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

Re: Los Alamitos Comments on Current Visualizations

Dear Commissioner Yao:

We appreciate the efforts of the Citizens Redistricting Commission in balancing the many different points of view regarding the redrawing of legislative district boundaries throughout the state. To date, my colleagues on the Council have been very engaged in the effort and believe that the process is genuine with the various interests are being discussed earnestly. We have reviewed the July 13 "Visualizations" posted on the Commission website and offer the following comments.

Comments on the "Congress Social Options"

Given the plethora of priorities that must be considered by the Commission, it is our opinion that the "Congress Social Options 1 and 3," meet the standards of "contiguousness of boundaries" and "communities of interest" for the residents of the City of Los Alamitos. We believe that both options are satisfactory. However, with regard to the visualization for "Congress Social Option 2," we have significant concerns. Specifically, the Option 2 visualization would place the City of Los Alamitos in a Congressional District dominated by the cities of Long Beach and Huntington Beach. As configured, a Representative from that proposed district would be challenged by the overwhelming concerns of multiple and large coastal communities, one of the largest harbors in the world and the ongoing concerns of the issues that traditionally face older urban communities. As we have indicated previously, those are significant considerations, but not those faced by the voters in Los Alamitos. Given the acceptable options proposed in the "Congress Social Options 1 and 3," we urge strongly that you reject "Congress Social Option 2" in reaching consensus on the final maps.

Comments on "Senate Social" and "Assembly Social" Visualizations

We feel that these visualizations represent an effort to respect our concerns about "communities of interest" and "contiguousness of boundaries." However, with regard to the Senate District, it appears that Los Alamitos is being moved into "coastal" district that would include beachfront communities as far south as Laguna Beach. With that said,

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we acknowledge the effort to include more "inland" communities also, such as Westminster and Fountain Valley. We will continue to study this "visualization," and cannot support it fully at this time. For the moment, however, we acknowledge the attempt to balance the interests of local communities with the pressure to finalize the boundary maps.

With regard to the "Assembly Social Visualization," we believe that a significant effort was made to factor in "communities of interest" and the "contiguousness of borders." We agree with the attempt to configure a district that includes communities with whom we have worked for decades and others whose citizen and business communities have much in common with our community. We have no objection to the "Assembly Social Visualization."

We appreciate the efforts of you and your colleagues in considering the numerous options and interests before you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Stephens', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth Stephens
Mayor

Subject: 39th/45th Congressional District suggestion-Orange County

From: "Eric S." <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2011 17:34:45 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Hello committee,

I am emailing you about a small change you should consider as it pertains to the Congressional lines. It pertains to the 39th and 45th districts around the Yorba Linda/Anaheim Hills area in northern Orange County, CA. Your boundaries on the final maps presented do not make sense and divide our community and do not reflect nor respect our community lines.

The boundaries you presented:

- Divide Anaheim Hills by putting a small portion in the 39th congressional district and a very large majority of our community in the 45th congressional district
- Do not reflect the communities now. Generally, the Riverside CA 91 freeway is the boundary line between Anaheim Hills and the East Anaheim/Yorba Linda area. Your boundaries do not respect these boundaries
- Divide our school districts which generally represent the community divide. Areas north of the CA 91 are in Yorba Linda schools and areas south of CA 91 are in Orange, CA schools. Your boundaries do not reflect this

The boundaries I am presenting

- Unite the Anaheim Hills community (which is generally considered neighborhoods south of CA 91, a large barrier separating the two areas)
- Are much more simple as they follow freeway boundaries
- Adhere to school district boundaries which represent the community divide more accurately.
- Do not alter populations significantly in the 39th and 45th as both areas that are "swapped" contain very similar populations.

Please contact me if you need any clarifications.

Sincerely,

Eric Steadmond

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Region 3: orange La Habra, Ca.

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Dear Sir,

I called, but was told this must be in writing -

I'm a North Hills home owner in La Habra, Ca. I do oppose putting La Habra in an La County District. Instead it should be placed with other North Orange County Cities. As these are our Communities of interest, La Habra will be lost if we are the only Orange County city among La County cities.

Putting La Habra in an La County district will severely diminish our voice on issues of concern to us: Please do not put us out of Orange County, instead, put us in a district with other O.C. cities.

Gratefully Submitted,

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Subject: New Redistricting Lines

From: "Colleen Campbell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2011 12:02:55 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Committee Members:

After reading about and seeing the new redistricting lines for congressional districts, especially for Orange County, we truly must question the "impartiality" of your Commission.

Splitting the Asian/Vietnamese vote, mainly in our city of Westminster, and putting half of us into L.A. County with the city of Long Beach makes no sense..it is terribly wrong! (If we wanted to be in Long Beach, we wouldn't have moved to Orange County 30 years ago...FROM...Long Beach!)

It pits two popular Congressman, Ed Royce & Gary Miller, against each other (both Republican) while at the same time totally secures the seat of Democrat Loretta Sanchez. Why didn't your "impartial (?)" committee members divide up the Latino vote of Anaheim/Santa Ana like they did the Asian vote of Westminster/Garden Grove? Something REALLY STINKS big time here!

Please reconsider your convoluted new lines, especially for Orange County. Thank you.

Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. C. Campbell, Westminster

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Amber Norquist <norquist@ [REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2011 21:55:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Amber Norquist < [REDACTED]>

Subject: Leave Huntington Beach whole!

Message Body:

Please leave Huntington Beach whole. I strongly urge you NOT to divide our city into two parts. Thank you for your time.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Daniel Bassett [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 03:27:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Daniel Bassett <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Very Impressed

Message Body:

What a wonderful surprise to see that the proposed final districts will be community-based, not politically drawn! Fair representation for all - and (hopefully) a better California as a result.

Bravo to the commission! I vote to have them solve our budget problems next. They are on a roll!!

Dan Bassett

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Daniel Veazey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 06:15:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Daniel Veazey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Why are republican districts dismembered and reassembled with areas of heavy democratic majorities, which have the certain ability to vote republican congressmen out of office? My worst concerns about inequities against republican congressional districts has transpired, and in the process disenfranchising the vote of republicans.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Jason Pyle <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 04:30:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jason Pyle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split Huntington Beach up when redistricting

Message Body:

As a resident of Huntington Beach I'm very angry that the redistricting committee has proposed dividing HB into two separate districts. This is unacceptable. We as residents demand to be represented as a whole city, not two separate parts. We do not want to be represented by Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. HB is the second largest City in Orange County and needs to stay as its own voting district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Kathy Vaughan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2011 19:00:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Vaughan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting my city

Message Body:

Why are you splitting up the city of Huntington Beach? You mean to tell me you can't manage to get my whole city into one voting district? I do not like it and do not agree with it. This is a large city and our council should not have to deal with so many different representatives when engaging in government functions. Please keep my city in ONE district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: "Mr. & Mrs. C. Campbell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2011 19:01:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mr. & Mrs. C. Campbell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please Reconsider your Orange County Lines

Message Body:

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