

**Subject: Redrawing Congressional District CA-53**

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**Conversation:** Redrawing Congressional District CA-53

**Commissioners,**

**Continuation of Speaker #61 remarks of May 14th at the Educational Cultural Center in San Diego.**

**Thank you all for your patience and collective attention yesterday.**

**Overview:** Briefly acknowledged as one of the most blatant examples of what a gerrymandered congressional district looks like, CA-53, as presently drawn, is the poster child. It appears as an upper case capital "T" rotated counter clockwise 90°.

**Premise:** Redrawing CA-53 properly as a "Pacific Ocean coastal community only district" and getting it correct will greatly assist the Commission in redrawing the rest of San Diego County's remaining 4 congressional districts (CA-49, 50, 51, & 52). They should fall into place more easily if you recognize the coast should be set up as an overall community of interest.

**When viewing the present day CA-53, starting from the International Border with Mexico and moving north, serious consideration should be given to:**

- 1. Move the existing east boundary line in Imperial Beach further east than 14th Street to Interstate 5.**
- 2. Totally remove the existing communities of Lemon Grove and Spring Valley from the new CA-53 and use Interstate 15 as the eastern boundary marker for the new district. Lemon Grove and Spring Valley are not coastal communities of interest 25 miles inland.**
- 3. With regards to La Jolla, what is presently situated in CA-50 to the west of Interstate 805, place it into the new CA-53 as you redistrict going north picking up your target population residing in Pacific Ocean beach communities.**
- 4. Expand the existing CA-53 boundary northwards into the communities of Del Mar, Solana Beach and Encinitas along the coast until the congressional district target population is reached. A suitable eastern boundary would be either be Interstate 5 for sure or possibly Interstate 15.**

**Sincerely,  
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