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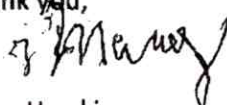
Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear California Citizens' Redistricting Commission,

This letter is regarding the area we refer to as the West Valley which is the western part of the San Fernando Valley in the Los Angeles area. I live in the city of Calabasas which is located in the southwest corner of the Valley.

I would like to make my opinion known that the city of Calabasas should be considered part of the community known as the West Valley. The residents in this area clearly share social and economic interests with the neighboring towns of Woodland Hills, Hidden Hills, West Hills, Agoura Hills, and Tarzana. I was the founder of a club in the area several years ago and the club name carries the words "West Valley" in the name (even though I live in Calabasas).

When you consider the new district boundaries for this area, please respect our community and do not separate Calabasas from the rest of the West Valley.

Thank you,


Mary Hawkins,
Concerned Citizen
Calabasas, CA

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May 12, 2011

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Re: 23rd Senate District Boundaries

Dear Members of the Re-Districting Commission:

Canyon Back Alliance (“CBA”) is dedicated to preserving public access to recreational trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. We are writing to emphasize the importance of maintaining the current boundaries of the 23rd Senate District, the backbone of which is the Santa Monica Mountains between the Hollywood Hills and the Pacific Ocean, with the District traversing both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains. These boundaries define a significant community of interest that should be protected against fragmentation through redistricting.

CBA has worked for the past seven years with residents, elected public officials, and organizations located within these boundaries in fighting for the preservation of public access to trails in and along the Santa Monica Mountains. See www.canyonback.org. In doing so, we have created working coalitions comprised primarily of residents, recreational trail users and organizations within this great Mountains-centered District. We have received invaluable assistance and support from the elected officials within the same boundaries, including the current and former State Senators for the 23rd District. Together, citizens and elected officials within the District have developed expertise in and sensitivity for the recreational, environmental and public safety issues unique to the Santa Monica Mountains, which would be compromised by dividing the existing community of interest.

The Santa Monica Mountains are a unique and defining resource for those residing on both sides of the Mountains. The wildlife that enjoy our backyards on one side of the Mountains share our neighbors’ backyards on the other side. This common experience leads to a community of interest that encompasses wildlife protection within the Mountains. The risk of wildfire poses an equal threat to all residing in or along the Mountain areas, whether east, west, north or south. We thereby have a common concern for fire safety and protection. And, as hillside residents on both

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sides of the Santa Monica Mountains, we are concerned about hillside stability and flood protection.

Development and transportation proposals that threaten the natural hillside environment often do so without regard to boundaries other than those defined by the Mountains, which fall within the existing boundaries of the 23rd Senate District. When assessments are sought for protection of the Santa Monica Mountains, such as the proposal by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in 2002, they too occur within these boundaries. Through our joint efforts, we now have the "Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment Districts," encompassing properties on both sides of the backbone.

It is critical that redistricting not result in the dilution of our Santa Monica Mountains community of interest. We therefore ask that the 23rd Senate District retain its current boundaries.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas R. Freeman, President

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To Whom it May Concern,

As the Mayor of Rosemead, I would like to advocate for the correct districts where the City of Rosemead properly belong. My city is diverse – diverse in culture, age, income and in education. As I noted at your public hearing on April 29, 2011, Rosemead must be in districts where my residents’ voices are best heard.

The City of Rosemead when grouped with other cities in our region, the San Gabriel Valley, creates certain clusters make sense. I fully support proposed maps that place Rosemead with the cities of Arcadia, Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, and, Temple City in the State Assembly, State Senate and US Congressional maps.

Such proposed maps, as seen in the Chinese-American Citizen’s Alliance (CACCA) San Gabriel Valley, would help our representatives focus and narrow their advocacies over a set of communities that have similar interests and thus help optimize the voice of my city.

Regionally, I would also support plans that bring together similar communities such as the areas of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar as one cluster. It would also behoove the Commission to keep together the Foothill cities region as well.

Sincerely,

Steven Ly
Mayor

- CC:
- The City of Alhambra
 - The City of Arcadia
 - The City of Monterey Park
 - The City of San Gabriel
 - The City of San Marino
 - The City of South Pasadena
 - The City of Temple City

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Patti Hutchens
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Canoga Park, CA 91303

May 20, 2011

To: California Citizens' Redistricting Commission

Re: Los Angeles/ San Fernando Valley

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Dear Commissioners,

Please reverse the butchering of the San Fernando Valley. Our Valley, in excess of 2 million people, has a commonality of interests, which will be better served and better represented by its being united.

By returning our representation and voice, perhaps the outmigration of frustrated Californians can be slowed. This appears to be our last hope.

Thank you,

Patti Hutchens

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As you know I have been an active member of the redistricting reform community as Co-Chair of California Forward. Today I am writing to you not in that capacity, but as a proud resident of the San Fernando Valley. Under California's new redistricting law, the Commission has the chance to unite the unique communities of interest within the Valley to ensure our distinct social and economic interests are fairly represented. I greatly appreciate your consideration of my written comments as I was unfortunately unable to attend your recent hearing in Burbank.

I will not recount the many things that make the Valley special. You have already heard from dozens of residents on your website and at your recent hearing who have spoken of our regional individuality. Instead I will simply add my voice to their calls and specifically urge the Commission to:

- 1) Maximize the number of districts that are either wholly within the Valley or in which the majority of the population is within the Valley. Currently only three of the twelve state legislators who represent parts of the Valley live there, and application of the new law should help to improve this;
- 2) Ensure full compliance with the Voting Rights Act, with particular attention to the high density Latino communities within the San Fernando Valley like Arleta, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Reseda and the City of San Fernando;
- 3) To the extent population needs to be added to San Fernando Valley districts, consider adding the Conejo Valley which begins in Thousand Oaks and stretches into Los Angeles along Highway 101. The Conejo Valley includes cities like Calabasas and Hidden Hills which, while geographically separated, share strong ties to the Valley such as using similar media of communication (e.g., the Daily News enjoys strong circulation in both these cities); and,

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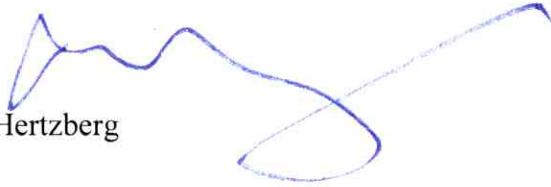
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- 4) To the extent population in the San Fernando Valley need to be combined with other districts, consider areas in the north valley like Granada Hills and Porter Ranch which often share transportation issues with areas to their north and west not shared by other parts of the Valley.

Thank you for your ongoing work on behalf of the people of California.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Hertzberg

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke that ends in a small upward tick.