As a lifelong Californian I have seen our state go through good times and bad times. My great concern has been the gerrymandering the various districts that have heavily favored one party over the other. I had the opportunity of representing the Republican Party as our standard bearer in the November election in my run for the 39th Congressional District against incumbent Rep. Linda Sanchez. This district just happens prime example of how gerrymandering has hurt our state. The District starts in the west in South Los Angeles and sweeps around in a gigantic horseshoe shape ending in the east in Whittier. The district was obviously drawn to be safe Democrat and it has lived up to expectations, being 50% Democrat, 25% Republican, 25% DTS, and over 60% Hispanic, it was drawn in such a manner that included high Hispanic and high Democrat areas. This is only the beginning of the inequalities of the district. The western portion is primarily blue collar with high school education or lower, working poor to lower middle class, and immigrant, with the majority of the populace being Hispanic and to a smaller degree African American. This portion of the district includes the cities of Lynwood. South Gate and Paramount, The eastern portion of the district a small sliver of North Long Beach, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Cerritos, Artesia, La Mirada, and 62% of Whittier are middle class to upper middle class, high school education and higher, with a mix of white, Asian, Hispanic, and others, The eastern and western halves of the district have few common bonds that would be required by the new redistricting law. To outline the corruption of having politics involved the following is a quote from Loretta Sanchez older sister of Rep. Linda Sanchez.

In 2001 during the previous redistricting, Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Santa Ana, explained to the Register how the gerrymandering system worked: "Twenty thousand is nothing to keep your seat. I spend \$2 million [campaigning] every year. If my colleagues are smart, they'll pay their \$20,000, and Michael [Berman] will draw the district they can win in. Those who have refused to pay? God help them."

What a corrupt system.

http://articles.ocregister.com/2010-09-03/opinion/24632089_1_new-districts-redrawing-districts-specific-district

My great concern is the CRC has gone to great lengths to create an organization that fairly represents the people of the State of California, yet the commission is actually considering hiring **Democrat** former redistricting consultant Karin MacDonald to advise them on line drawing. By hiring a partisan consultant you defeat the purpose of your existence. I truly hope the CRC will consider the impact of hiring partisan consultants of either party and instead hire consultants with no political affiliation, failure to act properly will result in another ten years of gerrymandered districts with incumbents thumbing their noses at their constitutes knowing they are safe and will not be voted out of office. You may contact me at my web site is www.voteandre.com, my email is at the top of the page.

Thank you for your consideration,

Larry Andre

Former nominee Republican 39th Congressional District