

Subject: Redistricting Comments

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Please find attached comments regarding redistricting. I testified at the Orange County hearing and was asked to submit written comments as well. Best to you as you finish this process.
Mayor Carolyn Cavecche, City of Orange

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To The State of California Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for listening to my testimony at the Santa Ana hearing on May 6.

I was speaker #2, and you asked that I follow up on some points.

As other speakers noted as well, inland Orange County cities such as Fullerton, Brea, La Habra, Yorba Linda, Placentia, Anaheim, and the City of Orange belong together. We are older, established communities with similar housing, infrastructure, and transportation needs. We also have larger established commercial and industrial areas and our cities work together to represent our interests to Sacramento and Washington DC.

During my testimony I asked the commission NOT to break the Los Angeles/Orange County line for the Congressional redistricting. I understand that Congressional and State Legislative puzzle pieces are not the same size and that the large differences in population will not allow for a one size fits all solution, so as asked, I would like to clarify my remarks in regards to State Legislative Districts.

There seems to be an agreement that there will be Latino Voting Rights Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts in Central Orange County. Those will have Santa Ana as an anchor. The Vietnamese populations in and around Little Saigon should not be split.

I would like to offer some insight on how a consensus might be built for the rest of Northern Orange County.

The current Voting Rights State Senate Seat (SD 34) includes Buena Park, while the current Congressional Seat (CD 47) does not. Both district look like they will have to pick up new population.

The new Voting Rights Senate District is likely to include Buena Park, but it doesn't look like the Voting Rights Assembly Seat and Congressional Seat can include both Santa Ana and Buena Park. Assuming Buena Park ends up in a Voting Rights Senate Seat, the Buena Park city lines touch the LA/Orange County border and end up being a natural western border for a Senate District and potentially nested Assembly Districts. If Buena Park must be in a Latino Senate Seat, but can not be in a Latino Congressional Seat, then those residents will be treated differently in the Legislative and Congressional plans. This could then lead to different treatment for other inland Orange County Cities like Orange.

One option is to fill out the Senate Seat by going north to get the needed residents. Tying North Orange County Cities to East San Gabriel in the State Senate District makes more sense then tying us with parts of far South Orange County that are completely different. As it is right now

Orange is tied into a Senate District with South Orange County and we have little in common with those communities.

I believe I speak for a lot of North Orange County folks who don't want any district dominated by Los Angeles or South Orange County. Nor do we want a seat like the current SD 29 that stretches all the way to Arcadia. However, on State Districts, unlike North Orange County Congressional Districts, we are perfectly willing to share an evenly proportioned district with the East San Gabriel Valley. Unlike the region along the I5 and Long Beach, North Orange County and the East San Gabriel area of LA County share similar economics, incomes, demographics and the same traffic congestion, issues that our State Legislature will be working on.

Thank you for your time. Best to you and the important work that you are doing for our State.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cavecche

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