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July 26, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Baldwin Hills Community where I live, I am very concerned about the changing of our boundaries and the effective representation we enjoy so much. Our state and local representatives serve our diverse community extremely well, and keep us up to date and informed on issues that effect or may effect us.

We want to retain the present two senators, three congressional seats, and four assembly seats who have been serving our needs exceptionally well. Our mostly African American community has no desire to change our district boundaries. The current maps are exactly what this community needs to continue the renew and resurgence we are experiencing at this time. Please do not disrupt the wave of progress our community is now seeing.

Please leave the area of the 33rd District as it was prior to the establishment of the commission for the redrawing of the lines to include Hollywood, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake back as contiguous sites connected to Los Angeles for purposes of inclusivity and diversity to maintain well deserved and needed resources.

Sincerely yours,



Resident of Los Angeles County

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: barbara hechtman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2011 02:52:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: barbara hechtman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA

Message Body:

Keep the V.A. in our district. We have worked very hard to keep it here.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: barbara hechtman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2011 02:53:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: barbara hechtman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: V. A.

Message Body:

Please vote to keep the V.A. in our district in Brentwood.

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From: "Betsy L. Link" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 20:27:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Betsy L. Link <[REDACTED]>

Subject: re-districting Brentwood, 90049

Message Body:

I think this is a terrible idea. We have worked hard to make the V.A. better and we don't want to lose all of our work. Perhaps the reason for the redistricting is to try and sell some of the land to developers.

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From: "Chas. Schwartz" <Pott[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 22:26:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chas. Schwartz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Valley Village Whole!

Message Body:

I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very concerned that the newly proposed map will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway on the eastern border and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one Congressional district. This will maintain the district's borders as they have been since the community was officially established.

Chas. Schwartz

[REDACTED]

VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91601

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Darren Price <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 12:30:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Darren Price <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

It has come to my attention that the commission wants to redistrict seats for the house of representatives. I am asking that you do not redistrict the already existing voting districts. African Americans who live in the affected area deserve to continue having the representation that they have had.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: David Lutness [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2011 02:25:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Lutness <[REDACTED]>

Subject: File formats

Message Body:

It is unconscionable that these maps are not available as pdf's or jpeg,s

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From: "Dr. Adrian Dove" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 23:39:37 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dr. Adrian Dove <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Supplement to Fundamental Redistricting Testimony

Message Body:

TESTIMONY OF

ADRIAN DOVE, CHAIRMAN OF CORE-LDEF & CORE-CA

(CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY - LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND
(PRIMARILY ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF ONTEREST)

before the

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In marked contrast to the rest of totals in USA: In the city of Compton, the demographics are actually 65.0% Hispanic and 32.9% African American for a total of 97.9 that is other than the so-called majority group in control, the Non-Hispanic White people. The voting rights act was intended to protect the disadvantaged minority from the majority rule because of the fact that our proud American convention of Winner Take All, Simple Majority Rule LA requires some further consideration due to potential forthcoming court challenges. The City of LA for example has no majority. There is a

plurality of 48.5% Latino, 11.1% API, 9.6% African-American and only 28.7% White and Non-Hispanic. City of LA with a population of 3,792,621, larger than 4 Congressional Districts out of the 53 CD's in the state is an example of minority becoming majority clearly within the coming 10 years. In LA there is a Hispanic Mayor County Sheriff School Board President and majority of Members, supporting the Assembly Speaker which might suggest that the sheer possession of an almost 50% majority might not be covered by the same urgency as in the case of deep south anti-Black and rural California anti-Mexican majorities.

We submit that at all times there must be a consideration of the allocation of all the competing claims against favorable redistricting for the 53 Congressional Seats the 40 Assembly and the 8 Assembly seats and the 5 Board of Equalization Districts. with an eye to special efforts to protect the vanishing species.

Again thank you for the opportunity to present these written remarks to you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Georgette Herget <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 16:44:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Georgette Herget <[REDACTED]>

Subject: El Segundo--beach cities district

Message Body:

I am an El Segundo resident; our city has always been in the "beach cities" district with Manhattan Bch, Hermosa, Torrance, Redondo. El Segundo has a "community of interest with these cities. The proposal to place El Segundo with inland cities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, etc. is senseless, we have nothing in common with those cities. Keep El Segundo where it belongs.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Gretchen Morris <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 16:47:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gretchen Morris <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Diluting voting powers in South Los Angeles

Message Body:

By diluting State and Congressional districts you are diluting African American voting power. Our population needs more services not less. We need state and federal funds directed our the core community.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this matter.

Gretchen

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Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges - The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor - Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting proposal be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; Lake View Terrace - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; La Tuna Canyon - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); Glendale and Burbank - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business

These communities have commonalities and interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District.

I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Signature

DAN JUST



Street

Shadow Hills

City and Zip Code

CA, 91352

Phone

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Joy Janes <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 18:27:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joy Janes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Lakewood-Congressional

Message Body:

Please take another look at the LBPRT/DWTR Congressional maps. You have split off a small portion of Lakewood and put it in the LBPRT, with the rest in DWTR. Can you tweak this map so that all of Lakewood is in DWTR? Linda Sanchez has been a good representative for Lakewood, and I really hate losing her as my Member of Congress. In the interest of respecting city boundaries, please keep all of Lakewood in one congressional district.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Krista Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 17:40:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Krista Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th Congressional District Lines

Message Body:

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Krista Johnson and I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.

I have reviewed the preliminary district maps issued by the commission on the Commission's website for the Palos Verdes Est-Beach Cities. I find much of the proposed districts to be acceptable, however I do respectfully request the Commission modify the maps per my recommendations that follow. My proposed modifications affect all three districts.

Others and I were very pleased with the preliminary edition of the 36th congressional district (CD) available on the website, June 2, 2011. It was almost a carbon copy of what many of us proposed and placed on the Commissions website prior to that date. However, between June 2nd and the June 10th preliminary releases, a few significant changes were made to the preliminary 36th CD. Specifically, several key cities of our community were removed from our proposed congressional district, namely Lawndale, Hawthorne, Lennox, Wilmington and a portion of San Pedro. These cities were replaced with Venice, Santa Monica, Harbor City and a portion of Harbor Gateway.

Please understand, Venice and Santa Monica are not a part of our Southbay community while the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much a part of our Southbay community. In fact, the city of Lawndale posts on their website that they are "The Heart of the Southbay." Except for the fact that Venice and Santa Monica are cities on the Pacific coastline, they have little else in common with the Southbay. Most of us seldom visit the cities of Venice and Santa Monica and we certainly do not work, shop or recreate in these cities. Further, folks from Venice and Santa Monica likewise testified at hearings that they are not part of the Southbay and wish to be removed from the proposed 36th CD.

To the contrary, many of those who reside in the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne work at Southbay small businesses and are employed by our aerospace industry. Further, many of us residing in the peninsula cities have friends and relatives residing in these cities as well as own and operate businesses in these cities. The cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much "communities of interest" to us.

I respectfully request the Commission include Lawndale and Hawthorne in the final 36th CD and eliminate Venice and Santa Monica from it. From the viewpoint of population, it is practically a one for one swap. Venice and Santa Monica have a combined population of approximately 129,000 and Hawthorne and Lawndale have a combined population of approximately 118,000. To accommodate the difference, I suggest the Commission consider adding the section of Harbor Gateway south of the 405 Freeway and north of Sepulveda to the section of Harbor Gateway already included. This adds approximately 6,000 people to the proposed final congressional district, thus making up most of the loss from the desired swap. Additionally, I strongly recommend all of San Pedro be included in our CD as well as Lennox and Gardena west of Western Ave. This yields a population of approximately 704,000, the required number of people for a congressional district in accordance with the 2010 census data.

Regarding the Assembly District, I request the elimination of Westchester and Marina Del Rey from the Commission's preliminary map and the addition of Lawndale and the section of Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd. This is practically a one-for-one swap in population numbers. This permits the city of Lawndale to be in the same assembly and congressional districts and it complies with the Assembly District population requirement of approximately 465,000.

I again thank the Commission for your interest in our community and your conscientious work in our behalf.

Krista Johnson

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: lesli watts <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 21:23:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: lesli watts <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting santa monica montian area

Message Body:

please keep the topanga malibu mountain area in an east - west alignment. we have nothing in common with santa clarita or simi valley. topanga canyon boulevard is not a logical divider. ventuera county line is. thank you,

lesli watts

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lorena Belcher <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2011 02:04:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lorena Belcher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 33rd District

Message Body:

I would like the 33rd District to remain the way it was before, that includes the Silverlake area, Hollwood and Los Feliz areas. The former district gave a farer representation for African Americans and people of color. I do business, have friends, visit churches and would like those areas to includ 2 Senators, 3 Assemblypersons and 4 Congress representatives. Thank you, Lorena Belcher. 7-28-11

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Marcel Lemrise <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 16:46:27 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marcel Lemrise <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Beach Cities district--El Segundo

Message Body:

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From: Mary Fontenot <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 13:26:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary Fontenot <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

We do not need an overseer, but we do need more representation, i.e. Maxine Waters, Laura Richardson, and Karen Bass, in the South Los Angeles area, and surrounding city areas. We need more health care options. We need jobs. We need a better education system. Let the representatives do their job! I do not want to see my city divided and a representative appointed that has no ties to my community. As a long time voter, election worker, a mother, grandmother and proud senior citizen I would like to see my district well represented with elected officials focusing on the needs of the poor, low income, education, and the elderly.

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From: "Matthew D. Stayner" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 22:56:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matthew D. Stayner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westchester in South Bay/Beach Cities

Message Body:

The Westchester/Playa del Rey area aligns with the South Bay Beach Cities, and should be moved for all districts. We have common community interests with our Beach City Neighbors, and please reflect that change.

Thank you,

Matt Stayner

Westchester Resident, 12 years.

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From: "Rachel C. Johnson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 18:52:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rachel C. Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly District Lines

Message Body:

I have one word for the current lines as of Thursday, July 28th - RACIST!!!
How dare you divide the City of Gardena basically in half, separating the predominantly African American part of the city from the rest. Who gave you input for this?!!! I am flabbergasted by this deliberate attempt to disenfranchise a minority voting block and to place the traditionally Asian voting block with neighboring cities that have this particular demographic. This is outwardly RACIST and besides that, what would make you think that dividing my city into two assembly districts will benefit our citizens?!!! This is basically just STUPID. I am at a loss for any other word to describe it. You have set aside monies to defend the court challenges for these maps. Well, you better set aside more. I URGE you to leave the ENTIRE city of Gardena within the 51st Assembly district as it is now so that we have a representative the represents the ENTIRE city, not a portion, and not one racial demographic.

