

Subject: Diversity is why I love LA

From: Lara Morrison <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:01:48 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hi All,

I am in favor of organizing districts to be contiguous and with as little dislocation of people from their current area as possible. Historical connections are important. I do not support trying to create white enclaves, that is for sure. If you can have areas that share the same watershed, and/or transportation corridor, that might be good.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Morrison (aka Lara)
CD13 in LA

—Lara.candle.bmp—



Lara.candle.bmp

Subject: Diverse District 33

From: Eileen Latham <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:43:57 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

California Redistricting Commission:

We in the 33rd District want to be a diverse community. Our community of interest includes midtown and South Los Angeles. We are white and like living in a diverse community. We do not want to be attached to Burbank or Glendale. We choose to live in the City of Los Angeles and want to be represented by a Congressperson in the City of Los Angeles.

Eileen Latham

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City of Malibu

John Sibert, Mayor

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July 22, 2011

Sent via Email to [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair and Members of the Commission:

I felt it was important to reply in more detail to the question asked by Commissioner Forbes earlier today. As I remember the question, he asked whether Malibu, given a choice, would rather be in proposed Senate District LAPVB, with Santa Monica and the South Bay cities, or in EVENT, with the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG and Simi Valley/Santa Clarita. This leaves Malibu with a serious dilemma as both align us with large populations that share very few common interests – either the South Bay, which, though oceanfront, is very different from the Santa Monica Mountains area, or the areas north of the 118, which share none of the coastal, transportation or environmental issues with us. My answer was that the lesser of two evils is the alignment that joins Malibu with the COG regions and the Santa Monica Mountains. I believe it is important for Malibu to be aligned with the COG as many of our regional issues, such as water, transportation and environment, are topics that often need to be addressed in Sacramento. We do share a school district with Santa Monica, as well as transportation and beach visitor-serving issues, but those we can largely deal with locally.

I am clearly noting that our preference is still to be included in a district that would be very similar to the map prepared by the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation that was presented to the Commission. That map included our COG cities, Santa Monica, the Palisades area and the unincorporated areas of the Santa Monica Mountains.

I want to reiterate the statement I made at each hearing that real communities of interest, driven not by political affiliations but by common problems, are even more important for small cities than for the larger ones. We need a voice in Sacramento that we will not have if we are dealt out to surrounding regions that will not reflect our needs!

Thank you for your dedication to this daunting task and for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,


John Sibert
Mayor

cc: Honorable Members of the Malibu City Council
Jim Thorsen, City Manager

Subject: diverse congressional district

From: alexis cooperman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:09:03 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It may Concern:

I am a white citizen and like living in a diverse community. Although I don't live in this community, I used to intern in Culver City and have many friends who live in this area, and am planning on moving back to the area shortly. One of the things that draws me into this community is the diversity. We want to be in a diverse community and our interest includes midtown and South Los Angeles.

Any questions please contact me at [REDACTED]

Thank you,

Alexis Cooperman

Subject: 33rd district congressional

From: Ray Cervantez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:32:18 -0700 (PDT)

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

Please do not put the 33 congressional district into a fractured scheme. Leave it's status as is.

Ray Cervantez, resident of district for 29 years.

Subject: Keep Playa del Rey/Westchester and Playa Vista in the Same Congressional District

From: "Mary Longo" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:55:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hello—This is a request to keep the contiguous areas of Playa del Rey, Westchester and Playa Vista in the same Congressional district, and further merging it with the South Bay/Beach Cities into a single district. The rationale in terms of our joint interests and concerns is as follows: we share a community of interest, including but not limited to important areas such as transportation, LAX and coastal and environmental concerns. It would be a great disservice to the region to split up this area.

Thanks,

Mary Longo

[REDACTED]
Playa del Rey, CA 90293

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JOSEPH A. VINATIERI
City of Whittier, Councilmember

[REDACTED]
Whittier, California 90601
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

July 22, 2011

[REDACTED]
California Redistricting Commission
901 "P" Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Whittier Area – July 19th Visualizations

Dear Members of the Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the latest visualizations. If you recall, I am the individual who had the map of the Whittier/Puente Hills at the San Gabriel meeting and then spoke again when you were at Rio Hondo College here in Whittier. I know you are getting close to finalizing the maps and want to provide further input.

I am aware that you are under tremendous pressure from various interest groups. And I suspect some of the visualizations we have been seeing recently are a result of this pressure. But I want to strongly encourage you to stick with what you had put together in the first draft maps, at least with respect to the Whittier and the community of interest that you cogently captured. It seems that our community of interest has been divided in the last several rounds of visualizations. I note that La Habra is no longer part of the community of influence which is unfortunate for the reasons I articulated in my prior correspondence (school district, fire department, newspaper, etc.). I recognize that La Habra is in Orange County but even in the latest Assembly District map, you have La Habra in an Orange County, L.A. County, San Bernardino County District. As I said previously, what does La Habra have in common with Chino Hills?

Assembly District: I appreciate that you have put some of the Whittier Hills/Puente Hills wildlife corridor "backbone" in the community of interest by including Hacienda Heights and La Habra Heights (of course La Habra is part of this same hills "backbone"). However, I note La Puente and South El Monte are both in the district which clearly have no community of interest with the hills or Southeast L.A. County/Northwest Orange County.

Senate District: You have done a nice job in capturing much of the Southeast L.A. County community by including the cities impacted by Interstates 5 and 605 as well as SR-91, all major traffic corridors. It appears that you have also included a portion of Buena Park (Orange County) but once again, La Habra (Orange County) is excluded. All in all, a nice job!

Letter to California Redistricting Commission

July 22, 2011

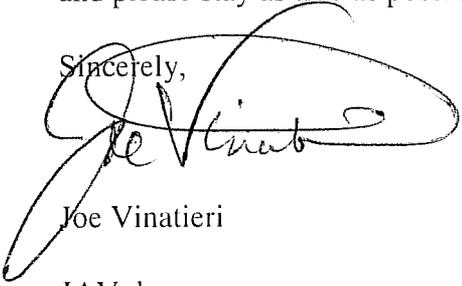
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Congressional District: In comparing it with the Senate District, it appears you have excluded La Habra Heights (and of course La Habra) as well as Hacienda Heights, both contiguous as a result of the community of interest surrounding the Whittier/Puente Hills.

I also note that as compared to the Senate District, Downey is excluded. As indicated above, you did a very nice job in capturing a fairly cohesive community of interest in the Senate District. I encourage you to use the general boundaries of the Senate District for purposes of recasting the Congressional District. For instance, Downey, Whittier, and Cerritos are cities that work together on common transportation issues. Please utilize the Senate District boundaries in recasting the Congressional District.

As this is the last time I will have opportunity to write, thank you for all of your service and please stay as true as possible to our community of interest.

