

Subject: Fwd: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Voter <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:17:13 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Region 5 - Ventura

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Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:06:20 +0000

From: Ronnetta Lawton <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ronnetta Lawton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I would like to recommend Simi Valley not be "redistricted" into LA County.

Regards,

Ronnetta Lawton

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

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

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:41:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard L. Wilson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Moorpark and Simi Valley

Message Body:

There was a recent article in the paper concerning a plan by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to move Simi Valley and Moorpark out of the Ventura Congressional District. They are proposing that they be moved to a new district with Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley. It is somewhat perplexing as to why this move is being planned and how anyone would think it would better represent the interests of interests and issues of Simi Valley and Moorpark, which are completely different than Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley to say nothing of the geographic separation. I find this very troubling and apparently so do the Mayors of Simi Valley and Moorpark who have both written letters to the Commission urging them to change this plan.

I would urge you to reconsider your actions and not make this change. Moorpark and Simi Valley have little to nothing in common with Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley. Having been a resident of Moorpark for 20 years and a frequent visitor of Simi Valley, since the 1960's, I can tell you that the needs of the community and commonality of issues are more linked to the Ventura than what is being recommended. I urge you to reconsider your plan and leave us where we are.

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Subject: Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Comments

From: Marybeth Jacobsen [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 10:38:24 -0700 (PDT)

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Attached please find a letter from the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce commenting upon the draft legislative district visualization maps. Please circulate the letter to the Redistricting Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank yo for your assistance in circulating our concerns to the Commissioners.

Marybeth Jacobsen
Government Relations Manager
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
[REDACTED]

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July 20, 2011

CA Citizens Redistricting Commission
Mr. Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
Via E-mail

Re: District Boundaries; Simi Valley, Ventura County

Dear Honorable Commissioners and Mr. Claypool:

While the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce appreciates the difficult task that the Commission faces, the most recent visualizations of Congressional and Assembly Districts for the City of Simi Valley raise concerns regarding the maintenance of our county, city and communities of interest within the proposed boundaries. As district boundaries are currently drafted, Simi Valley is the sole Ventura County city excluded from a Ventura County Assembly or Congressional District. Instead, it is included in Congressional and Assembly Districts with Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley.

The Simi Valley, Ventura County community of interest has been described in detail in our previous correspondence of March 22, 2011 and June 27, 2011 as well as in letters submitted by the City of Simi Valley, and oral comments to the Commission made by our mayor, Bob Huber and our councilwoman, Barbara Williamson. A few of the many Ventura County joint services/programs that the City of Simi Valley participates in include the Ventura Council of Governments, Ventura County Transportation Commission, Ventura County Judicial System, Ventura County Schools, Ventura County Social Services, and Economic Development Collaborative Ventura County.

Not only Ventura County city and county government agencies coordinate their activities to enhance the quality of life within the community; businesses across Ventura County also work together to achieve success for the county. Through the Chambers of Commerce Alliance, eight Ventura County Chambers of Commerce representing several thousand large and small Ventura County businesses work together to enhance the economy and quality of life in the region.

There are no similar business or government relationships between Simi Valley, and Santa Clarita or the Antelope Valley.

The City of Simi Valley and the businesses within its borders do not draw their employees or their business success from Santa Clarita or the Antelope Valley. Nor are the personal lives of our residents connected with Santa Clarita or the Antelope Valley; our lives are drawn from Ventura County. Our children's schools and sporting events, our places of worship, our social networks, our volunteer hours, and our physicians and hospitals are all in Ventura County. The open space mountain range that separates Simi Valley from Los Angeles County is not merely a topographical feature on a map. These mountains are a physical boundary that define the northeast border of Ventura County and the region within which Simi Valley citizens conduct the business of their lives.

The most recent Assembly and Congressional District map visualizations not only cut Simi Valley off from Ventura County, they split the city between two Congressional Districts. This draft boundary does not honor the letter or the spirit of the Voters First Act. At the very least, the City of Simi Valley should be whole within its new Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts. Secondly, the lives of the residents and the businesses in Simi Valley are inextricably blended with the life of Ventura County. It is impossible to ignore this reality and create new voting districts that honor the intent of the Voter's First Act.

The City of Simi Valley recently proposed Congressional boundaries that will permit Simi Valley to remain whole and connected to Ventura County without violating neighboring communities of interest. We respectfully request that the Commission implement that proposal in the final district maps.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring our concerns to your attention.

Respectfully submitted,



Leigh Nixon
President & CEO

Cc: Mr. R. Wilcox, [REDACTED]

Subject: Ventura County and City of Oxnard

From: "helen conly" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:44:28 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members,

I was one of the community members who testified at your meeting in Oxnard at the June 22nd meeting. We all note that Oxnard can potentially become Voting Rights District with reasonable growth that we expect over the next decade. Please consider that and allow Oxnard to stay whole as your second draft maps showed.

The process you all have put into operation is an excellent example of democracy at work and we understand that some factions, regions, areas will necessarily be unhappy with your results. This is understandable and I urge you to stick to your stated purposes.

Sincerely,

Helen Conly, Retired Educator

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