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Subject: Communities State Redistricting - Los Angeles Foothill District

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Dear Commissioners:

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I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the Los Angeles Foothill 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 an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting map be redrawn so that my community is joined with other Los Angeles Foothill District 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: the Los Angeles Foothill District.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sara Wenger

SARA WENGER

[Redacted Signature]

SHADOW HILLS, CA 91040

[Redacted Address]



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Per _____

April 11, 2011

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,

Blair H. Taylor
President and CEO

Los Angeles, CA 90008-4936

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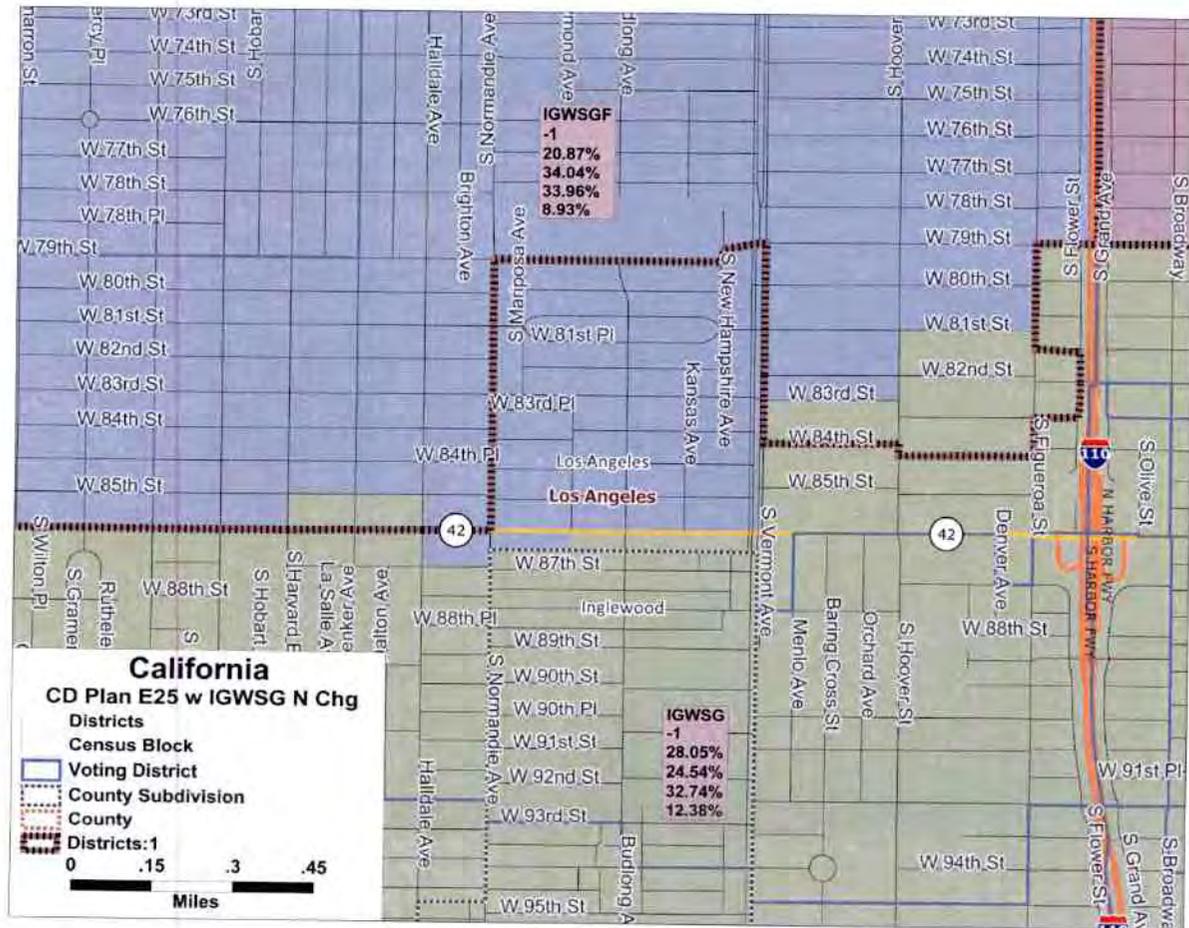
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Vermont Knolls and LAX Airport Noise Mitigation COI correction



Block Assignment files for Only IGWSG and IGWSGF

<http://www.censuschannel.net/clients/cbci/CA/CA Cong Plan E25/CA CONG PLAN E25 IGWSG IGWSGF BLOCK EQUIV.DBF>

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Community Conversation

Evaluating Final Draft Maps

Re-districting—the process of re-drawing state districts—will determine whether our communities have a voice in government.

