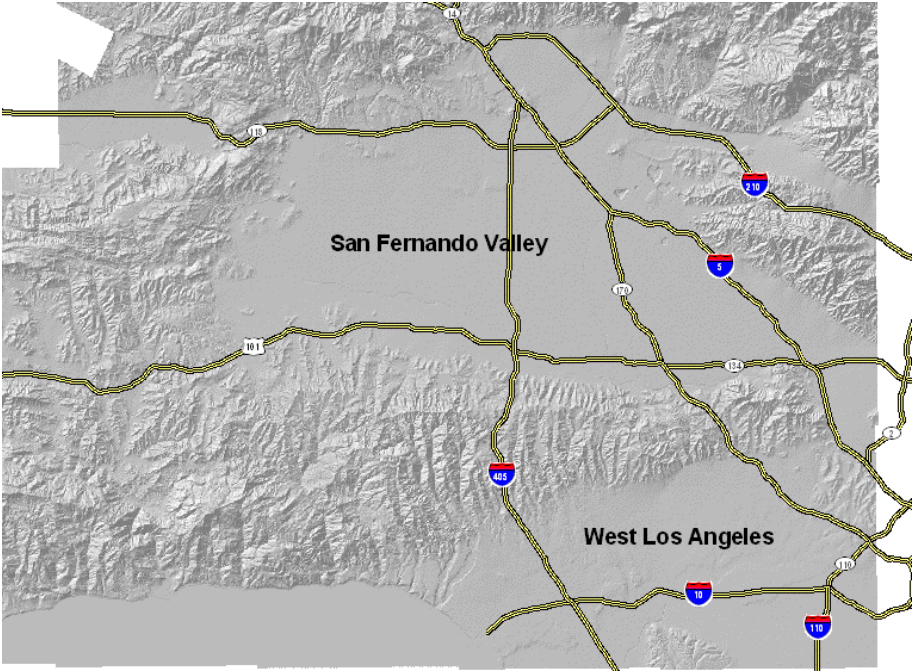
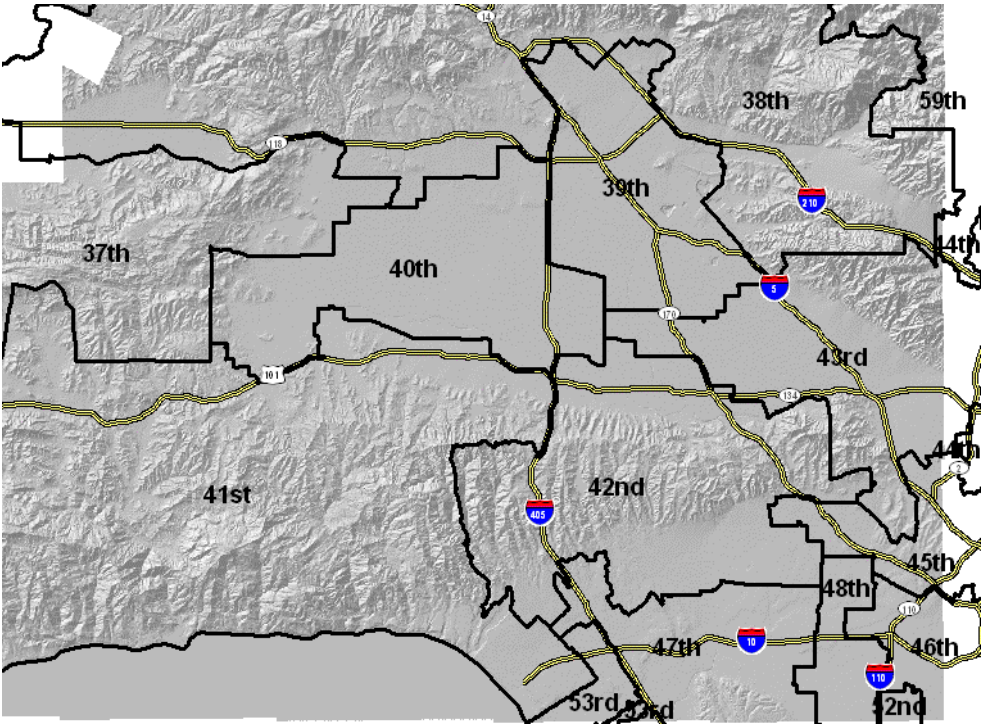


Eliminate Over-The-Hill Districts

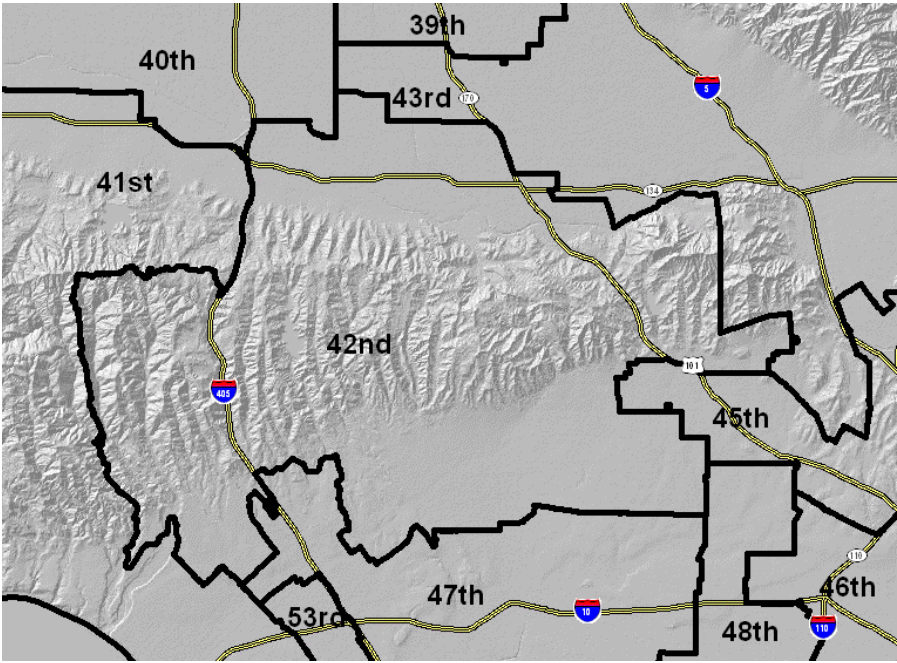
The San Fernando Valley is a large suburban area that is ringed with sparsely populated hills.



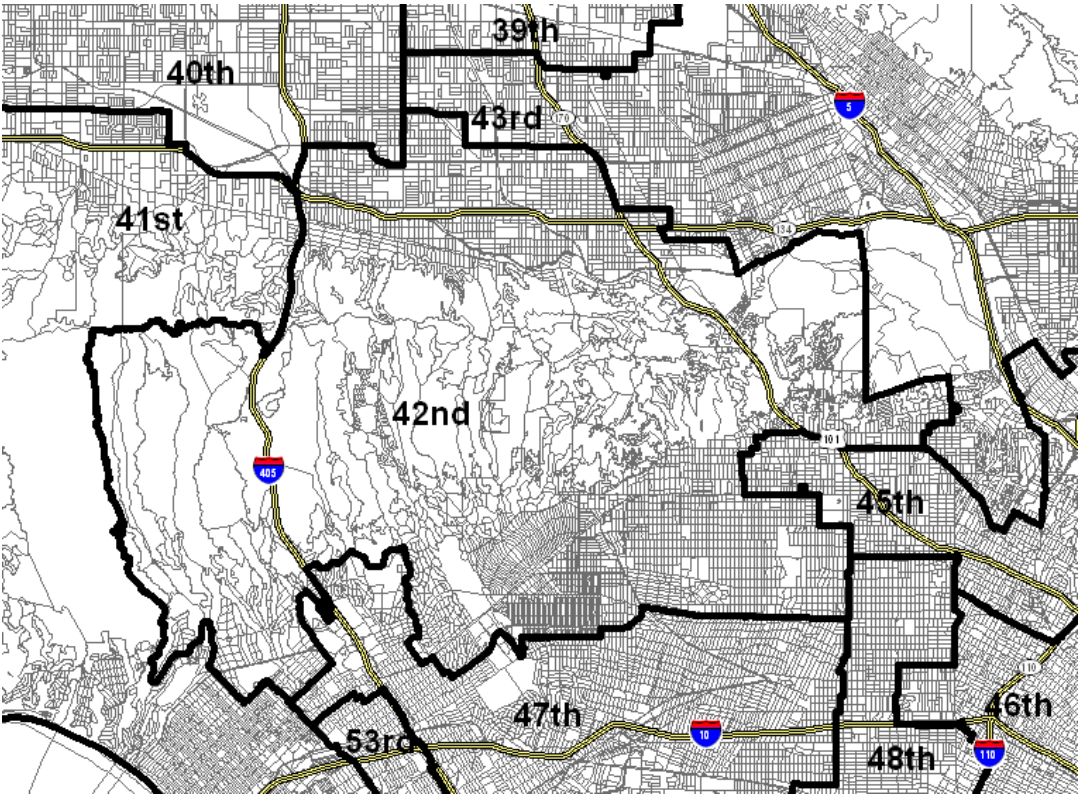
Political districts that contain a small portion of the Valley residents sometimes extend over-the-hill to small areas of other large suburban areas.



The 42nd Assembly District is just such a district.



The Census Block outlines below illustrate the relative variation in population density between the suburban north and south, and the sparsely populated hilly area in the center.



So, although the 42nd Assembly District is somewhat compact in area, it is akin to a barbell, with a skinny center connecting two major populations.

Only a small coalition of environmentalist special interest groups tend to lobby for this kind of districting. The great majority of residents resent being split off from half of the district by the sparsely populated center area. There is virtually no sense of community between the two populated areas. Their primary focuses of community are the adjacent population areas, where they are likely to be shopping, dining and attending the schools. The hillside residents will likewise be using the closest populated center for these amenities, with only a few being equidistant, and therefore using both.

Likewise, the representative is most likely a member of one primary population center or the other, and is relatively ignorant regarding the community issues of the other. Therefore, the residents of the other area tend to feel as though they do not have a representative.

All residents would prefer to be near the center of their districts. The Over-The-Hill districts tend to be ideal for only a relatively small portion of those residents.

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(Region 4 – Los Angeles County, but the concept is General)

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