Sincerely,



Joe Vinatieri

JAV:dm

Subject: Additional Comment from City of Santa Clarita

From: Michael Murphy <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:10:00 +0000

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

CC: Ken Striplin <[REDACTED]> Casey Bingham <[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the California Redistricting Commission:

I am writing regarding the latest visualization maps that the Commission is considering prior to the adoption of the final redistricting maps later this month. I appreciate the opportunity to submit additional comments on behalf of the City of Santa Clarita prior to the close of public comment tomorrow.

CONGRESSIONAL: The revised Congressional District map for Santa Clarita is a significant improvement over the first draft map in that the entire City of Santa Clarita is contained within a single district. I know you previously received correspondence from Santa Clarita Mayor Marsha McLean regarding concerns over splitting the congressional district and your proposed response to those concerns through the visualization map is appreciated.

STATE SENATE: The visualization map that divides the City of Santa Clarita among two Senate districts is of concern. The first draft map Senate map was respectful of City boundaries and communities of interest. The visualization proposal would divide the community, placing approximately 18% of the City's residents in a separate Senate district. The first draft map is a superior product when compared to the revised visualization map.

ASSEMBLY: The City is appreciative of the Commission's efforts to respect City boundaries and keep the City of Santa Clarita within a single Assembly District. However, the City is concerned that the northern district boundary in the proposed visualization, which follows the City's current boundary, may create a situation over the next ten years in which residents of the City of Santa Clarita are divided among two Assembly districts. Over the next decade, the City of Santa Clarita anticipates growing along its northern boundary through annexations. As the annexations occur, the new City residents will be in an Assembly District other than that of the majority of City residents. It would be appropriate to move the northern boundary of the Assembly District north from the City limit to the boundary of the Angeles National Forest. This small change would ensure that residents annexed into the City over the next ten years would share common representation.

If you or your staff would like additional information regarding these recommendations, please contact me at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Michael P. Murphy
Intergovernmental Relations Officer
City of Santa Clarita
[REDACTED] (direct)
[REDACTED]

Subject: CD33

From: shakeh asfaw <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:48:09 -0700 (PDT)

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

To Whom It May Concern:

As a longtime resident of CD 33, I am opposed to any redistricting plan that would diminish the diversity of our current district. At present CD33 is a vital and vigorous community that embraces people of many races, religions, and cultures. I could think of no better place to live, to work, or to raise children. Efforts to destroy this dynamic city-neighborhood would be met with strong distaste and resistance.

For your attention, thanks.

Celeste Salmon-Asfaw

Subject: Fwd: Redraw ARCADIA as LASGF

From: "Dirk L. Hudson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:43:52 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

July 22, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission members:

According to the California Constitution,

"A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

(Cal. Const., Art. 21, Sec. 2 (d)(4).)

The maps so far developed by the Commission are in violation of this section. It should be noted that "community of interest" is defined in terms of geographical interests. As seen below, the foothill community of towns have common interests not shared by the cities further south which those maps have placed in the same district.

It should be noted that race and ethnicity are not part of the definition of a "community of interest." Race and ethnicity are merely aspects of an individual (along side such aspects as gender, age, size, talents, intellect, health, gregariousness, intellectual interests, hobbies, backgrounds, vocations, handicaps, etc.) To make such aspects into "communities" assume that all individuals in such categories are unthinking robots with the same mentality, views, needs and preferences. It would be a divisive regression towards primitive tribal segregation. Also its "logic" would need to extend districts globally across state and national boundaries. Furthermore, most people are a mixture of various ethnic stocks. Finally, each individual citizen regardless of racial or ethnic background has a right to the equal protection of the laws. No such category can be allowed to favor one person over another. Yesterday's "majority" is today's "minority."

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,

Dirk L. Hudson

[REDACTED]
Arcadia, CA 91007
[REDACTED]

(See attached Fuller Alternative Maps for Comparison)

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Subject: Fw: I support diverse Congressional districts...

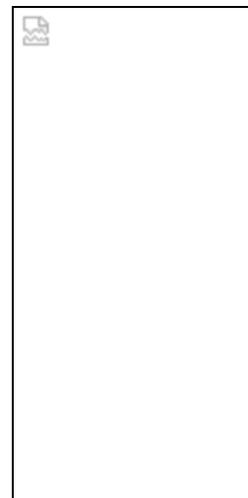
From: Paula Litt [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:13:43 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I have been quite upset to hear in the last few days that there are people lobbying the Redistricting Commission to revise the 33rd Congressional District as well as other California districts to eliminate current diversity of racial makeup. I find it appalling that people would promote the idea that white constituents do not want to be in districts with African-Americans and Latinos. I urge the Redistricting Commission to strongly reject all requests to change districts to dilute diversity.

Paula Litt



Subject: Input from Beverlywood Resident

From: "Mark Abraham" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:19:14 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "'Linda Abraham'" <[REDACTED]>

Attn: California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My wife and I have lived in the Beverlywood neighborhood of Los Angeles since 1999.

For us, the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. Accordingly, we ask that that the Beverlywood neighborhood be included in the "LAMWS" district.

The vast majority of our activities take place in this LAMWS district area including our shopping, where we go for medical care, where we attend synagogue and a weekly evening class and with whom we socialize.

Thank you for putting some of Pico-Robertson into the "LAMWS" district. 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 for your devoted work on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,

Mark & Linda Abraham of Beverlywood

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Subject: In Favor of a Diverse Congressional District

From: Maria Bustillos <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:37:49 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

The Commission has heard from neighborhoods asking for limits on racial and ethnic mixing. This is totally contrary to the Voting Rights Act, and is illegal, but the Commission may be listening to them because the new law permits communities to ask to be grouped with "communities of interest". **I believe our community of interest to be a diverse community.**

Very truly yours

Maria Bustillos
Los Angeles

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

From: Glauz Diego <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:16:37 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm a constituent of the 35th Congressional District. I am writing to urge you to keep my district intact and not allow African American political power and voting rights be taken away. The Latest visualizations will have a negative impact in my district.

Glauz Diego

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

From: Donna Dorsey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:32:22 -0700 (PDT)

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

why why do we have to keep going though these change.

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

From: Veronica Sanders <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:16:15 -0700 (PDT)

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

Please protect our community, we've worked too hard to have our voices diluted!

Thank you.

Subject: Proposed LAMWS District

From: "E. THALER" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:00:25 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commisioners,

Thank you for the tremendous work you are doing in drawing up new voting districts for California. It's a big job.

I would like to thank you, in particular, for being responsive to the Orthodox Jewish community in Los Angeles and for adjusting the lines in your latest draft to bring part of the Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood /Beverly Hills neighborhood in to the same district as the Hancock Park/Beverly-La Brea/Fairfax neighborhood. That change is a big improvement over the past.

Unfortunately, the new lines still leave the South of Pico portion of our community out of the proposed LAMWS district, ignoring extensive ties and cohesion between the South of Pico area and the rest of our community now within the proposed district.

As a resident of the Beverly-La Brea neighborhood, I can give you examples from my own life of ways in which the area South of Pico integrates with my own neighborhood and the remainder of the proposed LAMWS district to form a single, cohesive community.

Hatzolah of Los Angeles, a volunteer emergency medical response rescue squad formed, staffed and supported by the Orthodox Jewish community, serves both Jewish and non-Jewish residents in the neighborhoods where there is a large Orthodox Jewish presence. (In addition to the Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood/Beverly Hills and Hancock Park/Beverly-La Brea/Fairfax neighborhoods, Hatzolah also serves the North Hollywood/Valley Village community, which is too far away to be part of our district. Nevertheless, Orthodox Jewish residents in the San Fernando Valley will also benefit if the Orthodox Jewish community in the city is united within a single district to provide a stronger voice and representation of our interests.) When my father was alive, Hatzolah and the Fire Department would both respond to medical emergencies at our home.

Hatzolah works closely with the Los Angeles Fire Department. We value this cooperative relationship. Through Hatzolah, I learned that the LAFD would be providing CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training in our community, and I signed up for the weekly classes, which I have been attending on Wednesday nights beginning on June 29, 2011. (The last session will be held on August 10, 2011). These CERT training classes meet in an Orthodox Jewish synagogue on the South side of Pico Boulevard, Bais Bezalel Congregation, 8850 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035. I drive there each week from my home (north of Beverly Boulevard and west of La Brea Ave) where I sit in classes together with community members who reside South of Pico Boulevard.

Whether we live and work South of Pico Blvd or North of Beverly Blvd, we are residents of the area served by Battalion 18 of the LAFD. Battalion 18 headquarters at LAFD Station 61, 5821 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles CA 90036 is a short walk from my home. But the class is offered in the Pico neighborhood, so I go there.

We are a single, integrated community-of-interest, even in the area of disaster preparedness.

Of course, the ties exist in other areas as well. My son attended Orthodox Jewish Schools (Yeshiva Rav

Isaacsohn and Yeshiva Gedolah of Los Angeles) which serve families living South of Pico as well as those living within the proposed district (together with families in the San Fernando Valley who are too far to include in the district but will benefit if our vote is not diluted by the artificial exclusion of South of Pico from the district).

When legislation impacts private schools and child welfare, we are a single, integrated community-of-interest.

My medical care and that of many of my neighbors has also been provided South of Pico, at the Kaiser West Los Angeles Medical Center at 6041 Cadillac Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90034. I have even walked from my home to the hospital on Cadillac on the Sabbath to visit fellow Jews (sometimes a neighbor, sometimes a Pico resident) who were hospitalized.

We are a single, integrated community-of-interest with respect to health care issues.

When I want to swim laps, Orthodox Jewish laws concerning personal modesty require that I patronize a pool offering separate hours for men and women to swim. Fortunately, I found a beautiful, full-size pool offering women-only lap swimming on Monday nights at JEM [Jewish Educational Movement] Center, 9930 S Santa Monica, in Beverly Hills. (They also have women only swimming on Wednesday nights, but for now that conflicts with my CERT class.) The pool serves both my neighborhood and the Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood.

Recreationally, we are a single, integrated community-of-interest.

Because we are a minority even in the areas where we are most concentrated, the only way Orthodox Jews will have a voice in the Assembly is if all of our Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood/Beverly Hills and Hancock Park/Beverly-La Brea/Fairfax neighborhoods are included in the LAMWS district. Artificially severing the South of Pico area unfairly dilutes our vote. But uniting us within a single district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

I believe that you are sensitive to the concerns I raise, because you have already acted to put some of the Pico-Robertson neighborhood in the LAMWS district. But please do not divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half. Without living in my neighborhood or being a part of my community, perhaps you couldn't know the many layers of ties that bind us together or where the boundaries lie. I hope that this letter and others you may receive will demonstrate to you that all of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be included with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills in the LAMWS district.

Thank you for giving me your time and attention, and for all of your hard work in the redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth K. Thaler


Los Angeles, CA 90036

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

From: Roxana Tynan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:27:31 +0000

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

Although I live in Highland Park, I am extremely concerned about ensuring that the new redistricting does not result in less diverse representation than we currently have. I am particularly concerned about how redistricting could result in fewer African Americans representing the LA area in Congress. We need to ensure that all voices are adequately heard in our democracy, even if those voices are in the minority. I also want to ensure that this process does not wind up creating unnecessary divisions between ethnic groups – particularly Latinos and African Americans – over opportunities to increase representation. Additional Latino seats should come at the expense of Anglo seats not African Americans!

My address is [REDACTED]

Yours,

Roxana Tynan

Subject: Preserve Diversity in Our Communities

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:43:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

This should be a no-brainer : diverse communities create strong , stable neighborhoods that are desirable to live in. Currently I live in the Silver Lake / Echo Park area. I have lived in various districts of LA. Diverse communities serve LA best. Do not allow Los Angeles to get "Balkanized" for short term political gain. Thanks, Ken Salley / 90026

Sent from my BlackBerry® smartphone, powered by CREDO Mobile.

Subject: No redistricting

From: Cheryl <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:04:11 -0700

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

I am a very concerned citizen of Los Angeles will **not accept** a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Protect your political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially your Congressional district if you live in the 33rd, 35th or 37th district. [EMAIL NOW!](#)

Subject: PLEASE REDISTRIC COMMUNITIES WITH LIKE INTERESTS

From: "Donna Marner" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:58:28 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the Redistricting Chairpersons:

PLEASE REDRAW ARCADIA WITH COMMUNITIES OF LIKE INTERESTS ALONG THE
FOOTHILLS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.

TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, WE ARE NOT INCLUDED ALONG WITH OUR NEIGHBORS ON
EACH SIDE OF US, SIERRA MADRE AND MONROVIA.

WE ARE A VERY DIVERSE CITY WITH A VERY GOOD EDUCATION SYSTEM.

I'M SURE YOU WOULDN'T THINK OF REDOING THE DISTRICTING AND BEING PARTISAN AS
YOU DID THE LAST ROUND.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS? DO YOU WANT FAIR AND BALANCE
REDISTRICING?

I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO IGNORE YOUR CONSTITUTUENTS AS THE WASHINGTON D.C.
DOES.

MRS D. MARNER
ARCADIA, CA

Subject: Keep the 33rd district Diverse!

From: ROBIN RIKER <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:54:22 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am strongly opposed to the attempts to "whiten" communities under the guise of "redistricting for communities of interest."

Diversity has always been a strength for America. Community representatives of any color are just that REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

The 33rd does not want to be part of Burbank or Glendale. It is LA and wants to remain LA. I live nearby in Beachwood Canyon and fully support

diversity in all our Los Angeles communities.

Robin Riker

Subject: Protect

From: taylor mayfield <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:13:42 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear CRC,

I live in the 33rd Congressional District, my address is 3930 Roxanne ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90008. I will not accept any change in political representation through the effect of redistricting. This includes the 26th Assembly and 48th State Senate. Please respect my voice and choice. Thank you.

Taylor Mayfield
constituent

Subject: Preserve the 33rd

From: The Wrights <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:00:09 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

On Friday, July 29, 2011, we will lay the great Lillian H. Mobley to rest. We will remember what an amazing fighter for freedom and justice she was and how hard she toiled, even under the burden of multiple amputations and other medical fragilities to assure that the African American community was not left out of the peace and blessings this country promises all its citizens. We strongly urge you to DO THE RIGHT THING and assure that the 33rd Congressional District is not reconfigured in any way. Rev. Ronald L. Wright

Subject: Los Angeles, CA Redistricting.

From: VICTOR ARELLANO <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:32:15 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am an American citizen residing in Los Angeles and am a registered voter. It is un-American, unethical, and indicative of racist motives to attempt to destroy voter district lines in favor of conservative Tea Party extremist desires to grab power by cheating and using unfair, underhanded tactics to expand their influence in areas where it is unwelcome and undeserved. This effort will not be tolerated. We the People are waking up and wise to the games played by those who would oppress us and attempt to rule over us in Tyranny!

Victor Arellano
[REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:16:37 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am a resident of the 33rd Congressional District. I am emailing to share my desire that my voice NOT be silenced. I do so in my name and the name of my mom who in another time marched and marched and marched so that her children would have a voice. Please do not draw arbitrary lines to disconnect communities.

You have an opportunity to serve and be worthy of your position.

**Sincerely
Karen Earl**

Sent via DROID on Verizon Wireless

Subject: NO FALSE MOVES HERE.....PLEASE!

From: Richard Calderhead [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:36:22 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Voting Rights MUST not be sacrificed to Tea Party Radicals.

Please!

RICHARD CALDERHEAD

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

From: Michael Alexander <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:39:30 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Having grown up in the area near Pico and Crenshaw, I know that the area has a proud history of working together to elect representatives to State and National offices who understand the historic consequences of past injustices and the ongoing impacts of poverty, racism and lack of political power. I urge the commission to make all efforts to address the impact of redistricting on communities that have long needed quality voices (and votes) in legislative bodies that have the trust of their constituents and the necessary understanding of the impact of public policy on the lives of this area's residents.

Sincerely,

Michael Alexander

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90065

<[REDACTED]>
Cell: [REDACTED]

Subject: Protecting the Representation of African American Districts

From: "Benjamin A. Torres" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:50:33 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

To the Citizens Redistricting Committee:

On behalf of CDTech, a Community Building and Economic Development organization that provides training, technical assistance, education and organizing work in South Los Angeles - we are extremely concerned with the possibility of loosing African American representation in US Congressional districts. As you know, your proposal to divide districts, creates the likely-hood of loosing seats represented by African American elected. This effort flies in the face of the many years of struggle and victories gained by thousands of people to bring a voice to a historically marginalized population. We as an organization that is focused on building economic and leadership development opportunity primarily in poor communities feels it is imperative that African American residents see their interests protected as part of a larger multi-racial community. One of the ways to maintain is to have individuals that can represent the community because they come from that community.

We implore you to reconsider.

Thanks,

Benjamin A. Torres
President and CEO

CDTech

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA. 90007

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Richard Croxall <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:40:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard Croxall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: El Segundo is a Beach City

Message Body:

I and my family has lived in the South Bay in both Manhattan Beach and El Segundo for 45 years wish to strongly protest moving El Segundo away from the beach cities (which it is) to a district with little or no synergy with the life style, social relationships, and physical environment of the beach cities. El Segundo has and always will be primarily a beach city, adjacent to and and contiguous with Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach. Our social lives, sports teams, fire, and police are intertwined and work closely together. We have no such relationships with the proposed redistrict cities. Please reconsider the separation of a long time beach city from our heritage community in the redistricting process.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:34:24 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Cutting Up Long Beach in Too Many Pieces

Message Body:

I respectfully ask you to reconsider the state senate district that cuts eastside Long Beach from the other part of the city and places it in Orange County -- areas of which have nothing in common with Long Beach or Los Angeles County.

Additionally, the congressional district which takes Long Beach and links it with central Orange County is inappropriately designed -- again taking two distinct communities of interest and merging them together.

Long Beach must be kept whole in legislative districts because of its size -- second largest city in Los Angeles County -- because of its airport and port which need focused representation.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "James Rosenblum M.D." <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:20:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: James Rosenblum M.D. <[REDACTED]>

Subject: new cong. districts

Message Body:

I live in 90049 and do not want to have it split into 2(?) areas. The current dist. has worked well for many years and the V.A. should stay a part of it.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "George T. Graham" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:28:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: George T. Graham <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Do not take away the Afro-American representation as they stand now. Please review and put back in place the lines as they were voted in per Congressional, Senatorial and Assembly representation

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Diana Feldman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:09:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Diana Feldman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Don't mess it up. Torrance belongs in the South Bay District along with Hermosa Beach. We are tired of not being represented in the Peninsula.-D. Feldman

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Nancy Croxall <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:53:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nancy Croxall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Bay

Message Body:

El Segundo needs to be in the same district as the beach cities. The South Bay District should be Westchester south only - El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena

This is our heritage South Bay community. Our personal lives, business interests, economic activity, police, fire and a lot of other social activities are intertwined with our neighbors and this community.

The District you have conceived moves El Segundo to cities where none of the above relationships exist and probably violates the spirit, if not the specific intent of the Proposition that was passed. It also violates your pledge to create new boundaries that were fair and apolitical.

Please create a fair 36th District in light of the above considerations.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Bettye Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:59:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bettye Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO''

Message Body:

Please DON'T TAKE OUR DISTRICT AWAY, We have worked in our Community and built it up for Families and CHILDREN .Our District have increased its number of homeowners,many of them are registered voters.WE NEED OUR VOICES TO BE HEARD IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE CHOICES THAT WE WANT FOR OUR FAMILIES.Increase our District to what we already have. PLEASE DON'T MOVE OUR DISTRICT LINE DELETING OUR REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR CHOICE. We work too hard building relationships and CONNECTIONS

I AM A RETIRED MEDICAL RESEARCHER IN CARDIOLOGY , I am a community ADVOCATE WHO WORK WITH HOMELESS CHILDREN , AND THEIR FAMILIES, PLEASE DON'T BREAK UP OUR COMMUNITY.