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From: Roberta Fay <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 20:57:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Roberta Fay <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LOS ANGELES

Message Body:

Westchester, CA (zipcode 90045) should remain in the same district. I do NOT want Westchester to be redistricted to a different congressional district. No one speaks for me and no one speaks for the majority of inhabitants of Westchester, CA.

My mother has resided in Westchester since 1964 and I have lived here for more than 40 years.

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From: Ryan Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 15:26:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ryan Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proper Representaion

Message Body:

The 33 & 35 district are very important to keep intact. The 33 & 35th districts are the ideal picture of a diverse AMERICA! And if there is any lost of seat it should be the 43 seats that are currently held by a declining constituency.

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In marked contrast to the rest of totals in USA: In the city of Compton, the demographics are actually **65.0% Hispanic** and **32.9% African American** for a total of 97.9 that is other than **the so-called majority group in control, the Non-Hispanic White people**. The voting rights act was intended to protect the disadvantaged minority from the majority rule because of the fact that our proud American convention of Winner Take All, Simple Majority Rule LA requires some further consideration due to potential forthcoming court challenges. The City of LA for example has no majority. There is a plurality of 48.5% Latino, 11.1% API, 9.6% African-American and only 28.7% White and Non-Hispanic. City of LA with a population of 3,792,621, larger than 4 Congressional Districts out of the 53 CD's in the state is an example of minority becoming majority clearly within the coming 10 years. In LA there is a Hispanic Mayor County Sheriff School Board President and majority of Members, supporting the Assembly Speaker which might suggest that the sheer possession of an almost 50% majority might not be covered by the same urgency as in the case of deep south anti-Black and rural California anti-Mexican majorities.

We submit that at all time there must be a consideration of the allocation of all the competing claims against favorable redistricting for the 53 Congressional Seats the 40 Assembly and the 8 Assembly seats and the 5 Board of Equalization Districts. with an eye to special efforts to protect the vanishing species.

Again thank you for the opportunity to present these written remarks to you.

Subject: Re: redistricting comment about Arcadia and San Marino

From: Orland Wilcox <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 14:10:20 -0700

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

Dear Commission Members:

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Regards,

Orland Wilcox and Louise Wilcox

Subject: re disticting

From: Nigel Hamer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 16:31:19 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Traci <[REDACTED]>

I live in the Pico-Roberston (south of Pico) so called Beverlywood flats. It is important to me & my family & community that we stay connected with the Beverlywood & Hancock Park in LAMWS district. We all share in the in many activities of the Jewish/orthodox community with my brother in law & father/ mother in laws and various other family members on both sides of Pico Blvd. We act as a single community with the many Shul's /places of worship & business in our area. Uniting our community in a single district would not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

Please do NOT separate the communities.

Thanks for very much for your consideration,

Nigel Hamer

cell [REDACTED]
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Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: Redistricting

From: Lena g <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 12:17:57 -0700

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

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to ask that you reconsider the place of downtown and the west side of Long Beach in your next draft of California's congressional districts. Currently, most of downtown and the west side are represented by the same representative who serves the central Los Angeles County cities, with whom we have so much in common. In your latest draft, however, you have placed the most urban, dense parts of Long Beach, which are some of the most diverse communities in the nation, into a district with Orange County cities like Stanton and Westminster, which are not diverse or urban at all.

I would like to request that you include downtown Long Beach and west Long Beach in the urban district centered in Compton, rather than placing us with Orange County communities that have such different interests and demographics.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Lena Gonzalez
Downtown Long Beach resident

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Zev Goldberg" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 12:15:41 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "'Elazar Muskin'" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sir/Madam,

We write to you today as the leaders of the Young Israel of Century City, a 450 member Synagogue located in the heart of the Pico-Robertson area. We understand that you are currently in the once a decade process of redrawing district lines. We are reaching out to you to firmly state that the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions.

There are many, many members of our congregation who live in the Beverlywood area but send their children to school in the Hancock Park. Two of the main educational institutes for our community are found in the Fairfax/Hancock Park area and we feel strongly that it must be considered one large district. Uniting these two communities under one district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group of community of interest.

We thank you for already putting some of Pico-Robertson into the "LAMWS" district, but we ask that you not divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half.

We are most appreciative of your time and consideration and we thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Elazar Muskin
Senior Rabbi

Zev Goldberg
Rabbinic Fellow

Young Israel of Century City
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90035
[REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting comment about Arcadia and San Marino

From: Corbet Wilcox <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 14:03:59 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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Regards,

Corbet Wilcox



Pasadena , CA 91106

Subject: Redistricting comment about Arcadia and San Marino

From: Laura Wilcox <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 14:48:54 -0700

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

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Regards,

Laura Wilcox



Pasadena , CA 91106

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Laura Wilcox

Personal Life Coach

Subject: Redistricting Correspondence

From: "Artonian, Narek" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 14:16:22 -0700

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

Good afternoon,

The attached correspondence was mistakenly sent to Los Angeles County.

Thank you

Narek Artonian

Commission Services

Board of Supervisors - Executive Office

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90012

[REDACTED]
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July 21, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commission Members:

Let me start off by thanking you for taking into account some of our comments regarding the Senate District that includes the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Norwalk and Pico Rivera among others. Your visualizations prepared on July 15 demonstrate that you listened to us and our concerns regarding representation for our communities.

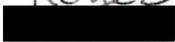
I would like to make a couple of observations, however. The City of Montebello seems to more properly belong in the district directly north of this district. I have always thought of Montebello as part of the San Gabriel Valley rather than the Gateway Cities or Southeast cities. Montebello is a part of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. If you search the term San Gabriel Valley, Montebello will show up as a part of the definition or listing of cities. I would also question why La Habra, which is in Orange County, is included in this district. It seems like a representative of mostly Los Angeles County would not be the best choice for one city in Orange County.

My family, friends and I rarely go to Montebello or La Habra for entertainment, to shop, to dine or for recreational opportunities. I consider Lynwood, South Gate, Huntington Park and Paramount to be similar to the communities depicted in the visualization on your website. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Proposed 27th Senatorial Districts Alternative Plan/Map also makes these distinctions. I believe the proposed Alternative Plan/Map for the 27th District prepared by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance does a better job in grouping our cities based on the similarities of our communities and the geography.

Again, I appreciate your response to our concerns and am pleased that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has done what the voters who passed the Voters First Act asked for. You listened to Californians. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roger and Mary Curry

 *Roger Curry & Mary Curry*

Whittier, CA 90605

Subject: redistricting involving the "LAMWS" district.

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2011 02:28:50 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Gentlemen,

I very much appreciate the difficulty of your work, and the significant progress you have made by including as much as you already have in the "LAMWS" district.

I have lived in this area for over 40 years, on both sides of Pico Blvd. I can tell you from personal experience that both sides are part of the same community. We share the same jobs, same shopping, same organizations, same houses of worship, same charitable projects, same hospitals and doctors, same schools, and same interests. We are one community. It makes no sense to divide us along Pico and put Beverlywood with Crenshaw, or Culver City. We are not them.

Beverlywood belongs with Fairfax, Beverly Hills, Hancock Park, and most importantly, with the rest of Pico Robertson. We are one community of interest. We should be one voting community. Please do your best to see that we are all in the same voting district.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Levine, M.D.

Clinical Professor, USC-Keck School of Medicine

Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Ocutronics, LLC

Subject: Redistricting of the South Bay

From: "Robert S. Cooper" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 09:01:04 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Voters First Act:

This is not what we voted for when we voted to take redistricting out of the hands of politicians. Obviously, the discovery of a partisan politician in the group performing the redistricting has revealed that the entire process has been contaminated. This is also clearly evidenced by the proposal of cutting Torrance, the central city of what we have traditionally called the South Bay” , from the South Bay region.

Even Janice Hahn admits that the proposed district 36, which eliminates her San Pedro home from this district, makes no logical sense. So what was the commission thinking when it made the current proposal chopping up the South Bay? Obviously, the purpose of such a contorted revision of the South Bay is to insure that a certain party’s representatives will always be able to get elected, i.e., the democratic party candidate. But California cannot afford to keep the same people in power who have run us off a financial cliff. This has to be stopped, and if it takes court action, then that’s what it will be.

Thank you,

Robert S. Cooper, Esq.

LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT S. COOPER

[REDACTED]

Torrance, CA 90503

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Subject: Redistricting of Westchester

From: OSAMU MURATA <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 00:14:51 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Westchester for 37 years, having bought my first house here when I was 24 years old, so I have in a way, grown up here during my adult life. The issues that we face, such as airport noise and airport traffic congestion, and coastal environmental issues are more in common with Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, and El Segundo.

If we are included in a district with Inglewood, Lennox, Lawndale, and Gardena, our concerns about living in the extended Santa Monica Bay area will be overshadowed and pushed aside in favor of the concerns that these cities have.

I don't think you can be so unreasonable as to deny that a logical fit should prevail. Pairing us with cities who do not share common concerns is not logical.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Murata



Los Angeles, CA 90017

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July 26, 2011

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

Re: OPPOSE – Proposed Downtown Los Angeles State Senate Districts

Dear Honorable Commission Members,

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) is L.A.'s premier business advocacy association whose 450 members employ over 350,000 people in the Los Angeles region. CCA, in conjunction with the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID), has led the Downtown Los Angeles renaissance since its inception, successfully transforming Downtown's once-forgotten streets into a vibrant 24-hour community and nearly tripling Downtown's resident population in the past decade.

According to the draft California State Senate boundaries dated July 14, 2011, Downtown Los Angeles – currently served by Senate District 22 - will be divided into two separate senate districts. This action should not be taken lightly, and we *strongly oppose* the proposed division. Downtown Los Angeles is the economic engine for all of Southern California, and dividing our community into two districts will have major repercussions throughout the region.

Downtown Los Angeles is generally understood to be the area bounded by the 110, 10, and 101 freeways and the Los Angeles River. Many individuals unfamiliar with Downtown are surprised to learn that within these boundaries lies an extremely tight-knit community. Downtown Los Angeles' population has grown by almost 30,000 in the past ten years, now reaching 50,000 individuals and growing.

The Citizens Redistricting Commission is tasked with keeping "communities of interest" intact for purposes of fair and effective representation, protecting the shared social and economic interests of a population. Downtown living can be an adjustment, and our residents frequently find themselves working collaboratively on neighborhood issues. The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council is one of the most active and engaged of all the city's neighborhood councils, persistently working to improve the quality of life in our city center. For information relevant to the community, Downtown is served by a common media source, a decades-old and widely-read newspaper, the Downtown News, which locals simply refer to as "the paper." Also, as one of the most pedestrian-friendly

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- Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation
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- Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton
- SIB Partners
- Sell & Wilson
- Sonnenasche, Nath & Rosenthal
- Sony Pictures Entertainment
- South Park Group
- Southern California Edison
- Southern California Gas Company
- Southwest Alliance
- Standard Parking Corporation
- System Property Development Company
- The Cecil Hotel
- The City Market of Los Angeles
- The Colburn School
- The Edison
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communities in Los Angeles, Downtown residents are further linked by even the simplest act of walking their dogs. In short, Downtown residents may know each other better than any other community in Los Angeles.

