

Subject: Letter to the Redistricting Commission

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:03 PM

From: [REDACTED]

To: <[REDACTED]>

Cc: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Letter to the Redistricting Commission

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong desire for binding the communities situated near the Santa Monica Mountains in a shared legislative district. These communities traverse inland regions to the coast, and include West Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and Malibu. In this regard, I respectfully request that the Commission consider a return to the 1991 legislative boundaries for the Santa Monica Mountain vicinity. The 1991 districts bordered along county lines, and were inclusive of our community of interest.

While the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreations Area is accessible to all residents of California, it is those who live nearest to these mountains that are motivated to preserve the natural beauty and quality of life that they inspire. Any redistricting effort that divides this region will dilute our voice in the legislatures and compromise our ability to limit development and preserve the natural beauty of these mountains for all to enjoy.

The ecology of our area requires careful stewardship. The Santa Monica Mountains are linked to the north by the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Preserve, which serves as a corridor for wildlife in this part of our State. Our communities are also part of the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds. The Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council includes representatives of the cities of Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village.

The communities of West Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, and the adjacent unincorporated communities are deeply connected through collaboration and services. These communities form the Las Virgenes - Malibu Council of Governments. The COG is the core of Los Angeles County's Disaster Management Area B. These communities collaborate in the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance.

The inland communities are served by a single Sheriff's Station, located in Calabasas. These communities are served by three Fire Stations, located in Agoura Hills, Calabasas, and Westlake Village. The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides these communities with water and sewer services. The communities are also united through the distinguished Las Virgenes Unified School District. Several schools in this district have been honored by the California Distinguished Schools Program and the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

Our strength as an interactive and collaborative community of interest rests on our ability to have a shared legislative voice. Our shared interest in preserving the ecology and beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains region is but one of the many elements that binds us together. Please respect the integrity of our communities and our quality of life by returning to the 1991 legislative boundaries for the Santa Monica Mountains vicinity.

Attached are maps of the 1991 legislative districts for the Santa Monica Mountains area.

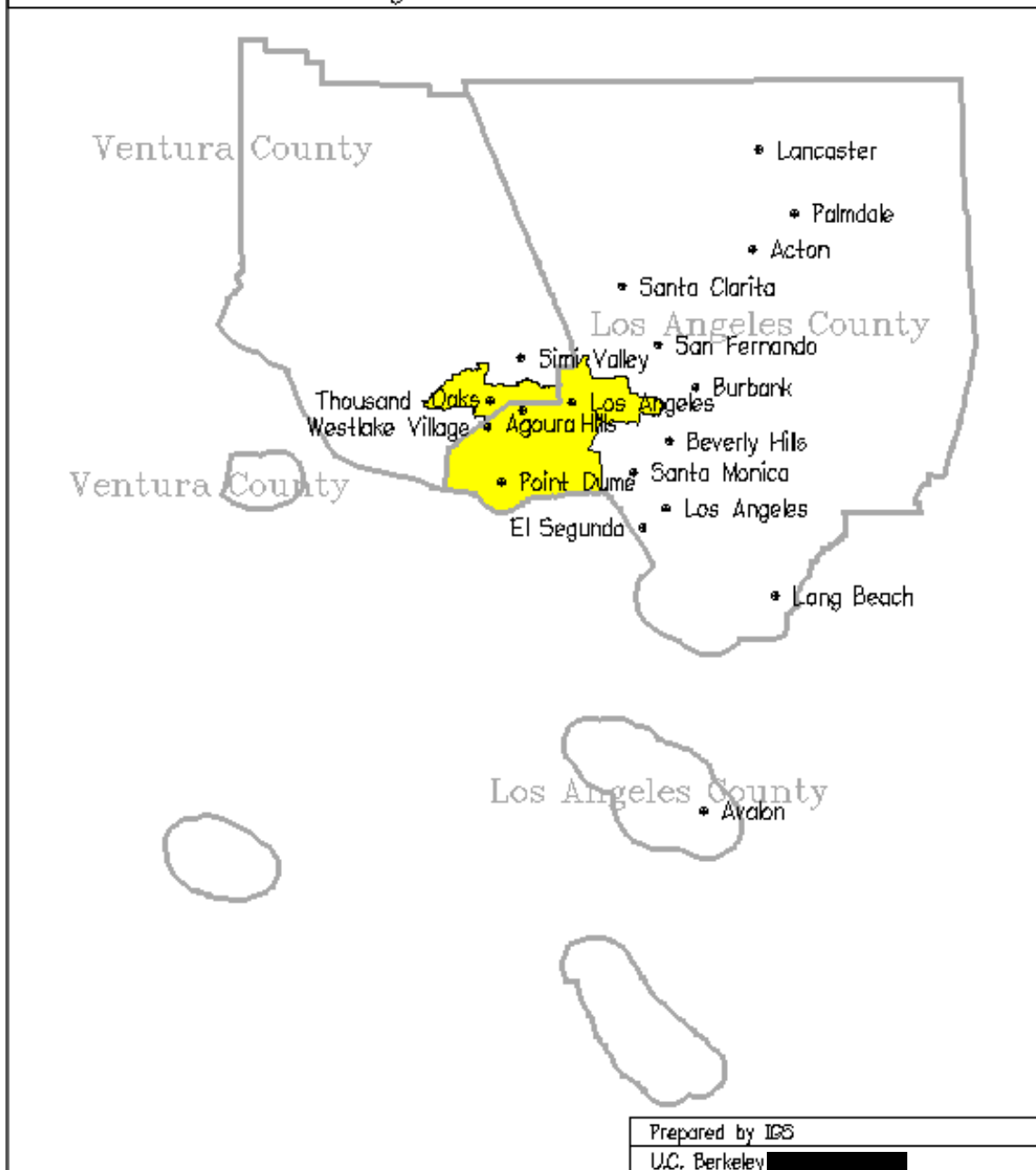
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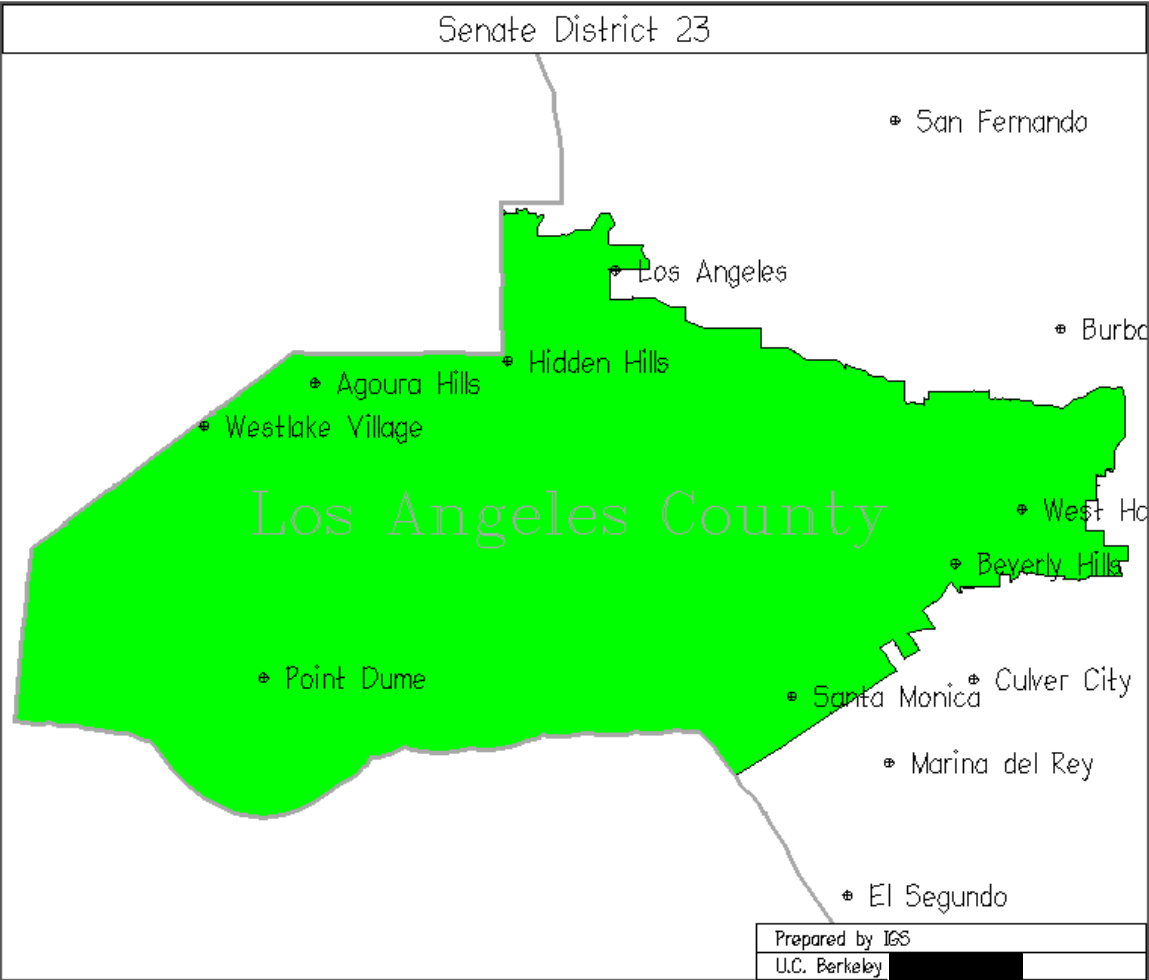
maria hughes
[REDACTED]

Calabasas, ca., CA 91301

attached file: 1991-legislative-maps.pdf

Congressional District 24





Assembly District 41



Prepared by IGS

U.C. Berkeley

Subject: Boundaries

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 9:25 PM

From: davidahyman <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Boundaries

Dear Commissioners,

I have a simple request, please don't split San Fernando Valley communities such as North Hills and Van Nuys. There are rumors of splitting the San Fernando Valley at the 405. The 405 is not a mountain, canyon or river. It is a road and should be treated like any other road. Roads are a tool to connect communities, not divide them.

David Hyman

North Hills stakeholder and member of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council
[REDACTED]

Subject: Concerned Citizen - Redistricting Plan

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 10:02 PM

From: Frank Perez <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Concerned Citizen - Redistricting Plan

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen of the West San Fernando Valley who would like to make my voice heard about the redistricting plan currently underway. I feel that although the Valley is recognized locally as an area with a distinct culture and identity, for years this has not been recognized at the state or federal level. Rather than our own district, based within and on our local community, we are currently used to round out the populations of outside districts for places like Santa Clarita, Beverly Hills, and parts of West Los Angeles. I would ask that when you look at our area, you respect the identity of the San Fernando Valley and try to maximize the number of districts based purely within the Valley. The West Valley includes the cities of Canoga Park, Northridge, Lake Balboa, Encino, Woodlandhills, Chatsworth, Tarzana and Winnetka to name a few, and its hard to think that such a cohesive and unique area does not command its own representation in government. I can certainly respect that the drawing of district lines can be a complicated matter, but having spent nearly ten years without true representation, I simply ask that you respect the wholeness of our community

Sincerely,

Mike Tucker

Subject: Lennox Redistricting Impact

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 9:58 PM

From: Maria Calix <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Lennox Redistricting Impact

Honorable Redistricting Commission Members

Lennox is an unincorporated area of the Los Angeles County with population of @ 40K of which +90% are Latinos.

Thru the years, the surrounding business base has been taken by the city of Inglewood on the north and East, the city of Hawthorne on the south and Los Angeles on the west. Lennox is a family oriented community, is the first "city" east of the Los Angeles Airport. We have residents from blue collar to professionals and business owners.

We pay taxes, therefore need support from legislators who will care enough to insure funding and resources are appropriated fairly for air quality improvements, green technology, higher business base, crime control, insures the schools provide quality education, fights for the pertinent resources so more students attain higher education, children and the elderly receive quality care, instill moral, ethical and cultural values.

My sentiments go to the tourists who once driving out of LAX, eastbound on Century Blvd., past La Cienega Blvd. and what do they see? Not a pretty picture. Let redistricting make a difference to Lennox and its neighbors.

Sincerely,

Maria M. Calix
Lennox resident

Subject: Include PVP in Con. District of South Bay Cities

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 9:27 PM

From: RAUL REY <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Include PVP in Con. District of South Bay Cities

I work at Boeing in El Segundo, shop in Torrance, Redondo Beach, etc. Nearly all my activities and interests take place in San Pedro and cities to the North of PVP as far as the Airport

As a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes I totally support the position stated below.

To the Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to address you at the Long Beach hearing April 27, 2011. As I stated at the time, I am a resident of Rolling Hills Estates. As a voter, I am very concerned about where the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities are placed in a new congressional district. I sincerely hope that our cities do not end up being placed in a district that does not embody our cities demographics and business-industry interests.

As I stated in my testimony, our cities are very much connected with the cities to our north. They are the cities where we work, shop and recreate. Because of the two-minute time limit I was unable to adequately address, articulate important specifics I believe the Commission should know. The following provides these specifics in the context of the questions posted on your website.

What bonds our community?

Our community is bonded by a beach lifestyle and numerous synergistic businesses and industries. These include the aerospace industry, (our community is the capital of the aerospace industry), shipping and transportation, i.e., the port of LA and the LA International Airport, Asian automotive industry offices, and major business, shopping arterials such as Hawthorne Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd. Additionally, our highly qualified technical base provides terrific opportunities for developing a "green" industry for our nation. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, many of us residing in the peninsula cities have children residing and working in the cities immediately north of us. They are busy rearing their children, our grandchildren, in these cities. For instance, my daughter and son-in-law reside in Lomita in which they are rearing their son, our grandson, just minutes from our home.

Where is your community located?

Our community is located approximately twenty miles Southwest of Los Angeles along the Pacific coast shoreline. It encompasses the current 36th Congressional District excluding Venice, CA. In addition to the remaining cities of the 36th district, our community encompasses the cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and the western half of Gardena, currently in the 35th Congressional District; the cities of Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Catalina, currently in the 46th Congressional District; and the city of San Pedro. In summary, the congressional district I our community encompasses the following cities: Catalina, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale, the western half of Gardena, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Lennox, Westchester, Del Aire, Playa Del Rey, and Marina Del Rey. The population of these combined cities per data available via Google is on the order of 712,000, almost exactly the population required per district based upon the recent census.

What are its boundaries?

The boundaries to the west and south of our community are the Pacific coastline. The north boundary is Jefferson Blvd, the north boundary of Westchester that proceeds to the east boundary for that area of our community, the 405 Freeway. The east boundary proceeds southeast along the 405 Freeway to the north and east boundaries of the city of Lennox and then to the north boundary of Hawthorne (Imperial Hwy). From Hawthorne, the east boundary proceeds south along Western Avenue and encompasses the west half of Gardena and the east boundary of Torrance until it extends to the north boundary of Wilmington long Lomita Blvd. The east boundary then proceeds further south along the east boundary of Wilmington to the coast.

Why should the community be kept together, or separate from another area?

As summarized above, our community is comprised of numerous synergistic businesses and industries, all of which network to become the powerful economic engine of our community. With our community's cities represented as one congressional district, our community will have a single voice representing our multi-faceted business-industrial base and our richly diversified demographic community.

Again, I thank you for your interest in our community and request that you form a new congressional district that includes the Palo Verdes Peninsula cities as I suggest. We of the Palos Verdes Peninsula are vitally involved with the businesses and industries of our community, many as leaders of these businesses. Accordingly, we believe it imperative that our peninsula cities be combined with the cities to the north where our work and businesses are generally located and with the cities of Wilmington and San Pedro where our jobs are predominately associated with the port. Our Palos Verdes community has little interaction with the cities to the east such as Long Beach and with the cities east of Western Ave., north of Wilmington.

In conclusion, I believe the congressional district I propose complies with all of the specific prioritized criteria the Commission has been given by the California Constitution with which to draw a district map for our community. In short, it brings the peninsula cities back to the status they had over ten years ago before the politicians agreed to gerrymander our cities with Orange County cities, cities with which we have little to nothing in common. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Commission implements the congressional district I recommend. It is the only appropriate placement for the peninsula cities.

Subject: Public Comment: Redistricting

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:48 PM

From: David E. Baisley <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: Redistricting

From: David E. Baisley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

It is my understanding that the commission is considering including La Canada Flintridge with Pasadena and Altadena. Most of my business affairs, doctor's and retail stores that I deal with are in the Montrose and Glendale areas. Montrose, as you know, is a part of Glendale.

Please take this into consideration in your redistricting matters.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: redistricting

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 9:05 PM

From: eleanor zalin <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: redistricting

From: eleanor zalin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Our council district 12 runs from the county line south to Birbank Blvd in Encino. At one time we were part of Dennis Zine's district. We have few interests or problems in common with the residents of Chatsworth, for example. We would like to be put back in our old area in Encino with the common problems and interests.

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Subject: Redistricting Commission

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 11:41 PM

From: Tony De Trinidad <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Redistricting Commission

Hello respected members of the commission. My name is Tony Trinidad and I live in the city of Whittier. I do NOT want to see my representative's (assembly, senate, or congressional) district lines redrawn. I am in fact currently quite happy they way the lines are drawn out around the Whittier and surrounding areas.

Thank you,

Noel

Subject: Citizens redistricting commission

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 8:39 PM

From: Kimberly Wiley <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Citizens redistricting commission

Dear Commissioners,

Please draw lines that make sense in northern Los Angeles County! I am a resident of

Lancaster, but unfortunately I was not able to attend the hearing you held on May 1st. I heard

from a number of sources that speakers were advocating creating districts that stretched into

neighboring counties. I'm sure the people of Ventura, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties are

wonderful people, but they are not part of my community of interest. Please keep north Los

Angeles County whole and draw districts that encompass all of the communities north of the San

Gabriel Mountains.

Thank you,

Subject: Submission of Public Comment: San Gabriel Valley

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 11:44 PM

From: Bill Wong <[REDACTED]>

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Submission of Public Comment: San Gabriel Valley

On behalf of the Asian American Education Institute, I am submitting the following comment regarding Asian American and Pacific Islander communities of interest in the San Gabriel Valley to be considered by the Commission.

Thank you.

Bill Wong

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Bill Wong LLC

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Sacramento, CA 95818

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ASIAN AMERICA EDUCATION INSTITUTE

May 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

As you begin to draft your first set of maps it is important to unite people of similar social and economic needs. The voters passed Proposition 11 and created the Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw districts that respected city and county lines, neighborhood boundaries, and communities of interest while being contiguous and compact.

As you well know, the current configuration of districts is not aligned with these accepted redistricting best practices. City boundaries themselves can follow odd lines and many times result in dividing cohesive communities of interest. AAEI is predominantly concerned with preserving Asian American and Pacific Islander communities of interest.

