

**Subject: In Support For Re-districting**

**Date:** Monday, May 23, 2011 6:12 PM

**From:** Alex Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Conversation:** In Support For Re-districting

Homies Unidos support the redistricting of the district that surround our community.

Sincerely,

Alex Sanchez

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Alexander Sanchez

Homies Unidos

Executive Director

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles CA 90015

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May 23, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

Alex Sanchez  
Executive Director

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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. Where 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

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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 (2<sup>nd</sup> largest community in these areas) along with many similar cultural and religious beliefs which bring these communities together. The Korean American community (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Sanchez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alex Sanchez  
Executive Director

**Subject: Citizen Input/Testimony Regarding 37th Congressional District**

**Date:** Monday, May 23, 2011 5:49 PM

**From:** Creasie James <[REDACTED]>

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Conversation:** Citizen Input/Testimony Regarding 37th Congressional District

To: California Citizen's Redistricting Commission

From: Creasie James

Re: Public Comment

Please see the attached letter that I'd like to file as a resident in the 37th congressional district regarding my preference and concern related to the district.

Respectfully,

Creasie James

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90807

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Long Beach, CA 90807

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission  
916 P. Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
via email: [REDACTED]

May 23, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to you to record my thoughts regarding the development of boundary lines for the 37<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, where I am currently a resident. I request that the current 37<sup>th</sup> District lines continue; specifically to keep the cities of Carson, Compton, Signal Hill, the current Long Beach neighborhoods in the 37<sup>th</sup>, and the Watts/Willowbrook neighborhoods of Los Angeles within our district.

I feel that this is necessary because over 40% of U.S. cargo passes through these cities over Highway 47, and the 110, 710, and 405 Freeways from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The traffic, air quality, and related challenges of the ports makes the 37<sup>th</sup> District cities a community of interest that cannot be broken with the stroke of a pen. We will always be linked, and we need to have Congressional representation to advocate for us from OUR viewpoint. Upcoming issues for which our member of Congress should be a voice for our communities include:

- Expansion of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad's cargo transfer facilities on the Carson/Long Beach Borderline
- Expansion of the Port access freeways to include dedicated Truck Lanes
- Security along the Alameda Corridor, from Long Beach, through Compton and Watts
- Port security issues, such as the Pier Pass

Commissioners also pointed out at the April 27, 2011 hearing, that the 37<sup>th</sup> District is about 54,000 persons short of the number required. I would like to propose a solution to that issue for your district boundary consideration.

Just as the 37<sup>th</sup> District cities have major impacts from the Port access freeways, the Wilmington region of the city of Los Angeles experiences the same impacts, only through all of the truck traffic on their surface streets. Population-wise, Wilmington has average family size of 4.2, compared to 4.5 in Compton, 3.9 in Carson, and 4.2 in Watts. Wilmington is about 49% Latino, compared to 40% in Compton, 36% in Watts. Family median income in

Wilmington is roughly \$30K per year, compared to \$33K in Compton, \$28K in Watts, and \$35K in North Long Beach. Very high volumes of trucks on the 110 and 710 Freeways pass from the Ports through all four of these cities and through the streets of Wilmington daily.

For this reason, as well as their very similar demographics to Compton, North Long Beach, and Watts/Willowbrook, 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 37<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

I hope that you will give strong consideration to mine and the comments of all of my fellow 37<sup>th</sup> District residents that I watched on the televised hearings on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Our interests are in common and very strong, and I respectfully request that you base your decision on these factors and map us accordingly. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Creasie James

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

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

**From:** carrie scoville <[REDACTED]>

**To:** Citizens Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

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

To whom it may concern,

Please accept the attached letter for public comment on the redistricting plans for the LA/LB Harbor area.

Thank you for providing this opportunity.

Regards,

Carrie Scoville

[REDACTED]  
San Pedro, CA 90731

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.

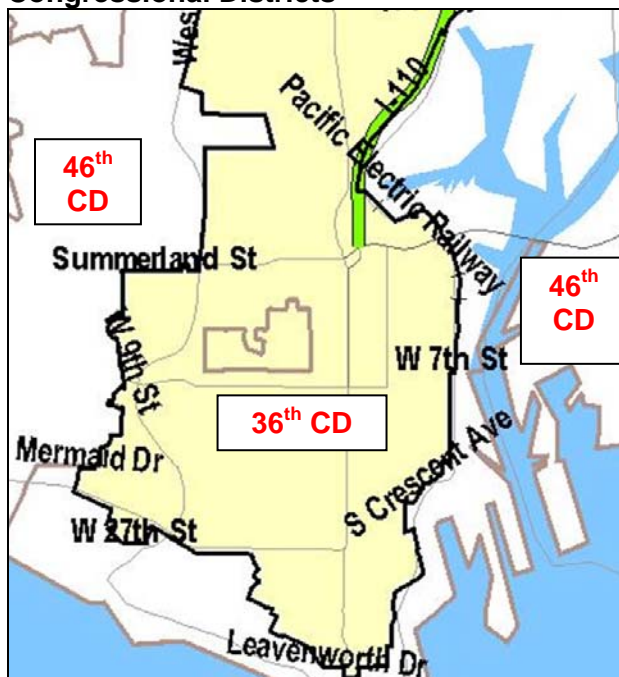
I implore you to draw district lines that reunite the Los Angeles cities in the South Bay with the Palos Verdes peninsula, and allow the city of Long Beach to continue in its own direction.

**Background:**

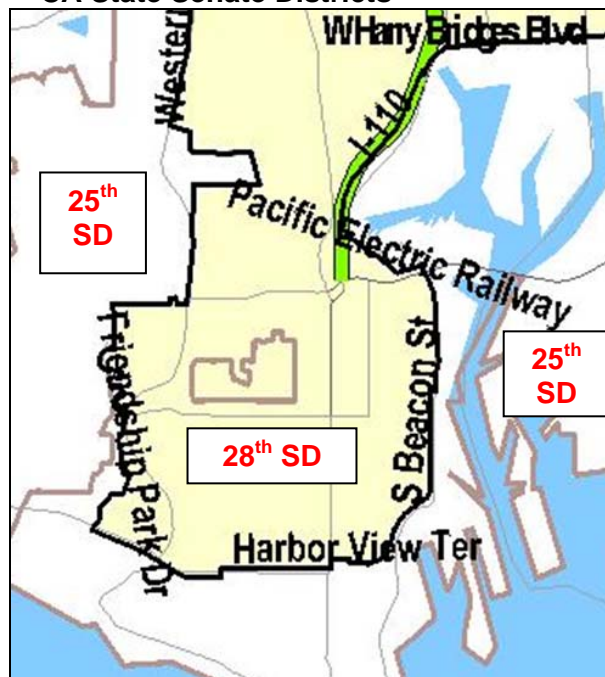
I am a resident of San Pedro, CA. Our community of 90,000 is currently divided among Congressional districts 36 and 46, and Senate districts 25 and 28 (see below).

**SAN PEDRO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MAPS**

**Congressional Districts**



**CA State Senate Districts**





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.