Our growth is fragile, however, and not a foregone conclusion. Downtown's vibrant economic, industrial, and residential centers are interconnected and must remain united to ensure that our renaissance continues. The proposed boundaries will carve out Downtown's neighborhoods and divide our residential base, such that our community may become secondary to other areas in the district and less important to our state senators. The redistricting process should empower our communities, not divide and disenfranchise them.

Splitting Downtown would jeopardize our rising sense of community, impeding our future growth. We strongly urge the Commission to modify the proposed senate district boundaries for Downtown Los Angeles and keep the neighborhood as one district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol E. Schatz".

Carol E. Schatz
President & CEO
Central City Association of Los Angeles

Subject: Redistricting of Westchester/Play Del Rey

From: William Caudle <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 10:43:15 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I'm a resident of Playa Del Rey and believe very strongly that Westchester and Playa share more with the South Bay and Beach cities. PLEASE let the recommendation that Playa and Westchester be districted with the South Bay/Beach Cities take effect. My vote will be determined by this action.

Thank you,

William J Caudle

[REDACTED]
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293

Subject: Request regarding redistricting...

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 22:28:12 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

We are Sam & Ruby Weissman:

We live at: [REDACTED]

L.A. 90035 since 1978

and I(Sam)have lived in this zip code since 1955.

We believe in the following:

1. 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 in the "LAMWS" district.

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

3. As Orthodox Jewish we interact with religious institutions in both areas as well as shop and dine in both areas.

4. Thank you for putting some of Pico-Robertson into the "LAMWS" district, but please *do not* divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half. All of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We know that you have many varied items in your district agendas and it is difficult to please everyone. However, this is an opportunity to unite an entire community in one district and we are looking forward to seeing this happen.

Sam & Ruby Weissman

Subject: Sierra Club Redistricting Public Comment Letter - EVENT/LASFE Senate Districts

From: "Linda Zablony-Hurst" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 14:29:04 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please find attached our comment letter and attachments addressing Redistricting: EVENT/LASFE Senate Districts. Thanks you for your consideration.

Linda Zablony-Hurst

Deputy Director

Sierra Club California

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sierra Club Public Comment on Needed Changes to the Commission's Redistricting Visualizations, 7/28/2011

Following the public comment provided by the Sierra Club to the Citizens Redistricting Commission on June 28, 2011 regarding Southern California, we are expressing our concerns regarding certain environmental communities of interest that still have not been addressed by the Commission in the current visualizations that are likely to form the basis of the draft final boundaries.

1. Santa Clarita Valley and the Santa Monica Mountains

Despite repeated complaints from stakeholders on both the north (Santa Clarita) and south (Santa Monica Mountains), the Commission is still combining these completely unrelated areas in a single Senate seat (EVENT). These areas are separated by multiple mountain ranges, on different transportation and commute corridors, and adjacent to numerous other neighboring populations with whom they share communities of interest.

Observing the proceedings, we are especially concerned that the Commission ignored simple solutions presented by district residents that both solve this problem and improve the grouping of communities of interest and better protects minority communities under the Voting Rights Act, a solution that is similar in concept to the Congressional maps that the Commission has drawn for this area. Maps and equivalency files for the Sierra Club's proposal are accompanying this letter in advance of the final vote by the Commission so that it can make the necessary adjustment.

Given the Commission's intention to approve the draft final boundaries today, we are recommending a simple technical adjustment, a swap between two neighboring districts that does not create any new neighborhood splits, improves the grouping of communities of interest, and crucially, boosts the Latino Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) of the LASFE Senate District significantly higher than the Commission's district, in a manner that increases its effectiveness by bringing it close to the threshold advised by the Commission's legal counsel without creating overconcentration, thus being a preferred arrangement under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Specifically, instead of taking in the low-minority neighborhood of Sherman Oaks along the 101 Freeway, the LASFE Senate District would take in

Stevenson Ranch and Newhall along the I-5 Freeway in the Santa Clarita Valley. These would be swapped with the EVENT Senate District, together with two additional census tracts in Northridge, which is already split between these two districts, in the area bound by Roscoe Blvd., Tampa Blvd., Parthenia St., and Reseda Blvd., thus maintaining the population of both districts within the 1% deviation goal set by the Commission.

This is not our ideal boundary, but it enables the changes to be isolated and implemented by the Commission at this point in time.

Although we support the Commission's inclusion of Malibu with the rest of its fellow Las Virgenes Council of Governments cities with whom it shares canyons and vital transportation links, the Commission erred in carving a portion of a more distant and disconnected community, Santa Clarita, into this district when it could have drawn from closer populations in the San Fernando Valley, which would have boosted the CVAP of the LASFE district while ensuring that VRA-covered communities in the Santa Clarita Valley would be able to elect candidates of their choice, grouped with areas of similar demographic characteristics along the I-5 Freeway corridor.

2. Salton Sea Watershed

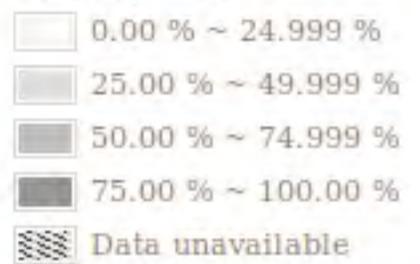
Although for the Assembly the Commission did implement our request to keep intact most of the Salton Sea Watershed, consisting of the Imperial Valley and Coachella Valley in the southeastern corner of the state, the Commission failed to carry this over to the Senate and in particular, the Congressional maps. Because the protection of Salton Sea wildlife depends on federal policy with respect to allocation of water from the Colorado River, this is especially relevant.

Moreover, as we noted before, by not placing communities with high Latino CVAP in the Coachella Valley together with Imperial County, their voting influence is greatly diminished. With the inclusion of those portions of the Coachella Valley together with Imperial County and the border region of San Diego County, not only is a Latino majority CVAP Congressional seat created, as in the Commission's map, but crucially, an additional minority coalition CVAP Congressional seat can be formed in the heart of the Cities of San Diego, National City and Chula Vista. Thus, the Commission should prioritize the inclusion of high minority CVAP communities in order to maximize opportunities for representation, as well as to protect the Salton Sea Watershed environmental community of interest.

3. Voting Rights Act Districts

The Commission has not met its obligation to create the maximum number of minority districts under Section 2 of the VRA. Although it is laudable that the Commission has encouraged public input regarding communities of interest, the Commission should have first determined where VRA districts could be created using CVAP, then adjusted the boundaries according to public testimony. In Southern California it is possible to create eight Latino majority districts, three African-American coalition majority districts, two Asian coalition majority districts, and five Latino coalition majority districts for Congress. Instead, the Commission has created seven Latino majority districts, two African-American coalition districts, one Asian coalition district, and four Latino coalition districts. That's one short in every category above. We view this as a matter of environmental justice to ensure that communities have opportunities to elect candidates of their choice to address their shared challenges, such as air pollution and public transit.

Ethnicity / Race: Hispanic or Latino, 2010



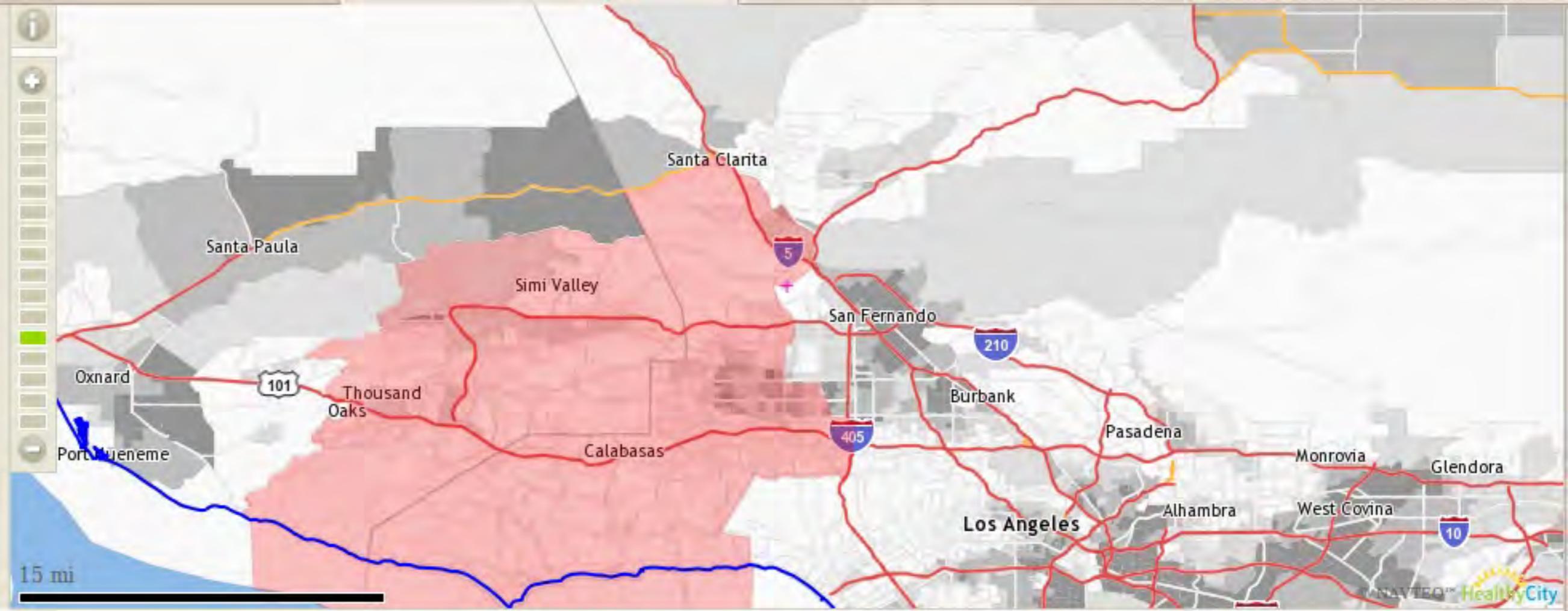
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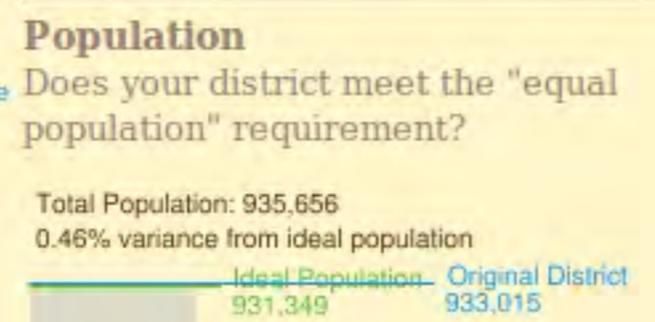


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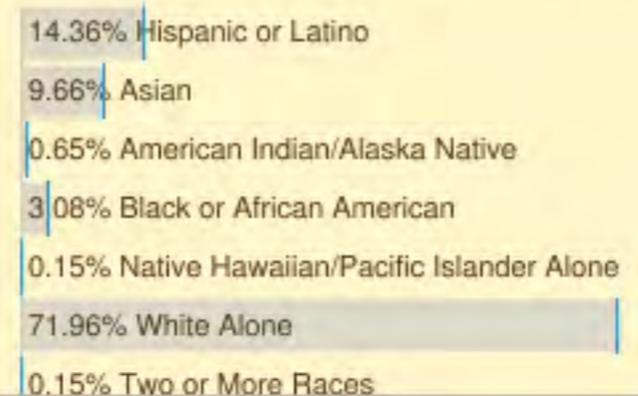
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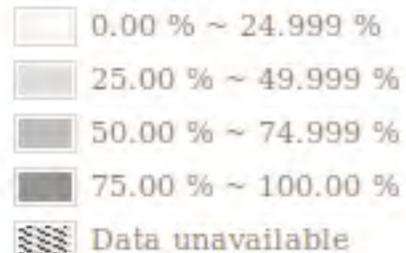
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Citizen Voting Age Population
 Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.



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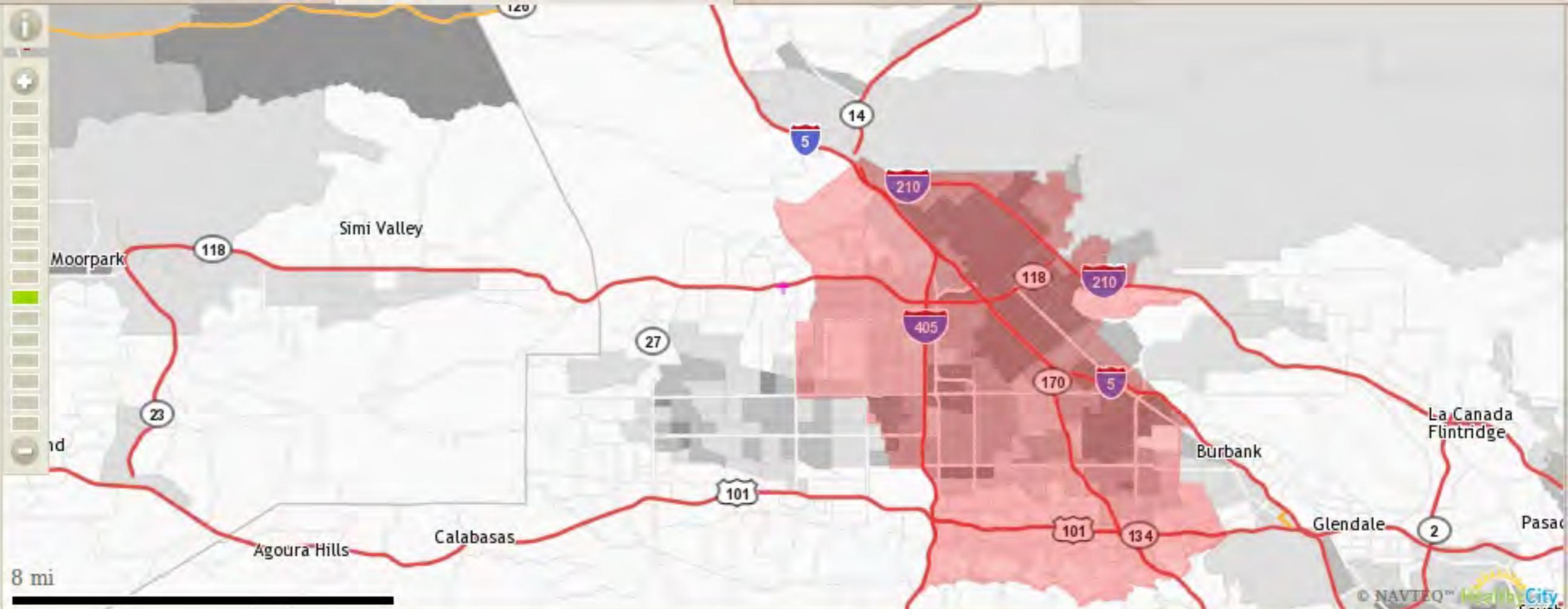
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Population

Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement?

Total Population: 939,962
0.92% variance from ideal population

	Ideal Population	Original District
	931,349	929,958

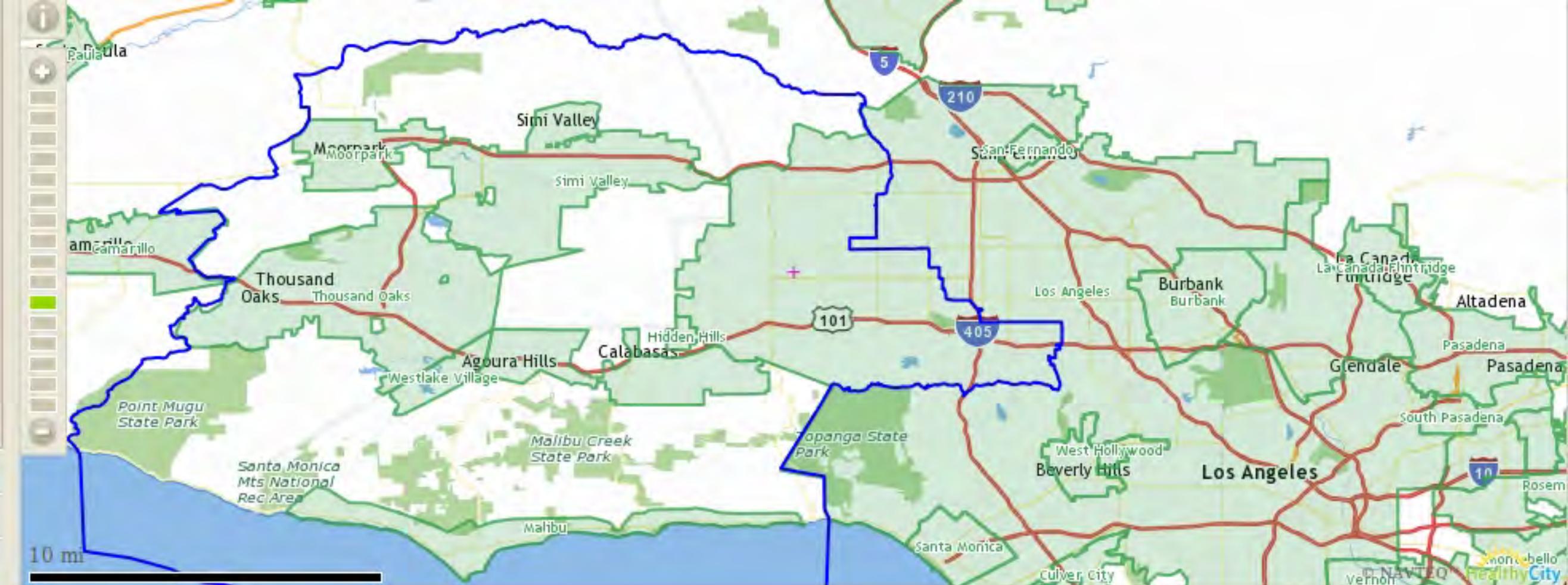
ⓘ Citizen Voting Age Population

Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.

37.66%	Hispanic or Latino
9.19%	Asian
0.68%	American Indian/Alaska Native
6.00%	Black or African American
0.20%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
45.94%	White Alone
0.33%	Two or More Races

ⓘ Ethnicity / Race

56.13%	Hispanic or Latino
29.44%	White alone
3.92%	Black or African American alone
8.33%	Asian
0.47%	Some Other Race
.71%	Two or More Races



Population

Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement?

Total Population: 937,961

i Citizen Voting Age Population

Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.

13.74% Hispanic or Latino
 9.35% Asian
 0.59% American Indian/Alaska Native
 3.29% Black or African American
 0.15% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
 72.69% White Alone
 0.19% Two or More Races

i Ethnicity / Race

23.53% Hispanic or Latino
 59.61% White alone
 2.84% Black or African American alone
 10.62% Asian
 0.44% Some Other Race
 2.95% Two or More Races



Population
 Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement?

Total Population: 937,475

Citizen Voting Age Population
 Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.

- 39.16% Hispanic or Latino
- 9.57% Asian
- 0.76% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 5.83% Black or African American
- 0.20% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
- 44.21% White Alone
- 0.28% Two or More Races

Ethnicity / Race

- 57.53% Hispanic or Latino
- 27.92% White alone
- 3.75% Black or African American alone
- 8.67% Asian
- 0.48% Some Other Race
- 1.66% Two or More Races

Commissioner Parvenu himself stated that “when you mix a lower income area here with a more affluent area I’m concerned that the attention that should rightfully be given to the more urban core areas will not be given to the extent that it possibly could.” Turn this statement around and you can absolutely understand the concerns of our community. That when our coastal community of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista is combined with the more urban core areas that our neighborhoods will not be given the attention that they rightfully should. This is why we identify with the coastal communities, because they understand that our issues are vastly different.

I would also like to express the fact that you should not use where communities were placed in past districts as we know that these districts were gerrymandered for political purposes. To even include this knowledge in drawing district lines only serves to further the gerrymandering ideology that has been so horribly perpetuated by self-interested politicians of the past.

There was also discussion of grouping people by socio-economics. If you look at the socio-economics of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista you can see they are more inline with the coastal communities than with the more inland urban communities. If you wish to apply this concept to both cities to the north and south of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista why not apply it to ours as well?

Please, please, please re-visit the maps for our area. Please keep our COI together and included with other communities that understand our coastal issues.

Subject: Transparency is Key!!!!

From: Jade Stevens <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 15:42:11 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

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The California Citizens Redistricting Commission was created to be a unbiased third party to create a fair public process for line drawing. Unfortunately, the current draft maps have done a poor job of even coming close. These maps of potential districts are a comical attempt to represent the millions of California residents. Not only are you merging significant ethnically diverse districts, but you are also eliminating influential congress members who have done a notable job in their district and the over all community. Congresswoman Karen Bass, for example, has done more than her fair share of working for her district.

