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California Citizens' Redistricting Commission
916 P. Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
via email: Votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

May 23, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to you to request that the map of the 37th Congressional District, where I am currently a resident, remain as much in tact as possible. I also propose that the CRC add the region that includes the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, especially adding Wilmington, which is home to a number of oil refineries in the region.

The Oil refining industry has a high concentration in the 37th district region. Oil refineries dot the 37th from Carson to southwest Long Beach. These world-wide entities such as Shell, Tesoro, and Conoco-Phillips with their hundreds of employees form an affected community of interest whose collective interests are best represented jointly, as manifested in one representative, not multiples.

Los Angeles County is home to 10 major oil refineries, of which seven lie within the 37th District. That level of concentration has made it necessary that the surrounding cities' residents be unified in their dealings with the Oil Companies to address issues of air and water quality, the safe handling of hazardous materials, and appropriate levels of corporate citizenship and community involvement on the part of the refineries.

The participation and leadership of state and Congressional elected representatives in these community partnerships with the refineries is key. Support of these strong partnerships would be best promoted by the continuation of current district lines, thus keeping together the existing Communities of Interest who have worked so hard to create these important Industry-to-community relationships.

I hope that you will consider my comments when you draw maps, so that communities in refinery areas continue to be recognized as one. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Councilwoman

Subject: Letter to the Redistricting Commission

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 8:09 AM

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.

