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Subject: Redistricting

Date: Tue, 10 May 2011 19:25:30 -0700

From: Helen Ofield [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

We live in Lemon Grove, established in 1892 and today, a community of some 24,000 diverse residents. Like most American communities, Lemon Grove has wealth and poverty. That is, a tiny group of monied residents and a much larger group of impoverished residents. What we have more of, however, are struggling, white and blue collar residents clinging by the skin of their teeth to the middle class. We are about one fourth senior citizens. The city has no industrial base and very few large companies (a couple of car dealerships, a major trash hauling company). There is a powerful volunteer tradition in Lemon Grove--and why? Because we must rely on ourselves to get things done to help our own people.

WE DO NOT WANT LEMON GROVE TO BE SPLIT UP UNDER REDISTRICTING. This would undermine the unity and sense of neighborliness that exists in our town regardless of ethnicity. We have never had "ghettoes" in Lemon Grove. Everyone is just evenly spread through every neighborhood. We want to stay together -- that is what we fought for over four elections, ultimately winning cityhood in 1977.

We need to be connected to similar communities:

We border on southeast San Diego, South La Mesa and Spring Valley. Our school district encompasses these zip codes: 91945, 91941, 92114.

In good times and bad in a mass society, small communities must assert their identity

with particular vigor. We have a distinct identity and a proud history. We cannot be taken for granted or shunted around to fit somebody's view of how demographics should work.

We cannot attend the May 14 session at the Educational Cultural Center, but would like this message to be included in the public record.

Kind regards,

Jack and Helen Ofield

(Prof. Jack Ofield, Emeritus Prof. of Film, San Diego State University
Helen Ofield, principal, New Pacific Productions, Inc.; president, Lemon Grove Historical Society)

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Subject: State Redistricting - Please Write to the Commission TODAY!

From: Jim Varnadore <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 19:41:19 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Commissioners,

Forwarded F.Y.I.

I guess some elected officials are seriously worried about how they will fare, now that the legislature is out of the redistricting process. Here's one of them trying to manipulate the system through his constituents.

For what it's worth, this particular one has reason to worry. Rare is the constituent who has seen or heard from him; rarer still the constituent who's sent an e-mail and gotten any response at all. That's reason enough to be worried. Apparently he is.

Let me recommend you draw the lines as the law and the census numbers require, and let the chips fall where they may.

Jim Varnadore
City Heights

From: Marty Block

Subj: State Redistricting - Please Write to the Commission TODAY!

To: Marty Block

Date: Mon, May 23, 2011, 9:20 AM

Community Leaders:

Thank you to those who were able to attend the recent California Citizens Redistricting Commission hearing in San Diego. There is still public input needed from our communities to ensure that we are not divided in the upcoming maps. If you have **just a few minutes today**, please send a brief email to the Commission that explains:

- Who you are and your role(s) in the community

- What communities should be kept whole (and which neighboring communities you are similar to economically and socially)
- Where communities are not alike, and legislative boundaries should be drawn.

EMAIL YOUR THOUGHTS TO: [REDACTED]

OR Fax them to [REDACTED]

For your reference, please see the sample email attached from a neighbor in Lemon Grove which has been submitted to the commission. As well, background information about the redistricting process is attached.

Your comments will assist the Commission to understand our neighborhoods and our region, and they are vital to ensure that communities of interest stay united for legislative and Congressional districts. When voters of similar interest are drawn into a district together for the next decade, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice, and hold their leaders accountable.

Thank you for your ongoing civic participation.

Marty

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