Her efforts to create new jobs and provide quality health care during this national economic crisis must not go unrecognized. By providing over \$600 million in additional funds to the LA Unified School District and carrying several bills to ensure better chances for foster kids and the overall youth she has contributed to a better tomorrow for our children and the state. On what grounds do you justify the elimination of Bass and other similar districts? More importantly how can you remove one the most diverse and yet politically unified districts in Southern California?

This commission was put in place to provide transparency and fair public process. I have yet to see either. By keeping a closed-door redistricting process and creating impossible deadlines for public response, you are losing credibility and trust from all residents. Provide a better explanation of your choices and do what you were initially voted in to do by **KEEPING THE POLITICS OUT OF LINE-DRAWING.**

Jade Stevens

Subject: Vermont Knolls LAX Noise Mitigation COI Correction

From: E Teasley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 08:56:36 -0700

To: "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

CC: "Galambos-Malloy, Connie" <[REDACTED]> "Parvenu, Andre"

[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Please see the attached letter re: the Vermont Knolls neighborhood in Congressional District IGWSGF (West L.A./Culver City/View Park). It appears that it was removed from the rest of the LAX noise mitigation/soundproofing area COI at some point in your process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Erica

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Erica Teasley Linnick, Esq.

Coordinator

African American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC)

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Los Angeles CA 90044

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Vermont Knolls LAX COI .pdf



July 27, 2011

Via electronic mail

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

Re: Vermont Knolls and LAX Airport Noise Mitigation COI correction

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing regarding a two district swap between IGWSGF and IGWSG to place the Los Angeles neighborhood of Vermont Knolls in the congressional district that contains Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and other neighborhoods impacted by LAX.

Community members brought to our attention the fact that Vermont Knolls was indeed in the Inglewood District after the 1st Draft Maps and certain subsequent maps, but now appears to have been separated from its community of interest (COI). We are not sure when it was removed from the Inglewood district and placed in the district to the north--perhaps it was a technical issue when you modified the way you presented visualizations upon deciding not to issue a 2nd draft map. In any event, you received COI testimony in Los Angeles and Culver City from several residents of Vermont Knolls and the CRC has agreed that a strong COI exists among cities and neighborhoods that are adversely affected by a common airport, namely LAX. The Vermont Knolls area is part of the noise abatement/soundproofing program zone with the City of Los Angeles and should, therefore, be part of the IGWSG district. It also works closely with communities impacted by other operational practices of LAX and their efforts to identify and implement problem solving will be hampered by being paired with communities whose priority issues differ.

We understand that at your July 24 Business Meeting, you tentatively approved these districts. However, you will most certainly recall that close attention was not paid to these lines to the northeast and instead an alternative plan dominated your discussion that evening.

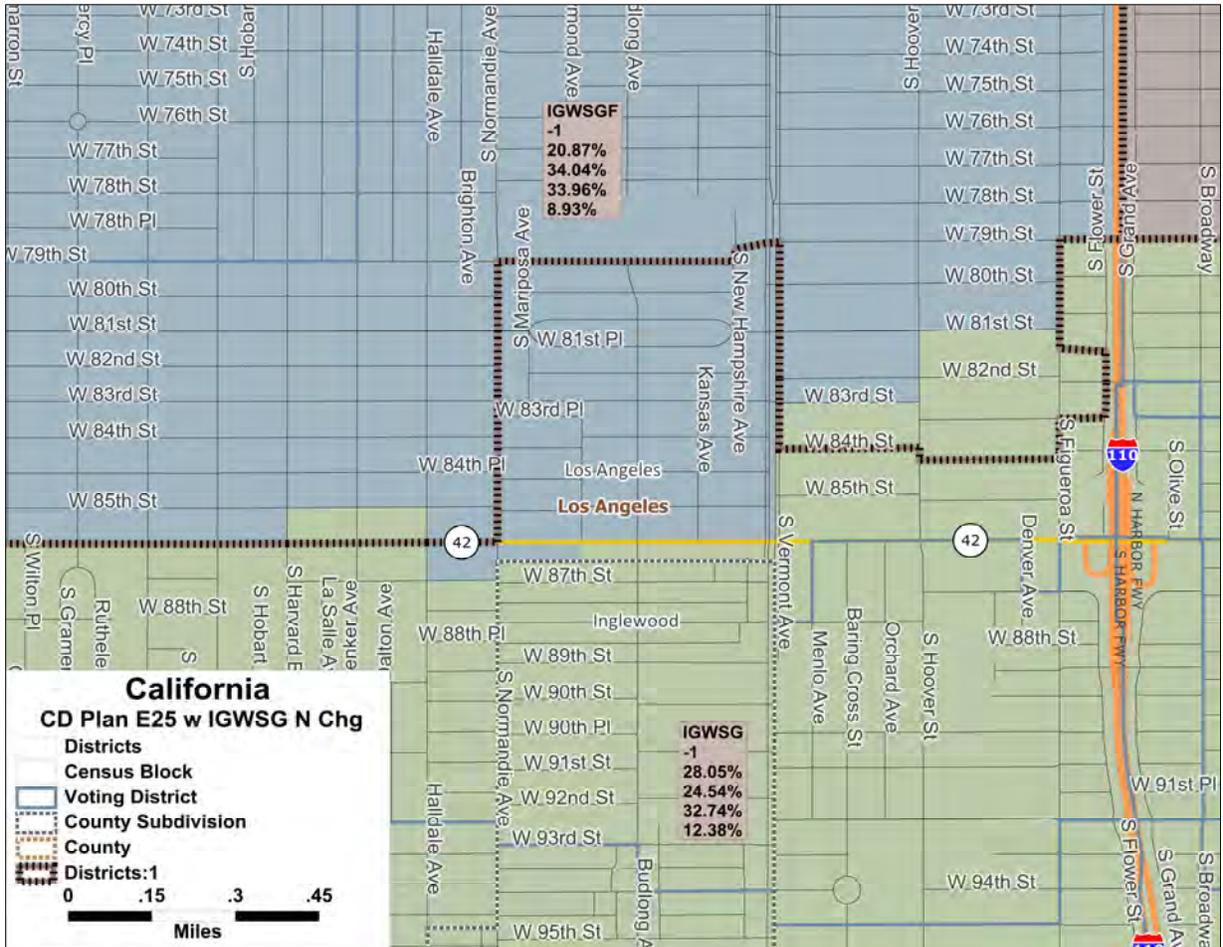
We are attaching the relevant technical information for ease of modification. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

African American Redistricting Collaborative
Attachments



Vermont Knolls and LAX Airport Noise Mitigation COI correction



Block Assignment files for Only IGWSG and IGWSGF

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Shapefiles for Only IGWSG and IGWSGF

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Subject: Westchester, CA

From: "Dave Pierce" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 10:22:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

In redistricting, I believe that the Westchester part of Los Angeles (90045) should remain affiliated with the Beach Cities of Playa del Rey, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, etc.

Westchester has little in common with the towns east of us -- Inglewood, Hawthorne, etc.

Thank you,
Dave Pierce

[REDACTED]
Westchester 90045

Subject: WHAT ELSE -REDISTRICTING

From: Patt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2011 00:06:50 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

YOU ASK FOR THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT YET YOU IGNORE US.

WHAT THE HELL DO WE HAVE IN COMMON WITH TORRANCE??????

TORRANCE IS NOT EVEN CLOSE TO INGLEWOOD.

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN THE DRAWING OF THE MAPS, RAY CHARLES.

PATT SANDERS

Subject: Westchester, CA 90045 District Remain Same

From: Roberta Fay <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 13:51:53 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I live in Westchester, a suburb of Los Angeles, CA, with the zipcode of 90045. I do NOT want Westchester to be redistricted to a different congressional district. No one speaks for me and no one speaks for the majority of inhabitants of Westchester, CA. I am alarmed about the activities and emails of some individuals in the local neighborhood watch group (which was designed solely to work with LAPD about public health and safety issues).

My mother has resided in Westchester since 1964 and I have lived here for more than 40 years.

Roberta Fay
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90045
[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester / LA Redistricting

From: Lisa Stessman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 06:28:14 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident and homeowner in Westchester.

I am writing in response to redistricting news that is quite distressing.

Please recognize that 1) our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and should remain in the same districts, and 2) that we share common interests with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them. We share vastly more with the South Bay cities than we do with the cities with whom we are currently aligned. These issues include transportation, LAX, coastal and environmental.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Stessman

