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From: Carolyn Fowler <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 9:02 PM

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

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Imani (Faith)
Carolyn Fowler
Hawthorne Resident

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Subject: LAMWS District

From: Janna Wyckoff <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:36 PM

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of the Fairfax/La Brea area. I live on Martel Ave. near Rosewood. My neighborhood and the Pico Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood form one cohesive Community of Interest. The local private school where I send my children to, as well as several other schools in this neighborhood, draws its student body almost exclusively from these two neighborhoods, with a few families commuting from the Valley. I also meet our kosher dietary needs by shopping at specialty kosher markets in both neighborhoods as well as frequent the many kosher food establishments in the Pico/Beverlywood area. I also utilize the services of the Jewish Family Service Counseling Services in the Pico Area.

These two areas really function as a single neighborhood for the Jewish Community and should properly be placed together in the LAMWS District. I urge you to keep the neighborhoods together and especially not to divide Pico Robertson and Beverlywood in half.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Janna Wyckoff, Registered Voter and Resident

Subject: Fair congressional seat

From: "R. Daniel Pendergraft, DC" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:16 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission:

Yes on Option 1.2! Stand up and be counted for reason!

Keep the South Bay together.

Thank you for hearing us -- please keep our South Bay Community of Interest whole for Congress -- please put everything south of the 105 and west of the 110 -- Option 1.2 -- in the same district. Our South Bay community deserves to be represented by someone we choose -- not someone else.

Grace and peace to you,
Ray Pendergraft

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Position of South LA Executive Director's Forum

From: Lark Galloway-Gilliam <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:50 PM

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

Please find attached comments and recommendations from the South Los Angeles Executive Director's Forum

Always,

Lark Galloway-Gilliam, MPA
Executive Director
Community Health Councils

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90008

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South Los Angeles Executive Director's Forum

July 25, 2011

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

Vía Email - [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

We wish to express our strong opposition to any redistricting plan that would reduce state and/or federal representation for the African American communities of Los Angeles.

The South LA Executive Director Forum was established in 2006 to leverage the capacity of the African American led non-profit sector in South Los Angeles to improve the quality of life and socio-economic health of the community. The SLAED Forum supports the empowerment, self-determination and civic engagement of all stakeholders in our community. The proposed elimination of Districts 33, 35 and 37 are in direct conflict with this commitment..

While the population demographics continue to evolve, the geographic area that is now South Los Angeles is in large part a reflection of historic patterns of segregation and migration. What were once largely white and middle-class communities in many areas of South LA are now home to a diverse blend of racial, ethnic backgrounds and socio-economic status. The eastern portion represents the gateway and point of entry for those who migrated to the California in the hope of new opportunities. The western edge bookmarks the continued migration of African Americans following the enactment of federal fair housing laws, the dismantling of housing covenants and the pattern of segregation reframed through economic policy.

South LA is home to the largest percentage of Black and Latino residents of any area within LA County. Approximately 45% of the African American population of Los Angeles County resides in this area and 17% of the Latino population. It is for this reason – the term “South LA” is used to capture the significance of this distinct and shared historical experience. However, the reference to South LA should not be misinterpreted. It cannot be used to simplify and negate the otherwise unique communities. South LA represents a set of contiguous geographic areas, each with its own unique set of challenges. The historical patterns of public and private divestment has resulted in an inequitable distribution of critical resources and services within South LA overall and to varying degrees on a community by community basis, thus representing differing economic and political challenges.

Unfortunately, the visualizations and draft maps the commission as produced to-date treat South LA as if it were one community which results in the disenfranchisement of the African-American

community by diminishing its voice. The diversity of the South Los Angeles region should be reflected by its electoral districts. We urge the commission to maintain the voice of our community by retaining the existing Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts serving South Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Lark Galloway-Gilliam, Executive Director
Community Health Councils

Crystal Crawford, CEO
California Black Women's Health Project

Mark J. Robertson Sr., President/CEO
Pacific Coast Regional
Small Business Development Corporation

Dutch C. Ross III, President
Economic Resources Corporation

Timothy Watkins, Executive Director
Watts Labor Community Action Committee

Dr. Marva Smith Battle-Bey
Executive Director
Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation

Rae Jones, Executive Director
Great Beginnings for Black Babies, Inc.

Yvette Chappell-Ingram
African American Board Leadership
Institute

Charisse Bremond, President
Brotherhood Crusade

Connie Watson, Executive Director
People Who Care

William Hobson, CEO
Watts Healthcare Foundation

Brenda Shockley, Executive Director
Community Build

Tunua Thrash, Executive Director
West Angeles Community Development Corporation

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judy Nazemetz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 7:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judy Nazemetz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village redrawn

Message Body:

I object to the new lines of Valley Village, splitting it along Colfax Ave., one side of Colfax to remain Valley Village and the other side going to another district east. Because you don't live here, you do not realize that BOTH SIDES of Colfax are the same neighborhood. BOTH SIDES are crucial to Valley Village. Colfax Ave. Elementary School, on Colfax Ave, is our community center, drawing children and families from the local neighborhood. The neighborhood -- Valley Village -- goes west to Whitsett and east to the 170 freeway. The 170 is a natural dividing line because east of the 170 freeway, the residential area, primarily single family homes, disappears and turns into two parks, a library, and then a mixed area of stores, restaurants and apartments. If you take away the community east of Colfax (across the street from Colfax ES to the 170) and add this neighborhood to what lies east of the 170, you have two completely different areas with different needs. One is primarily!

residential and the other -- further east -- is mixed residential and business. The demographics are different. It makes no sense to change the boundaries of what, essentially, is a working, stable, proficient and efficient community. Valley Village should remain untouched. Do not destroy a wonderful community that is working just fine the way it is. Los Angeles is a hard enough place to live and find friends and families whose interests and lifestyles are the same as yours and who are interested in creating a wonderful community, with responsible children and adults. Valley Village, the way it is now, is such a community and should not be redrawn.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: FW: Redistricting Commission (Very Important: Please read and respond.)

From: "Ernaga, Margaret" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 8:06 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Michelle Ernaga

-----Original Message-----

From: valerie Mucha [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

Sent: Sun 7/24/2011 11:50 PM

To: Ernaga, Margaret

Subject: Redistricting Commission

Michelle:

Dear Commission:

Two big changes have been discovered on the map of the 36th Congressional District since the maps were originally released on 6-21-2011. First, Torrance has been split. Second, a strip of land beginning with Duckweiler Beach and including Santa Monica, Venice, Bel Air, Malibu, Beverly Hills, Calabassas, and Topanga has been added. This is a violation of your oath to draw fair redistricting lines and is not in accordance with the Voting Rights Act

El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, all of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and San Pedro should be included in the same Congressional District.

e-mail address: [REDACTED]

Most Sincerely,

M. Michelle Ernaga MPH, RD

[REDACTED]
Lomita, CA 90717

Subject: So. L.A. merging with Torrance and Hawthorne

From: Joann Fleming <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 9:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I am sick and tired of the Black community being sacrificed once again. It is bad enough it's happening in the U.S. Congress and now to add insult to injury your commission has a preposterous proposal to merge So. L.A. with Torrance and Hawthorne in the redistricting proposal. Our voices need to be heard and your plans will definitely shut our voices in respect to the votes. This gerrymandering is absolutely appalling and you must not continue to disrespect the African American Community.

Joann

Subject: We Draw The Lines Congressional Districts

From: "[REDACTED]"

Date: 7/25/2011 9:04 PM

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

Greetings.

Please review the attached document as from the hearings I observed this weekend the group just is not getting it.

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Imani(Faith)

Carolyn

[REDACTED] Fax.

[REDACTED] Cell

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Subject: please include Pico-Roberstson within LAMWS

From: "Gil Weinreich" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 12:11 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Distinguished Commissioners:

As you conduct your work to draw assembly district lines, I am writing to request that special consideration be given to maintaining the coherence of the observant Jewish community that stretches from Beverlywood/Pico-Robertson east through Beverly-Fairfax and on to Hancock Park. In fact, those geographic centers describe my day today and are fairly routine for me throughout the year. Today I left my home South of Pico (near Beverwil) for an important community-related meeting in Hancock Park; after that I stopped in the Fairfax area to visit my mom before returning home to Pico-Robertson. I and my neighbors, family and friends typically go between and among these neighborhoods for schools, shopping and community needs (our children's schools, for example, are in the Beverly Fairfax area, and that will likely stretch to the Beverly - La Brea area when our daughter moves on to high school). Only if these neighborhoods are integrated in the LAMWS district can our community gain effective representation, and it can equally be said that other, larger communities will not be weakened – by virtue of their size – if LAMWS were drawn to include Beverlywood.

I am grateful to the commissioners for putting some of Pico-Robertson in the LAMWS, but respectfully request that all of Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood be included. Come over to Pico or Cashio and walk between Beverwil and Robertson on any Saturday and I think you'll see just how vibrant, and coherent a community it is; you'll also note how integrated it is with Beverly Fairfax and Hancock Park. There is a virtual caravan of cars that leaves Beverlywood on school days and drives up Lapeer or Robertson up towards Beverly and La Brea, and similar trips taken from there to Pico-Robertson. With a limited number of institutions, Pico parents may feel compelled to access services on the La Brea side of the district and vice versa.

I've lived in a number of places in California, both Southern and Northern, over the years, and I can honestly say there is no more unified district that I've experienced than the community stretching from Beverlywood to Hancock Park.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Gil Weinreich
Pico-Robertson neighborhood

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Subject: 7/19 Senate Draft Maps - Public Comment

From: Caitlin Flint <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:05 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I live in Atwater Village (90039) which has been included in the LASGF district in the most recent maps. However, I strongly believe my neighborhood much more closely identifies with East Los Angeles, and would be better represented if it was included in LAELA. The racial/ethnic and economic differences between these two areas are stark (as seen in the map below). With the current maps, I feel like my community would be cut off from Silverlake, Echo Park, and West Hollywood--communities with which Atwater Village has much more in common than La Canada and Pasadena.

For more information, you can see a map of this area on ReDrawCA.org:

[http://www.healthycity.org/c/redistrict_view/geo/senate_crc_20110719/zt/LASGF/tut_hide/1/yk/20110725102801504#/geo/senate_crc_20110719/zt/LASGF/zt/9/x/-118.19437057096359/y/34.1603484492187/x_ori/-118.0148145/y_ori/34.2814505/msw/1132/msh/400/cm/e/cat/||||/so/dist/so_dir/asc/rpp/20/page/0/t1il//t1i/0/t1ds/0/t1y//t1vg/0/t1vt//t1vo//t1d/0/t1c//t1bm//t1b//t1bg//t1bz//t2il/ind1/t2i/17461/t2ds/98/t2y/131/t2vg/3/t2vt/na/t2vo/a/t2d/4/t2c/gry/t2bm/q/t2b/2499,42890,59216,81291,233750/t2bg//t2bz//t3il//t3i/0/t3ds/0/t3y//t3vg/0/t3vt//t3vo//t3d/0/t3c//t3bm//t3b//t3bg//t3bz//t3multivar//sprtind/\[\[3375,98,131\]\]/sprtgeo/state/sprtzt/06/ind1rm/t2/ind2rm//res//rem//reg//rez//rezp/0/gmid/0/gmcd//gmarea//gmareap/0/op//yk/2011072510380388](http://www.healthycity.org/c/redistrict_view/geo/senate_crc_20110719/zt/LASGF/tut_hide/1/yk/20110725102801504#/geo/senate_crc_20110719/zt/LASGF/zt/9/x/-118.19437057096359/y/34.1603484492187/x_ori/-118.0148145/y_ori/34.2814505/msw/1132/msh/400/cm/e/cat/||||/so/dist/so_dir/asc/rpp/20/page/0/t1il//t1i/0/t1ds/0/t1y//t1vg/0/t1vt//t1vo//t1d/0/t1c//t1bm//t1b//t1bg//t1bz//t2il/ind1/t2i/17461/t2ds/98/t2y/131/t2vg/3/t2vt/na/t2vo/a/t2d/4/t2c/gry/t2bm/q/t2b/2499,42890,59216,81291,233750/t2bg//t2bz//t3il//t3i/0/t3ds/0/t3y//t3vg/0/t3vt//t3vo//t3d/0/t3c//t3bm//t3b//t3bg//t3bz//t3multivar//sprtind/[[3375,98,131]]/sprtgeo/state/sprtzt/06/ind1rm/t2/ind2rm//res//rem//reg//rez//rezp/0/gmid/0/gmcd//gmarea//gmareap/0/op//yk/2011072510380388)

Thank you for your time, and for considering this input.

All the best,
Caitlin Flint

Caitlin Flint
[REDACTED]

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

From: janice johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:38 AM

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

A reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress- is not acceptable. Do not divide my community

Janice L. Johnson

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Maureen O'Byrne" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 9:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Maureen O'Byrne <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Rural Foothill Communities of Interest Assembly District

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

The rural Foothills Area and neighbors of Sunland-Tujunga have submitted comments and maps for Congress, Senate and Assembly. We are also asking for a rural foothills 'Communities of Interest' (COI) Assembly District along the San Gabriel Mountain's Foothills from Kagel Canyon to La Canada Flintridge, including Glendale and Burbank, with whom we share many things including the Verdugo Mountain range and the Wildlife Corridor known as the Rim of the Valley.

We are happy that you heard us regarding the Congress and the Senate, but see no evidence that the Commission is doing so with the Assembly District on this website. We find we are still in the East San Fernando Valley District, with whom we do not share common interest. The SFV is "big city" and we are "rural" communities who wish to continue to work together with our neighbors to stay that way.

We are asking you to give this your utmost attention per the motion and letter submitted by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, as well as letters from the other communities of Kagel Canyon, Lake View View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montros, La Canada Flintridge, Glendale and Burbank

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Byrne

30 yr. Sunland-Tujunga Resident

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Subject: Re: [BodgerPark] Hawthorne and proposed Congressional Redistricting; 7/9/11 Maps

From: Frances Hennek <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:42 AM

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

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

To whom it may concern:

I, too, believe Hawthorne is better aligned with the cities to our West and South.

I've lived in Hawthorne for 10 years having moved here from El Segundo.

My friends are all in South Bay cities - not North or East of Hawthorne.

Dentist, doctor, nail salon, hair dresser, and Bank of America are all in South Bay cities. I do not shop in any locations east of where I live nor do I frequent restaurants, drive-thru places or bank in these locations east or north of me. I drive to Manhattan Beach to grocery shop and visit Home Depot versus Lowe's due to a better location and proximity to other areas I frequent. I use the 405 versus the 110 as I do not like the areas near it and will purposely go out of my way to avoid areas East of me. I visit the Social Security office in Torrance versus going to the one in Inglewood and avoid the DMV location near my home. Quite frankly, being a senior citizen I feel much more comfortable and safe in areas to the west and south of where I live. I have made the south bay cities my community since moving here from Canada and have always felt safe.

When moving from El Segundo I chose Hawthorne as many people I worked with at LAX lived in the South Bay and Hawthorne locations.

I would very much like to see Hawthorne be part of the South Bay area. Regardless of the outcome I will not change my habits and would like to see money spent benefitting those businesses I support. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I think it makes sense that we share common congressional representation with our south bay neighbors.

Frances Hennekam
Hawthorne (Bodger Park)

On Jul 25, 2011, at 11:11, Chris Call <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Reader/To whom it may concern:

I'm writing in regard to proposed redistricting boundaries that pertain to the City of Hawthorne. It is my belief that Hawthorne's identity is more closely associated with its western and southern neighbors.

As a personal example of this, I live in Hawthorne and I work in Hermosa Beach, my daughter plays softball in Del Aire, and our family doctors are all in Torrance. Thursday night I dined with a friend in Manhattan Beach. I do grocery shopping in Redondo Beach, and Manhattan Beach. I recently

visited friends in Del Aire. Since I spend so much of my time in other South Bay cities, it makes sense to me that we would share common congressional representation.

Josephine Camisciano-Call
Hawthorne (Bodger Park)



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Subject: Re: Redistricting

From: Paul Balaschak <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 6:51 AM

To: Paul Balaschak <[REDACTED]>

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

Thank you very much for reconsidering the redistricting plan and keeping Hawthorne in the South Bay. This is not only the logical solution, it's the right solution! Hawthorne is steeped in tradition and has a long history as being part of the South Bay.

I am sure you have heard of that little rock 'n roll band, "the "Beach" Boys?" Yes, they are from Hawthorne. Our city has for so long been associated with the South Bay beaches and now you have taken steps to preserve that association. Thank you!

Paul Balaschak
[REDACTED]

Hawthorne, CA 90250
[REDACTED]

On Jul 15, 2011, at 12:51 PM, Paul Balaschak <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hawthorne has been my home for almost 20 years. We purchase our house in Bodger Park, because of it being in the SOUTH BAY!!! It's proximity to the beach gave us an affordable home with all of the amenities of a beach community.

It is unfathomable that our city would be removed from the SOUTH BAY community. Please do not take away our identity!!!

As a proud Hawthorne resident, tax payer and registered voter I urge you keep us in the SOUTH BAY!

Thank you!!

Paul Balaschak,
[REDACTED]

Hawthorne, CA
[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting in Beverly-Fairfax

From: JS <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I live in the Beverly Fairfax area. I am very much in favor of including the Pico-Robertson area together with our area (LAMWS) as it surely will help to consolidate our Jewish community's interests.

Though I live in the Fairfax area, I shop, visit friends and have found that most kosher restaurants are located in the Pico area. In that sense we really are a single community.

I do not believe that the formation of a single community representation for the two areas mentioned will lead to discrimination of other interest groups. Quite the opposite, we share a strong sense of community and concern for our neighbors.

In that sense, my family and friends want to express our gratitude for considering placing our two largest locations into a single district. However, it is important to keep both communities together. By splitting Pico, as the current plan proposes, I believe it will disenfranchise the small group that will be left out of the combined district. To some extent, this would be more dangerous than the current situation where our neighborhoods are disconnected completely as far as redistricting is concerned.

Thank you,
Joseph Stolz

From: Ingrid Jodele <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 8:51 AM

To: [REDACTED]

It defies imagination that you can't understand why the South Bay needs to be kept together! That includes Palos Verdes. We all are coastal and, therefore have similar problems which are very different from the inland cities!!! Ingrid Jodele, Hermosa Beach
address: [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting Pico/Robertson

From: June Abramson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:15 AM

To: [REDACTED]

We actually are very excited to get the change in boundaries, however, I need to make you aware that when people ask me where we live, I always say "Pico Robertson". I don't say north of Pico. We live 1/2 block north of Pico, but our daughter and son in law, and our son and daughter in law and grandchildren, live south of Pico. We attend a shul that is on the south side of Pico, the new boundary using Pico as a cut-off just doesn't make sense. My bank, cleaners, favorite stores etc. are all on the south side of Pico, my library is south of Pico, we are really one community. So, with all that said, please adjust the southern border of the new boundaries to include ALL of the Pico Robertson/Beverlywood area. It would be like chopping off half your family and friends. Thanks for listening and thanks in advance for your revision.

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JUNE ABRAMSON

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting

From: stanley brooks <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 8:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: stanley brooks <[REDACTED]>

To the Redistricting Commission:

As a voter in this state it is time you need to listen to us and not your political friends in Sacramento.

1. Put Torrance back in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District)
2. The South Bay should be Westchester south only.
3. El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district.

I am strongly opposed to this gerrymandering and want a district with commonality.

Stan Brooks - voter

Subject: Redistricting

From: irene oake <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:36 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Once again, government creates a district fraught with gerrymandering. Removing Torrance from the 36th is insane. The South Bay is not Santa Monica, Malibu or Bel Air, etc. We again arrive at a juncture where we see the reason there is little trust between the electorate and the politicians.

Lloyd an Irene Oake

Redondo Bach

Subject: Rural Foothill Communities of Interest Assembly District

From: "Kristin C. Sabo" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

DITTO!

Please respond to your assertion that Communities of Common Interest are really important to you in this process.

Thank you.

-Kristin Sabo, resident of Lake View Terrace (part of Los Angeles) California

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Sincerely,

*Nina Royal
Redistricting Advocate
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council*

Kristin C. Sabo
[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester redistricting

From: "Schultz" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 7:51 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

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We need to be able to vote for the issues that concern us. This would mean aligning us with the South Bay Cities. We are all concerned about the same transportation issues, LAX, and coastal/environmental issues, just to name a few.

In conclusion, we share vastly more with the South Bay Cities than we do with the cities to the east of Westchester, with whom we are currently aligned.

Please make this right for our community.

Respectfully,

David and Sandra Schultz

Subject: Westchester/Playa Del Rey should NOT be lumped into South Los Angeles

From: Kathleen Burns Rohr <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 10:07 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Westchester/Playa's Community of Interest is with the SOUTH BAY BEACH COMMUNITIES. It has **virtually nothing** in common with the inland communities of South Los Angeles. Westchester/Playa will NOT be fairly represented in the current Congressional visualization.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REAL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST of Westchester/Playa and the South Bay Beach Communities. If you have ever been to Westchester/Playa, you know that it has VASTLY more in common – in every respect – with the other South Bay communities.

YOU GOT IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME! Look at your own State Senate map that you just approved – it follows the simple common sense of grouping the COASTAL COMMUNITIES together. Consistency, please!

WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DOES NOT SHARE A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WITH SOUTH LOS ANGELES.

Westchester/Playa citizens deserve fair representation. We contribute a significant amount of property taxes, sales tax and community sponsorship. Our voice must be heard and our issues do not coincide with those of South Los Angeles.

Thank you,

Kathleen Burns Rohr
Vince Rohr
Westchester Residents

Subject: 36th Congressional District SHOULD BE...

From: Carol Henry <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 3:44 PM

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

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

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

This is our community. Our personal lives, business interests, economic activity and everything else are intertwined with our neighbors and our community.

The Commission is waiting for public comment. Let's tell them exactly what we think. Let them know that you are strongly opposed to this gerrymandering and want a district with commonality.

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

Thank you for your support. Let's put an end to this improper gerrymandering practice by acting now.

Best wishes,

CAROL HENRY 

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: A Plea for Fair Redistricting and Honest Representation

From: Jennifer Leigh Shapiro <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 1:38 PM

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

CC: Craig Handjian <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members,

I have lived in Rancho Palos Verdes for 5 years and for that entire time my family has had to put up with poor Assembly and Congressional representation due to unfair district boundaries caused by gerrymandering.

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

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

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Jennifer Shapiro Handjian
Rancho Palos Verdes
[REDACTED]

Jenny Shapiro Handjian

Yahoo! Inc.

Ph: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject:

From: "Karen Arias" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 12:11 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Respectfully,
Karen Arias

Subject: Beach Cities Assembly District

From: Louis Bodnar <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 12:33 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Redistricting Commission:

I am requesting that you put Torrance back in the Beach Cities Assembly District and put the Beach Cities Congressional District back together starting with Westchester and ending with PV or San Pedro.

The Congressional District should include Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, all of Torrance, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro and as much of Wilmington as possible.

Louis Bodnar

[REDACTED]
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Subject: California Congressional Redistricting - District 35

From: "Curtis L. Coleman" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 3:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I am writing as a 32 year resident of the Westchester/Playa del Rey area. The neighborhood of Westchester is currently in the 35 Congressional District, due to the last redistricting that removed it from the 36th Congressional District. Westchester belongs in the 36th Congressional District along with the neighboring communities of El Segundo, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista.

Section 3.3 of the Voters FIRST Act includes the following guidance for setting the boundaries of districts:

"The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista is a contiguous, largely residential, neighborhood that historically has been considered one community. Playa Vista is situated on the former Hughes Aircraft property that has always been part of Westchester and critical to the development of the aerospace industry in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County. Tied closely together with Loyola Marymount University and LAX, Westchester has much greater community of interests with El Segundo and the other coastal cities and neighborhoods to the north and south, than to communities east of the 405 freeway such as Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, and central and south Los Angeles.

My wife and I strongly urge you to reconsider your latest proposal and return Westchester to the 36th Congressional District.