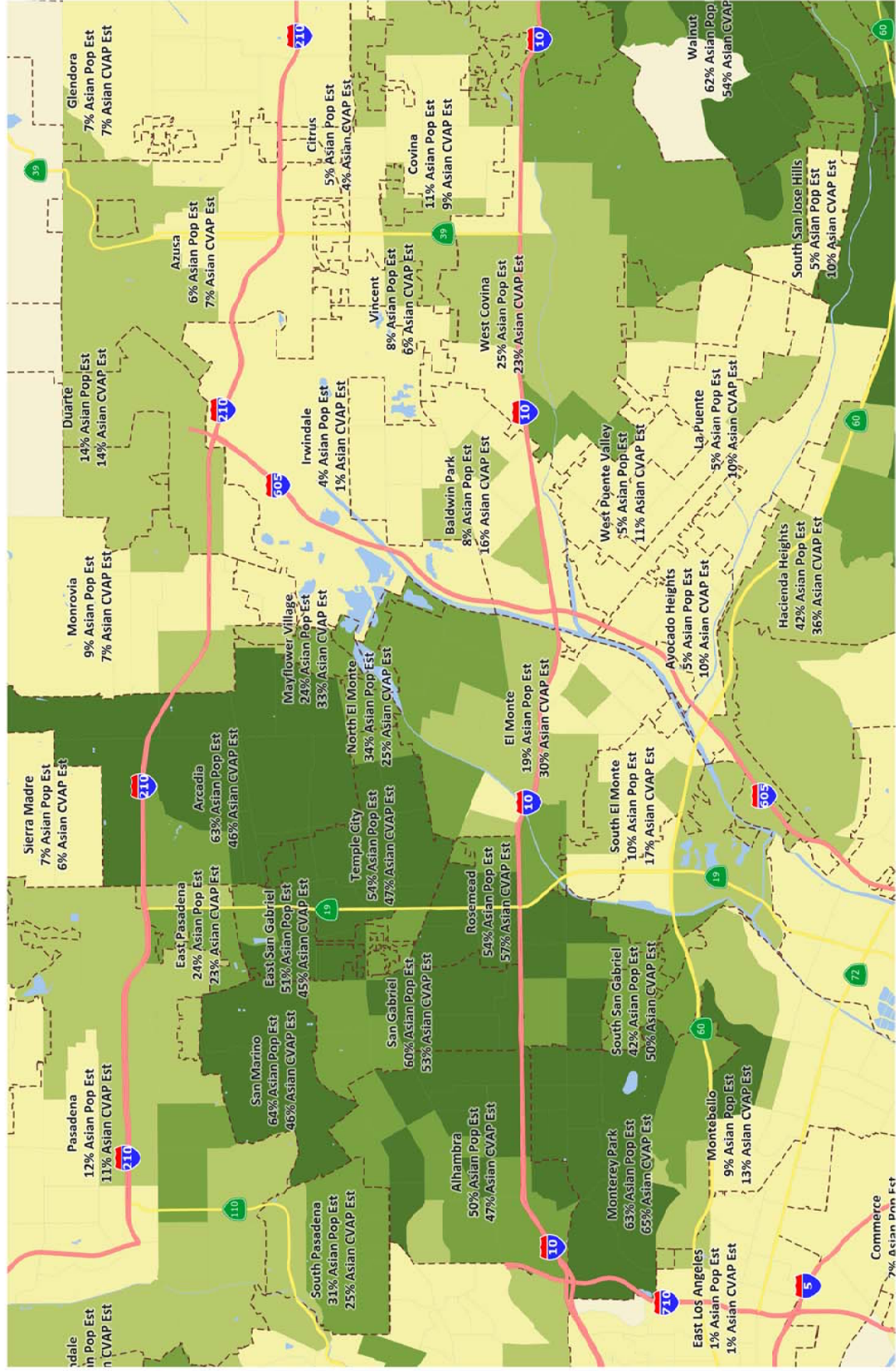
One such community is in the San Gabriel Valley. Specifically, the communities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park, South Pasadena, San Gabriel, East San Gabriel, South San Gabriel, Rosemead, Temple City and San Marino. Combining these cities into a single district observes the guiding principles of compactness and preserves a distinct community of interest with contiguous population and shared social and economic interests for the purpose of effective and fair representation. These communities have shared languages, living standards, common transportation, similar work opportunities, and common communication media.

Thank you for considering our concerns related to this community. Please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions regarding our concerns.

Sincerely,



Bill Wong
Executive Director



Subject: Public Comment: Map

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 8:21 PM

From: Roberta JJansen <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: Map

From: Roberta JJansen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Map

Message Body:

After reading an article in the LATIMES I was wondering why a map suggests the San Fernando Valley goes 101 South to the 118 North.

I live in San Fernando and I Want my city to have representation. I realize I live in a separate city from L.A but I'm also affected by what goes on in L.A..

We deserve representation.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Re: Citizen's Redistricting Commission

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 8:22 PM

From: Jo Chris <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Citizen's Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to begin by thanking you for holding a hearing in my home town of Lancaster, on May 1st.

I understand that people across the state are fighting for your attention and it is a testament to your commitment as commissioners that you are taking the time to hear each and every one of our opinions.

My name is Joy Christopher and as I mentioned before I am a resident of Lancaster. I have lived in the High Desert for 4 years and in that time I've come to understand what makes our community tick.

When you draw our new legislative districts please consider our regional identity and refrain from crossing county lines.

My community of interest includes all of the communities in LA County that are North of the San Gabriel Mountains.

We share a common identity, a rich history, and a shared destiny. We need representatives at the state

level that understand our unique concerns and our relationship with both Los Angeles and the rest of Southern California.

Thank you and may God bless you in your work.

With title reformatted.

From: Nick Dibs [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 7:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: 'Daniel Claypool'; [REDACTED] Diana Lejins (Long Beach) ([REDACTED]) Neena Stichart (Signal Tribune)
[REDACTED] Bill Pearl ([REDACTED]) ([REDACTED]) Paul Eakins (Press Telegram)
[REDACTED]
Subject: CRC Commissioners from Nicholas (Nick) Dibs plus attachment: May 23, 2011.

**Submission to members of the California Redistricting Commission (CRC)
By Nicholas (Nick)**

Dibs

**For their consideration regarding the CRC's First/subsequent Draft
(s) and Final Map of California's Federal, State and Board of Equalization
legislative districts**

Monday, May 23, 2011

Dear Commissioner Peter Yao and CRC Commissioners:

The final Congressional District (CD) and State and BOE legislative district maps provided and authorized by the California Redistricting Commission (CRC), will determine – for years to come, – the future and fate of our troubled nation, state and local communities. The U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in the "Citizens United" case, favors maintaining the "status quo" of entrenched politicians via the undue influence of significant money from corporations, lobbyists, etc. who provide a revolving door of legalized political bribery to control and/or influence many members of Congress contrary to serving the best interests of the American people. Thus, the only reasonable hope and real opportunity for the people of California to achieve fundamental positive change in Federal and State government, rests with you and the CRC to draw fair legislative districts that will in turn help bring about fair elections where voters can elect candidates who will do a much better job to enact laws and change government policies that will serve the best interests of the people instead of the corporate (and political) elite.

Therefore due to such importance, I took the time on four separate occasions to address and speak with the CRC for the limited two minutes on (1) April 27 in Long Beach #93; (2) April 28 in Los Angeles #73; (3) April 30 in San Fernando #27; and (3) on May 6, 2011 in Santa Ana #25: You are welcome and encouraged to review my remarks and to call ([REDACTED]) or e-mail me ([REDACTED]) should you have any questions and/or wish to seek any clarification or additional information regarding my remarks or the content of this e-mail, etc..

Please read the below-included joint-email appeal of April 25, 2011 from Long Beach City Councilmen Robert Garcia (Dem.) and Gary DeLong (Repub.) requesting that the CRC **"Keep Long Beach Together."** Please also read the attached letter to the CRC from Ms. Diana Lejins asking the CRC to keep all of the City of Long Beach (approx. population of 500,000 people) within one Congressional District.

I ask the CRC to please place all of the City of Long Beach within one Congressional District including its Port of Long Beach. The Port of the City of Los Angeles should be put in a different Congressional District so that one member of Congress will not have undue federal legislative power/authority over both ports and therefore/consequently the two cities of Long Beach and Los Angeles .

A possible variation or option (from the one proposed in the attached letter which I also favor)

for the CRC to consider, might be to have one Congressional District to include all of the City of Long Beach along with all of the cities of Signal Hill and/or Lakewood, Compton, Carson, Bellflower and Avalon plus any adjacent cities/areas as needed in order to reach the CRC's redistricting target population of 702,905 – the target for each of California's 53 Congressional districts.

In general where possible, I ask that the CRD please (1) keep whole cities (as opposed to splitting cities that are less than 700,000 population) within each of the respective 53 individual Congressional Districts of California, and (2) that if possible, current voter registration not significantly advantage either of the two major political parties in the new Congressional Districts (I recognize that this might not be possible in every one of the new 53 Congressional Districts).

