



FRANK SCOTTO
MAYOR

CITY OF TORRANCE

January 30, 2012

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

**RE: Testimony on Redistricting of the City of Torrance represented
by the 36th Congressional District**

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Once again, the City of Torrance would like to express its strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance into two Congressional Districts. Based on the latest Census the City of Torrance has a population size of 145,348, which is the largest in the South Bay communities of Los Angeles County. It is imperative that the City of Torrance continues to be governed by one Congressional District.

For many years, the City has been served by a single Congressional District which is an effective way of providing services and addressing issues that impact our whole community. Splitting our City could have an adverse affect on the community by putting them at odds with each other on various issues. The City of Torrance would like to continue being served by one Congressional District which allows for one voice, one single point of contact and continuity. Please find enclosed previous letters sent to you outlining the City's position.

The City of Torrance would like you to consider this request and to consider the benefits of a single representation and to support this effort. Please accept this letter as written testimony regarding the public hearing on redistricting scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

Your consideration is very much appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto
Mayor

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cc: City Council Members
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

Attachments: Redistricting Letters of Oppositions 6/27/11 & 7/18/11



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CITY OF
TORRANCE

June 27, 2011

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

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City of Torrance, I would like to express my strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance in the 36th Congressional District. In reviewing the map, it is apparent that there are parts of the City of Torrance which has a Redondo Beach zip code of 90277. In actuality, this is part of the City of Torrance and not Redondo Beach.

The City would appreciate you looking into this matter to ensure all of the residents of the City of Torrance are represented by the 36th Congressional District. The entire City should be served and not fragmented. This will allow the City to have one consistent voice in serving our community.

Through the years the City has been served well within the 36th Congressional District and would like to continue to do so. The 36th District Office is familiar with the City of Torrance, its needs, challenges, and priorities both at a local, state and regional level. It is imperative the City of Torrance remains one cohesive City. Split communities could result in changes to the service quality and timeliness we have come to expect from the 36th Congressional District.

I urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to seriously consider this input, as any redistricting changes would have a huge impact on our community. Through the years the cities within the 36th Congressional District have developed effective working relationships and continue to exchange innovative ideas and practices.

Your consideration of this matter on the zip code is very much appreciated.

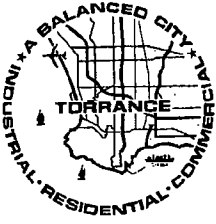
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Sincerely,

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cc: City Council Member
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager



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CITY OF TORRANCE

July 18, 2011

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


Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On June 27, 2011, the City of Torrance sent you a letter expressing strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance in the 36th Congressional district. As noted in the previous letter, parts of the city of Torrance have a Redondo Beach zip code of 90277. Although they have a Redondo Beach zip code, these areas are a part of the Torrance community and as such, receive vital services from the City of Torrance.

As Mayor of the City of Torrance, I urge you once again to re-evaluate the proposed redistricting map that splits the city of Torrance. It is imperative for the City and for the Congressional district that the City of Torrance remains contiguous and cohesive. Through the years, the City as a whole has been served well by a single Congressional (36th) and Senate district. With the entire City served by a single district, our entire community members have benefitted from consistent messages about issues affecting our entire city. The harmony, stability and quality of life our residents currently experience are vital to the continued success of the City of Torrance, thereby, the South Bay region given Torrance's significance in the area. Splitting Torrance as part of the redistricting efforts could put our community at odds with one another on certain issues. Consequently, I respectfully urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to seriously consider this input; redistricting changes would adversely impact our community.

While we do understand the needs for and the challenges you face with redistricting efforts, we urge you to consider our concerns and proceed cautiously in your efforts for reasons stated. The City of Torrance would be served best by one voice. The Assembly redistricting map is an example of keeping the city cohesive. I would like to recommend that the Assembly redistricting map be used in the redistricting of the 36th Congressional District and Senate district.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Scottto
Mayor

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cc: City Council Members
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager