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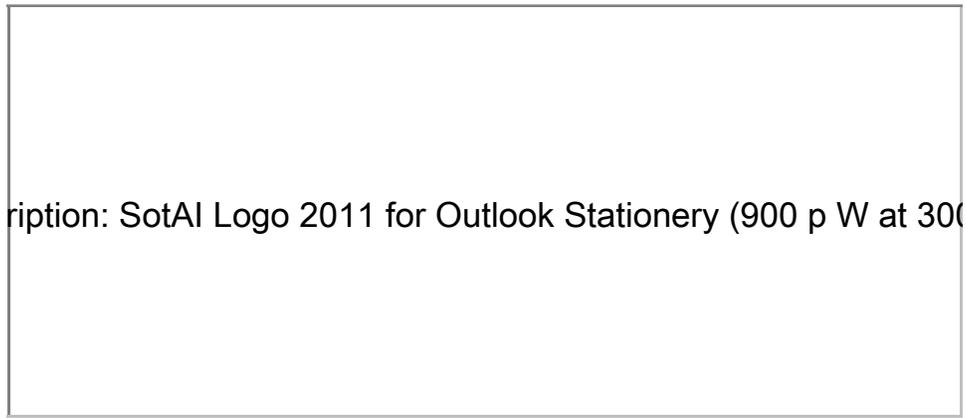
I was speaker number 18 this afternoon at the California Citizens Redistricting Commission public input hearing in San Fernando. Following my remarks, the commission requested a copy of my notes, which I provided on paper at the meeting. I am providing the same notes as an attachment here, in the hope that the commission might give further consideration to my remarks on behalf of the Valley Cultural Center to keep the West San Fernando Valley intact.

Regards,

Jim

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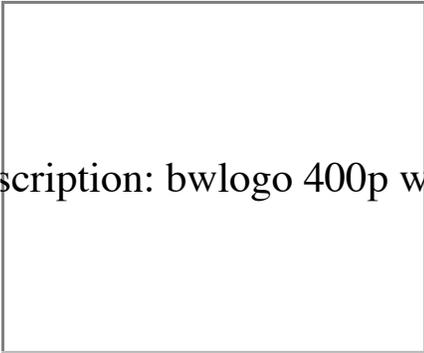
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Good afternoon. My name is Jim Brammer. I live in Tarzana and I am a native of Los Angeles. I am a Photographic Artist and my studio is located in Tarzana as well. I am also the Executive Vice Chair on the Executive Board of the Valley Cultural Center, which is what I would like to speak about today.

The Valley Cultural Center is a 501c(3) non-profit, which provides many cultural activities for the San Fernando Valley. Most of our programs, certainly those that are best attended, are held in the West San Fernando Valley. We are best known for producing the Sunday Concerts on the Green and the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, which are held at Warner Ranch Park in Woodland Hills. Our programs attract over 150,000 people each summer and 95% of these people live within a 5-mile radius of Warner Ranch Park in communities such as (*point to each community on map*)

- Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, West Hills and Hidden Hills
- Calabasas, and Agoura Hills
- Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, Granada Hills and Northridge
- Reseda, Winnetka and Lake Balboa
- and --
- Encino and Tarzana.

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The San Fernando Valley runs from east to west and is naturally divided by the 405 freeway into the East San Fernando Valley and the West San Fernando Valley. It's a lot farther from Glendale to Agoura Hills (*show on map*) than from Chatsworth to Woodland Hills (*show on map*). That is why virtually all organizations in the San Fernando Valley serve either the East Valley or the West Valley, although there are a handful of organizations that are Valley-wide.

Through our membership base and our outreach programs for the visual and performing arts in our community, we know that the West San Fernando Valley, from Interstate 405 to Calabasas and Hidden Hills (*point on map*), and from the Santa Susana Mountains to Mulholland, is a single, cohesive "community of interest".

As someone who lives and works in the West Valley, I am dedicated to this area and I believe that, in the context of redistricting, the West San Fernando Valley is an aggrieved area. We are currently divided among 5 different State Senate districts, 5 Assembly districts, and 3 different Congressional districts.

I urge you to keep the West San Fernando Valley together in a single district.

Thank you for your time.