Yours IN CHRIST,
Bettye Anderson.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Richard L. Zaldivar" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:23:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard L. Zaldivar <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 22th Senate District

Message Body:

This map does not support community cohesion.

In fact, there is a greater harm by not including L.A. Live and the Staples Center in the 22nd district. As a resident and founder of The Wall Las Memorias Project which serves residents in the downtown area, this map excludes community participation from the downtown community and further dilutes our power as we in the downtown area would be forced to have two distinct state elected officials.

I urge you to reconsider and move those two venues back into the 22nd district.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Zaldivar, President
The Wall Las Memorias Project

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Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:08:19 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

As a white person living in racially diverse Los Angeles, I want to be included in the diverse population that should be a Los Angeles Congressional District. I have lived in the 33rd for the last 30+ years. Do not lump us in with Burbank or Glendale which has always had a very different community feel than that of Los Angeles. Our power and strength should remain together as it has in the past and we voted Karen Bass in for a reason. She should lead us and represent us in Washington.

We voted Adam Schiff in for the district too, in the '90s.

Chris Boutelle

Subject: Redistricting

From: Laura Davis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:32:02 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern-

I am writing today regarding the possible redistricting of my neighborhood Westchester 90045. Westchester shares commonality with the neighboring communities of Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista & El Segundo. Honestly, the other mentioned communities have little to nothing to do with the concerns and interests of our community and it would be odd at best and detrimental to all concerned at worst to be lumped in with them.

Thank you

Laura Davis

Coldwell Banker

Houses / Condominiums/ Apartment Buildings

[Relax we take care of all the details](#)

W: [REDACTED]

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F: [REDACTED]

LauraandJackDavis.com

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Subject: Redistricting in South Los Angeles

From: Anita Coleman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:02:50 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

As a resident in the African-American community of South Central Los Angeles, I will **not accept** a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. It is imperative that our multi-racial communities are heard and acknowledged in regards to re-districting. Our vote, counts, we count, and we want to be counted.

Anita Coleman

Subject: REDISTRICTING URGENT

From: Judi Laing <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:45:01 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

As a white person, I have always enjoyed the beautiful racial mix of the 33rd Congressional District. It fully expresses the great miracle and promise of America for all, and fully equal. Now, as California is redistricting to "break up safe districts" in an effort to bring more fairness, others are trying to eliminate nearby communities from their new districts **along racial lines. We heard that the TeaParty is at work here, telling the commissioners that white people do not want to live in the same district as African Americans and Latinos, and that white people don't want our representatives to be minorities.** This does not reflect our value or American the values. Be careful of the messenger.

There is grave danger that the African American community's hard won strength will be lost.

The Commission has heard from neighborhoods asking for limits on racial and ethnic mixing. **This is totally contrary to the Voting Rights Act, and is illegal**, but the Commission may be listening to them because the new law permits communities to ask to be grouped with "communities of interest". Race should not be considered an "interest". **Do not ghettoize our city. Our community of interest is to be a diverse community.**

I live in the 33rd CD, and do not want to be attached to Burbank and/or Glendale. I chose to live in the City of LA, and I want to be represented by a Congressperson in the City of LA.

Judi Laing

Subject: Redistricting Comment

From: Shelly Bautista <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:22:33 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern...

My name is Shelly Bautista, a resident of Pomona for the past 10 years, former teacher for Pomona Unified School District and Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau assigned to the Pomona Valley in this past Census of 2010.

I am happy to know that District 61 under Assemblymember Norma Torres will essentially stay the same as before. This district includes Chino, Montclair, Pomona, and Ontario and besides working well together, these cities have many commonalities. These 4 cities are primarily working class communities with strong blue-collar, family roots. Most work in manufacturing, retail, transportation/warehousing, and construction. The Hispanic population is the largest ethnic minority served followed by the Vietnamese and the African-American communities. As a matter of fact, District 61 was reapportioned in 1991 to give minority voters a chance to elect the representative of their choice. As a resident of these district, I am to know that the voters in this district will be represented fairly. However, I know that Hispanic populations and other minority groups will not be as lucky if the commission is not willing to hear the public's position on redistricting and consider NALEO'S maps.

I ask that the commission please consider fair redistricting standards for all minorities in all the California regions just like they have done for district 61. If this does not happen, minority groups will continue to be oppressed and at a disadvantage of electing their public officials.

I hope that you take my concerns in consideration in order to continue servicing the cities that may be affected.

Sincerely,

Shelly Bautista

Subject: Westchester (90045) District boundaries

From: Brian and Lucinda Zimmermann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:50:40 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for your time and effort in tackling the monumental task of redistricting California.

While I realize this committee is balancing the concerns and opinions of many people, I feel compelled to express my thoughts on the redistricting of my community. **Westchester (90045) should be aligned with Playa del Rey and the South Bay communities.**

Westchester is a lovely, family-oriented community in Los Angeles. It is an active neighborhood with many events. In the 7 years I have lived here, I've also enjoyed some of the surrounding communities as well. I frequently take my kids to the parks of Playa Vista and the Del Rey Lagoon (Playa del Rey). I'm in El Segundo at least once a week for groceries, restaurants and even my pharmacy. These are the communities that I visit. These are the communities where my friends and my kids' friends live.

I strongly feel that I would be most appropriately represented if my community was aligned with other neighborhoods I frequent with my family and my business. I am a registered voter who regularly votes even when it isn't a big election. I want to feel like my vote matters.

Thank you,
Lucinda Zimmermann

Subject: Re: Maps

From: Asher Huey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:40:02 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Additionally I wish to say that I don't feel the Venice community should be split into two separate districts.

On Fri, Jul 22, 2011 at 4:31 PM, Asher Huey <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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

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Asher

Subject: Westchester

From: bernard valenzuela <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:39:26 -0700 (PDT)

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

I have been a resident of Westchester for over 23 years and have always associated our community with the beach cities south of us rather than the cities east. It's ridiculous to even think of our community would be recognized as so. Hey Citizens Redistricting Commission please get this right.

Bernard Valenzuela

Subject: Re: No redistricting

From: Cheryl <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:05:42 -0700

To: Cheryl <[REDACTED]>

CC: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am a very concerned citizen of Los Angeles will **not accept** a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Protect your political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially your Congressional district if you live in the 33rd, 35th or 37th district. [EMAIL NOW!](#)

Subject: redistricting in Brentwood

From: "Cathy" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:03:26 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

We who live in South Brentwood are an integral part of Brentwood....not West LA! Please keep all of Brentwood in the same district.

Please also keep the VA in our district. We have worked closely with them for years as their partner and neighbor.

Thank you.

