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RESOLUTION NO. 11-083

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO ASSIGN CARSON TO BE IN THE SAME STATE ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WITH ADJACENT "COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST" THAT HAVE THE SAME SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ETHNIC MAKE-UP AS CARSON.

WHEREAS, after each federal decennial 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 disclosed by the federal census; and

WHEREAS, those new redistricting lines will be drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, California voters authorized the creation of this Commission when they passed the Voters First Act, which appeared as Proposition 11 on the November 2008 general election ballot. Under the Act, the Commission is charged with drawing the boundaries of California's Congressional, Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization electoral districts; and

WHEREAS, the commission has 14 members from varied ethnic backgrounds and geographic locations in the state and includes five Democrats, five Republicans, and four Decline to State; and

WHEREAS, reapportionment is the permanent process by which seats in the U. S. House of Representatives are redistributed among the 50 states according to each census. Redistricting is the process of drawing district lines which means changing the boundaries every 10 years following the federal census; and

WHEREAS, the legal criteria the Commission must follow in determining district boundaries are set forth in state law, as follows:

- (1) Districts must be of equal population to comply with the U. S. Constitution.
- (2) Districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that all ethnic minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
- (3) Districts must be contiguous so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.

- (4) Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.
- (5) Districts should be geographically compact, that is, have a fairly regular shape.
- (6) Where practicable each Senate District should be comprised of two complete and adjacent Assembly Districts, and Board of Equalization districts shall be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate Districts.
- (7) Districts shall not be drawn to favor or discriminate against an incumbent, candidate, or political party; and

WHEREAS, district boundaries are to be determined based on the existence of a "community of interest" of the voters assigned to each district. A community of interest is defined in state law as a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation; and

WHEREAS, examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates - *Section 2(d)(4) of Article XXI of the California Constitution.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the city of Carson, California, is of the collective consensus that the entire city of Carson represents a single "community of interest" within the meaning of state law, and that it would be legally, politically, socially, and economically appropriate that the city of Carson remain in a single State Assembly, State Senate and Congressional District. The City Council hereby directs staff to forward this resolution to each member of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, and to urge each Commission member to adopt such a position in their redistricting deliberations.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 16th day of June, 2011.

*Jim Dear*

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

*Helen S. Kawagoe (MMC)*  
City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*W. Wymber*  
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss.  
CITY OF CARSON )

I, Helen S. Kawagoe, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council is five; that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 11-083 was duly and regularly adopted by said Council at an adjourned regular meeting duly and regularly held on the 16th day of June, 2011, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Dear, Ruiz-Raber, Santarina, Gipson and Davis-Holmes  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None  
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

*Helen S. Kawagoe (MMC)*  
City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe

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East Los Angeles Should Not Be Lumped with the Hollywood Hills, Silver Lake, and Los Feliz!

Commissioners,

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

Commissioners:

When you Commissioners were picked, many of us in Los Angeles (and many in the media) were concerned that none of you lived in the City of Los Angeles. We were told not to worry, that you understood the region and would draw fair maps. We've also been told, throughout the process, that the era of odd-shaped, gerrymandered districts, featuring odd pairings of communities, were over.

\* Then, in your initial draft maps, you proposed a district lumping together the Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, and East Los Angeles! To get there, the district lines cross the Los Angeles River and dart around Downtown Los Angeles, making the district as bizarrely shaped as anything the politicians ever drew.

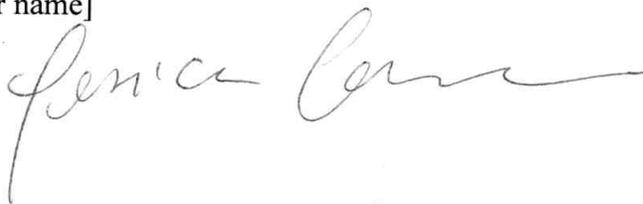
It will be extremely difficult for whomever is in elected in that district to represent those communities. Those communities are as different as can be.

We, the undersigned, strongly urge you to draw more sensible maps. East Los Angeles (and Lincoln Heights, etc.) should be together with other eastside communities so that residents there can elect a representative of their choosing.