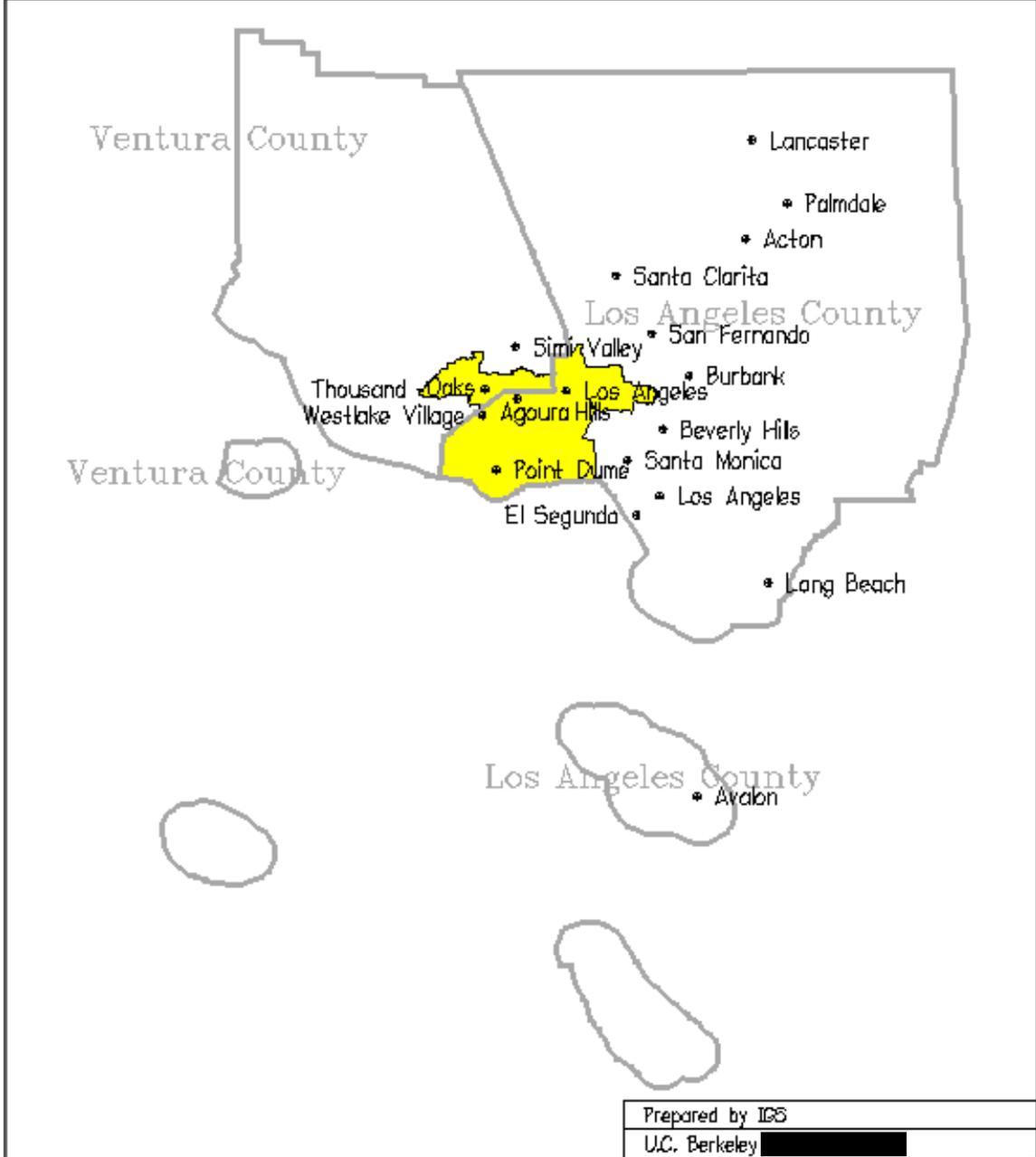
With best regards,

Colleen Holmes

[REDACTED]
Agoura, CA, CA 91301

attached file: 1991-legislative-maps.pdf

Congressional District 24

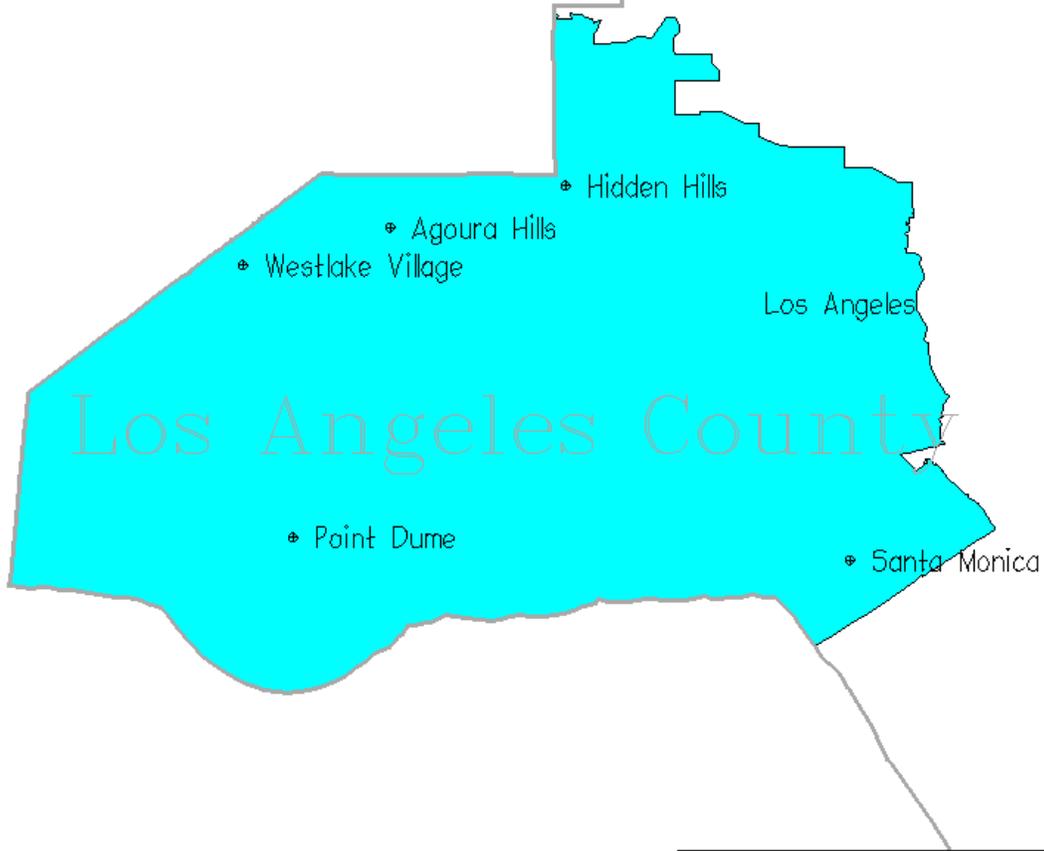


Senate District 23



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Assembly District 41



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Subject: redistricting

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 7:38 PM

From: Raynean Barker <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: redistricting

Do not meld us into Los Angeles County. We have good representation now.