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JAMES R. BOZAJIAN
Mayor

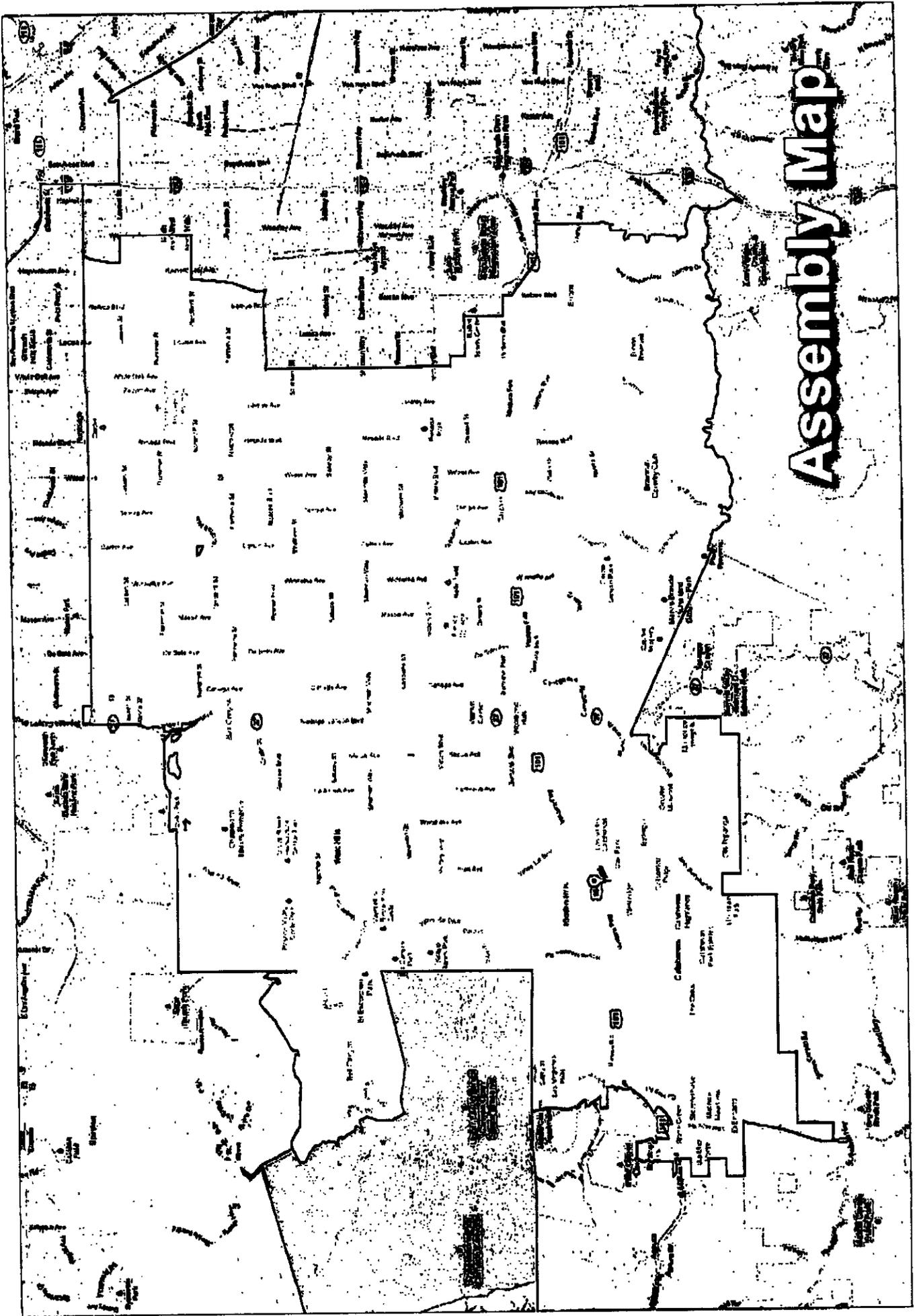
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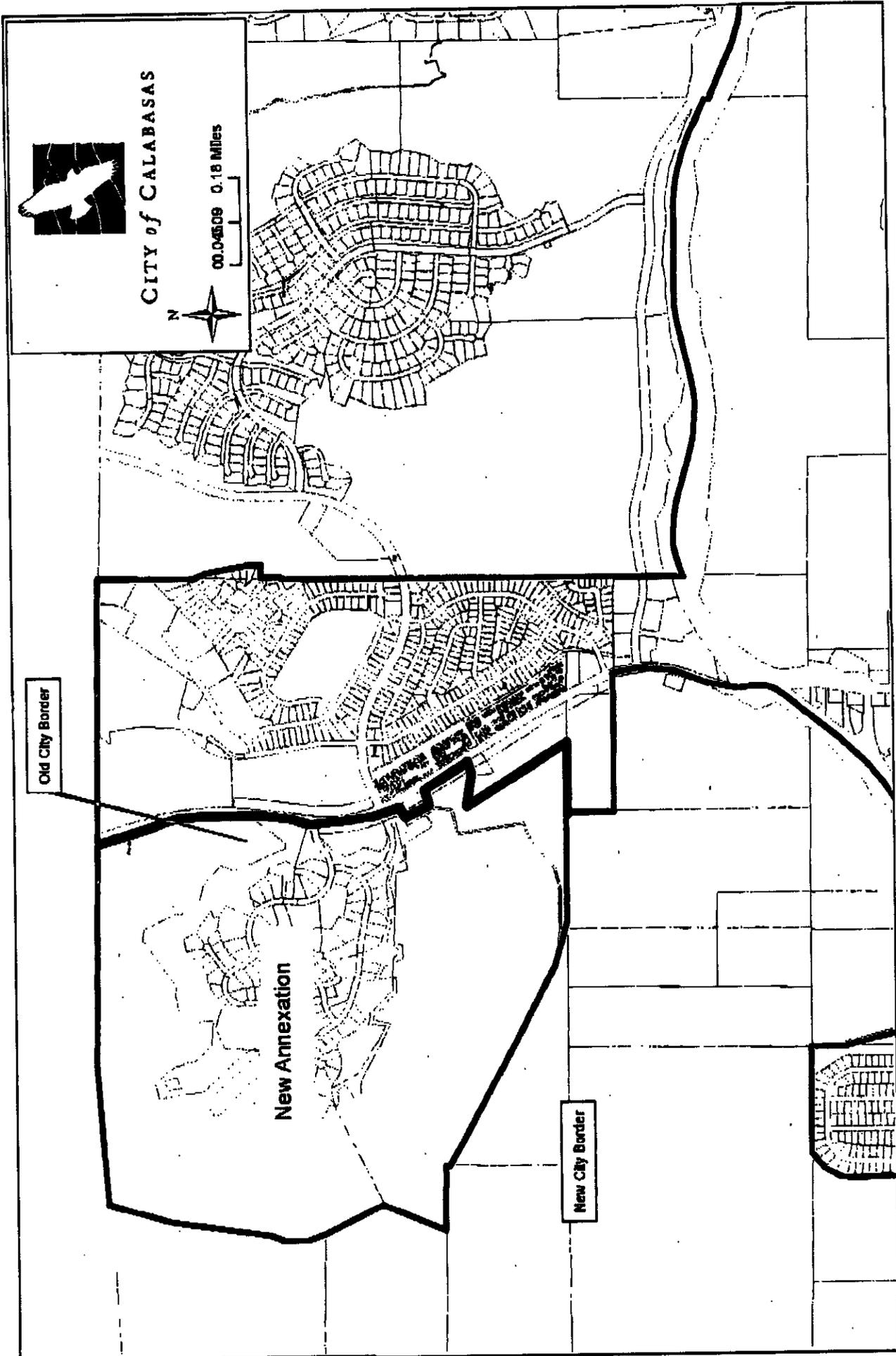
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Sincerely,

James R. Bozajian
Mayor, City of Calabasas





Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Neil Tootill [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 15:44:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Neil Tootill <[REDACTED]>

Subject: PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA

Message Body:

I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very concerned that the new map proposed last week will divide Valley Village into two parts (leaving me out and separated from my neighbors and our joint Homeowner's Association as well as Neighborhood Council). Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Beverlywood

From: "Suzanne Schlanger" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 20:47:53 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in Beverlywood and I am writing to you to request that you put Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, Hancock Park, Beverly-Fairfax, Beverly Hills, Century City, Westwood, Santa Monica, and the Valley in the same LAMWS District as the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood. The Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. I live in Beverlywood, but my kids go to school in Hancock Park. I drive back and forth between the two areas twice a day, at the very least. More on days that I go to volunteer at organizations located in the Fairfax area, or attend personal enrichment classes in Hancock Park. I feel that both areas are part of my community and should be zoned as such, not divided.

Uniting our community in a single district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest. It will strengthen our vibrant community of active voters.

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

Thank you,

Suzanne Schlanger, CMP | The SK Group, Inc.

Meetings & Special Events

[REDACTED] | Los Angeles, CA 90035

p: + [REDACTED] | f: + [REDACTED] | c: + [REDACTED]

e-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: Boundary Adjustment

From: "Tony Coroalles" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 09:07:53 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]> "James R. Bozajian" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is correspondence from the Mayor of Calabasas for your consideration.

Tony Coroalles
City Manager

Mayor's Redistricting Letter.pdf

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CITY *of* CALABASAS

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July 20, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Calabasas

Staff Report

July 13, 2011

Agenda Item No. 6.c.

**City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09 (Mont Calabasas)
Value of Written Protest
And
Approval of Resolution Ordering Annexation No. 2009-09**

Agenda Item No. 6c is a report to the Commission regarding the value of written protests received for the City of Calabasas Annexation 2009-09. The protest hearing was held on June 8, 2011.

Background: On June 1, 2009, LAFCO received a proposal requesting annexation of approximately 493 acres of inhabited, unincorporated territory to the City of Calabasas. On April 13, 2011, the Commission made a determination approving City of Calabasas Annexation No 2009-09. The Commission received public testimony at the June 8, 2011 protest hearing and ordered the Executive Officer to report back on the value of written protests filed.

Legal Requirement: Pursuant to Government Code Section 57075, the Commission may: (a) terminate proceedings if written protests have been filed and not withdrawn by 50 percent or more of the registered voters within the affected territory; (b) order the territory annexed subject to confirmation by the registered voters within the affected territory if written protests have been filed and not withdrawn by at least 25 percent or more of the registered voters or at least 25 percent or more of the number of landowners owning at least 25 percent of the total assessed value of land; or (c) order the territory annexed if written protests have been filed and not withdrawn by less than 25 percent of the registered voters or less than 25 percent of the number of owners of land who own less than 25 percent of the total assessed value of land.

Registered Voters: There are 176 registered voters residing within the affected territory, thus the number of registered voter protests needed to meet the 25 percent threshold is 44.

Landowners: There are 144 landowners within the affected territory and the total assessed valuation of the land within the affected territory is \$190,749,480, thus the number of landowner protests needed to meet the 25 percent threshold is 36 landowners owning land with an assessed valuation of at least \$47,687,370.

Written Protest: Without determining their validity, the total number of written protests received and not withdrawn was 27, with 22 of those protests being by persons asserting to be registered voters and 23 of those persons asserting to be landowners.

Conclusion: As the number of written protests received and not withdrawn is less than 25 percent of the registered voters and less than 25 percent of the number of owners of land who own less than 25 percent of the total assessed value of land, the annexation must be ordered.

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Recommended Action:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2011-00 PR Ordering City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09 (Mont Calabasas).

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-00PR

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDERING
"CITY OF CALABASAS ANNEXATION NO. 2009-09 (MONT CALABASAS)"**

WHEREAS, the City of Calabasas (the "City") adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings before the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission"), pursuant to, Part 3, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for the annexation of territory herein described to the City of Calabasas, and detachment of same said territory from County Road District No. 3, withdrawal from County Lighting and Maintenance District 1687 and exclusion from County Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B," attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of 493.4 acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short form designation: "City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09;" and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2011, the Commission approved Annexation No. 2009-09; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Executive Officer of the Commission has set June 8, 2011, as the date for the protest hearing and has given notice thereof; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place fixed in the notice, the hearing was held, and any and all oral and/or written protests, objections, and evidence were received and considered; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, acting as the conducting authority, has the ministerial duty of tabulating the value of protests filed and not withdrawn and either terminating these proceedings if a majority protest exists or ordering the annexation directly or subject to confirmation by the registered voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission finds that the number of registered voters residing within the boundary of the territory is 176 and the number of landowners is 144.
2. The Commission finds that the total assessed valuation of land is \$190,749,480.
3. The Commission finds that the number of written protests filed in opposition to Annexation No. 2009-08 and not withdrawn is 22 registered voters and 23 landowners, which, even if valid, represents less than 25 percent of the registered voters in the affected territory and less than 25 percent of the number of landowners owning less than 25 percent of the total assessed value of land within the affected territory.
4. City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09 is hereby ordered, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the City of Calabasas.
 - b. Detachment of the affected territory from County Road District No. 3.
 - c. Withdrawal of the affected territory from County Lighting and Maintenance District 1687.
 - d. Exclusion of the affected territory from County Lighting District LLA-1,

Unincorporated Zone.