Cathy and Frank Catapano

[REDACTED]

LA, CA 90049

Subject: Redistricting

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:37:42 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

California Redistricting Commission:

As Caucasian persons, my husband and I are pleased that we live in a diverse neighborhood. We have African American, Chinese and South American neighbors. We had previously lived in an all white neighborhood before we moved to our present location. This diversity was one of the things that attracted us to our present neighborhood. I hope our elected representatives will be from many ethnic groups. I hope the redistricting will not be along racial lines.

Jean Koch

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90027

Subject: Our Westchester community

From: "Richard (of Renee and Richard)" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:30:34 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please recognize that our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista share common interests with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them. We do not share much in common with the cities to the east. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Richard (of Renee and Richard)

Subject: Comments on Latest Maps

From: "S. L. Weissman" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:15:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express my views that the Alternative Maps created by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance dated July 2 provide much better representation than those posted by your Commission.

As someone who resides in Norwalk and is very active in this area I know that my city has a great deal in common both socially and demographically with cities such as Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, Lynwood and Bell Gardens (Southeast Cities), and very little in common with the cities such as Montebello, Whittier and Pico Rivera.

Montebello for example is clearly part of the San Gabriel Valley, rather than part of the Southeast Cities. Any listing of San Gabriel Valley cities will include Montebello. In fact Montebello is part of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. It's not that I have anything against Montebello; it's just that they are not in the same community of interest.

The places I and my friends and family go to shop, to eat and for entertainment are in the Southeast cities area, not the San Gabriel Valley.

Please keep in mind our community as well as the community of the San Gabriel Valley.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sharon L. Weissman
Norwalk

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Sharon L. Weissman

Subject: KEEP BRENTWOOD ONE DISTRICT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From: "Feinstein Financial Insurance Services" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:20:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Bobbi Feinstein

Feinstein Financial Insurance Services

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July 22, 2011

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

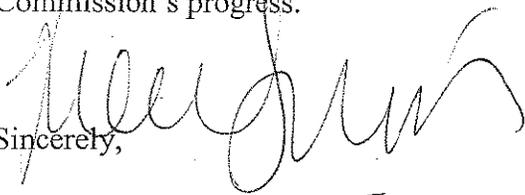
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Additionally, I ask that you consider the fact that Long Beach is a large city with a mix of business, industry, academic institutions, and more. Currently, the city enjoys three members of Congress to address our needs and they have produced positive results for the many constituencies that comprise the city. These several Members of Congress sit on various committees that would be impossible for only one representative to manage. Each of our current three members of congress have developed expertise and an understanding of issues that greatly affect our communities. For this reason, it is extremely valuable to the city and its residents to keep more than one person working on our behalf.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my position. I look forward to following the Commission's progress.

Sincerely,



TERESA GARCIA



LONG BEACH CA 90802

July 22, 2011

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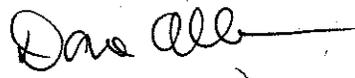
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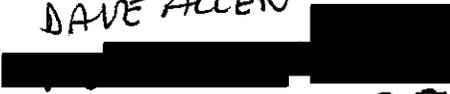
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Sincerely,


DAVE ALLEN


LONG BEACH, CA 90803

July 22, 2011

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Sincerely,


Akenity Borden

Long Beach CA
90807

July 22, 2011

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Sincerely,

D. Jacob Gendel

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[REDACTED]
Long Beach, CA 90803

July 22, 2011

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Sincerely,



Marie-Hélène Le Bail

[REDACTED]
LONG BEACH CA 90815

July 22, 2011

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Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER ABEL

LONG BEACH, CA 90815

July 22, 2011

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sincerely,



JEFF ANDERSON

[REDACTED]
LONG BEACH CA 90804

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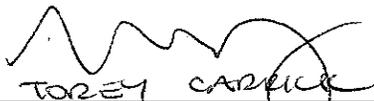
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Sincerely,



TOREY CARLOCK

LONG BEACH CA 90804

Subject: Carving Up the 33rd, 35th and 37th districts to Diminish African-American Voting Strength is a Bad Idea

From: "Jon Krampner" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:20:21 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I'm writing to urge you not to divide California's 33rd, 35th and 37th districts in a way that will dilute black voting strength in South-Central Los Angeles. Your current plan, which does that, is ill-advised. It should be scrapped and re-done.

Jon Krampner

Author of "Creamy and Crunchy: An Informal History of Peanut Butter, the All-American Food," to be published by Columbia University Press (www.creamyandcrunchy.com)

South Brentwood Residents Association

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California 90049

July 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street Suite 101
Sacramento, CA95814

[REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]

Subject: South Brentwood Residents Association (90049) Request
Re: U.S. Congressional District Split

Dear Honorable Commission Members:

I am writing on behalf of the South Brentwood Residents Association (SBRA). SBRA represents approximately 3,000 home-owners and renters who reside in the southern area of Brentwood and additionally, SBRA represents the interests of all residents living in multi-family dwellings throughout the entire Brentwood community (90049).

On behalf of SBRA, I request that the congressional boundaries remain from Mulholland Drive to the North, the 405 Freeway to the East, 26th Street to the West and Wilshire Boulevard to the South.

We also request that the VA continue to be part of our district as we have a long working relationship and have always considered them to be an integral part of our community.

SBRA strongly recommends that the Commission keep intact the Brentwood 30th U.S. Congressional District inclusive of the VA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marylin Krell

Marylin Krell, President,
South Brentwood Residents Association

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Subject: Chino Valley Redistricting

From: irene hernandezblair <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:09:25 -0700 (PDT)

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

Input regarding the Pomona Valley Assembly District:

This "draft" is *almost* well-designed for the members in this AD. I am very pleased that Pomona is included with Chino, Montclair & Ontario, but you continue to neglect the community of **Chino Hills**, which is 1/2 of the CHINO VALLEY along with Chino.

Chino and Chino Hills share the same School District, same Fire District and are in the same Water District. Chino Hills is definitely a community of interest as residents from Chino, Pomona, Montclair and Ontario shop, attend recreation events, and attend Faith services in Chino Hills. In addition, Chino and Chino Hills community members join forces in the execution of events that surround Non-Profit/Charitable Foundations.

There is no strife that exists between residents of Chino and Chino Hills. The perception that Chino Hills looks-down on Chino involves the actions of the "local" elected officials and not the common folk of these two communities.

To continue to include Chino Hills with Orange and LA County cities is not complying with the Federal Voting Rights Act that is supposed to ensure that Minority voters have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice (Chino Hills has a **29.9% Asian** population and a **29.1% Latino** Population), which would be unrepresented under the current draft.

Remove FONTANA from the current draft and draw **all** of Chino Hills into the Pomona Valley AD, where it rightfully belongs.

Input regarding the Pomona- San Bernardino Senate District:

Similar to my input above, Chino Hills is once again in a Senate District with Orange & LA County cities. You have drawn-in Rialto, Colton & Grand Terrace, which are too far East for there to be any common interests with the **West-End** of San Bernardino County.