**Subject: Re-Districting - supporting California Conservative Action Group/
Task Force Maps**

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 2:16 PM

From: Ursula Huber-Rea <[REDACTED]>

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

Conversation: Re-Districting - supporting California Conservative Action Group/Task Force Maps

California Redistricting Commission
([REDACTED])

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Contra Costa County, and I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps submitted on May 24, 2011 by the California Conservative Action Group and the California Citizens Redistricting Task Force.

I support a fair and competitive Congressional District comprised of Lamorinda, Walnut Creek, Oakley, Antioch, Clayton, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, the San Ramon Valley, and the Tri-Valley (Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore).

Thank you,
Ursula Huber Rea
anf Keith D. Rapp
[REDACTED]
Danville, CA 94506

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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May 24th 2011

Dear Commissioners:

The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) has a membership roll of over 1200 households in Studio City. The SCRA board of directors has directed me to file objections on redrawing the boundaries of Senate District 23.

Studio City is a close knit community, bordered by the communities of Beverly Crest and Hollywood Hills to the south, Sherman Oaks to the west, Valley Village and North Hollywood to the north and Toluca Lake and Universal City to the east. The Los Angeles River and the northern flank of the Santa Monica Mountains are in Studio City. Revitalization of the L.A. River, open space preservation, traffic and transportation, and controlled development are major issues of importance to the residents of Studio City and will be best suited if the political boundaries are drawn to permit representation without being divided among many political divisions.

Common interests are shared with the residents and communities of Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana and Woodland Hills and west to the Ventura County line (Calabasas and Agoura Hills), all of which are primarily located along the busy 101 Ventura Freeway corridor. These Valley communities are directly linked to the Westside through cross mountain transportation corridors (Laurel Canyon, Coldwater Canyon, Beverly Glen, Sepulveda, the 405-San Diego Freeway) therefore each side of the Santa Monica Mountains should be included in this Valley and greater Westside District. Members who are residents of Studio City work and enjoy cultural, shopping, and recreational interests on the Westside, the beaches of Santa Monica and Malibu, UCLA, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and the Westside. Many residents from the Westside come to the valley for shopping, recreation, hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains or along the L.A. River. Many from the Valley side travel over the hill daily to work, and vice versa. RE organization is very active in the protection of the Santa Monica Mountains lend support to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The Santa Monica Mountains bind these cities and communities together from Studio City and West Hollywood to the Ventura County line at Malibu and Westlake Village.

The fervent request from the Studio City Residents Association is that the communities of Studio City and Sherman Oaks remain part of the 23rd Senate district as it is now, joined with communities along Ventura Blvd. in the Valley and the many communities over the mountains from West Hollywood to Malibu.

Sincerely,

Alan Dymond
President,
Studio City Residents Association

Subject: Translation of: OBSERVACIONES PARA REDISTRICITAR CANOGA PARK

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 2:05 PM

From: Galambos-Malloy, Connie <[REDACTED]>

To: "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Commissioners <[REDACTED]> Daniel Claypool

<[REDACTED]> Kirk Miller <[REDACTED]> "Shupe, Christina"

<[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Translation of: OBSERVACIONES PARA REDISTRICITAR CANOGA PARK

Hello...I did a quick translation of this public comment for the Commission - Christina, perhaps you can forward to Q2 in case they need it?

My name is Faviana Barcenas.

TEL: [REDACTED] <tel:[REDACTED]>

I am making these observations to the people in charge of redistricting, so that they take this into consideration when making redistricting decisions.

The area I'm referring to is Canoga Park, located in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County.

The boundaries are: De Soto Avenue on the east, Topanga Canyon on the West, Nordoff on the North, and Victory on the South.

1. It is a population of 75% Latino origin; the Spanish language dominates the general adult population. Although young people and children communicate more in English, the majority of them speak both languages.
2. A large percentage, perhaps 85% of the population, is low income – less than \$30K annually. The other 15% does not make more than \$90K annually.
3. The majority, 80%, pay rent.
4. 95% of the population sends their children to public school.
5. Within this area there are only two small parks, which very important places for the people to conduct sports activities. However there's a general lack of activities to keep the youth busy en healthy activities that benefit the community – activities such as theater, music, dance, speech, painting, etc.

2011/5/16 Office, Communications <[REDACTED]>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **fabiana barcenas** <[REDACTED]>

Date: 2011/5/13

Subject: OBSERVACIONES PARA REDISTRICITAR CANOGA PARK

To:

MI NOMBRE ES FABIANA BARCENAS

TEL: <tel: >

ESTOY HACIENDO ESTAS OBSERVACIONES A LAS PERSONAS ENCARGADAS DE REDISTRICITAR. PARA QUE LAS CIONSIDEREN AL MOMENTO DE TOMAR DESICIONES EN LA REDISTRICITACION:

EL AREA A LA QUE HAGO REFERENCIA ES EN CANOGA PARK, UBICADA EN EL VALLE DE SAN FERNANDO EN EL CONDADO DE LOS ANGELES

1. COMPRENDE DEL LADO ESTE LA AVENIDA DE SOTO EL OESTE TOPANGA CANYON, EN EL NORTE NORDHOFF Y POR EL SUR VICTORY.
 2. ES UNA POBLACION CON UN 75 % DE ORIGEN LATINO POR LOGICA PREDOMINA EL IDIOMA ESPAÑOL POR LO GENERAL EN LOS ADULTOS AUNQUE LOS JOVENES Y NIÑOS SI SE COMUNICAN MAS EN INGLES, LA MAYORIA DE ELLOS HABLAN LAS DOS LENGUAS.
 3. HAY UN GRAN PORCENTAJE TAL VEZ UN 85 % ES DE BAJOS INGRESOS MENOS DE \$30,000.00 DOLARES ANUALES. EL OTRO 15% NO GANA MAS DE \$90,000.00 DOLARES ANUAL.
 4. LA MAYORIA PAGA RENTA UN 80 %
 5. EL 95% MANDA A SUS HIJOS A ESCULA PUBLICA
 6. DENTRO DE ESA AREA SOLO EXISTEN DOS PEQUEÑOS PARQUES LUGARES MUY IMPORTANTES PARA QUE LA GENTE REALICE ACTIVIDADES DEPORTIVAS AUNQUE HACE FALTA MAS ACTIVIDADES PARA MANTENER A LA POBLACION SOBRE TODO A LOS JOVENES OCUPADOS EN ACTIVIDADES SANAS Y DE BENEFICIO A LA COMUNIDAD; TALES COMO ACTIVIDADES DE TEATRO. MUSICA, DANZA, ORATORIA. PINTURA, ETC.
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Connie Galambos Malloy, Commissioner
California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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(916) [REDACTED]

Subject: NEW AD

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 6:31 PM

From: Steve Varalyay <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Cc: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: NEW AD

I believe the new AD to replace the old 53rd AD should include the following cities:

- **Palos Verdes, PV Estates, Rolling Hills Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes.**
- **Lomita, Harbor City, Torrance, Carson, Harbor Gateway and Gardena.**

This seems to be a logical grouping since, with the exception of Carson, none have any appreciable industry (though Torrance once did) and thus should be together.

**Steve Varalyay
Torrance**

I hope when you redraw the lines for Santa Monica and West LA that you will include Culver City, Airport, Beach Cities, Pacific Palisades. Currently, we are joined with parts of the San Fernando Valley, with which those of us that are on "the other side of the hill" have very little in common. I think the West San Fernando Valley should be its own District; those of us on the West side and beach areas should be a separate district. This is about common interests.