The communities of Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake are not "eastside." No portion of those communities are east of Downtown or east of the Los Angeles River. Those communities most logically belong in your Central Los Angeles ("Hancock Park") district or the Westside or even the Burbank district.

The "East Los Angeles" state assembly district, as initially drafted, is a farce. It makes the district impossible to govern for whomever is elected. It will always result in one half or the other feeling completely left out of the process. It is bizarrely shaped and illogical. Keeping it as drafted will let down EVERYONE in those communities.

[Your name]



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Name	City	State	Zip	Country	SignedOn
Isabella Diaz	Los Angeles	CA	90027	USA	6/5/2011
Jameson Wu	Los Angeles	CA	90027	USA	6/5/2011
Leno Sislin	Los Angeles	CA	90039	USA	6/5/2011
jesus arguelles	Los Angeles	CA	90071	USA	6/5/2011
saykin foo	los angeles	CA	90039	USA	6/5/2011
Mike Antone	Sacaton	AZ	85147	USA	6/5/2011
james m nordlund	Fargo	ND	58102	USA	6/5/2011
Jon Spinac	New York	NY	10010	USA	6/5/2011
Casey Wollenberg	Los Angeles	CA	90039	USA	6/5/2011
Dick Lee	Grand Rapids	MI	49525	USA	6/5/2011
lori weber	johnson city	TN	37601	USA	6/5/2011
Ryan Bradley	Greenbelt	MD	20770	USA	6/5/2011
Brian Phillips	Sun Valley	CA	91352	USA	6/5/2011
William Dance	Los Angeles	CA	90039	USA	6/6/2011
Kristoffer Martin	Eau Claire	WI	54701	USA	6/7/2011
Haiping Chen	San Jose	CA	95132	USA	6/7/2011
Tamela Mullin	ST Joseph	MI	49085	USA	6/7/2011
John Gallogly	Los Angeles	CA	90042	USA	6/7/2011
Emily Beshlian	La Vista	NE	68128	USA	6/7/2011
DONNA MOCK	MEDFORD	OR	97504	USA	6/8/2011
Franziska Wittenstein	Woodacre	CA	94973	USA	6/9/2011
Edward Laurson	Denver	CO	80235	USA	6/9/2011
Karen Tucker	Pensacola	FL	32514	USA	6/14/2011

### List of Communities in Districts

**ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
(Pasadena/Arcadia Hub)**

Altadena  
Arcadia  
Bradbury  
Duarte  
East San Gabriel  
La Canada  
Monrovia  
Pasadena  
San Marino  
Sierra Madre  
South Pasadena  
Temple City  
Unincorporated Areas within

**Contiguous/cities not divided**

36 White  
27 Hispanic  
    Black  
    Asian

**NESTED SENATE DISTRICT**

The above two Assembly Districts

**ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
(Glendale/Burbank Hub)**

Burbank  
Eagle Rock  
Glendale  
Highland Park  
La Crescenta  
Lake View Terrace  
Montrose  
Parts of  
    North Hollywood  
    Sunland  
    Toluca Lake  
Shadow Hills  
Sun Valley  
Tujunga

51 White  
31 Hispanic  
    2 Black  
12.5 Asian

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Altadena  
Arcadia  
Burbank  
Glendale  
La Canada  
La Crescenta  
Monrovia  
Montrose  
Pasadena  
San Marino  
Sierra Madre  
South Pasadena  
Unincorporated Areas within  
23.14 Hispanic  
48.5 White  
20.0 Asian  
    5.2 Black

*Altadena  
BACK with PASADENA*

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### List of Communities in Districts

#### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT (Pasadena/Arcadia Hub)

- Altadena
- Arcadia
- Bradbury
- Duarte
- East San Gabriel
- La Canada
- Monrovia
- Pasadena
- San Marino
- Sierra Madre
- South Pasadena
- Temple City
- Unincorporated Areas within

Contiguous/cities not divided

- 36 White
- 27 Hispanic
- Black
- Asian

#### NESTED SENATE DISTRICT The above two Assembly Districts

#### ASSEMBLY DISTRICT (Glendale/Burbank Hub)

- Burbank
- Eagle Rock
- Glendale
- Highland Park
- La Crescenta
- Lake View Terrace
- Montrose
- Parts of
  - North Hollywood
  - Sunland
  - