

Subject: Input to California Redistricting Commission

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Dear Commission Members,

My husband, Ron, and I attended the redistricting public hearing at the Long Beach City Council Chambers (City Hall) on April 27, 2011. The chairman encouraged us to write our viewpoints, rather than have more speakers (since there were already about 150 signed up to speak and he didn't want the proceedings to last till midnight). I hope our feedback meets your deadline.

When Ron moved to California in early 1962 he lived in the beach towns of Manhattan Beach and then Hermosa Beach for about two years and then moved to Palos Verdes Estates, where we have lived for over 25 years. Ron worked for over 45 years in the aerospace industry and with/for most of the companies in the South Bay area. We still maintain contact with many of the people with whom he worked. Our children have attended schools in Palos Verdes and frequently visited the Beach Cities when they were younger. Ron has had offices in El Segundo, Torrance and San Pedro where he shares many business and cultural interests with other aerospace engineers.

I've worked in the Los Angeles Unified School District as an adult education teacher in San Pedro, Westchester, and Gardena. Even though I am retired I go to Westchester to teach one day a week and occasionally still substitute teach in San Pedro.

Most of the time when we shop and do leisure activities it is in the South Bay communities, like Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and El Segundo. We take

enrichment classes at Harbor College, in Wilmington. Most often we drive on Pacific Highway in both directions—to the Pacific Coast Highway entrance to the 110 freeway and towards the airport, where P.C.H. turns into Sepulveda. We also frequently travel north on roads like Hawthorne and Crenshaw to areas like Torrance, Carson, and Lawndale. We share a common transportation network with the south Bay cities.

We are providing our input on this matter because we are very upset by the existing political gerrymandering of the congressional and legislative districts currently containing the Palos Verdes Peninsula. It is not logical from a geographic standpoint. We seldom visit other neighborhoods in our current congressional districts and in general we have cultural and political differences with them. I hope you take this opportunity to re-align Palos Verdes with the northern coastal cities and communities of the South bay (west of the 110 and 405 freeways and south of LAX). If you need a count of more people than live in these combined neighborhoods, you may consider extending the new district to San Pedro and/or Westchester.

Thanks you for your time, interest, and consideration of our opinion.

Sincerely,

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