Chino Hills should be drawn into this Senate District and the cities to the East should be placed in a Senate district that will provide them a better opportunity to be included in a community of interest and with people that share similar work opportunities, use the same transportation facilities and whom share common goals.

Input regarding the Congressional/ONT draft:

Do **NOT** split-up Chino Hills. ALL of Chino Hills should be in this Congressional District. Cities should not be divided. This "draft", with the exception of the division of Chino Hills, is exactly what we need in the West-End in order to ensure that **Minority** voters receive an equal opportunity to elect candidates of our choice. - THANK YOU!!!!

Regards,

Irene Hernandez-Blair
Chino, CA

Subject: I want to live in a diverse community

From: "Martha M Yee" <[redacted]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:10:05 -0700

To: <[redacted]>

CC: <[redacted]>

I am Caucasian and I want to live in a diverse community. My community of interest is a diverse community. Please don't redistrict to make my community less diverse.

Martha Mikkelson Yee

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Martha M. Yee

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Los Angeles, CA 90026-3417

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Web page: <http://myee.bol.ucla.edu>

"I believe Reagan can make this country what it once was: an Arctic region covered with ice"--Steve Martin's opening monologue, "This I believe," on Saturday Night Live, May 17, 1980.

Some fish are Taoist, not Christian (smile); see:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhuangzi>

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

From: "Carmel Miller " <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:51:30 +0000

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

I am a concerned citizen who takes a stand against the redistricting maps. What is the purpose of this? From what I can tell, this change will unfairly impact African-American voting representation. Please reconsider this redistricting.

Carmel Miller

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Subject: 33rd Congressional District

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:53:02 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Sir/Madam:

I have been living the 33rd Congressional District for 39 years. I love my neighborhood and it's diversity. And it keeps getting better. My hope is to highlight the importance of making districts more eclectic via ethnic, educational and economic factors. One hopes this will lessen the segregation that exists within all these factors.

thank you,

Cesar Guzman
[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester redistricting

From: Lori Tanner <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:30:10 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

As a Westchester home owner and tax paying citizen, I support the recent efforts to re-district Westchester/Playa del rey with the South Bay and Beach Communities, I feel it is a better fit for our community and makes the most sense. I urge you to please listen to citizens you represent in this area and hope to see Westchester redistricted.

Thank you,

Lori A. Tanner

Westchester Resident

Subject: redistricting - 33rd, 35th or 37th district

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:40:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

We have served thousands of families in the 33rd, 35th and 37th districts. We strongly encourage you to leave in place the representation that currently exists. We will **not accept** a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Protect our political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, and especially our Congressional districts in the 33rd, 35th or 37th district.

Larry A. Ortega
President/CEO
Community Union, Inc.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Empowered communities make for a strong economy.

Subject: Westchester-90045

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:25:17 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Please do not split up our communities.

Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and Westchester belong together...we work together to make our communities a better place to live.

It is ridiculous to split up communities.

All 90045 should be together.

Do not split up the Airport...it belongs together.

You will undo all that residents and neighbors have worked so hard in the past ten years to create.

Include all of Playa del Rey and all of Westchester and all of Playa Vista together as one unit....

We belong in the Beach Cities, District #36

Dianne & Mike Landis

[REDACTED]

Westchester, Ca 90045

Subject: Westchester Redistricting!

From: Tara Kirkland <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:21:14 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

As an active family in Westchester for the past 10 years, we are asking you to recognize that our community should remain in the same districts with the South Bay Cities....we share a plethora of common interests with these cities and this needs to be taken into consideration before redistricting occurs. This is NOT the case with the other cities in consideration.

Please, please, please hear us and do not take this matter lightly.

Regards,
Tara Kirkland

Subject: South Bay

From: David Lasdon <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 14:53:03 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please keep the South Bay together. The peninsula (Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills), Torrance, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach belong together. You can pair them with other similar cities south of the airport, like Carson, San Pedro, or Gardena. This just makes sense because Torrance is the business center of all these communities. It's where we work!

Thank you,
David Lasdon

Subject: SouthBay Congressional District
From: Gene Allen <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:44:47 -0700 (PDT)
To: [REDACTED]

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Redistricting Commission:

I request that the Southbay congressional district (CD) span from Wilmington to Westchester (including Play Vista and Play Del Rey). The June 10, 2011 "preliminary" draft version of the Southbay CD eliminated Wilmington but included Venice and Santa Monica. We in the Southbay CD have no common interest with the cities of Venice and Santa Monica. We do not work, recreate or shop these communities. Starting with Wilmington and ending with Westchester (including Play Vista and Play Del Ray) our transportation, environmental and coastal issues are closely aligned. Please factor this in when setting the Southbay CD boundaries.

Thanks.

Gene Allen
[REDACTED]

RHE, Ca 90274

Subject: westchester is part of south bay

From: Paul Morgan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:22:42 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Hi:

Our family has been in the Westchester area for 26 years.

We think our part of town is linked with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista

and has much in common with the South Bay sister cities to the south of LAX.

Common ground in transportation, environmental concerns, neighborhood character, historic preservation, area accommodation with LAX and beach-front infrastructure.

For all sorts of reasons, our inclusion with South Bay communities makes sense and would produce the most reasonable mapping.

Paul Morgan

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90045

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Via Email to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear California Redistricting Commissioners,

I am the Executive Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance located in the Pico Robertson.

As one of the largest Jewish organizations in the area and as a major center for community activities in Pico-Roberston/Beverlywood, I am writing out of concern regarding the proposed Assembly lines proposed by the line-drawers that were posted July 17th.

First of all, the Assembly lines literally divide our offices in half. The Simon Wiesenthal Center is located in the 1399 S. Roxbury on the north side of the street in the LAMWS district, but the Museum of Tolerance is located at 1399 Roxbury, just south of Pico in the LAWSC district.

The lines also divide our community. Pico-Robertson, which is defined as being Cashio and 18th Street on the south (Cashio west of Robertson, 18th Street east of Robertson), Beverly Green on the West, and La Cienega on the east, is literally split down the middle by visualization due to Pico being the dividing line rather than Cashio or 18th Street. (See the below map from the LA Times website on neighborhoods)

We serve as a host to many community activities not only for the 24,000 residents of the Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood area, but for much of the Jewish community from Brentwood, Westwood and Century City to Beverly Hills, Hancock Park and Beverly-Fairfax, including the 80,000 Orthodox Jewish residents.

As a community leader, I request that you unify our buildings and our community, especially Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood with Beverly Hills, Hancock Park and Beverly-Fairfax into the LAMWS district.

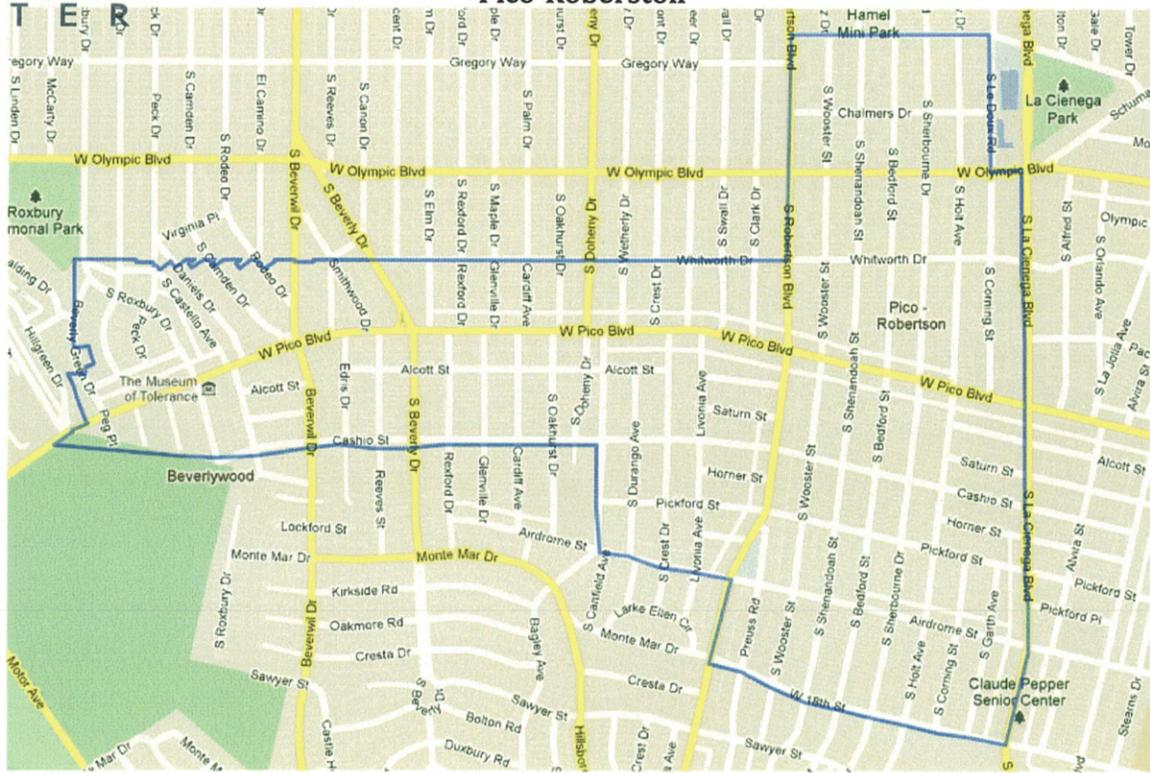
Thank you again for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

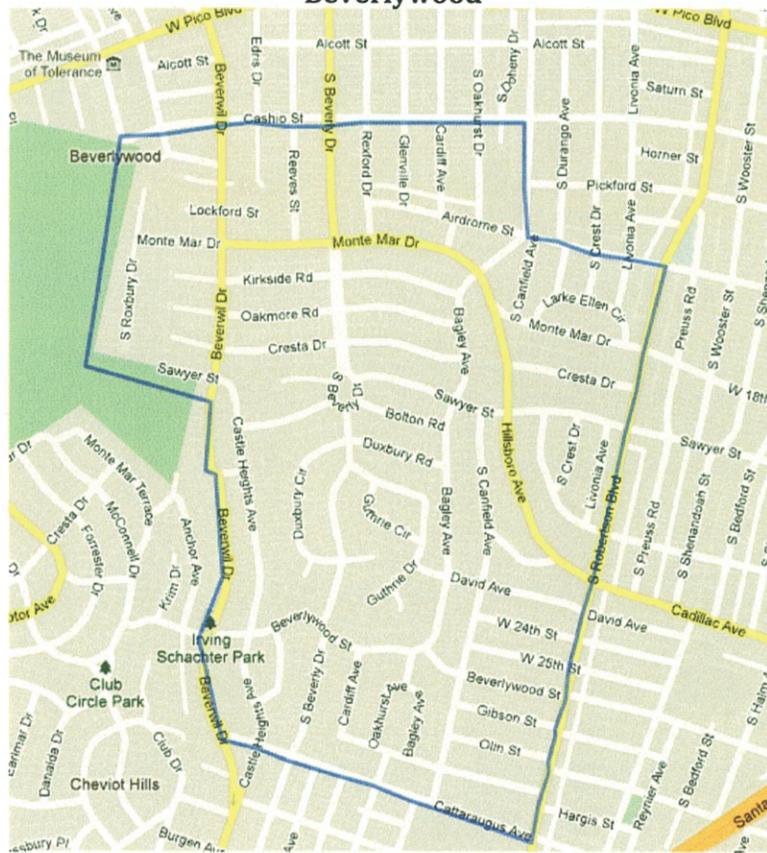
Rabbi Meyer H. May

Executive Director

Pico-Roberston



Beverlywood



Subject: Fight for the 33rd District

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:10:23 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

It is with great concern and passion that I write this letter urging you to strongly consider leaving the 33 rd Congressional District in tact.

The few and small rights that the African American community has garnered with the costly investment of blood, sweat, and tears stands on the brink of being dismantled. A nation without the voice of all of its constituency is a poor reflection of its foundational vision. The communiity will not sit quietly by and allow the few hard-won rights snatched from our hands by those who pander to the greedy/insensitive bulllys.

We are watching and we are positioned to respond to acts of wreckless disrespect. Anna J. Wright

Subject: DON'T DIVIDE MY COMMUNITY!!!

From: "Shupe, Christina" [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:57:08 -0700

To: Communications Office <[REDACTED]>

From: Joloni Williams <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, Jul 22, 2011 at 4:53 PM

Subject: DON'T DIVIDE MY COMMUNITY!!!

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

I am writing to ask you to support our communities and keep us together in the same legislative district, so that we can continue to speak with a unified voice and elect people who will represent everyone in this area.

The California Redistricting Commission's newly reconfigured district lines do not accurately reflect the communities of interest in South Los Angeles. I live in the Vermont Knolls neighborhood. My neighborhood is a quiet residential area with a high percentage of hard working middle class families. This community should not be divided or split into smaller communities; this could result in a loss of political and economic power for us.

Our community of interest includes (Baldwin Hills/Ladera Heights/West Adams/ Crenshaw/Jefferson Park/Hyde Park/Leimert Park/View Park/Windsor Hills/Culver City/ Playa Vista/Mid-City/Palms/Pico-Robertson) These neighboring residential communities share similar demographics. Your support of keeping our district lines the same would greatly benefit us all.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Joloni Williams