**Thursday,
August 4th
6–8pm**

**Location:
West Angeles Villas
6030 Crenshaw
Blvd.**

Join us for a community conversation as we discuss the final draft maps for state Senate, Assembly, and Congress that the Citizens Redistricting Commission approved on Friday, July 29th.

We still have time to tell the Commission to respect our communities and enable us to have a voice in South L.A.

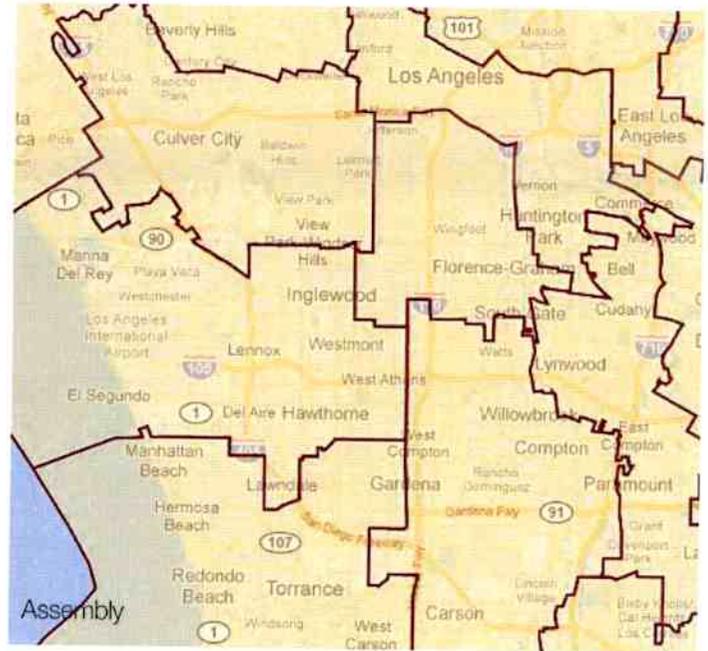
The Commission needs to hear from us!

RSVP is appreciated.

Email aarc@cocosouthla.org or call 323 629 3505



African Americans and Redistricting: A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE FINAL DRAFT MAPS



REDISTRICTING IN CALIFORNIA

Join us for a community conversation as we discuss the final draft maps for state Senate, Assembly, Board of Equalization and Congressional approved by the Citizens Redistricting Commission on July 29.

Public comment on the maps is being accepted until August 15.

The Commission still needs to hear from you!

What: Community Redistricting Meeting

When: Thursday, August 4, 2011

Place: West Angeles CDC
6030 Crenshaw Boulevard

Time: 6 pm - 8 pm

RSVP: aarc@cocosouthla.org or 323-629-3505
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Larry Van Nostran
Mayor

August 8, 2011

Ms. Jodie Filkins Webber
Chair, Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Filkins Webber:

The City of Lakewood has reviewed the Commission's recently released preliminary final maps for its proposed Assembly, Senate, and Congressional district boundaries. While we appreciate the amount of work the Commission has done in crafting these districts, we have concerns with the Assembly District (known as "LASGL") and one of our Senate Districts (known as "LALBS") in which our community would reside.

As currently drawn, the boundaries tie the most northwestern point of the Gateway Council of Governments (COG), Bell/Huntington Park, to the most southeastern, Lakewood/Long Beach. It goes without saying that the social, economic, and transportation issues of these vastly different corners of the Gateway COG vary greatly.