- e. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City of Calabasas shall succeed to the benefits and be bound by the obligations and duties of the County of Los Angeles with respect to all Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Multiple Agreements, Faithful Performance Bonds, and Labor and Material Bonds pertaining to Tract No. 45342, and the County of Los Angeles shall be relieved of any obligation under those agreements and bonds which is within the legal power of the City of Calabasas to perform. The City of Calabasas shall indemnify and hold the County of Los Angeles harmless from any claims or actions based on the City of Calabasas's failure to fulfill or enforce any such terms and conditions of said agreements or bonds.
- f. Payment of Registrar Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
- g. Upon the effective date of the annexation, all right, title, and interest of the County, including but not limited to, the underlying fee title or easement where owned by the County, in any and all sidewalks, trails, landscaped areas, street lights, property acquired and held for future road purposes, open space, signals, storm drains, storm drain catch basins, local sanitary sewer lines, sewer pump stations and force mains, water quality treatment basins and/or structures, and water quality treatment systems serving roadways and bridges shall vest in the City of Calabasas, except for those properties to be retained by the County and specifically listed below:

- i) The County of Los Angeles shall retain control of the Las Virgenes Creek Trail easement and trail alignment.
- h. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City of Calabasas shall be the owner of, and responsible for, the operation, maintenance, and repair of all of the following property owned by the County: public roads, adjacent slopes appurtenant to the roads, street lights, traffic signals, mitigation sites that have not been accepted by regulatory agencies but exist or are located in public right-of-way and were constructed or installed as part of a road construction project within the annexed area, storm drains and storm drain catch basins within street right-of-way and appurtenant slopes, medians and adjacent property.
- i. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City of Calabasas shall do the following: (1) assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities for all drainage devices, storm drains and culverts, storm drain catch basins, appurtenant facilities (except regional Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded fee or easement interest and which have been accepted into the LACFCD system), site drainage, and all master plan storm drain facilities that are within the annexation area and are currently owned, operated and maintained by the County of Los Angeles; (2) accept and adopt the County of Los Angeles Master Plan of Drainage (MPD), if any, which is in effect for the annexation area. Los Angeles County Public Works Department (LACPW) should be contacted to provide any MPD which may be in effect for the

annexation area. Deviations from the MPD shall be submitted to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACPW for review to ensure that such deviations will not result in diversions between watersheds and/or will not result in adverse impacts to LACFCD's flood control facilities; (3) administer flood zoning and Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain regulations within the annexation area; (4) coordinate development within the annexation area that is adjacent to any existing flood control facilities for which

LACFCD has a recorded easement or fee interest, by submitting maps and proposals to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACPW, for review and comment.

- j. The City of Calabasas agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
- k. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
- l. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the City of Calabasas.
- m. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the City of Calabasas.
- n. The territory will not be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness of the City of Calabasas.

- o. Except to the extent in conflict with a through n, above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
- 5. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the City Clerk of the City of Calabasas, upon the City's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5, and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57000, *et seq.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2011.

Ayes:

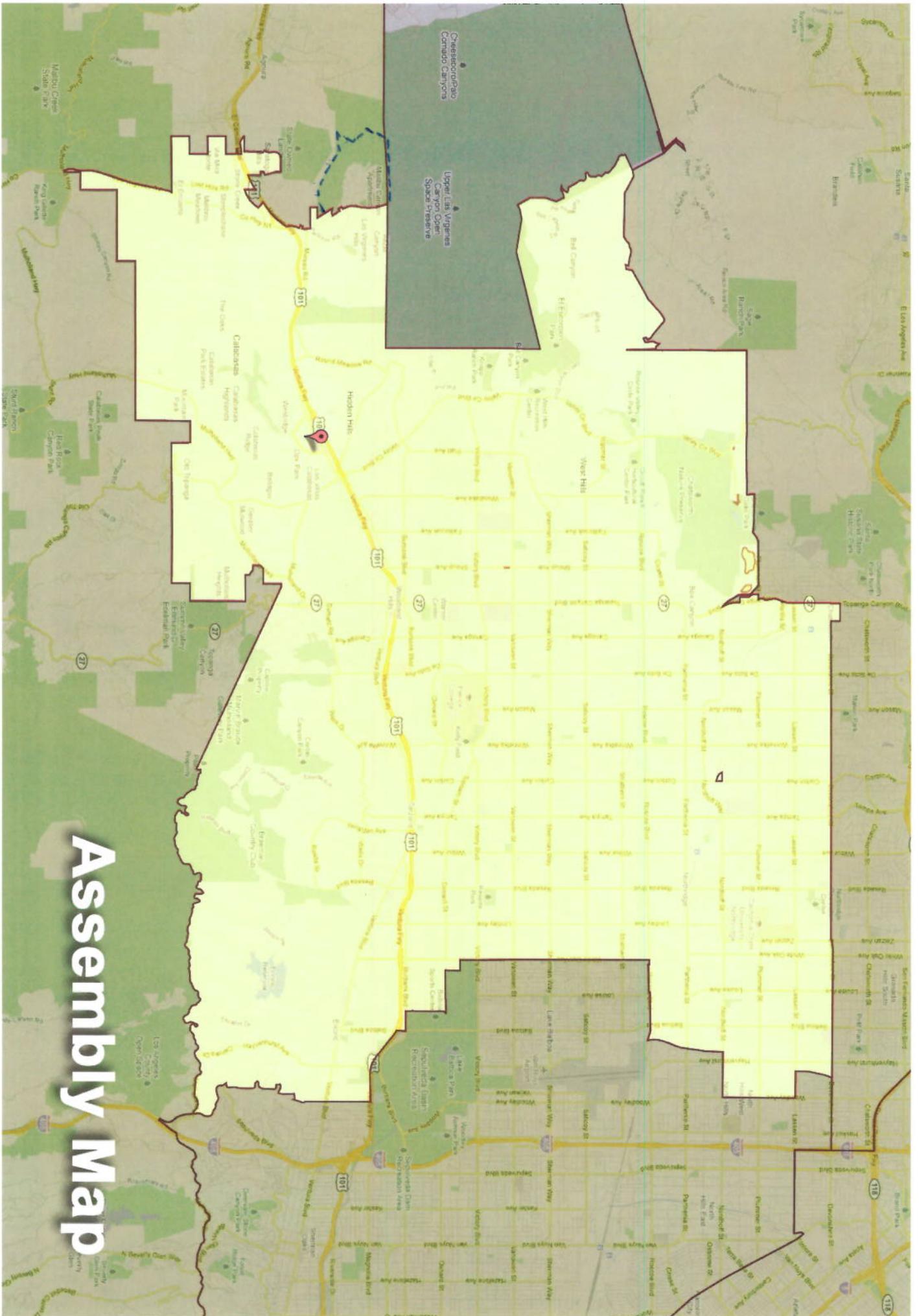
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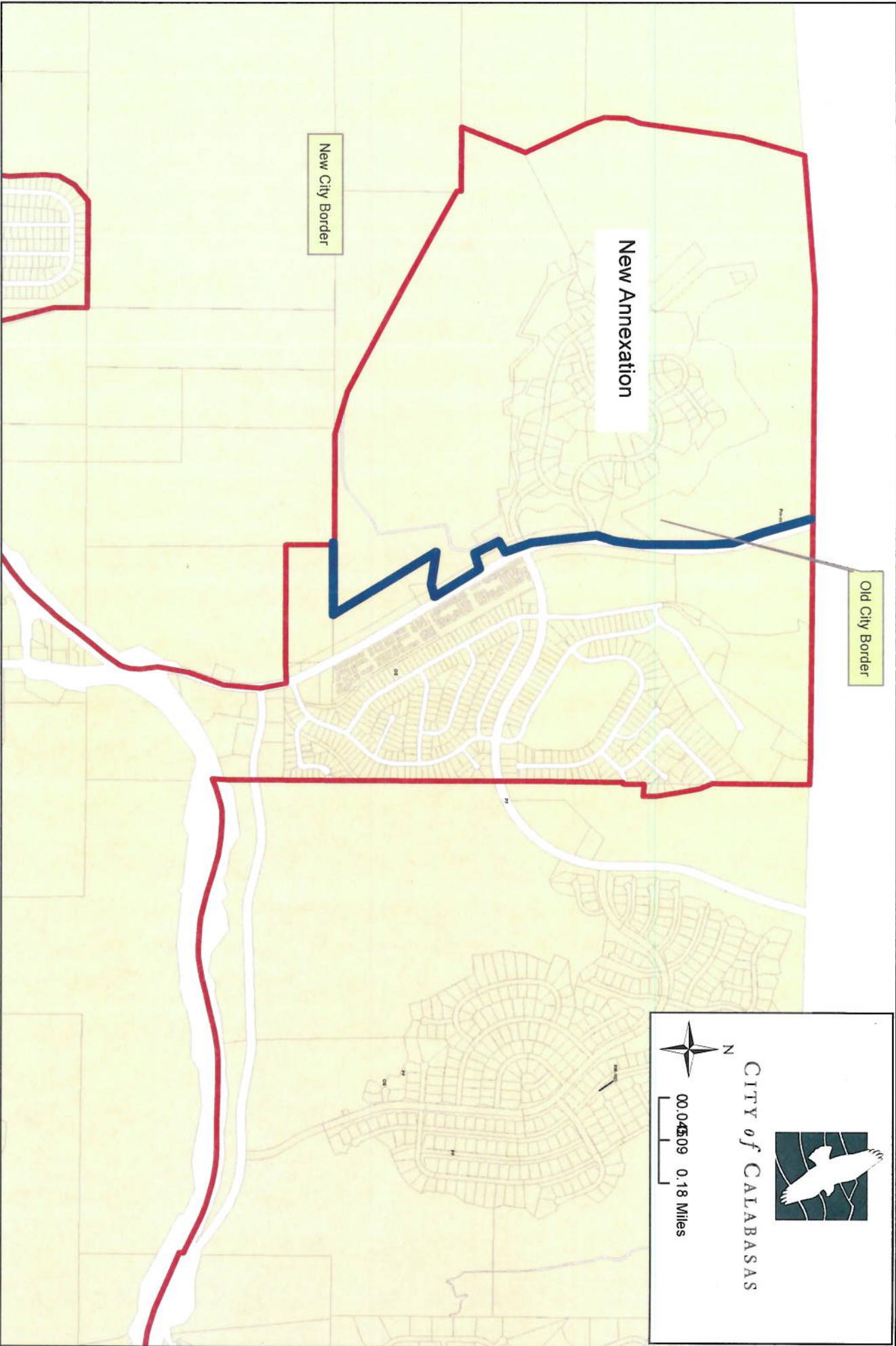
Abstain:

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

PAUL NOVAK, Executive Officer



Assembly Map



New City Border

New Annexation

Old City Border



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Subject: Citizens Redistricting Commission ~ Westchester Redistricting

From: Karen Albert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 16:50:44 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am writing to ask that as you decide on redistricting Cities within Los Angeles that you PLEASE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE that my community, Westchester, Los Angeles, is and should remain Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista which IS also recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles. Westchester shares 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.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Karen Albert

President, Behind Your Curtain

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Behind Your Curtain

Subject: Congressional districts

From: Susana Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 12:11:10 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear honorable commissioners:

As a resident of Long Beach, I am writing to implore you to change the latest draft of our Congressional districts. Long Beach, particularly the west side and downtown, is an extremely diverse City. We do not belong in a Congressional District with Orange County communities like Stanton and Westminster. We have much more in common with Compton than with these cities, or even the east side of Long Beach.