Thank you

Curtis L. Coleman

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: Beach Cities Assembly District

From: KarenHop <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:15 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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Karen Hopkins

[REDACTED]
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Subject: Congressional Redistricting

From: Natasha Sanchez [REDACTED]

Date: 7/25/2011 4:46 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

PLEASE KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE TOGETHER!!!!

Valley Village is a small, close-knit community in the San Fernando Valley. The homeowners and renters alike all take such pride in what we've created together, that is a neighborhood where the residents actually know each other, frequent the mom and pop shops together, celebrate holidays with "home-grown" parades, block parties, fairs and such. Our kids play together at our local park, ride their bikes to and from each other's homes and back and forth to school. We all look out for one another as we share the same concerns and interests in matters affecting a real, tangible neighborhood, not a random blob on the map where, according to the proposed re-districting suggestion, your ³next door² neighbor may live on the other side of the 170, further separated by North Hollywood Park on the opposite side of said freeway. (Furthermore, Valley Village Park would no longer be a part of Valley Village as it would become a part of North Hollywood's "collection", leaving us park-less.) It makes no sense to dissect our community as the re-districting commission would suggest. Fragmenting our community down residential streets, creating new zones separated by freeways and massive parks, excluding a small pocket of homeowners who are such an important component of our success as a community, including them in a district where they are physically removed from the majority of the residences in their new district, would compromise everything we've worked so hard to create and maintain. Dividing us now would be a terrible blow. We're a fiercely loyal bunch, actively involved in and deeply devoted to our small town within the big city. Please, please, PLEASE!!!! Don't let zip codes and percentages determine the fate of our neighborhood. I respectfully ask you to reconsider the purposed redistricting and keep Valley Village in one single congressional district!!!!

Sincerely,

Natasha A. Sanchez

Proud Valley Village homeowner of 8 years

Subject: District Lines

From: Jeff Selick <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 1:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in the Beverlywood HOA, and I've been informed that you are redrawing the district maps for my area. Please note that the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. The only way that the Orthodox community will have a voice in the Assembly is if Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood are all in the "LAMWS" district.

While we live in Beverlywood, my children go to school in the Fairfax/Hancock Park and my wife shops in Fairfax/Hancock Park as well. Uniting our community in a single district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

I'd be most appreciative if you do not divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half. Indeed, all of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Jeff Selick

Subject: Fw: Minority representation a challenge for redistricting commission

From: angel perea <[redacted]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:57 AM

To: undisclosed recipients ;



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Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 11:45 AM
Subject: Fw: Minority representation a challenge for redistricting commission

Make no mistake, I am a strong advocate for Minority representation and having an equal voice! However, as a long time resident of Long Beach/ Lakewood community, Our City of Long Beach has been politically gerrymandered into three or four part at the Congressional, State Senate and Assembly for past ten years! This has disenfranchised our community interest in terms of Schools, Emergency protection services, business/shopping community, recreation, health services and social services. To quote, Ms. Karen Bass, this has been a merely a "distraction"! Thank you, California Citizens Redistricting Commission for challenging but quality effort! Message from Native Californian and independent thinking democrat

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 11:30 AM
Subject: Minority representation a challenge for redistricting commission

This story was sent to you by: Angel Perea

I am a strong advocate for Minority representation and having an equal voice! However, as a long time resident of Long Beach/ Lakewood community, Our City of Long Beach has been politically gerrymande

Minority representation a challenge for redistricting commission

As the panel struggles to remap state's changing demographics, adhering to the Voting Rights Act is a key concern. Minority groups have been among the most vocal participants in the drafting process.

By Jean Merl, Los Angeles Times

July 25 2011

Many of L.A.'s black leaders gathered in Exposition Park one recent drizzly morning to sound a warning.

The complete article can be viewed at:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-redistricting-minorities-20110725,0,6227241.story>

Visit latimes.com at <http://www.latimes.com>

Subject: Fw: redistricting Westchester

From: Kay Yang-Stayner <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 3:50 PM

To: votersfirstact <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I have been a member of the Westchester Community for over 30 years, and was very surprised and saddened to hear that the Redistricting Committee voted to have Westchester put into its prior district which included the cities of Compton, Lennox, and Inglewood under Representative Maxine Waters. The Westchester Community has very little in common with these other communities, and it appears that this action occurred only for political purposes. Please reconsider the action taken, and perform the functions that the voters requested of you, to draw district lines fairly and honestly. The Westchester Community belongs with Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, and the South Bay, whose values of commitment to family, community, and service it shares.

Kay Yang-Stayner

Subject: Keep Pico/Beverlywood community together

From: Feliks Medvedev <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 3:06 PM

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

Dear Commissioners,

I live - Fairfax/Hancock Park area. The Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. The only way that the Orthodox Jewish community will have a voice in the Assembly is if Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood are all included in the "LAMWS" district. As you the two communities are intertwined. My family and most of the other Orthodox families find themselves living in one neighborhood and sending your children to school, shopping and participating in community activities in the other on a daily basis. The two neighborhoods essentially form a single community.

It worth noting that uniting our community into a single district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

The community is very grateful for putting some of Pico-Robertson into the "LAMWS" district, but what is really critically important is Pico-Robertson/ community remains a single unit rather than being devided in half. All of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Feliks Medvedev

[REDACTED]

Subject: Keep the South Bay Voting Community Interest Together - Please Select Option 1.2

From: John Stillo [REDACTED]

Date: 7/25/2011 3:55 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Re-districting Commission

Gentlemen:

We are OPPOSED to any plan that divides the Coastal South Bay community. Please maintain the integrity of the South Bay voting community by keeping the South Bay together in a straight line from Westchester south through Palos Verdes. Our communities share common interest and deserve to be represented by a congressional candidate and civic leader who will represent our collective interests.

I urge you to keep the South Bay communities located south of I-105 and west of I-110 (Option 1.2) in the same voting district as a single united voting community.

Sincerely,

John and Bridget Stillo

[REDACTED]

Palos Verdes, CA 90274

Subject: Letter to Redistricting Commission

From: keith martin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 2:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Committee,

Enclosed you will find my letter and maps. I believe that the new assembly districts will divide my neighborhood council district in half and have a negative impact on the representation our neighborhood receives. Please confirm you received my letter and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Keith Martin

