

**Subject: Public comment**

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**Conversation:** Public comment

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing as a 15-year Pacific Palisades resident in hopes that the Commission will design districts for the state senate and assembly that integrate the Westside with the San Fernando Valley.

My life in the Palisades is inextricably linked to the Valley. I travel there frequently for work, as does my wife; my wife's doctor is in Tarzana and our children were born there; we visit friends and go to the ArcLight Cinemas and other Valley entertainment and shopping venues regularly; etc. Conversely, I know many in the Valley whose lives are intertwined with business and entertainment destinations on the Westside, and whose days are regularly enriched by taking advantage of the Westside's natural resources -- trails in Topanga, beaches, parks, and the Malibu and Santa Monica piers, to name just a few.

As you work to create new districts, please consider the value of allowing citizens to elect representatives who, by design, recognize and work to improve the cohesiveness of those communities separated by the Santa Monica mountains but united by the shared concerns that should define a well-drawn district.

I know you've got many factors to consider and a hard task in front of you. I hope that as you proceed you'll consider the broad interconnectedness of the Westside and San Fernando Valley in making your decisions.

Sincerely,

Adam Wolman

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