

From: **Dinah Stockman**

Date: Fri, May 6, 2011 at 6:38 PM

Subject: Comment re Griffith Park, Burbank

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Hallelujah! Pinch me. I was listening to one of your recent Southern California hearings, Norco, I believe, and I heard one Commissioner say that the Commission was considering keeping the communities that touch Griffith Park (Burbank, the Hollywood Hills, all Los Feliz, Silver Lake, and Atwater Village) in the same state legislative district. This means a great deal to those of us who live here.

Can it be possible that the community's concerns are actually being heard in a re-districting process? (Who says the Commission doesn't work? We wish you were there in 2001 and 1991!)

Those of us in those above-listed communities share so much... And we have the same interests: preserving our unique open space, preserving unique Southern California flora and fauna, preserving our unique equestrian neighborhoods, and dealing, collectively, with the

everpresent threat of wildfires and the possible spread of a Brush Fire from Griffith Park to the adjoining neighborhoods, like it did, tragically, in June 2007. We would greatly appreciate being able to speak with one, unified voice.

I note that there are those who think that Burbank should be linked all the way to Pasadena in the districts you draw. While this might make sense for the larger Congressional district (because of common federal issues, like the Airport), it would not necessarily make sense (numerically or policy-wise) for our state "people's" legislative district (s).

Our state issues (grant funding, fire prevention dollars, open-space preservation) tend to focus on Griffith Park of course, and thus on those issues, Burbank shares commonality with the adjacent neighborhoods of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley (like Hollywood and even North Hollywood) versus the San Gabriel Valley (Pasadena).

This is also true of course on state employment issues and state industry policies relating to the entertainment industry. Burbank, with its many studios and many citizens in the entertainment workforce, shares a great deal with the populations of Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Hollywood Hills, etc., which have an almost identically large proportion of their workforces affected by state decisions affecting the entertainment industry (runaway production, filming incentives, etc.)

Anyway, I thank you so much for restoring a sense of faith

in government and "the process" by listening to our concerns.

Dinah Stockman
Current Burbank resident
(former Hollywood Hills resident)