Juanita Ardavany

[REDACTED]

Santa Monica, CA 90403

Subject: Redistricting comments

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 2:15 PM

From: James Lau <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Redistricting comments

On behalf of the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE), I submit the attached letter for your consideration in drawing legislative district boundaries for Los Angeles (Region IV).

If you should have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

James



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May 24, 2011

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE) submits these comments for your consideration. CAUSE limits our suggestion to the drawing of four (4) legislative districts in Southern California, which includes the San Gabriel Valley region of Los Angeles County and parts of Orange County, areas where the Asian population is concentrated. The creation of these four legislative districts, which consolidate several different neighboring cities together, will help promote election of representatives who will address the needs and interests of these communities.

About CAUSE

Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a mission to advance the political empowerment of the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community through nonpartisan voter registration and education, community outreach, and leadership development.

Founded in 1993, CAUSE is comprised of committed professional, business, community and political leaders, and has established itself as a unique nonpartisan APIA organization dedicated solely to APIA civic and political participation. Based in the Greater Los Angeles area, CAUSE's influence reaches throughout California.

APIAs in Elected Office

Asian Pacific Islander Americans (APIAs) account for over 13% of California's population; they are the fastest growing racial group in California. While California's nearly 5 million APIAs constitute the state's second-largest minority group and the largest APIA population in the country, they have been underrepresented in public office and civic engagement: APIAs make up 12% of eligible voters, yet represent only 6% of the registered voters in California and make up only 7% and 6% of the state legislature and Congressional delegation, respectively.

Participation of APIAs in government and their community -- as elected or appointed officials, as community leaders, or as voters -- is vitally important for their needs and concerns to be addressed. There are many examples of APIA elected officials who have introduced and passed policies that address specific needs of APIAs, such as requiring contracts to be written in the same language as the customer's. Conversely, the lack of APIA representation in policy-making bodies has yielded discriminatory policies, including banning Chinese cultural practices and customs.

Districts in Detail

To that end, to help encourage elected leaders who will be responsive and sensitive to the needs and concerns of the APIA community, CAUSE submits this proposal. As a Southern California-based community organization, CAUSE limits its proposal to the counties of Los Angeles and Orange, where CAUSE directly serves and where a high concentration of Asians resides. These four legislative districts consolidate several different neighboring cities together.

CAUSE respectfully recommends that the Commission draws the following districts:

1) San Gabriel Valley Assembly District: The entire cities/communities of Alhambra, East San Gabriel, Monterey Park, North El Monte, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and Temple City; and the partial cities/communities of Arcadia, East Pasadena, El Monte, Mayflower Village, Montebello, San Marino, South El Monte, and South Pasadena.

2) East San Gabriel/Northeastern Orange County Assembly District: The entire cities/unincorporated areas of Chino Hills, Covina, Diamond Bar, Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights, and Walnut; and the partial cities/unincorporated areas of Anaheim, Industry, Placentia, and West Covina.

3) San Gabriel Valley and Mountains/Foothills Senate District: The entire cities/communities of Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, Burbank, East Pasadena, East San Gabriel, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta-Montrose, Mayflower Village, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, San Pasqual, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, South San Gabriel, and Temple City.

4) East San Gabriel/North Orange County Senate District: The entire cities/unincorporated areas of Artesia, Brea, Buena Park, Cerritos, Chino Hills, Cypress, Diamond Bar, Fullerton, La Mirada, La Palma, Placentia, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Yorba Linda; and the partial cities/unincorporated areas of Anaheim, Hacienda Heights, Industry, La Habra, and West Covina.

CAUSE's proposed legislative districts are similar to legislative districts that have been discussed and proposed by the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR).

Conclusion

The creation of these four legislative districts will help ensure the election of representatives who will be responsive to the concerns of the APIA community. CAUSE thanks the Commission for its consideration. If you should have any further questions, please call me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Charlie Woo
Board Chair