Pasted e-mail for CRC from Nick Dibs:

From: Robert Garcia [mailto:[REDACTED]] **On Behalf Of** Robert Garcia

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 4:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Submit Your Letter of Support: Keep Long Beach Together

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Dear Friend:

Every 10 years, after the federal census, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts, to reflect the new population data. Under new laws recently passed by voters, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is now charged with drawing the boundaries of each electoral district.

This Wednesday, April 27, 2011 the Commission will hold a hearing in Long Beach, and your voice is important to ensure that Long Beach has fair representation.

As elected officials from two different political parties, we may not always agree on every issue, but we do agree on this: Keep Long Beach Together (bold added). We are asking you to support that Long Beach representation remains in Los Angeles County and that pieces of Long Beach neighborhoods are not thrown into electoral districts in Orange County.

Log on to www.RobertGarcia.com/redistricting and submit your letter of support today.

Thanks for your support and let's Keep Long Beach Together!

Robert Garcia
Councilmember
City of Long Beach

Gary DeLong
Councilmember
City of Long Beach

Log on at [REDACTED]

Friend me at [REDACTED]

Follow me at [REDACTED]

End of pasted 4/25/11 e-mail.

Thanking you in advance for reviewing and considering the above and attached information prior to doing your draft(s) and Final Map of California's Federal, State and BOE legislative districts

Sincerely,

/s/

Nicholas (Nick) Dibs

Independent candidate for Congress (2008 & 2010 November
elections), 37th District of California

[REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

(End of 5/23/11 e-mail submission for consideration by the CRC)

To: State of California Redistricting Commission

May 16, 2011

Email: [REDACTED]

RE: City of Long Beach in the County of Los Angeles
37th Congressional District and Long Beach state representatives
California Redistricting Region 4

First let me thank you, the Commissioners, for your time and consideration of this extremely important issue. In the past, the entire process of redistricting was governed by the very legislature that it would affect. **Gerrymandering** was rampant; and in the City of Long Beach, it became strikingly ridiculous. This calculated **exploitation** was a blatant conflict of interest and remarkably self serving. Ultimately, legitimate representation and the public's trust were severely compromised.

In the form of Proposition 20, the **voters of California spoke out**. The time has come for an objective look at fair and honest redistricting.

Incorporated in 1888, the City of Long Beach has a wealthy dowry of history with remnants of picturesque ranchos and the grandeur of numerous historic buildings dotting the landscape. This community is bounded by City borders to the north and west and the Orange County line to the east. The Pacific Ocean provides the southern boundary along our renowned long beach.

Signal Hill is an island of a City totally surrounded by Long Beach (LB) and the City of Avalon on the island of Catalina (made famous by the hit song "26 Miles Across the Sea") is just south of LB.

Many of our LB residents and those from cities I have included in my proposed District boundaries are employed at the Port of Long Beach or Boeing Aircraft. **We are also interconnected** through various forms of public transport and share numerous media communications.

Most residents of Long Beach pride themselves in the rich diversity of our City. We have a great many multi-national neighborhoods and causes for celebration throughout the year--Cinco de Mayo, Martin Luther King Parade, Cajun Fest, Cambodian New Year, Pacific Islander Festival, Carnival, Latin-American Parade/Festival, Juneteenth and the Scottish Highland Festival to name just a few. However, the City of **Long Beach has been fractured** for far too many years—divided among three Congressional districts/representatives. This only serves to foster a partition among the many ethnic and cultural groups of our community.

While you may have heard a good deal of testimony at your Long Beach redistricting meeting on April 27 in favor of keeping the City divided, this was due to a carefully orchestrated attempt on the part of the 37th District Congressional Representative to **manipulate** the outcome heavily in her favor. **Money and power** can be especially attractive aphrodisiacs to most career politicians.

A "strategic" meeting was held at her campaign headquarters, just two days prior to your meeting, outlining her goals. This focused on maintaining the status quo, thus ensuring her re-election, and capturing the powerful ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles for her portfolio/control. During the course of your April 27 meeting, one of her aides was on hand to pass out talking points, etc to those speaking in her favor. Unfortunately, this Machiavellian scheme only serves to undermine the will of the people and make a mockery of the entire process.

This type of abuse can only undermine the guiding principles of Proposition 20 (Voters First Act) if you allow it to unduly influence your decisions. After reading the selection process of the Commission and your resumes, I am trusting that you will see past this derisive behavior and make objective assessments truly based on **keeping communities of interest whole**.

Additionally, because the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles are so **critically vital** for the security, economy and well-being of the entire nation, they should be split between two representatives rather than consolidated.

The following are proposals which would **keep Long Beach intact** and include neighboring communities with contiguous borders, similar diversities and common social/ economic interests:

<u>Congressional – 37th</u>		Target	<u>702,905</u>
Long Beach	462,257		
Signal Hill	11,016		
Avalon	3,728		
Lakewood	80,048		
Bellflower	76,616		
Paramount	54,098		
Hawaiian Gardens	14,254	Total	<u>702,017</u> (0.001% deviation)

<u>CA State Assembly</u>		Target	<u>465,674</u>
Long Beach and Signal Hill		Sub-total	473,273 (1.6% deviation)
+ Avalon		Total	<u>477,001</u> (2.4% deviation)

<u>CA State Senate</u>		Target	<u>931,349</u>
Long Beach, Signal Hill, Avalon, Lakewood,			
Bellflower, Paramount, Hawaiian Gardens	702,017		
Cerritos	49,041		
Artesia	16,522		
Norwalk	105,549		
La Mirada	48,527		
Santa Fe Springs	16,223	Total	<u>937,879</u> (0.7% deviation)

I implore you to **make Long Beach whole again**, help heal this City and restore our faith in the government.

Sincerely,

Diana Lejins
Long Beach Resident
[REDACTED]
LB, CA 90853

Tele [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

p.s. While I have focused on the 37th Congressional District, I would hope that your redistricting for other positions will reflect similar concerns.

Subject: California Citizens' Redistricting Commission

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 8:11 PM

From: [REDACTED]

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: California Citizens' Redistricting Commission

Linda Jean Kraus

[REDACTED]
Long Beach, Ca. 90814

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

via email: [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>

May 23, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to you to have you place on record my request to keep in tact the district maps for the 37th Congressional District, where I am a resident. My main concern is that the school districts of the 37th work so well together, and I want to make sure that our children continue to benefit from the partnerships that currently exist between the school districts of the 37th.

In terms of school performance and overall quality of education, these partnerships are crucial. For example, while 70% of Carson residents are high school graduates, they share interest in working to improve the 48% rate in Compton, especially since all Carson teens residing north of Victoria Street (about 10% of the population) are assigned to Compton Unified School District. 100% of Signal Hill residents children are Long Beach Unified School District students, which means they share interest in working to improve the schools with of Long Beach's residents.