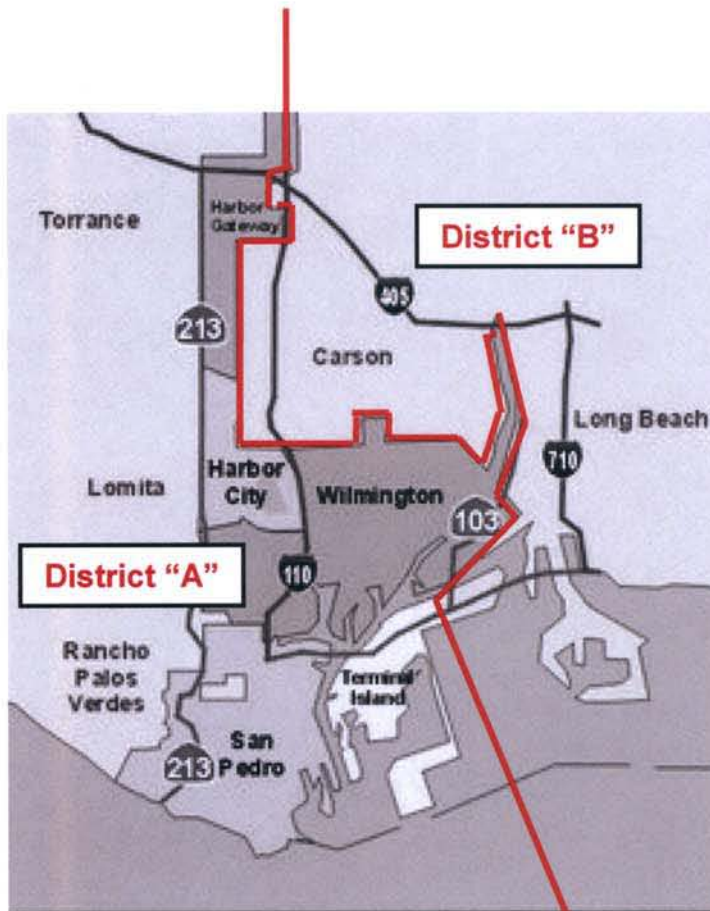
Long Beach also needs to be kept intact, and deserves its own representation. It is culturally, politically, and economically its own entity. Furthermore, it is a very powerful political force and will likely overcome others in its district. Los Angeles is not a part of that power base and should not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



Proposed District Lines

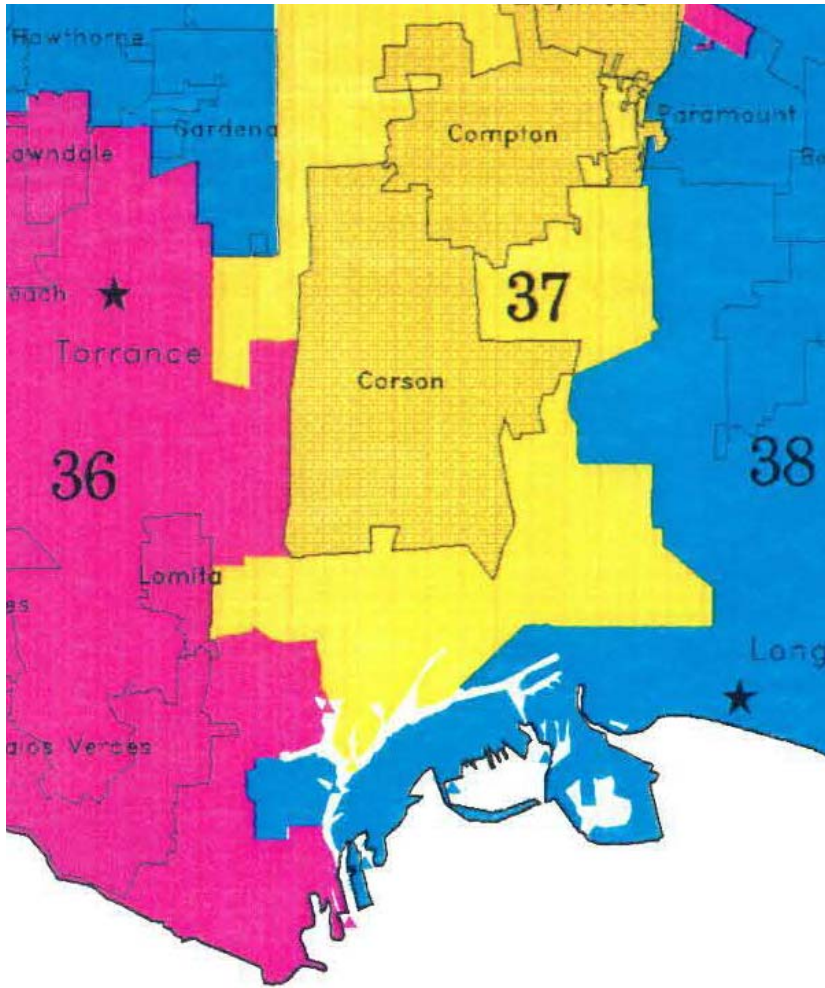
Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

