

Subject: Keeping Orange County together

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Conversation: Keeping Orange County together

Dear Commissioners,

As stated verbally and through written response to you at the San Diego County hearing last Friday, May 14, 2011, Orange County is a Community of Interest. Based on the current number of residents per the 2010 U.S. Census and numbers requirements for U. S.

Congressional seats, California Assembly and California Senate seats, Orange County is entitled to 6.5 **dedicated** California Assembly seats and 4.3 **dedicated** U. S. Congressional seats, but has only five and three, respectively. Apparently, Orange County has been districted out of its due representation.

Orange County is a Community of Interest and shorting of U.S. Congressional seats and California Assembly seats reduces our representation and causes our votes as a county to be less meaningful as a community of interest.

At a minimum, San Clemente should be consolidated into Orange County. It has no correlation with San Diego County in any way. Huntington Beach can and should be incorporated into Orange County, as it has little in common with the port of LA or Palos Verdes.

Although there are many ways to accomplish the above, **keeping Orange County and its cities together for the most part and which are also communities of interest, is easy to accomplish.**

A map representing one example of how easy it is to accomplish this will be delivered to the Commission by your stated deadline of May 23, 2011.

Yours very truly,
Carol Gardner