Commissioners at the April 27, 2011 hearing said that the 37th District is about 54,000 persons short of the number required. I would like to propose a solution to that issue that has more school district/educational relevance. The Wilmington area has many families whose children attend Long Beach Unified Schools, and the students in South Carson attend Banning High in Wilmington as their assigned high school. This situation calls for a partnership between Los Angeles Unified and Long Beach unified to educate the youth of Carson and Wilmington. As I said earlier, the students in North Carson attend Compton Unified Schools, so the partnership now extends to three districts. Mr. Felton Williams (Long Beach Unified School Board) testified at your hearing that those partnership already exist, and are very strong.

For this reason, as well as many others, I think that the addition of the Ports region and Wilmington in particular, makes the most sense if we need to add 54,000 people to the 37th Congressional District. Furthermore, the current school district partnerships make continuing the current the 37th District cities a sensible solution for new maps.

I hope that you will consider these points, and will draw district lines that keep the Carson, Compton, Watts/Willowbrook, West & North Long Beach, Signal Hill, and now Wilmington educational/schools community of interest together, as many citizens requested at the televised hearings on April 27th . Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Jean Kraus

Subject: Santa Clarita

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:13 PM

From: Linda Paine <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Santa Clarita



Dear Commissioners

Because Santa Clarita is not a large enough community to stand alone, I would like to ask you to keep all the communities of the Santa Clarita Valley together and then add us to the Eastern Ventura County communities and that include Simi Valley, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Moorpark, and Porter Ranch in the San Fernando Valley.

Our communities reflect similar issues and share the same water issues so it makes sense to have representation that reflects our issues.

Thank you

Linda Paine
Santa Clarita

Subject: Public Comment: West San Fernando Valley

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:25 PM

From: Anush Ginosyan <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: West San Fernando Valley

From: Anush Ginosyan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

Hello Commissioners,

I am Anush Ginosyan and I live in the beautiful neighborhood of Chatsworth in the West San Fernando Valley. The 405 Freeway divides the San Fernando Valley between the West Valley and the East Valley, and we are a West Valley community.

The southern border of the West San Fernando Valley is Mulholland. The majority of Woodland Hills, Tarzana, and Encino communities, which are solid West Valley areas, lie south of the 101 Freeway and north of Mulholland. The West Valley goes all the way north to the Los Angeles city line.

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That is why I ask you to please keep the West San Fernando Valley together. All told, there are roughly enough people in the West San Fernando Valley for a congressional district.

Thank you,

Anush

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Subject: Public Comment: redistricting

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:32 PM

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To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: redistricting

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Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 7:45 PM
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[REDACTED] Bill Pearl (LBReport.com) ([REDACTED]) Paul Eakins (Press Telegram)
[REDACTED]
Subject: CRC Commissioners from Nicholas (Nick) Dibs plus attachment: May 23, 2011.

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Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 6:22 PM

From: COFECA <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Communities Boundaries

My Community of Interest Testimony

My name is Omar Corletto and I lived, work and volunteer for non-profit organizations in this community for almost 30 years.. I am writing to you today to request that my community of interest is kept together in the maps that the Commission is drawing.

My Community Boundaries: *Identifying street names, highways, landmarks, mountain ranges, rivers, etc.*

-North: Los Feliz Blvd (101 Fwy) Griffith Park, L.A. Zoo, North Hollywood etc.

-South: Century Blvd Hollywood Park Casino, right before the 105 fwy.

-East: Los Angeles St. , 110 fwy, L.A. Live, USC, Exposition Park, Downtown Business District, L.A. City Bridge, City Hall, L.A. River, Olvera St., Dodgers Stadium, Boyle Heights, The Avenues, Lincoln Heights, Cypress, North East L.A.

-West: LaCeinega, Fairfax Blvd. See's Candy Company, Baldwin Hills, Kenneth Hahn Park

For Over 20 plus years, the Central American Federation (COFECA) parade which is the 2nd largest parade in the State of California has been held in the heart of the Pico Union/ Westlake Community. The El Salvador Community Corridor (State of California Designation)) borders and connects South L.A. to Pico Union on through to Korea town were 76% of the residents are Latino (primarily Salvadoran and Central American) on a clear path to the L.A Zoo in Griffith Park. The Central American Historical District is currently being developed in the Westlake community (Councilman Ed Reyes) which will allow people on their way to Dodgers Stadium have a chance to enjoy our cultural diversity. The Day of the Salvadoran which is recognized both nationally and internationally has had their annual Festival at Exposition Park across the street from our community pride and joy USC for years (draws over 100,000 people). The newly developed L.A. Live/New Downtown L.A. project destroyed many Central American and Pico Union homes with the

promise of local hiring once the projects were done (Staples Center, Nokia Center, and New Farmers Insurance Football Stadium). L.A.U.S.D is the primary school district in these communities. Los Angeles Police Department is the primary police agency in these communities. The Central American, African American and Korean American communities are adjusting to the inflation and gentrification that has manifested in the last ten years. The majority of the residents in the Korea town community and South L.A. community (Historically an African American based community) are now overwhelming Latino (Central American) according to the 2010 census. With that said, similar socio economic status issues are found in the Latino & African American communities (2nd largest community in these areas) along with many similar cultural and religious beliefs which bring these communities together. The Korean American community (3rd largest community in these areas) brings great cultural diversity and economic development to our circle. The North East portion of Los Angeles is truly historic in the Mexican American/Chicano movement rich of Los Angeles history and flavor.

Describe your shared community social and economic characteristics: *If available use demographic data if not available use anecdotes to describe the shared economic and social characteristics*

Low socio economic families

Free and reduce lunch programs in schools

Welfare support programs

Public Safety and Quality of life (gang issues and high crime rates)

Data

Distinguish Your Community:

Our community is similar to the current 48th Assembly District with a meshing of parts from

the current 46th and 47th Assembly Districts and the mixing of the 22nd and 26th Senate District.

And it is unique/distinct/different
from _____

_____ Any other
Comments _____

Respectfully,

Omar Corletto

Director - El Salvador
Confederacion Centroamericana
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...Lema del Desfile COFECA-2011

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Dear Honorable Commissioners,
I am a longtime resident of Palmdale and I want to thank you for holding a hearing in Lancaster earlier this month. I'm sure that as commissioners you gain as much from visiting our communities as you do from our verbal testimony and written submissions. With that in mind I hope you had a pleasant stay in Lancaster and were able to enjoy the unique climate and culture of the High Desert. I am writing to you today on behalf of my community of interest. When you draw our new maps please keep the High Desert as complete as possible and help us preserve all that we've worked to create. We are a community a world away from the city lights of Los Angeles, but our home is in LA County and our district lines should reflect that. Palmdale and Lancaster both serve as hubs for the distribution of county and state resources throughout the High Desert community. We also have both a common history and a shared destiny. The people of Northern Los Angeles County deserve to have a system of representation that doesn't require a map and compass to decipher. Please keep things simple in the High Desert and assign out Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts as you see fit, but keep them within county lines! Thank you for considering my opinion.

Subject: Redistricting, San Fernando Valley

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 7:00 PM

From: Bob Peppermuller <[REDACTED]>

Reply-To: Bob Peppermuller <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Redistricting, San Fernando Valley

The following paragraphs are from a form but we agree 100% with it's contents.