— Attachments: —

Keith Martin to CRC Letter.docx

1.8 MB

KM CRC Letter.pdf

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KEITH MARTIN

July 25, 2011

California Redistricting Commission

Via Email

Re: West LA Neighborhood Council divided for Assembly

Dear Commissioners,

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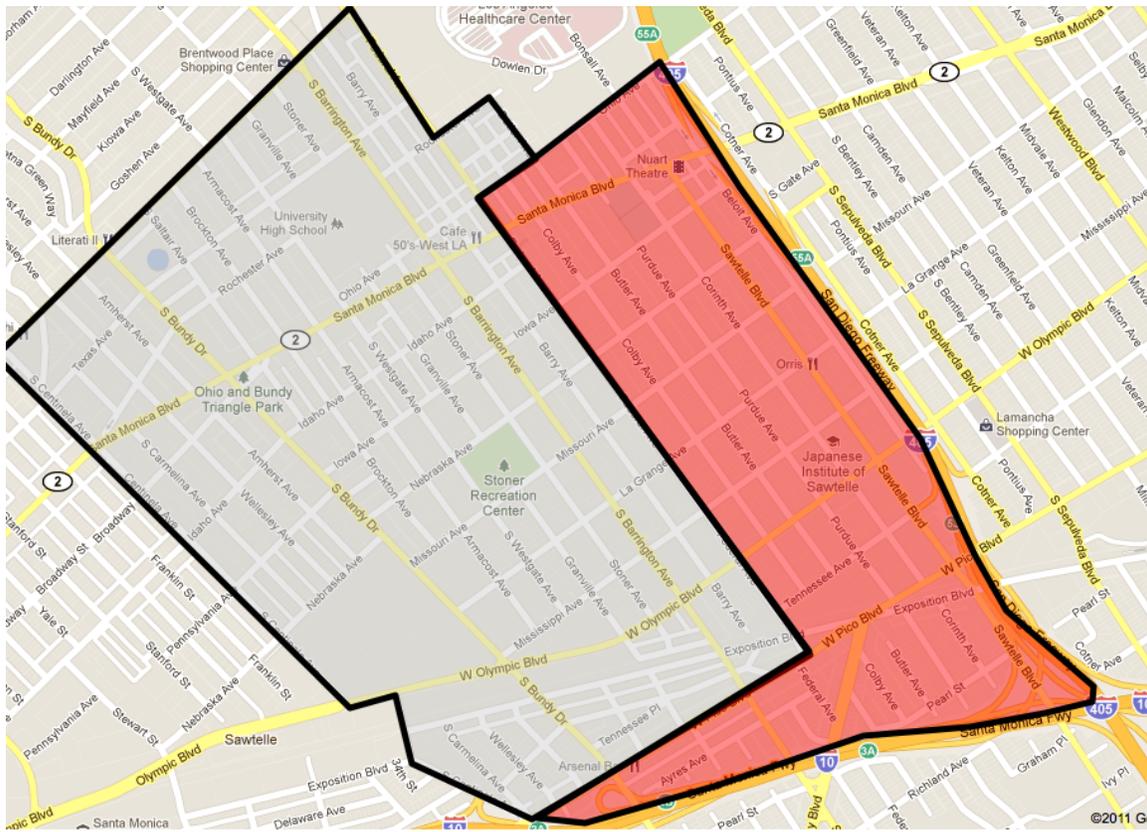
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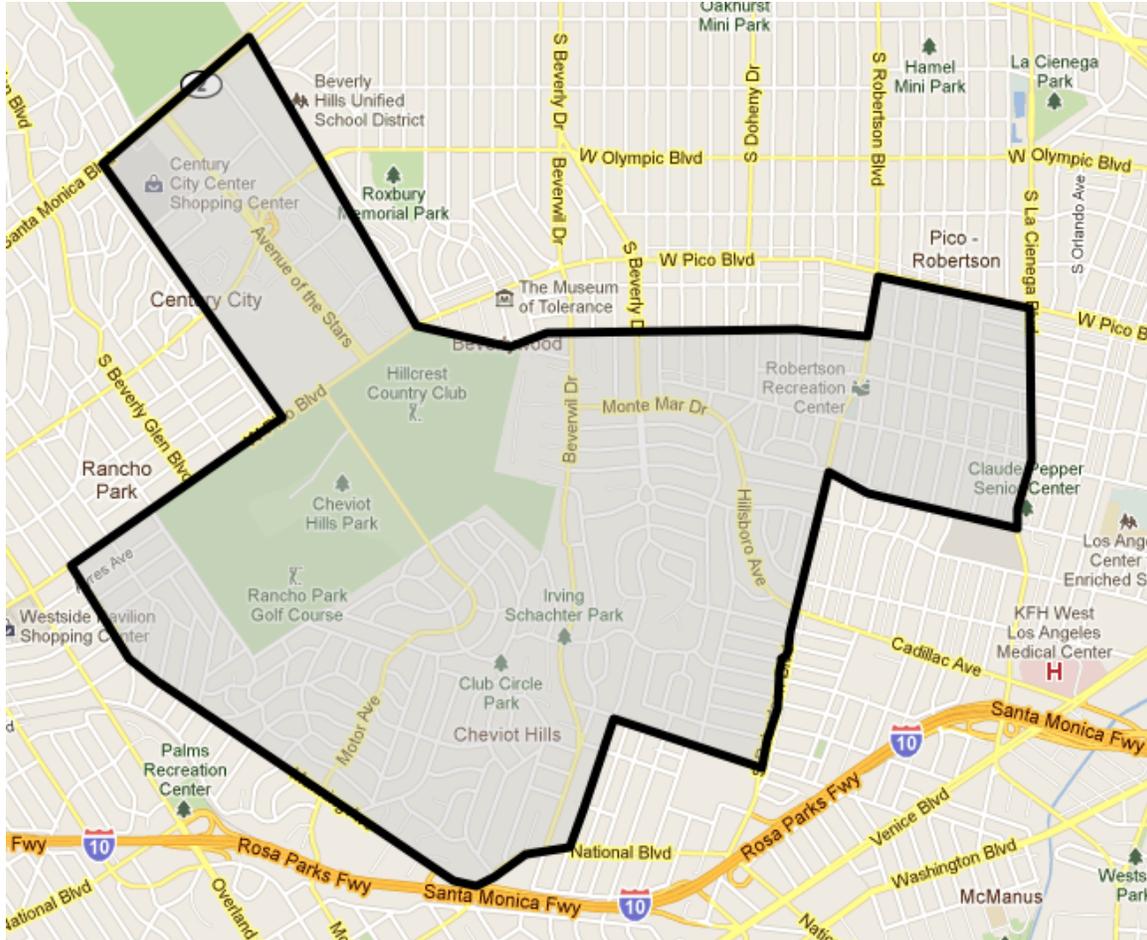
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(20,900)

Subject: California Redistricting

From: Marcia Baron <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

My family and I live in Beverlywood and would like to see the redistricting of our area to include the Pico Robertson, Hancock Park and Beverly-Fairfax in the same district.

We have lived in Beverlywood for the 15 years. While are schools and shops are in the Pico-Robertson area, we also attend synagogue, classes, JCC and shop in the Beverly-Fairfax area as well. The two Jewish areas should be united with a single voice in the Assembly. Combining them will in no way weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Marcia Glaser

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Subject: Please put Beverlywood into LAMWS

From: Adam Rich <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 12:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi,

First, I'd like to thank you for your great work. Drawing boundaries is difficult and your work is of crucial importance to building a better California.

I live in Beverlywood in Los Angeles, zip code 90035, South of Pico Blvd. I like many if not most people in this area are Jewish. We are closely connected to the community in the Fairfax, Beverly, La Brea, Hancock Park area. This is not obvious from looking at a map, but we are only a short drive away. Many of our community institutions are shared. I went to school first at Toras Emes on La Brea near Melrose and then to high school at Yeshiva Gedolah on Olympic Blvd near La Brea. We form a united community-of-interest and should all be in the LAMWS district. The populations of both areas are similar and will not dilute any other COI or minority group.

Also, Pico Blvd is not a logical boundary. The Jewish community straddles Pico Blvd with many community institutions located on either side and lots of people on both sides with the same interest.

Please put Beverlywood in LAMWS!

Thanks!

- Adam

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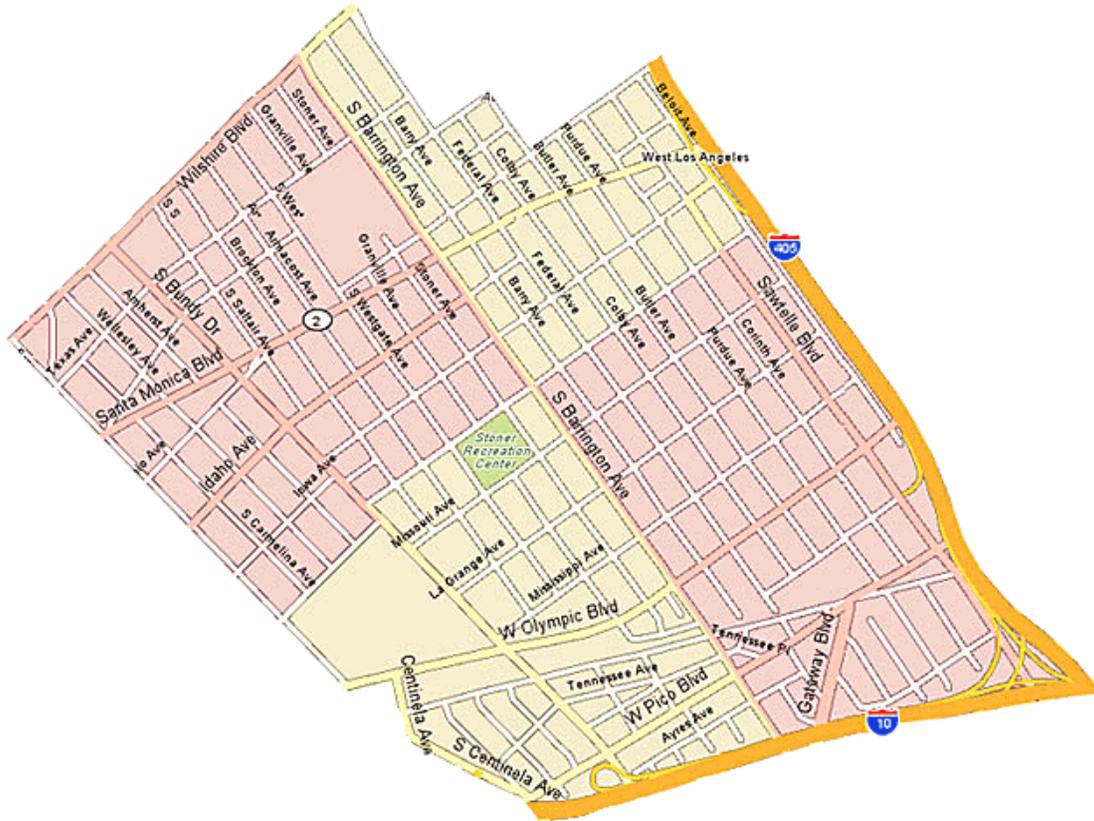
WEST LA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

WLANC Boundaries

The boundaries of the West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council are defined as:

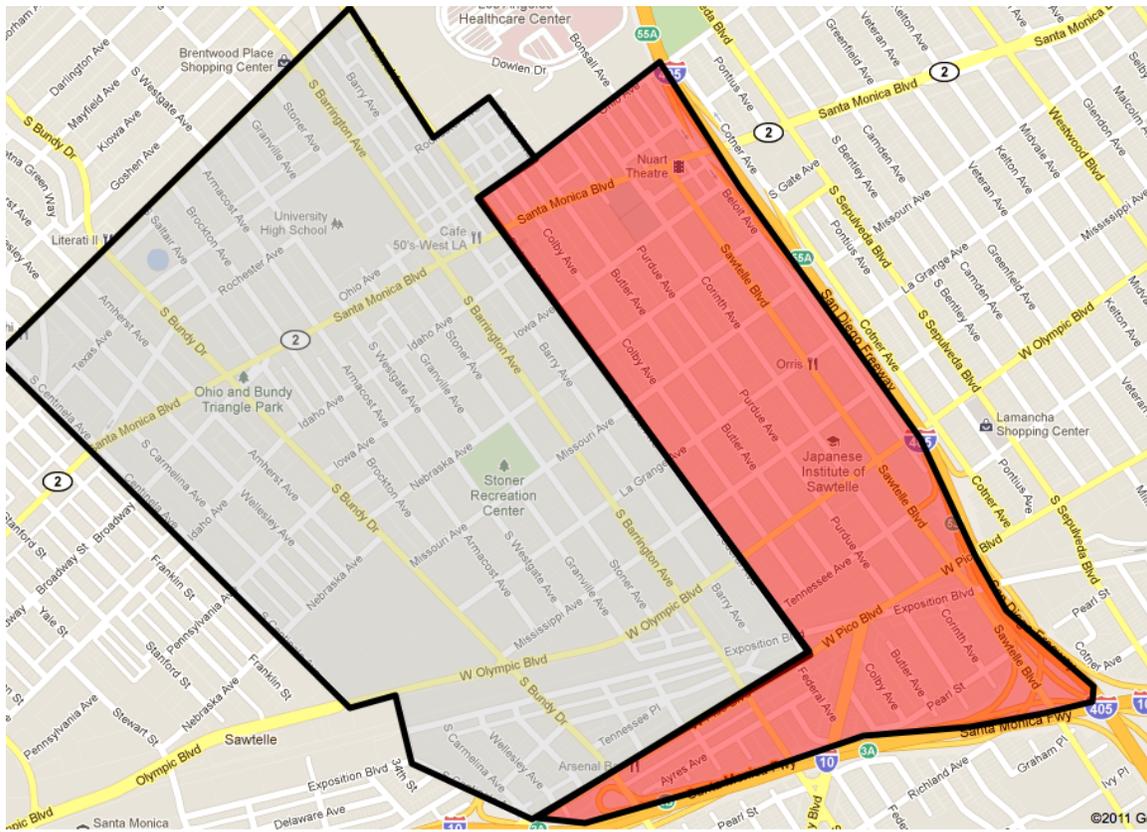
- Wilshire Boulevard to the North,
- the 10 freeway to the South,
- the 405 freeway to the East, and
- the City of Santa Monica/Centinel Avenue to the West.

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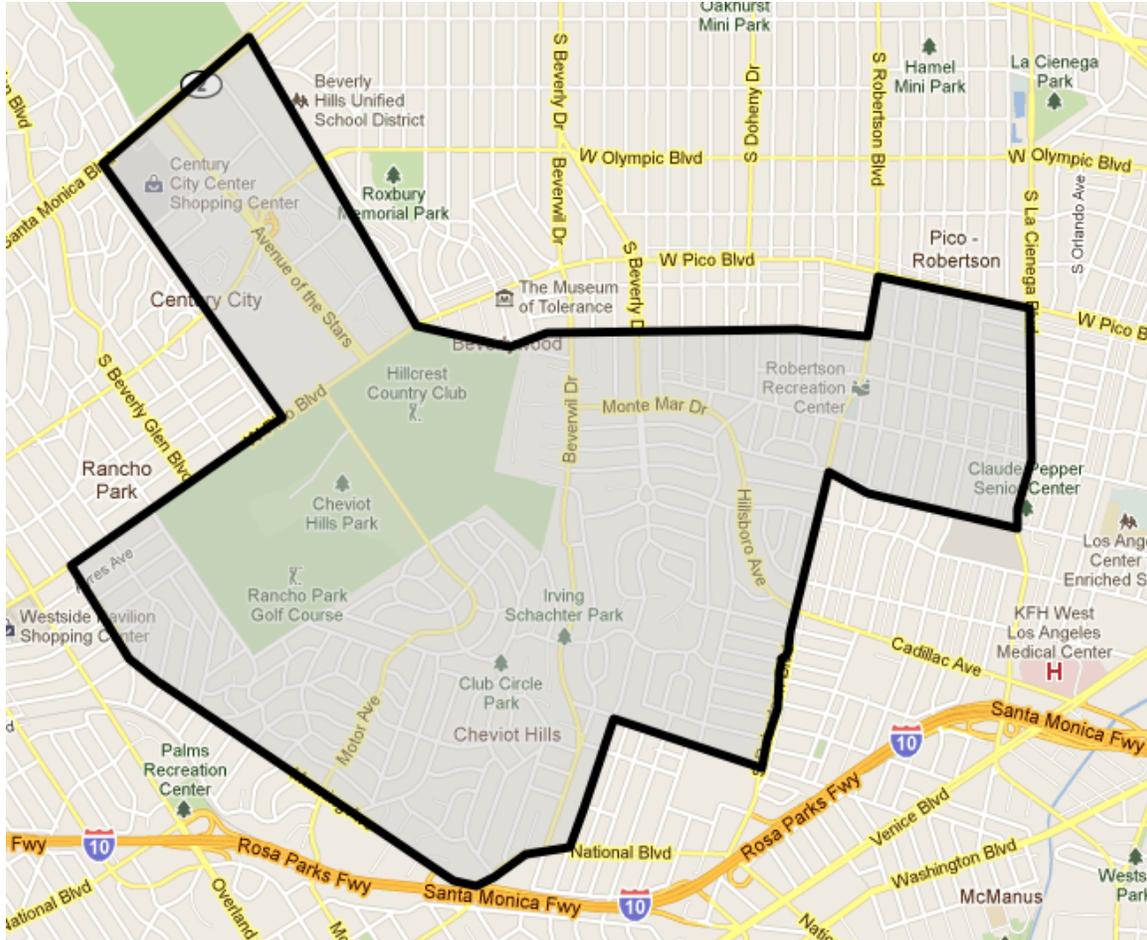
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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Abbe Murray-Cote <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:53 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Abbe Murray-Cote <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village proposed redistricting

Message Body:

Please reconsider the latest proposed redistricting of Valley Village. While I understand the need for equal representation, this proposal does not accomplish your goal. It completely dessimates an entire neighborhood that we have worked hard to unite (successfully) and continually grow over the last 15 years (and that is only the time that I have been a stakeholder, I'm positive it is much longer). Furthermore, the area that you are proposing to cut out of the current district makes no sense. Between Magnolia to the North and Riverside to the South, this area is completely cut off from the proposed redistricting area - literally and figuratively. The 170 runs right down the East side cutting it off from the remainder of that district. It is completely connected with the current district, physically (including the home of Valley Village Park), practically (all the children in this area actively attend Colfax Charter Elementary - our local LAUSD public school even though!

we house a private elementary school right in this neighborhood), and emotionally (we are a TIGHT community which protects and looks out for each other thru various initiatives including our Neighborhood Watch & VVHA meetings, promotes and enjoys mutual community events such as our Annual Valley Village 4th of July Parade, the Annual Colfax Charter World Fair, many Block Parties, and even the National Night Out - held in Valley Village Park.

To break up this community would be to destroy the very foundation that neighborhoods are built upon. We are not just an area on a map - we are an actual COMMUNITY of stakeholders, neighbors, friends, and even caretakers as the younger stakeholders provide comfort and support to our aging population.

Please reconsider what you are proposing and keep Valley Village intact.

Respectfully,

Abbe Murray-Cote

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "J. Fodor" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 12:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: J. Fodor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 33rd District

Message Body:

This applies directly to Culver City actually. The candidates offered as representatives overwhelmingly come from only one group of people for years and years. Other groups should be offered the opportunity to participate and as the lines stand now, this will not be the case. It is actually discriminatory. Please keep this in mind when drawing the maps. You shouldn't keep it going the same way, as there has been no equal opportunity and we have other groups of people who deserve a chance also. Do not preserve the status quo. As the map of July 20th illustrates, nothing will have changed really. Perhaps Culver City should be grouped with another area now - that would be a change. Louder voices don't mean better. It is a diverse community and deserves a diverse slate of representatives- not just one type of representation.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Maggie Seitz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 1:33 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Maggie Seitz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting the Sunland/Tujunga area

Message Body:

Subject: Rural Foothill Communities of Interest Assembly District

Dear Commissioners:

The rural Foothills Area and neighbors of Sunland-Tujunga have submitted comments and maps for Congress, Senate and Assembly. We are also asking for a rural foothills 'Communities of Interest' (COI) Assembly District along the San Gabriel Mountain's Foothills from Kagel Canyon to La Canada Flintridge, including Glendale and Burbank, with whom we share many things including the Verdugo Mountain range and the Wildlife Corridor known as the Rim of the Valley.

We are happy that you heard us regarding the Congress and the Senate, but see no evidence that the Commission is doing so with the Assembly District on this website. We find we are still in the East San Fernando Valley District, with whom we do not share common interest. The SFV is "big city" and we are "rural" communities who wish to continue to work together with our neighbors to stay that way.

We are asking you to give this your utmost attention per the motion and letter submitted by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, as well as letters from the other communities of Kagel Canyon, Lake View View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montros, La Canada Flintridge, Glendale and Burbank

Sincerely,

Don and Maggie Seitz
Sunland/Tujunga Resident for over 30 years

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ray Beckett [REDACTED]

Date: 7/25/2011 1:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ray Beckett <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westchester

Message Body:

The Westcheter community is bounded by
the North by the bluffs above Playa Vista and to the East by the 405 Freeway
Both are strong physical boundries.
El Segundo & Weschester share many of the same issues with LAX and beach as well as South
to North daliy commuters.

Keep Westchester on the Coastal district

per the June mapping. I disagree with

the July 20 th lines for Westchester.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ginny Hatfield <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 2:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ginny Hatfield <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village redistricting - latest map

Message Body:

It appears you have failed to take into consideration the numerous pleas to keep our community of interest intact! The latest map is even worse than the previous one and deserves to be changed to protect the integrity of Valley Village. As a Board Member of the neighborhood council, we would appreciate some feedback on the rationale for this configuration. It really seems to make no sense. I hope our protests will lead to a more desired outcome this time around.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Natasha Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 4:25 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Natasha Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village Redistricting

Message Body:

To whom it may concern,

PLEASE KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE TOGETHER!!!!

Valley Village is a small, close-knit community in the San Fernando Valley. The homeowners and renters alike all take such pride in what we've created together, that is a neighborhood where the residents actually know each other, frequent the mom and pop shops together, celebrate holidays with "home-grown" parades, block parties, fairs and such. Our kids play together at our local park, ride their bikes to and from each other's homes and back and forth to school. We all look out for one another as we share the same concerns and interests in matters affecting a real, tangible neighborhood, not a random blob on the map where, according to the proposed re-districting suggestion, your "next door" neighborhood may live on the other side of the 170, further separated by the park on the opposite side of said freeway. It makes no sense to dissect our community as the re-districting commission would suggest. Fragmenting our community down residential streets, creating new !

zones separated by freeways, massive parks, excluding a small pocket of homeowners who are such an important component of our success as a community, including them in a district where they are physically removed from the majority of the residences in their new district, would compromise everything we've worked so hard to create and maintain. Dividing us now would be a terrible blow. We're a fiercely loyal bunch, actively involved in and deeply devoted to our small town within the big city. Please, please, PLEASE!!!! I respectfully ask you to reconsider the purposed redistricting and keep Valley Village in one single congressional district!!!!

Sincerely,

Natasha A. Sanchez

Proud Valley Village homeowner of 8 years

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: james whitney <jewhitney5@att.net>
Date: 7/25/2011 5:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]

From: james whitney <[REDACTED]>
Subject: districtring of el segundo to beach cities commonalities

Message Body:
July 25, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Along with many of our fellow constituents, we respectfully request that El Segundo be included in the Beach Cities Assembly District and the Beach Cities Congressional District with the cities of the South Bay "beach city" commonality group., ie., Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance. Regarding the aspect of "communities of interest" El Segundo's further commonalities with the beach cities are: it is "the" aerospace community" which is our region's job engine, police and fire mutual aid services, small city governance, small unified school district issues and of course small city coastal concerns having a "beach region" within the confines of the city. We urge you to establish a fair district that will represent the people of the beach cities.

Registered Voters:

James E. Whitney
Nancy D. Whitney
Mrs. Elizabeth Wilburn

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Subject: Redistricting comments

From: "Charisse Bremond" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 4:46 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

On behalf of the Brotherhood Crusade, please find attached comments regarding redistricting in South Los Angeles.

Charisse Bremond Weaver

President/CEO

Brotherhood Crusade

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

— Attachments: —

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Subject: Redistricting Concerns

From: Henri Isenberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 5:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I live in Hancock Park and I am concerned about the redistricting proposal that would divide my community into two. I grew up in the Pico-Robertson neighborhood and that is where many of my friends live. In fact, I and my friends in Hancock Park share many institutions with the Pico-Roberston/Beverlywood neighborhood. For instance, my children attend school in the Pico-Robertson neighborhood. At the same time, my cousins who live in the Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood areas attend schools in Hancock Park and Beverly-Fairfax.

We shop at both these districts. Our medical, accounting, and law professional relationships are spread in both locations too.

In short the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and the Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest with many shared institutions. The only way that the the Jewish Orthodox community will have a voice in the Assembly is if these communities are all in the LAMWS district.

Uniting our community in a single district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group of community of interest.

Please do not divide these neighborhoods - it should stay as one "LAMWS" district.

Thank you for considering this letter.

With respect and appreciation,
Henri Isenberg

BROTHERHOOD Crusade

July 22, 2011

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

Via Email - votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Commissioners:

We wish to express our strong opposition to any redistricting plan that would reduce state and/or federal representation for the African American communities of Los Angeles.

Founded in 1968, The Brotherhood Crusade is a community-based organization that creates innovative programs, initiates, administers, and enhances the quality of life for families & youth in underserved communities. Brotherhood Crusade provides multi-cultural programs that address health, education, social welfare and economic development issues that are traditionally overlooked.

