

Subject: City of Oxnard Recommended Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts

From: carmen ramirez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 23:08:56 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you.

May 23, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

1120 K Street, Ste. 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

Via email: [REDACTED]

RE: Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts representing the City of Oxnard

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Carmen Ramirez and I write this letter as an individual and not officially on behalf of the city but only for myself as an elected Council Member of the City of Oxnard in Ventura County. For over 36 years I have been a civil rights advocate on behalf of low-income, immigrant and people of color in my professional capacity as an attorney and as a leader in civic organizations locally in Ventura County and statewide, such as the State Bar of California Board of Governors, the Tri-Counties Regional Center, the Public Interest Clearinghouse, the Ventura County Community Foundation and the Center for Civic Education, which is a national group.

As a person who has worked in Oxnard since 1978 and been a homeowner in this city for almost 20 years, I urge you to keep Oxnard whole and in Ventura County based assembly, senate and congressional districts. The City of Oxnard is the single largest city in the entire six-county central coast region. Oxnard is a majority minority city with 85% people of color population. With a very high concentration of low-wage working, farmworker and immigrant population, including a 31% non-citizen adult population, the City of Oxnard includes people that are among the most socio-economically and politically disenfranchised.

The City of Oxnard as a community of interest shares much income with West Ventura County, west of the Conejo Grade, including the cities of Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, Fillmore and the unincorporated areas of El Rio, Nyland Acres, and Piru. Based on these communities of

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Sincerely,

Carmen Ramirez Esq.
Council Member
City of Oxnard


Oxnard CA 93036

Subject: Ventura County Community of Interest

From: "Dianne Alexander" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 17:01:48 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the 2011 Redistricting Committee regarding Ventura County:

I am a 5th generation Californian living in Thousand Oaks (Ventura County) since 1972. My three children attended public schools in Thousand Oaks and they are raising their families in Ventura county as well. I was raised and married in the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles County (North Hollywood, Encino, Woodland Hills, and Canoga Park). Other than to drive threw Ventura County on our way to visit grandparents in San Francisco, Ventura County wasn't a distination. Ten years of amateur swim meets most summer weekends, we traveled to us to Santa Monica, L.A., Ceritos, Lakewood, Lynnwood, nothing in Santa Barbara or Ventura County. My husband worked in Van Nuys and Burbank and we fished and surfed in L.A. County lakes and beaches. We moved away from the smog of the city to the country atmosphere of Ventura County to raise our family closer to the beach and to start our own small recreational business. We fished in Ventura County lakes, boating out of Channel Islands and Ventura Harbor, visited Ventura beaches for surfing and scuba diving. Our children and grandchildren have competed in swim meets in Ventura County during school and afterschool competition.

Our three businesses (Western feed store, marine supplies and Scuba shop)spanning 25 years have had deliveries and service customers from Oak Park, Agoura, Westlake Village, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Somis, Hidden Valley and Santa Rosa Valley. Scuba trips, beach dives, horse shows, boating, all within Ventura County.

I spent 3 weeks with my 92 year Dad at Los Robles Hospital recently and took this picture in the Emergency Room. Please see attachment,

Sincerely, Dianne Alexander
1938 Berkshire Dr.
Thousand Oaks

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Trauma Center Service Areas



Ventura County
Medical Center

Los Robles Hospital &
Medical Center

-  Trauma Center
-  Hospital
-  Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center Service Area
-  Ventura County Medical Center Service Area
-  EOA Ambulance Zones
-  National Forest Boundary

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Subject: Public Comment: Ojai Valley, Ventura County, Region 5

From: helen conly <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 00:19:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: helen conly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Ojai Valley, Ventura County, Region 5

Message Body:

Testimony for Redistricting Commission from Ojai Valley, Ventura County, Region 5

The Ojai Valley represents a model small city of 7559 residents with a majority white population of 77.5% and an educated Latino minority of 20% and growing. It is from this slow growing minority that the Ojai Valley looks to keep its public and private educational systems among the best in California. The Ojai Unified Schools score significantly above the California averages for school children especially in sciences, math and language arts. Additionally, they are well known for producing athletes especially in tennis. The 15% emersion for English as a Second Language serves 765 students and allows for the maximum of success. Education in Ojai represents a larger population than other similar sized cities because there are 19 private institutions with three well known secondary boarding schools. The closest like communities are East Ventura, Santa Barbara and Carpinteria with similar demographic interests, an agricultural economic basis with well known high-tech start-u!

p and green businesses sprinkled through the communities. The arts and theater complement Ojai educational community and attract many actors and film industry employees and especially retired families.

Tourist businesses are centered on the agricultural (wine, lavender, organic gardening produce) the arts (Ojai Music Festival) and excellent hotels, spa facilities, golfing and restaurants. Economically the Ojai Valley is most like Santa Barbara. The growing Latino population reflects our partnership with Santa Paula and Fillmore in the agricultural arena with majority Latino populations and situated very close to Ojai and Upper Ojai Valley in Ventura County. Our median income of \$56,111 is just below the California median figure. For these reasons we respectfully ask that the Commissioners include the Ojai Valley with our neighbors to the east within the County of Ventura or if necessary with our neighbors to the north in Carpinteria and Santa Barbara to match our community interests in education, arts, family farms and tourism.

Submitted by Helen Conly, [REDACTED] OakView CA 93022

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: FW: REDISTRICTING RECOMMENDATIONS

From: "Jim Gilmer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 18:42:22 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Jim Gilmer, M.A.

[REDACTED]

"Nothing could be more tragic than for men to live in these revolutionary times and fail to achieve the new attitudes and the new mental outlooks that the new situation demands." Martin Luther King, Jr. 1967

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From: Jim Gilmer [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 6:41 PM

To: 'mailto:[REDACTED]'

Subject: REDISTRICTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Good Evening, I am writing on behalf of the organizations listed below to support the redistricting recommendations as set forth by the Central Coast United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), primarily for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties as stated in their letter/recommendations.

Jim Gilmer, M.A.

Multicultural Community Ventures Initiative

Cyrus Urban Network

Black and Brown Alliance of Oxnard

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