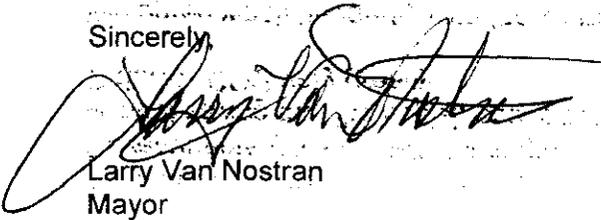
We agree wholeheartedly with the Commission's goal that the division of communities of interest should be minimized. Lakewood's two current Assembly districts and Senate district are drawn to include cities with similar characteristics – primarily residential bedroom communities with less than 100,000 residents. Lakewood is most similar to communities like Cerritos, Norwalk, Downey, Paramount, Bellflower, Artesia, and Hawaiian Gardens, with whom we share lower densities and local economic and transportation interests, and common fire and law enforcement agencies.

In addition, in our letter to the Commission dated June 28, 2011, proposing an alternative Assembly District, we previously submitted data that supports our commonality with the cities mentioned above. We found that the area has similar household median income (the majority of the area falls in the \$42,890 - \$59,215 range); similar type of housing data (the majority of the area is owner-occupied housing units); and the area is very diverse as evidenced by the high diversity index. Our proposed plan met a preponderance of the Commission's criteria for a community of interest.

Areas on the northwestern half of the proposed district are much more urbanized, have greater densities, and have little of the environmental and transportation interests with Lakewood and the other southeastern cities and are not a good fit as a community of interest.

Please reconsider our request to be in a district that is more a community of interest. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Larry Van Nostran
Mayor

Lakewood

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Angeles

FAX COVER SHEET

August 12, 2011

From: Wes Joe

To: Citizens' Redistricting Commission



Total Pages, including cover: 7

Please call [redacted] if there are any problems with this transmission. Thank you.

By Mail & Fax

August 12, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Re: Proposed Boundary between Assembly Districts 43 & 51

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your hard work. I live in the Sunset Junction neighborhood of the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles and have been active in local community organizations – the Silver Lake Improvement Association and the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council – for the last 10 years. I'm writing with respect to the proposed division of the commercial heart of our area between Assembly Districts 43 and 51.

I understand that one of your mandates calls for respecting communities of interest. Well, Sunset Junction (centered at the intersection where Santa Monica and Sunset Boulevards meet) is the longstanding commercial center of our area. The MTA and SCAG very recently completed a Compass Blueprint streetscape study of the area which calls for the creation of a transit plaza at Sunset & Santa Monica (see Attachment "A). And our local blog, theeastsiderla.com published an article on this just last month (see Attachment "B").

The current redistricting proposal leaves the blocks immediately to the north and west of the plaza in AD 43, while the rest of the area, including nearby residential hillsides, is in AD 51.

Please don't split up our area in this manner. Attachment "C" is the Google Earth overview of the Sunset Junction area taken from your website. The main intersection is marked with a blue dot, the proposed transit plaza with a yellow triangle and of course the proposed boundary between ADs 43 and 51 is in purple.

Kitty-corner from the transit plaza, where Sunset meets Manzanita, is a new 43-unit condominium complex at 4111 Sunset Boulevard (marked with a green dot on Attachment "C"). About 7 years ago the developers appeared with their proposal before our new Neighborhood Council. This project has a block long façade along Sunset Boulevard. But rather than placing the main entrance in the center of the building, they purposely put it at the east end of the complex facing Sunset Junction, with the expectation that this would be the direction in which pedestrian traffic would flow. (See Attachments "D" and "E")

Having served on the group that drew the boundaries between our Neighborhood Council's districts (we call them "Regions"), I understand why all of Silver Lake could not have been placed in AD 51. The northern portion has too many people and would throw the numbers out of balance. (Our Neighborhood Council boundaries are noted in Attachment "F" from the NC website.) But the western sliver of Silver Lake which is located in Sunset Junction -- the portion between Sanborn and Myra -- could easily be moved out of AD 43 and consolidated with the rest of Sunset Junction in AD 51.

In fact, it appears that AD 43 has a surplus of over 2700 persons, whereas AD 51 has a deficit of 31. So moving the area east of Myra into AD 51 would actually put things more in balance.

Please give your strongest consideration to this. Moving the strip of land along Sunset Boulevard between Sanborn and Myra into AD 51 would preserve a demonstrated community of interest intact, would more conform with the community of interest defined by our Neighborhood Council, and would provide for a better overall balance in terms of the numbers of persons residing in each Assembly District.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and once again for all of your work.

Sincerely,



Wes Joe

Los Angeles, CA 90026

Attachment "A"

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Timeline: 2008 - 2009

Project Partners:

Los Angeles County Metro for Transportation Authority (METRO)

City of Los Angeles

Project Activities:

- Open houses and meetings
- Interactive exhibitions
- Public workshops
- Urban design solutions and visualizations

PROJECT RESOURCES

- ▣ Project Report (3.5MB pdf)
- ▣ Project Fact Sheet (94KB pdf)

This project helped the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority identify streetscape improvements for the Sunset Junction area.

These improvements are desired by the community and will help support activities within the neighborhood. A series of public workshops and outreach events paired neighborhood leaders with regional transportation agency representatives to collaborate on possible solutions to facilitate more efficient transit service while also realizing local community goals.

Goals

- Strengthen the Sunset Junction area business core and identity.
- Improve transit integration and efficiency.
- Improve the walkability and the pedestrian experience.
- Improve bicycle facilities and markings.

The Sunset Junction Area Streetscape and Transportation Vision provides a modern blueprint for turning the Sunset Junction district into a model of coordinated bicycle, pedestrian, and transit activity that will benefit the community, local business, and the region. The vision suggests transit, pedestrian and bicycle improvements along three main commercial corridors within the area: Sunset, Santa Monica, and Vermont Boulevards. Improving streetscapes and better integrating transit services in the district will increase community satisfaction and boost the multi-faceted use of these main arterials.

The Vision for the Sunset Junction Area is a program for tactical improvements to the public realm: the sidewalks; the alignment and width of the road network; the location and design of transit stops; and the location of features including parking and open space within the study area.

Attachment "B"

www.theeastsideria.com

The grand plan for Silver Lake's Jiffy Lube island



City engineers and the winner of a design competition are now working on how to build a monument and small plaza at Sunset Junction next to the Silver Lake Jiffy Lube. But that \$100,000 monument – part of a larger \$200,000 monument project – is only phase one of an ambitious plan to change the look of the intersection where Sunset, Santa Monica and Manzanita meet. In a few years, if long term plans and promised funding comes through, the Jiffy Lube that has sat alone in a triangular island bounded by Sunset, Santa Monica and Manzanita Street will be replaced by an approximately 20,000-square-foot transit plaza with solar-powered bus shelters, bike parking and room for a community gathering space.

Attachment "C"



Attachment "D"



Attachment "E"



Attachment "F"

/ Silver Lake Neighborhood

← silverlakenc.org

About

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL?

In June, 1999, the voters of Los Angeles approved a new City Charter which created the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Its purpose is to promote more citizen participation in government and to make government more responsive to local needs through a citywide network of neighborhood councils. Each council is responsible for representing the diverse interests of its "Stakeholders."

WHO ARE SILVER LAKE'S "STAKEHOLDERS?"

In Silver Lake, a stakeholder is anyone who lives, works, owns property, or owns or operates a business within the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council boundaries; or who is a member of a community group, school, or religious institution in the community; or who works for an adjacent school or religious institution, which serves the community. To serve on the Governing Board of the SLNC, or to vote in Boardmember elections, stakeholders must be at least 14 years of age and fill out a stakeholder registration.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES -

North: LA River, Riverside Terrace

South: Clifford, Mayberry, 101 Fwy

East: 2 Fwy, Glendale, Coronado, Waterloo

West: Hoover, Myra, Hyperion

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PETITION TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

We the undersigned hereby request that the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission permit Commissioner Michael Ward file a minority report explaining his reasons for voting against the state and federal legislative districts in California.

The Commission's Code of Conduct requires commissioners to "disclose information that belongs in the public domain freely and completely." Article 21 of the state Constitution, provides in Section 2(a) that the commission shall "conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines."

These goals and criteria will not be met if Commissioner Ward is muzzled. All Commissioners should be allowed to file a full and complete minority report to the public on the Commission website and to the media.

Name, Address, Email and/or Phone	County	Date
1) Joseph Rescigno Beverly Hills, 90210	LA	8-13-11
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Please circulate, scan and email to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov
Don't forget to cc to david@fairthelines.org so California Conservative Action Group can track our submissions to the Citizens Redistricting Commission