While the population demographics continue to evolve, the geographic area that is now South Los Angeles is in large part a reflection of historical patterns of segregation and migration. What were once largely white and middle-class communities in many areas of South LA are now home to a diverse blend of racial, ethnic backgrounds and socio-economic status. The eastern portion represents the gateway and point of entry for those who migrated to the California in the hope of new opportunities. The western edge bookmarks the continued migration of African Americans following the enactment of federal fair housing laws, the dismantling of housing covenants and the pattern of segregation reframed through economic policy.

South LA is home to the largest percentage of Black and Latino residents of any area within LA County. Approximately 45% of the African American population of Los Angeles County resides in this area and 17% of the Latino population. It is for this reason – the term “South LA” is used to capture this distinct and shared historical experience. However, the reference to the South LA should not be misinterpreted or used to otherwise simplify and negate the otherwise unique communities. South LA represents a set of contiguous geographic areas, each with its own unique set of challenges. The historical patterns of public and private divestment has resulted in an inequitable distribution of critical resources and services within South LA overall and to varying degrees on a community by community basis, thus representing differing economic and political challenges.

Unfortunately, the visualizations and draft maps the commission as produced to date treats South LA as if it were one community and as a result disenfranchises the African-American community and diminishes its voice. The diversity of the South Los Angeles region should be reflected by its electoral districts. We urge the commission to maintain the voice of our community by retaining the existing Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts serving South Los Angeles.

Sincerely,



Charisse Bremond
President/CEO

Helping people,
help themselves

Subject: CRC Comments from SGVEP

From: "Katie Gagnon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 11:49 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please see attached comments to the California Redistricting Commission from the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.

Katie

Katie Gagnon, Director of Public Policy
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

[REDACTED]

Irwindale, CA 91706

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- Fax

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SAVE THE DATE: Friday, September 9, 2011 @ Annandale Golf Club, Pasadena

8th annual San Gabriel Valley Awards Gala

— Attachments: _____

SGVEP Comments Visualizations.pdf

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July 25, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

The San Gabriel Economic Partnership (Partnership) has been watching the progress of the redistricting process. We applaud the Commissioners in their diligent work in creating districts with many criterion to follow. When the Partnership testified in a public hearing on June 19th in Whittier we felt that our comments were heard, especially regarding the Senate maps. The visualizations for the Senate and Assembly districts (LASGF, LACVN, LAWSG, LAPRW) that were created on June 29th seemed to address the concerns the Partnership had about having the districts being aligned East to West instead of North to South. One concern the Partnership had with the June 29th maps as drawn is the City of South El Monte is in a district that is not with any other San Gabriel Valley cities.

In response to the Congressional districts of the San Gabriel Valley (COVNA, SGVP, ONTPM, and LHBYL) we support the visualizations that were released on July 8th because they give equal representation to the 31 cities of the San Gabriel Valley. Again, the only additional concern with these visualizations is that the City of South El Monte is in a district that does not contain other San Gabriel Valley cities.

The Partnership applauds the commission and what we feel was responsiveness to our requests as well as other public comments. We hope that the open dialogue and responsiveness continues through the rest of this process.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Kurtz
President & CEO



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San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Redistricting Recommendations

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (Partnership) would like the following considered when drawing districts regarding the San Gabriel Valley.

Congressional Maps

- The Partnership supports the visualizations that were released on July 8, 2011 for the COVNA, SGVP, ONTPM, and LHBYL proposed districts. These districts all contain San Gabriel Valley cities and represent our region.
- The Partnership supports these maps because they have districts that contain majority San Gabriel Valley cities that will give us representation at the Federal level that we feel is sufficient.
- The only concern that the Partnership has with these Congressional maps is that the city of South El Monte is not in a San Gabriel Valley district. If possible the Partnership hopes that the 31 cities of the San Gabriel Valley be within districts that have other SGV cities.

Senate Districts

- The Partnership previously commented on the Senate first draft maps that were drawn, the Districts that we are commenting on are LASGF and LACVN. Our concern was that, as drawn there are NO Senators whose constituents are primarily within the San Gabriel Valley whole. Each district has more constituents outside our valley. We strongly urge you to change these boundaries. One suggestion would be to nest districts east/west instead of the north/south alignment currently shown.
- In the visualizations that were released on June 29th the Partnership feels that the concerns we had were addressed. We continue to support these districts and hope that these maps would be reconsidered as the more recent ones still do not address our concerns with San Gabriel Valley representation.
- The only concern that the Partnership has with these Senate maps, similar to the Congressional maps, is that the city of South El Monte is not in a San Gabriel Valley district. If possible the Partnership hopes that the 31 cities of the San Gabriel Valley be within districts that have other SGV cities.

Assembly Districts

- The Partnership compliments the Commission on nesting two Assembly Districts into one Senate District, the Assembly districts we are commenting on are LAWSG, LAPRW, LACVN, and LASGF.



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- Following with the Partnerships support of the Senate visualizations that were released on June 29th, we also support the visualizations for Assembly districts that were released on June 29th.
- One concern that the Partnership has is the issue with South El Monte not being in a district with any other San Gabriel Valley cities.

The Partnership would like to again thank the commissioners for their efforts in attempting to address all concerns brought about by the redistricting process. We hope that the Commission continues to listen to and hear the concerns that organizations have and if you have further questions please feel free to contact us.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, not-for-profit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley. A collaboration of businesses, local government, higher education institutions, and non-profits, the Partnership pursues this commitment through three key areas of focus: providing professional business assistance, advocating public policy and marketing the San Gabriel Valley.

For additional questions please contact Cynthia J. Kurtz, President & CEO at [REDACTED]

Subject: URGENT CONCERNS

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 2:48 PM

To: "Communications Office" <[REDACTED]>

Honorable CRC:

My name is BobbieJean Anderson. I am a resident of South LA, 48th AD, 26 SD and 35 CD. I live in Vermont Knolls Community, [REDACTED] LA, CA 90044

I write again to express my concerns with the latest drawings and ask that you take my comments into consideration.

Thank you.

URGENT!! URGENT!! URGENT!! URGENT!!

South Central is about to be taken over by Torrance, Westchester and Hawthorne. We are losing Black districts in the redistricting process.

The Black Community must not be sacrificed! The City of Torrance must not be included in Black districts.

The Latinos do not need 50% districts. South LA includes the eastern part of South LA and must be kept in our Black Communities.

Bobbiejean Anderson

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in times of comfort but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy." MLK, Jr.

Subject: Westchester, CA

From: "Claire M Robertson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/25/2011 12:13 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

Westchester/Playa's Community of Interest is with the SOUTH BAY BEACH COMMUNITIES. It has **virtually nothing** in common with the inland communities of South Los Angeles. Westchester/Playa will NOT be fairly represented in the current Congressional visualization.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REAL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST of Westchester/Playa and the South Bay Beach Communities. If you have ever been to Westchester/Playa, you know that it has VASTLY more in common – in every respect – with the other South Bay communities.

YOU GOT IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME! Look at your own State Senate map that you just approved – it follows the simple common sense of grouping the COASTAL COMMUNITIES together. Consistency, please!

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WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DOES NOT SHARE A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WITH SOUTH LOS ANGELES.

Westchester/Playa citizens deserve fair representation. Please do not let us down. I'll say it again – you got it right with the first draft. It really is that simple.

Thank you,

Claire Robertson

Claire M Robertson
MS -Elementary Reading and Literacy
Los Angeles, CA -PST

Subject: District lines

From: Scott Krieger [REDACTED]

Date: 7/25/2011 10:07 AM

To: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

I am a resident of the Beverlywood neighborhood. The Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico/Robertson Beverlywood neighborhoods constitute a single, integrated Community of Interest (COI) with many shared institutions. These neighborhoods should have a single voice and all should be in the same LAMWS district. The elementary school that my children go to are in the Hancock Park neighborhood. and my of the services that my family uses are in the Fairfax business district. Putting our community into a single district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or COI. Thank you for partially fixing our LAMWS but my area was divided from other members of my community. My community is now split between two different districts. thank you for your consideration of this request

Scott Krieger
Chief Operating Officer
The Arba Group, Inc

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Los Angeles, CA 90048

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