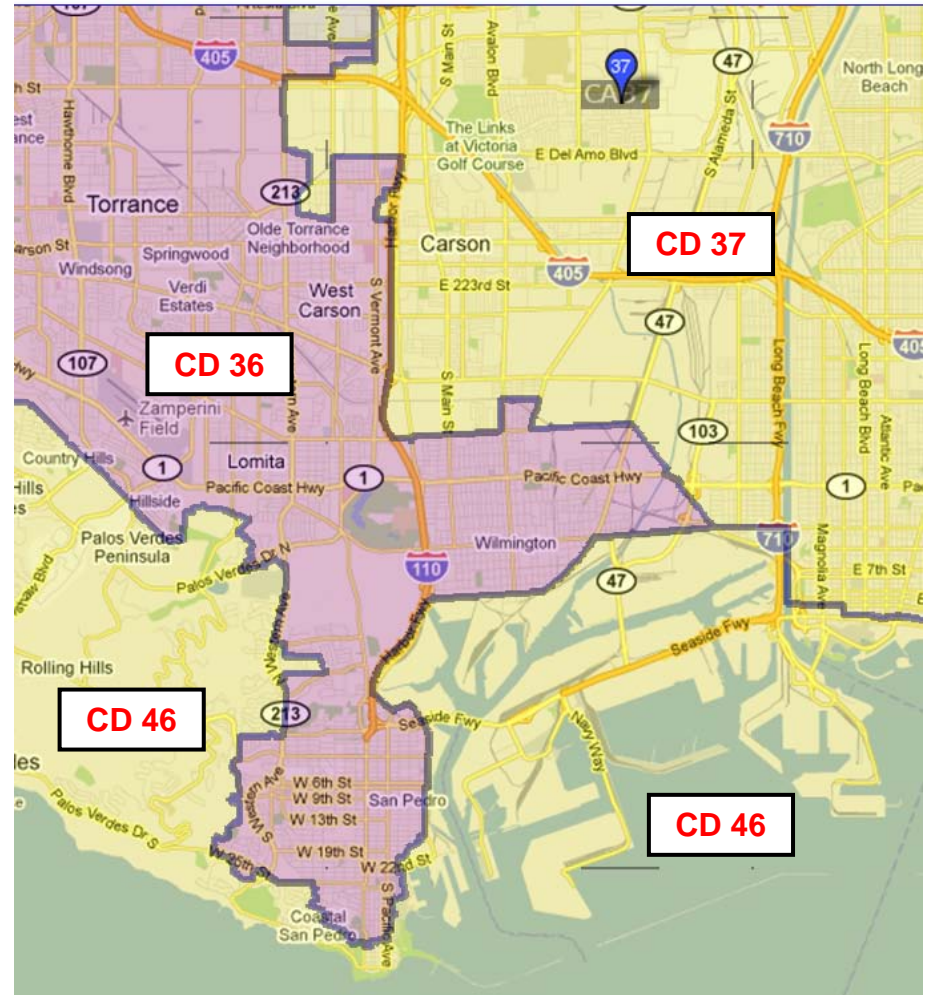
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Attachment: District Maps (6)

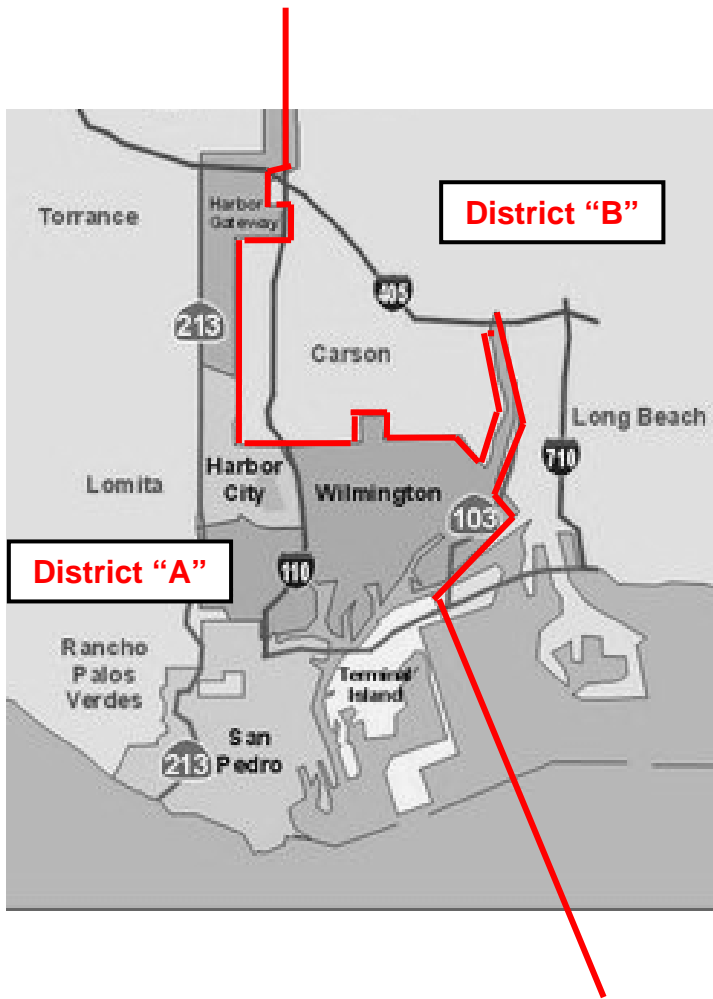
**Attachments: District Maps**



**1991 South Bay Congressional Districts**



**2001 South Bay Congressional Districts (Current)**



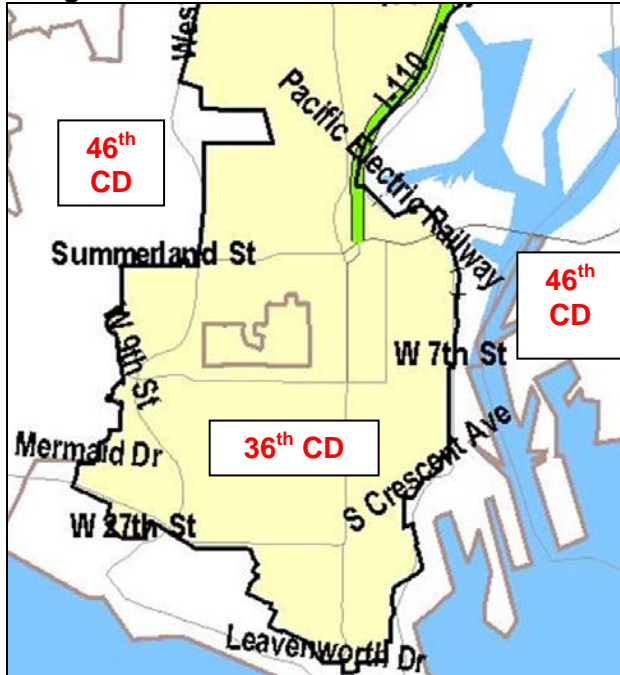
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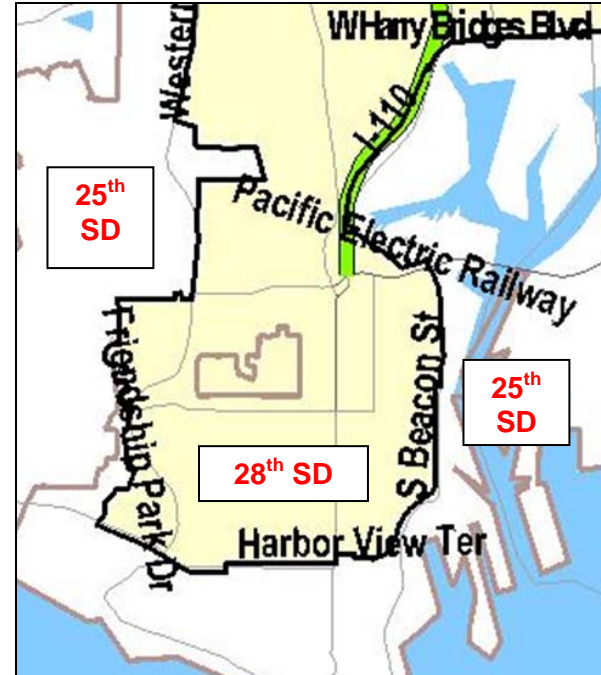
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SAN PEDRO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MAPS 2001

Congressional Districts



CA State Senate Districts



**Subject: Letter to the Redistricting Commission**

**Date:** Monday, May 23, 2011 5:10 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.

With best regards,

Stephen Burleigh

[REDACTED]  
Calabasas, CA 91302

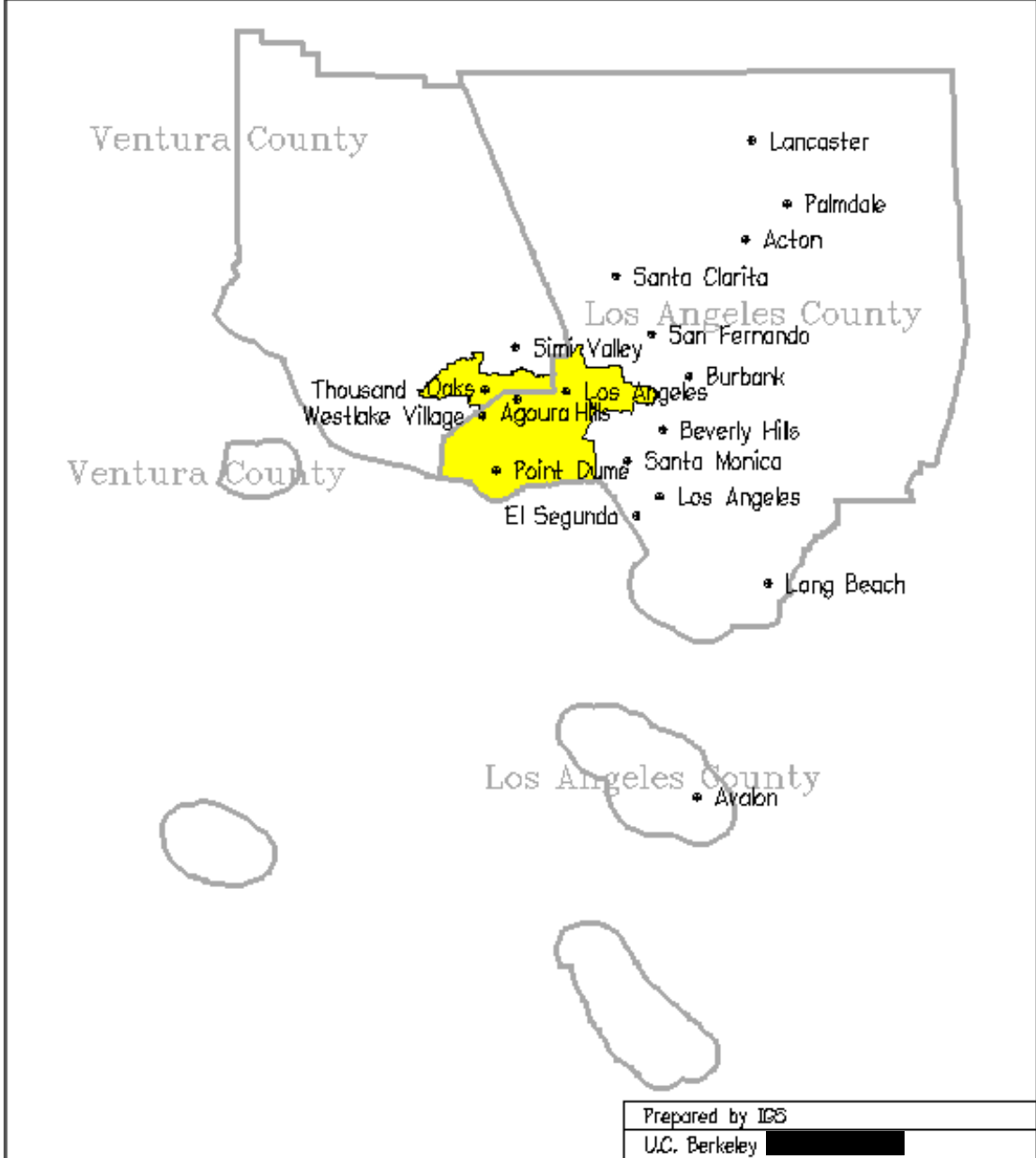
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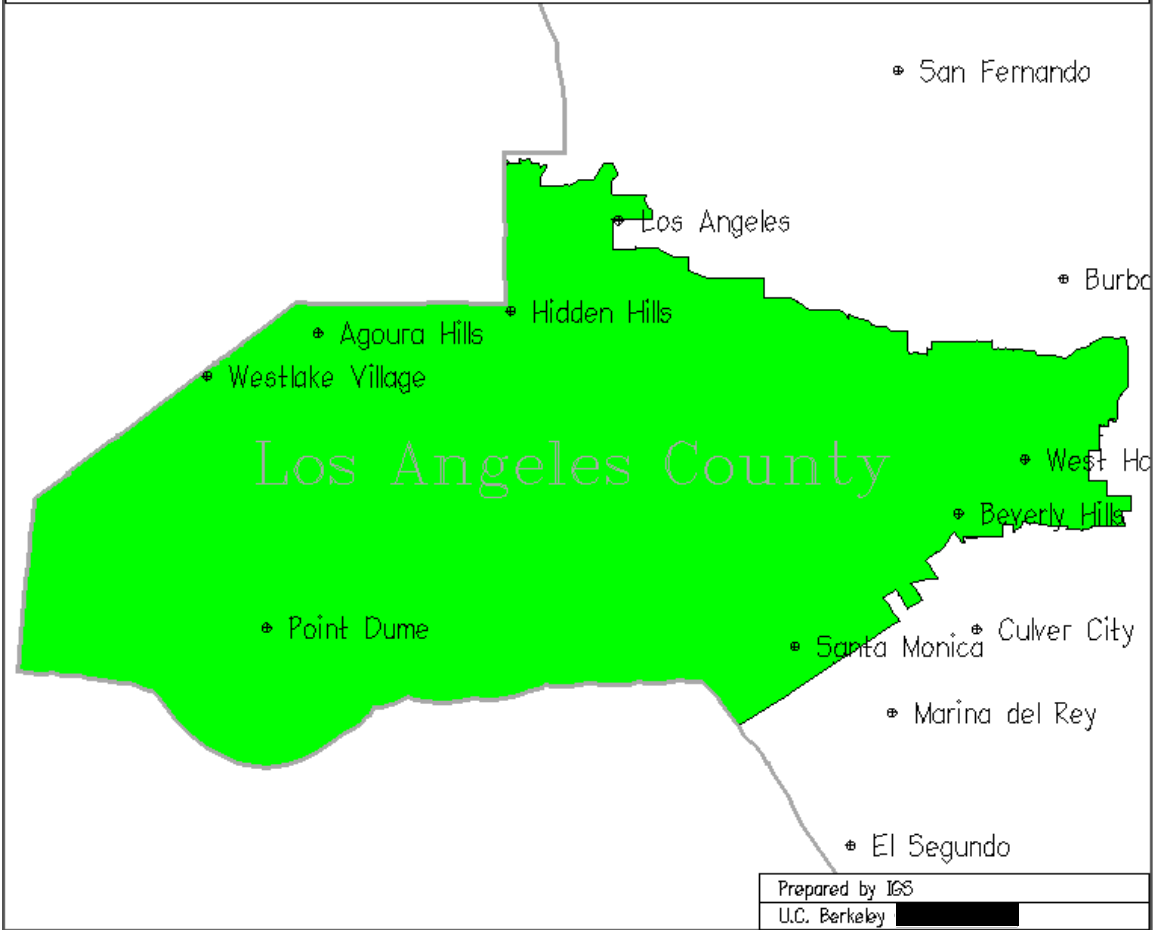
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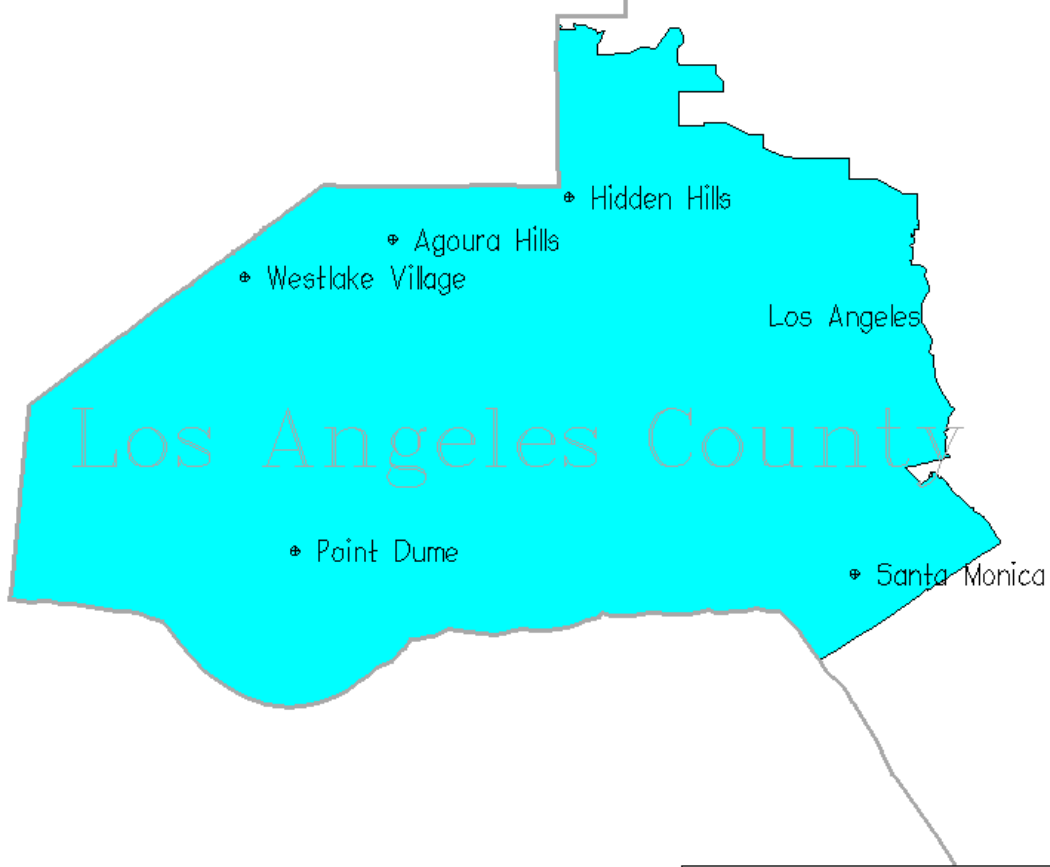
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