
Subject: Community of Interest

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Conversation: Community of Interest

As a longtime resident of Agoura Hills, I am writing you to protect our community of interest when drawing new districts. Specifically, the City of Agoura Hills is connected with other communities along the 101 Freeway corridor, including Westlake Village, Calabasas, hidden Hills and communities in the West San Fernando Valley. Those West Valley communities according to the officially recognized Neighborhood Council Districts are: Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Granada Hills North, Granada Hills South, North Hills West, Northridge East, Northridge West, Porter Ranch, West Hills , Winnetka, Woodland hills/ Warner Center, Encino, Lake Balboa, Reseda and Tarzana.

Our communities along the 101 Freeway share much in common. We have common School and Water Districts, and we have common economic interests. When we dine, shop and socialize we commonly do so in the aforementioned areas. Our residents frequently work in this areas as well and commute along the 101.

This basically stands in contrast to our relationship with West Los Angeles and Beverly Hills which are on the the other side of the Santa Monica Mountains. Agoura Hills should not be connected with these areas for the purpose of legislative districts. In order to travel to West Los Angeles, it is necessary to drive through the Sepulveda Pass, one of the most congested stretches of freeways in California. This is one good reason why I not travel to this area on a daily basis.

For all these reasons, I urge the Redistricting Commission to define the 101 Freeway corridor region of western Los Angeles County as a community of interest that includes our four cities as well as the communities in the western San Fernando Valley. The future of our region's growth and development depends upon effective and fair representation.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely,

Allan Abrams

Sent from my iPad