Please consider moving downtown Long Beach and the west side into the Congressional district proposed for Compton and Carson. I feel we will have much better representation sharing a district with other diverse, urban areas in LA County instead of the suburban communities in east Long Beach and Orange County.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter.

Kind Regards,

Susana Gonzalez Edmond

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Susana Gonzalez Edmond

[REDACTED] | Long Beach, CA 90802

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching, Love like you'll never be hurt, Sing like there's nobody listening, And live like it's heaven on earth." -William W. Purkey

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita in the I-5 corridor

From: Margaret Finnstrom <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 20:02:33 +0000

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission,

I live in Valencia close to Stevenson Ranch. The I-5 Freeway Corridor should be kept together. We should keep our communities together. Santa Clarita and the 101 Freeway Corridor have little in common as communities of interest. Santa Clarita and Stevenson Ranch should not be in the Ventura County senate district. Please make the swap.

Thanks,

Margaret Finnstrom

[REDACTED] Home

[REDACTED] Cell

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita with our other I-5 corridor neighbors

From: Isaac Lieberman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 11:10:44 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I live in Valencia, Santa Clarita, very near Stevenson Ranch.

Burbank, a city a short drive down the I-5, is about 30 minutes away from me.

Woodland Hills, on the 101 corridor, proposed to be in the same district with Santa Clarita, is an hour away.

There are many other reasons that Santa Clarita and Stevenson Ranch should be kept in the I-5 corridor, rather than pushed into the Ventura county senate district.

Please make the swap.

Thanks,

Isaac

Isaac Lieberman

Cell: ([REDACTED] [REDACTED])

Subject: Mt Baldy Village and Redistricting 2011

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 20:56:34 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Committee:

I have lived in Mt. Baldy since 1959 for 7 years, and continuously since 1984. Request is made that the community of Mt Baldy not be divided by the redistricting suggested boundaries.

Linda Frost of our community sent an email early this week to the committee clearly describing numerous factors affecting us by the proposed boundary cutting us into two districts. The proposed boundary will have an adverse impact upon our village.

Ms. Frost included the following statement:

“Ours is a special case that requires unity in order to deal with the constant threat and reality of devastating wildfires. Currently, our Fire Safe Council works with other mountain communities and with foothill communities in the wild land-urban interface areas. If we are placed through redistricting with communities hundreds of miles away, not only will our quality of life and representation be compromised, but the efficacy of fire prevention and control will be taken out of local jurisdiction, affecting our health and safety as well.”

Our isolated village needs to have our elected representatives for our district representing us as one cohesive community, not split between two voting districts.

In her concluding statement Ms. Frost emphasized:

“Historically, MT Baldy has had to deal with major floods, earthquakes, and fires that have devastated and isolated it. There have been times when emergency services have been unable to reach us for weeks at a time. Due to this isolation, we have gathered supplies and organized our citizens to deal with interruptions in services. Adding to this, we do not even have cell phone service, and with power outages (which are relatively frequent), communication with the outside world has to be made by radio. We are self-reliant, but we need and deserve adequate representation, as do all citizens.”

Please allow Mt Baldy to be included in our own mountain communities district, and not divided.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Althouse

Attorney at Law

ALTHOUSE & McDONOUGH, Attorneys

Union Bank of California Building

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Upland, CA 91785-0698

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Subject: New redistricting lines

From: Debbie Mund <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 20:12:32 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Hi,
My name is Debbie Mund. Our family of six lives in Beverlywood. I am a radiologist and work at Saint Johns Hospital. My husband Scott is a partner at Deloitte. We are observant jews and our lives revolve around our community. We share not only a common religious belief, but we share social and moral values. We eat at the local kosher restaurants. We send our children to private religious schools. We attend synagogues within walking distance to our home because we do not drive on the sabbath or on holidays. For this reason our community is physically very close together. We are within walking distance of each other. We are also connected socially to the other religious communities locally. Our children attended an elementary school in Hancock park and they have ties to many friends in the Valley Village area. We would like to be represented as a cohesive group as we share so many common interests.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Mund

Region 4: Los Angeles

July 22, 2011

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P. Street Suite 154-A
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Dear Commissioners,

I am representing my area and the community in which I live and I submitting this letter to you with great concern of dissolution of boundaries and representation that I have come accustomed to and enjoy. My state and local council representation serves our community as a whole with the current diversity in mind and keeps us abreast of which issues and concerns we should get involved with and assist their constituents with many resources and information.

I am interested in keeping our representation of our current seats that currently consist of two senators, three congressional seats, and four assembly seats. The unity map would represent the African American community at large as it is drawn currently.

Sincerely,



Resident of Los Angeles County

Subject: Petition

From: Charles Mau <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2011 16:43:13 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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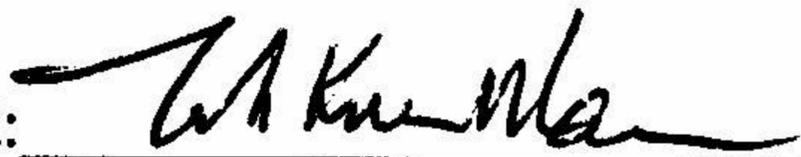
To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: Tak Kuen Mau, a resident in San Gabriel Valley
Date: July 28, 2011
Re: Input

Dear Commissioners,

I support the redistricting maps files by Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

The prevailing communities of interests in the cities of W. San Gabriel Valley are in common to those in the E. San Gabriel Valley.

The joining of W. San Gabriel and E. San Gabriel areas create the basis for State Senatorial and Congressional Districts.

Signed: 
Tak Kuen Mau

Date: July 28, 2011

Address: [REDACTED]

Region 4: Los Angeles



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JOHN R. NOGUEZ
ASSESSOR

July 22, 2011

Chairman Libert "Gil" R. Ontai
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Ontai:

I write to encourage the Citizens Redistricting Commission to reconsider its current plan with respect to the Board of Equalization 4th District. The most recent version of the redistricting map related to the Board of Equalization (7/18/2011) shows Los Angeles County being divided in half from east to west, effectively bifurcating the City of Los Angeles into separate districts.

In as much as the Voting Rights Act requires, "Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of Interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible," I urge the Commission to maintain the entirety of the City of Los Angeles in the Board of Equalization 4th District.

I understand the challenges faced by the Citizens Redistricting Commission and applaud your efforts to craft redistricting designs that are as fair and equitable as possible to the various constituencies affected by these plans. If I may be of any assistance to you in this process please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Noguez".

John R. Noguez
Assessor
Los Angeles County

cc: Commissioners (13)

Region 4: Los Angeles

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

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Eileen Oien. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach community.

Your recent Assembly visualizations, entitled Assembly LA Option 1 and Assembly LA Option 2, propose maps that divide North Long Beach into three separate Assembly Districts.

I respectfully request that you consider placing all of North Long Beach, including everything north of San Antonio Dr. into the same Assembly District with Carson, Rancho Dominguez and Compton, instead of Lakewood and Paramount.

This will unify our communities of interest; African Americans, Latinos, Pacific Islanders, the California State University, Dominguez Hills and El Camino College - Compton Center communities and historic Dominguez Rancho communities.

This will also ensure that North Long Beach residents have appropriate representation and are connected to similar communities of interest.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for your hard work and diligence in drafting the new boundaries for our Congressional, Board of Equalization, Senate and Assembly Districts.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen Oien



Long Beach, CA 90805

Region 4: Los Angeles

Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges - The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor - Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting proposal be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

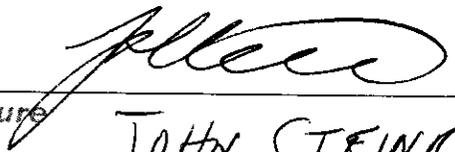
Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; **Lake View Terrace** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; **Shadow Hills** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; **La Tuna Canyon** - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; **Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge** - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); **Glendale and Burbank** - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business

These communities have commonalities and interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District.

I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Signature

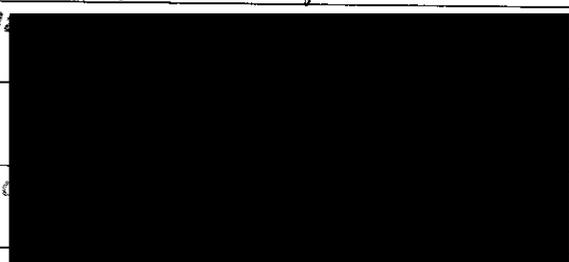
JOHN STEINKOICH

Print Name

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Office of the Mayor and the City Council

July 27, 2011

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

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Dear Honorable Commissioners,

As you prepare to approve the final redistricting maps, I send this letter to you with great urgency on behalf of the Monrovia City Council. On June 17, 2011, we submitted a letter to you regarding the first round of draft maps released on June 10th for Congressional, State Assembly, State Senate and Board of Equalization districts. In this letter, we called for Monrovia to be kept whole.

At that time, the June 10th Draft Proposal showed that Monrovia's Congressional district was not split. We asked that as you continue through the process, that you would preserve Monrovia as a uniformed district for our Congressional, State Assembly, and State Senate districts.

However, the most recent visualizations released on July 18 shows that our hopes were not completely fulfilled. While there is one Assembly and one Senate district for the City of Monrovia, Monrovia now has **two separate Congressional Districts**. Our fear is that you will proceed to adopt this map without taking into consideration the negative impacts splitting our community will have on our residents.

With the eve of the vote upon you, we once again urge you to preserve Monrovia as a uniformed district. This helps reduce confusion, improves communication with legislators, and encourages the alignment of goals for Monrovians. As the elected officials of Monrovia, it is our goal to look out for the best interest of all residents, and having our City arbitrarily split in half will ultimately lead to inequities for our citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Lutz".

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz
City of Monrovia

CC: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov