 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Supervisor Mike Antonovich <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

1130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

FAX: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Friday, July 22, 2011

Dear Commission Members:

Please redraw Arcadia to be included with the common "communities of interest" in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains (LASGF). The way the lines are currently drawn, Arcadia is not joined by her neighboring cities (especially Sierra Madre and Monrovia). Instead, Arcadia is being divided and forced to join other cities with which we have nothing in common. This is wrong.

- Arcadia shares a common interest with other foothill communities with east-west transportation on the 210 Foothill freeway, public traffic roads, and the construction of the Gold Line Foothill Extension
- Arcadia has intercity contracts and agreements with other foothill communities for law enforcement, fire protection, medical services, and upper watershed management & conservation
- Arcadia has an entirely different socio-economic base, environmental issues, quality of living standards, and contributions to local 'communities of interest' than the cities farther south.
- Arcadia's unity and strength is in knowing that it is a major foothill neighbor

with ties to local cities that share mutual support and co-dependence of the equal flow of resources and employment in the northern vicinity.

· Arcadia is already known for its largely diverse population of ethnic groups which well-meets the Voting Rights Act standards.

For the above reasons and more, please redraw Arcadia to be included in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountain area (LASGF) in the assembly, senate, and congressional districts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

R. W. Thee

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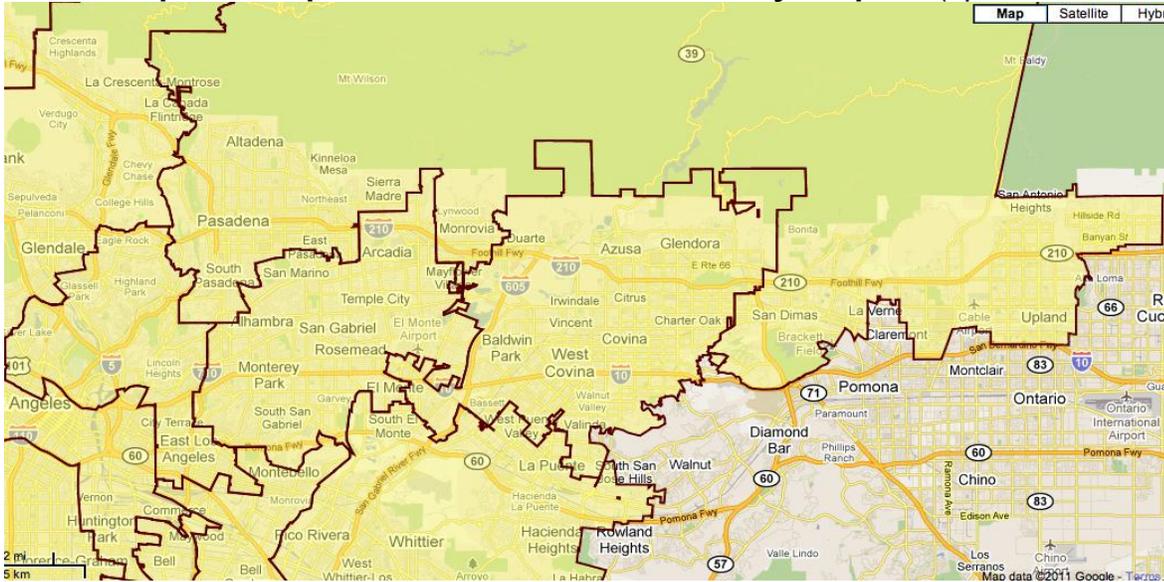
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(See attached Fuller Alternative Maps for Comparison)

Arcadia Redrawn Compare Maps 7-19-11.doc

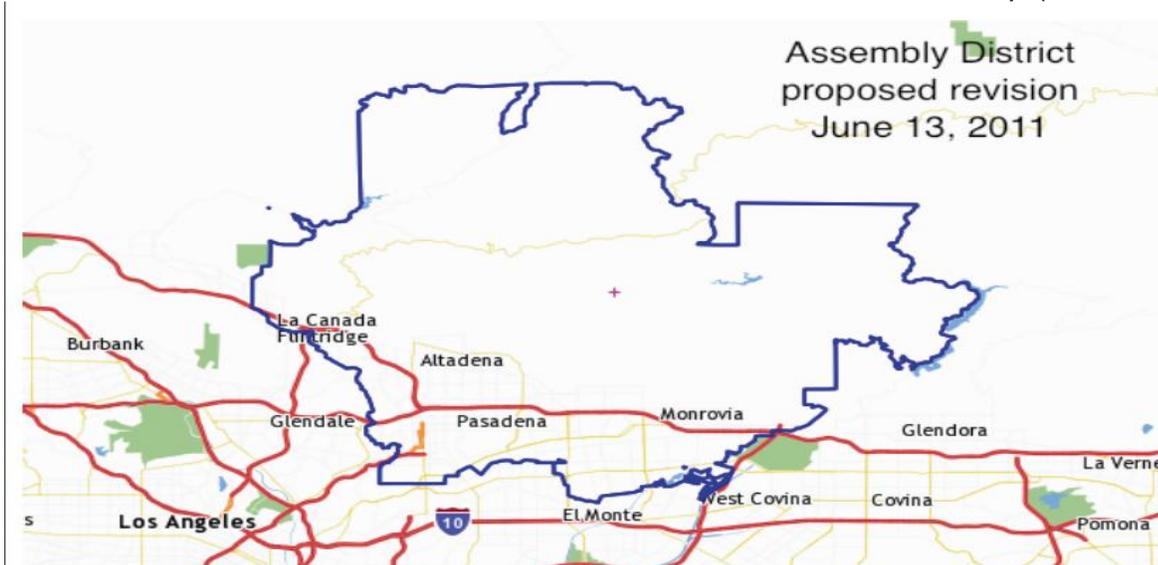
ASSEMBLY – ARCADIA – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP

CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-14 8:42AM assembly la opt 1” (option 2 is similar)



- **ARCADIA AD:** the northern neck is gerrymandered between Sierra Madre & Monrovia with no common contiguous connection. Arcadia is drawn out of a contiguous district pattern. – Redraw Arcadia into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)
- **ARCADIA AD:** stretches south to the top of East L.A. & Montebello (with no common factors) – Redraw Arcadia into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)
- **ARCADIA AD:** is detached from Monrovia which leapfrogs over Azusa to reconnect with San Dimas & Upland (the latter 2 communities could reasonably be drawn into the West Covina area district) – Redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)
- Duarte & Bradbury are redrawn into the West Covina district (swap with San Dimas & Upland) – Redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest”
- **ARCADIA AD:** the Monterey Park district could grow eastward to make the population deviations balance again and close up the over-extended southern lines.

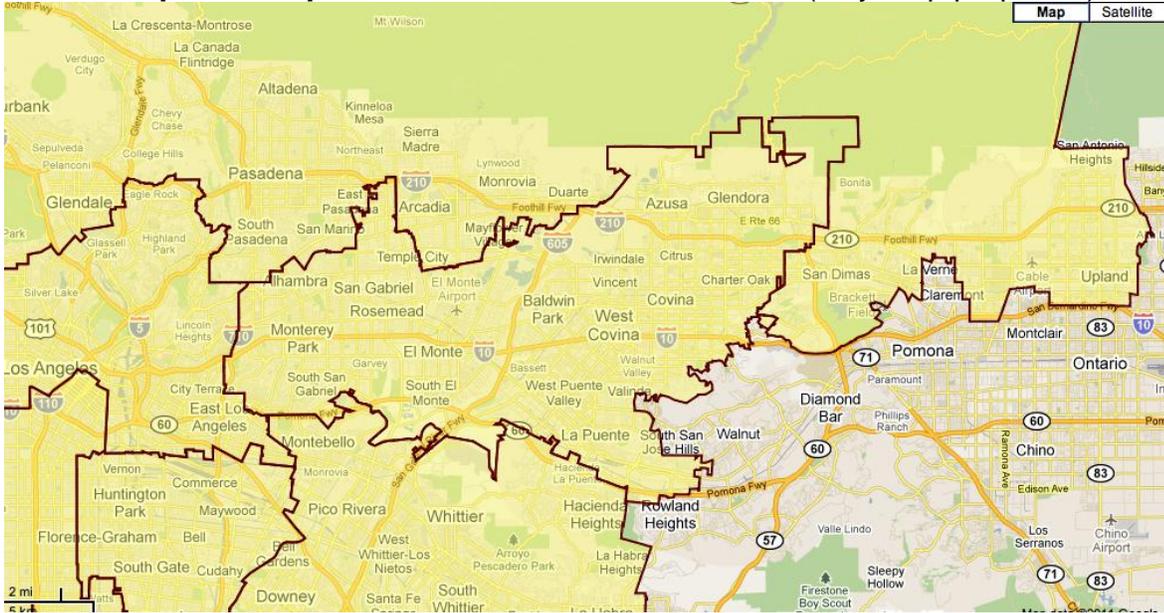
ASSEMBLY – ARCADIA REDISTRICTING REDRAWN Alternative Map (Blue Lines)



- **More superior revision “Communities of Interest” with balanced populations**

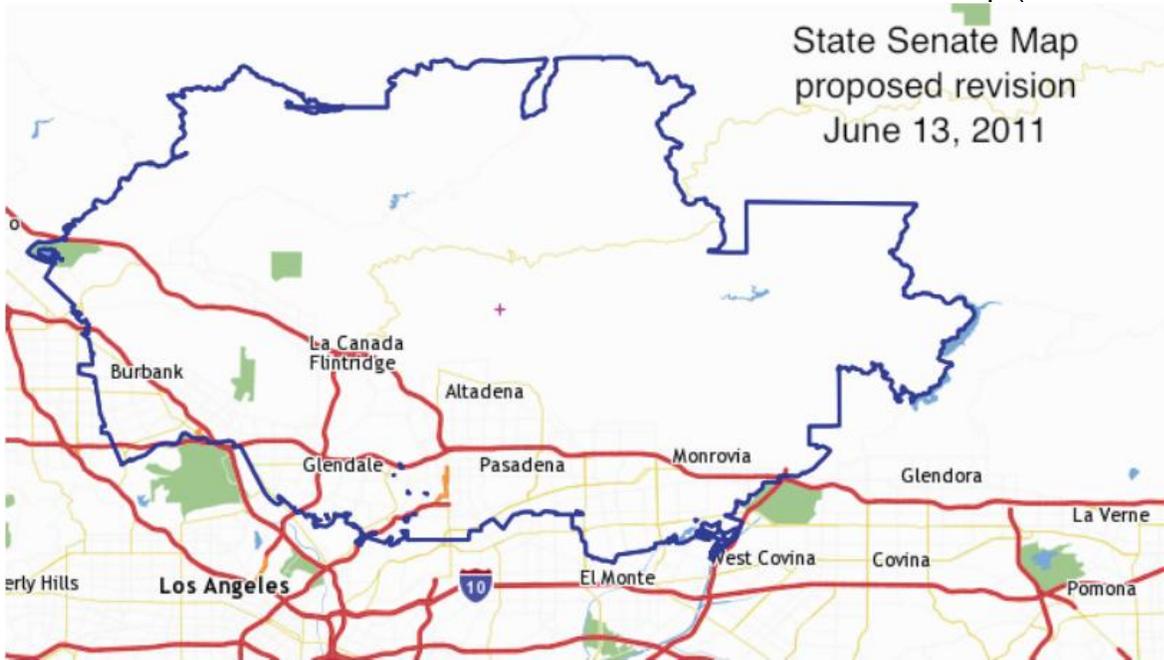
SENATE – **ARCADIA** – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP

CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-15 10:30AM senate la” (only map proposed)



- **ARCADIA SD Lines** seem to be fine But why hop-skotch over Azusa and Glendora to gerrymander San Dimas and Upland when they could be reasonably drawn into the West Covina district?

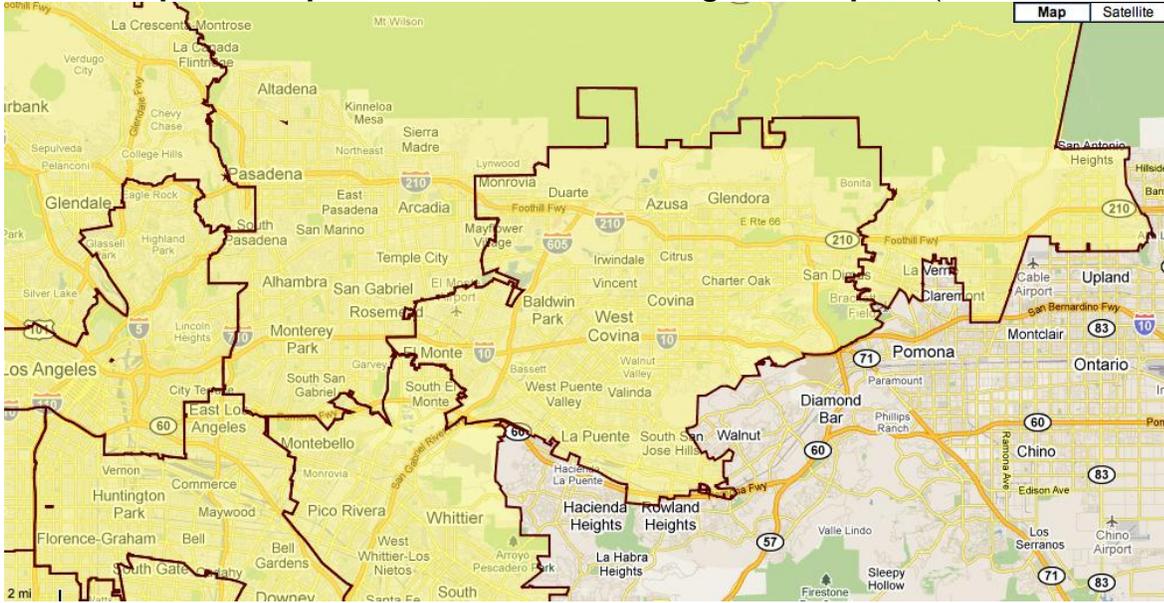
SENATE – **ARCADIA** REDISTRICTING REDRAWN – Alternative Map (Blue Lines)



The revised district logically combines Burbank, La Canada/Flintridge, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Altadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, & Bradbury.

Congress – **ARCADIA** – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP

CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-13 10:16AM congress la opt 1” (one of four similar)



- CCRC Congressional lines are drawn too far south. Either move Monterey Park eastward into West Covina or west into Los Angeles.
- Redraw Monrovia, Duarte, & Bradbury into the Foothill lines (swap San Dimas & Upland) – Keep these COI cities together with Arcadia, Sierra Madre, San Marino, et al.

CONGRESS – **ARCADIA** REDISTRICTING REDRAWN Alternative Map (Blue Lines)



- The redrawn lines are more intact with “Communities of Interest” and more compact for legislative representation. Far more superior than the CCRC map.
- Swap exchange with San Dimas and Upland into West Covina district

Tan Brown border areas = CRC Redistricted Map

Alternate Blue Lines = Redrawn revisions by Brian M. Fuller

All work involving the maps including derivatives must acknowledge the intellectual capital invested by Brian M. Fuller along with Elaine Klock's contributions. It is also work that has been put together by two private persons, independent of political organizations and thus must be represented to the public as such.

Subject: redistricting

From: "abpf" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 11:46:56 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear sirs/madams:

I live in the Hancock Park and have so for the last 30 years. While once a small part of Jewish Los Angeles, it is now large enough to be deserve to be joined to it's sister community The Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood as a single integrated community of interest. My wife grew up in Pico-Robertson, and my parents currently live in the Beverlywood neighborhood. I regularly attend services in the their area and spend monthly weekends there. I am not alone. Our shared interests, family and institutions will be enhanced if we are given a common voice in the State Assembly in LAMWS district.

We understand that you are being pulled in many directions by many interests, but please understand that whether the salad bowl analogy or the melting pot, we would like to work with our relatives and brethren to make a clearer voice in the issues that affect us. We don't believe this will come a the expense of any other group- just that we can have better focus. Thank you for your consideration.

Irwin Lowi

President, ABP Financial Services

[REDACTED], L.A., Ca. 90048

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Silvana Fusco <[REDACTED]>

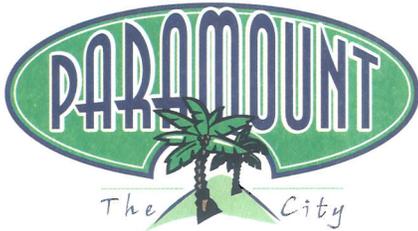
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:00:31 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

- I don't want your community divided, keep Westchester, Play del Rey and Playa Vista as one community.
- Ours is a community of interest that shares far more with our neighbors to the south, El Segundo, than we do with those to the east.
- We won't stand for business as usual and the constant dissecting of our communities into different districts where our voice cannot be heard.

Sincerely,
Westchester Resident



DARYL HOFMEYER
Mayor

PEGGY LEMONS
Vice Mayor

GENE DANIELS
Councilmember

TOM HANSEN
Councilmember

DIANE J. MARTINEZ
Councilmember

City Council
[REDACTED]

July 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members:

Revised Correspondence

On behalf of my fellow City Councilmembers and the Paramount community, I would like to express our strong disagreement with the Congressional District map labeled Congress LA Option 1.2 put forth by the Commission. Far more appropriate for our City, for a number of reasons, is Congress LA, which leaves intact much of our historical boundaries and connections to similar communities with longstanding ties.

Paramount has become completely interwoven with neighboring cities of Congress LA and shares many of the same issues and concerns with them. Relationships have been developed and trust has been built with officials in these cities. To break us off from these traditional friendships and working partnerships would fracture our community and is a disservice to our town.

We have witnessed major progress and positive change in Paramount over the years. Much of this progress – involving shared demographic, economic and social issues – has been mirrored in these Congress LA towns through programs and initiatives that grew from shared information and strategies. This is another sign of our sense of common bonds and historical reliance on relationships with these cities.

We strongly feel that remaining in a Congressional District of this makeup will preserve a vital continuity as we move into the future. That stability is critical for the benefit of our residents and business community.

The commonality of interests among the communities of Congress LA – the cohesiveness suggested herein – would also provide the Congressional representative with a District unified and related by shared concerns.

As you consider district boundaries, please take into account that Paramount would be avidly against our relocation to the vastly reconfigured districts as outlined in Congress LA Option 1.2. We feel that the commonality of interests shared with our closest neighbors, as represented in Congress LA, make it imperative that this map be approved.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl Hofmeyer", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Daryl Hofmeyer
Mayor