Our name is Robert and Joanne Peppermuller we are residents of North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley portion of the county of Los Angeles.

The San Fernando Valley is a unique and distinct area home to 1.8 million people, more than 100,000 businesses and 4,000 charities. The Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Police Department and even Habitat for Humanity all separate the San Fernando Valley from the rest of Los Angeles through district boundaries.

The San Fernando Valley is a geographical area roughly bounded by the Santa Susana Mountains to the north and west, the Mulholland Drive to the south, and the San Gabriel Mountains to the east. It lies wholly within Los Angeles County and includes the cities of Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Hidden Hills and San Fernando, as well as the Valley portion of the City of Los Angeles.

For too long Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts have carved up the San Fernando Valley so that most of the districts that represent San Fernando Valley contain less than 40 percent San Fernando Valley residents. Therefore, I ask that you draw lines that maximize the number of districts that are either wholly within the San Fernando Valley or in which the San Fernando Valley is the most influential voter bloc.

Subject: Citizen's Redistricting Commission

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 7:07 PM

From: Jennifer Tyler <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Citizen's Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jennifer Tyler and I am a resident of Palmdale, a town located in the High Desert

of Los Angeles County. When I consider my community of interest I identify with all three of

the geographic points I've listed above. I am a Palmdale resident first and foremost and an

active member of my local community. Palmdale is one of the largest cities in the High Desert

and a center of commerce, government, and culture for the entire region.

We are very much

defined by our geography in Palmdale and the people of the High Desert have unique issues and

concerns. For many of these concerns we turn to the County of Los Angeles and our single

representative on the Board of Supervisors. At the state level, however, things become much

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Sacramento is often a matter of what side of the street you live on. Please help us fix this problem and make sure the High Desert is kept whole. Keep our districts completely within Los Angeles County and north of the San Gabriel Mountains.

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Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 6:34 PM

From: Daishon Margerum <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Redistricting Commission

Honorable Commissioners

Please keep my community whole! My name is Daishon Margerum and I am a resident of

Palmdale. I have lived in the area for 17 years and I've come to understand the needs

of my fellow citizens in the High Desert. We pride ourselves on our rich history and the unique

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share school districts, resources, commerce, and a variety of necessities of daily life in the High

Desert. As a state we have put our trust in you to make things right this time around and it's time

that our legislative districts represent our true communities of interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daishon Margerum

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Monday, May 23, 2011

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong feelings for binding the communities situated in and near the Santa Monica Mountains in shared legislative districts. These communities traverse inland regions to the coast, and include West Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and Malibu. In this regard, I respectfully request that the Commission consider a return to the 1991 legislative boundaries for the Santa Monica Mountain vicinity. The 1991 districts bordered along county lines, and were inclusive of our community of interest.

While the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is accessible to all residents of California, it is those who live nearest to these mountains that are motivated to preserve the natural beauty and quality of life that they inspire. Any redistricting effort that divides this region will dilute our voice in the legislatures and compromise our ability to limit development and preserve the natural beauty of these mountains for all to enjoy.

The ecology of our area requires careful stewardship. The Santa Monica Mountains are linked to the north by the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Preserve, which serves as a corridor for wildlife in this part of our State. Our communities are also part of the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds. The Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council includes representatives of the cities of Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village.

The communities of West Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, and the adjacent unincorporated communities are deeply connected through collaboration and services. These communities form the Las Virgenes - Malibu Council of Governments (COG). COG is the core of Los Angeles County's Disaster Management Area B. These communities collaborate in the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance.

The inland communities are served by a single Sheriff's Station, located in Calabasas. These communities are served by three Los Angeles County Fire Stations, located in Agoura Hills, Calabasas, and Westlake Village. The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides these communities with water and sewer services. The communities are also united through the distinguished Las Virgenes Unified School District. Several schools in this district have been honored by the California Distinguished Schools Program and the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

Our strength as an interactive and collaborative community of interest rests on our ability to have a shared legislative voice. Our shared interest in preserving the ecology and beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains region is but one of the many elements that binds us together.

Please respect the integrity of our communities and our quality of life by returning to the 1991 legislative boundaries for the Santa Monica Mountains vicinity.

We not share the same interests, Issues (traffic for example), Policing, Fire stations, Water District, or School Districts as the San Fernando Valley. As we are a smaller group of constituents, I fear we will be lost in the shuffle of the concerns that the majority of the San Fernando Valley Constituents will want to have addressed by their representatives.

Just because one Business Organization wants this to happen (VICA) does not mean that the voters in our communities want or need this legislative redistricting to happen.

Sincerely,

Candice L. Weber

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Calabasas, Ca 91301

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Subject: Keeping both harbors together

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 6:27 PM

From: Stanbery, Jim <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Keeping both harbors together

Citizen's Redistricting Commission,

I live in San Pedro and I'm writing today about what I can only assume will be one of the great battle grounds of the redistricting process. The Ports of Los Angeles Long Beach both sit on the coast and feel very strongly that they should remain with other coastal communities. Please group these ports with the Palos Verdes Peninsula to the west and out to Rossmore, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach to the east. Communities along the coast have unique concerns and should have representatives that understand those concerns. I also think it is extremely important that we keep the ports together in any future districts. To do anything else would be a blemish on what I hope will be a very fair and straightforward redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Jim Stanbery

Subject: Public Comment: redistricting

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:52 PM

From: Restituto Gerona <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: redistricting

From: Restituto Gerona <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

would like to suggest that people representing the valley should live in the san fernando valley.

need to increase representation in state legislature

thank you

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Subject: Public Comment: In Support of Re-districting

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 6:00 PM

From: Alex Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: In Support of Re-districting

From: Alex Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: In Support of Re-districting

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Homies Unidos in Los Angeles which represents many people, constituents and residents in the Mid-City, South L.A., Pico Union/Westlake, Korea Town, Communities in Los Angeles, California, we request that our communities of interest be represented and kept together in the maps that the Commission is drawing. The following boundaries are what we have discussed is in the communities of interest:

1. To the north; Los Feliz Blvd (101 Fwy), Griffith Park, L.A. Zoo, North Hollywood, etc.
2. To the south; Century Blvd Hollywood Park Casino, right before the 105 fwy.
3. To the east; Los Angeles St. , 110 fwy, L.A. Live, USC, Exposition Park, Downtown Business District, L.A. City Bridge, City Hall, L.A. River, Olvera St., Dodgers Stadium, Boyle Heights, The Avenues, Lincoln Heights, Cypress, North East L.A.
4. To the West; La Ceinega Blvd., Fairfax Blvd. See's Candy Company, Baldwin Hills, Kenneth Hahn Park.

For over 20 plus years, the Central American community has been representative of the State of California and the heart of it is located in Los Angeles' Pico Union/Westlake neighborhoods. Were the organizations such as The Latino Coalition of Los Angeles, Clinica Monsero Romero, COFECA, Salef, CARECEN, El Rescate, The El Salvador Community Corridor and Homies Unidos among others borders and connects South L.A. to Pico Union on through to Korea town were 76% of the residents are Latino (primarily Salvadoran and Central American) on a clear path to the L.A Zoo in Griffith Park. The Central American Historical District is currently being developed in the Westlake community (Councilman Ed Reyes) which will allow people on their way to Dodgers Stadium have a chance to enjoy our cultural diversity. The Day of the Salvadoran which is recognized both nationally and internationally has had their annual Festival at Exposition Park across the street from our community pride and joy !

USC for years (draws over 100,000 people). The newly developed L.A. Live/New Downtown L.A. project destroyed many Central American and Pico Union homes with the promise of local hiring once the projects were done (Staples Center, Nokia Center, and New Farmers Insurance Football Stadium). L.A.U.S.D is the primary school district in these communities. Los Angeles Police Department is the primary police agency in these communities.

The Central American, African American and Korean American communities are adjusting to the inflation and gentrification that has manifested in the last ten years. The majority of the residents in the Korea town community and South L.A. community (Historically an African American based community) are now overwhelming Latino (Central American) according to the 2010 census. With that said, similar socio economic status issues are found in the Latino & African American communities (2nd largest community in these areas) along with many similar cultural and religious beliefs which bring these communities together. The Korean American community (3rd largest community in these areas) brings great cultural diversity and economic development to our circle. The North East portion of Los Angeles is truly historic in the Mexican American/Chicano movement rich of Los

Angeles history and flavor.

In closing, our communities are made up of low socio-economic families whose children are usually in need of free and reduced lunch programs in schools and Welfare support programs at home. Our community is also made up of very successful entrepreneurs and small businesses, as well with great commercial real estate. Public safety and quality of life (gang issues and high crime rates) are common issues in these communities. These families are fortunate to be surrounded by a diversity of cultures. Our communities are also fortunate to be surrounded by great economic development potential and current projects. Our communities must remain together and united as you draw the lines in order for us to receive resources and be equipped to elect representatives that will fight for our needs, thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: The Santa Clarita Valley Assembly District

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 8:11 PM

From: Brian A. Smith <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: The Santa Clarita Valley Assembly District

From: Brian A. Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: The Santa Clarita Valley Assembly District

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Please do not split the Santa Clarita Valley into two Assembly Districts.

Our valley is geographically a single unit. Our watersheds and transportation improvements tie us together as a single unit. We need to remain as a single political unit and address our needs to a single representative.

Please do not divide our community. Our closest cultural neighbor is the northern portion of the San Fernando Valley - north of the 118 freeway. Many of Santa Clarita's people have moved from this part of the San Fernando Valley and remain culturally tied to this area through friends and prior neighbors.

The north San Fernando Valley would be the best cultural fit to be joined to the Santa Clarita Valley for a single district.

Thanks for all your hard work!

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Valencia, California

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Dear Redistricting Commission:

I am a concerned East Ventura County resident and I want to make my thoughts and comments heard about the process of redrawing our districts.

I live in Thousand Oaks and I believe I have much more in common with communities such as Simi Valley, Moorpark and Camarillo. We all have a shared interest in soft business technologies; we do not touch the Coastline; we are all family communities and we are all predominantly single family home residential neighborhoods. There are NOT a lot of densely populated multi-unit neighborhoods such as in Oxnard and Ventura.

Please take my comments into consideration and keep Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, and Camarillo united when you are drawing our district lines.

Respectfully yours,

Susan Diane Tanner

Subject: Public Comment: redistricting/Palos Verdes Cities

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:37 PM

From: Julie Hatch <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: redistricting/Palos Verdes Cities

From: Julie Hatch <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting/Palos Verdes Cities

Message Body:

I am writing to request that the Palos Verdes cities, Rolling Hills Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Rolling Hills be included with the cities to our north (the beach cities, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach) Our cities are very much connected with the cities to our north. They are the cities where we work, shop and dine. Please consider my opinion when the decision is made. Thank you,

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Subject: Public Comment: Public Input on Redistricting - Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Area

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 5:39 PM

From: Carrie Scoville <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: Public Input on Redistricting - Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Area

From: Carrie Scoville <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Public Input on Redistricting - Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Area

Message Body:

NOTE: This message has been transmitted via email to include the graphics mentioned herein.

May 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 "P" Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Public Input on Redistricting - Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Area

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concerns about the Congressional and State Senate district boundaries for the Los Angeles/Long Beach harbor area.

I implore you to draw district lines that reunite the Los Angeles cities in the South Bay with the Palos Verdes peninsula, and allow the city of Long Beach to continue in its own direction.

Background:

I am a resident of San Pedro, CA. Our community of 90,000 is currently divided among Congressional districts 36 and 46, and Senate districts 25 and 28 (see below).

[MAPS]

These districts were drawn in 2001 to favor political parties, namely to eliminate the weak Republican held district 38 in exchange for elimination of the Democratic held district 18. At the time, district 18 was held by Congressman Gary Condit (D), who admitted to an adulterous affair with an intern Chandra Levy. To the embarrassment of the Democrats, the citizens of Modesto were likely to continue to reelect him. It was opted to eliminate that seat. In exchange, the Republicans offered up district 38, which they barely succeeded in retaining over democratic challengers.

So now we have district 46, drawn for a Republican to take advantage of constituents in Orange County and, separately, Palos Verdes. And we have district 36 drawn to favor a South Bay Democrat from Venice to San Pedro.

The result is that Los Angeles (San Pedro, Harbor City, Wilmington and Terminal Island) was distributed between the Palos Verdes peninsula and Long Beach. Furthermore, the citizens of Los Angeles and Long Beach were separated from the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex that serves them.

Need/Justification:

Los Angeles is a city with over 4 million people. In the South Bay we are represented one seat on the LA City Council, City Council District 15. The way the Congressional and State Senate districts are currently drawn, the Port of Los Angeles is separated out and represented by a representative from another city and/or county.

It is imperative that the citizens of the Los Angeles Harbor area be in the same jurisdiction as the Port of Los Angeles which has such a direct, immediate impact on the adjacent community. The district lines currently join waterways of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, however the voters reside on the mainland. It makes no sense to unite an industry and divide it from the community it serves.

I would also argue that Los Angeles voters identify closer with their communities (San Pedro, Harbor City, Wilmington, Terminal Island) and the cities on the Palos Verdes peninsula than they do with Long Beach, and Los Angeles needs to be kept entire as much as possible.

Long Beach also needs to be kept intact, and deserves its own representation. It is culturally, politically, and economically its own entity. Furthermore, it is a very powerful political force and will likely overcome others in its district. Los Angeles is not a part of that power base and should not be a part of package.

There are proposals out now to draw the district line along Western Ave. in San Pedro. I wholly disagree. The district line should be drawn along the current Los Angeles/Long Beach city boundaries and keep our constituencies whole.

Summary:

My concerns are not due to party preference, they are of cultural identity and community need. Our most vital employment base, the Port of Los Angeles, should not be separated from our community, nor should the Port of Long Beach be separated from those voters.

Below is a diagram of what I would propose:

[MAP]

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Carrie Scoville

Attachment: District Maps (6)

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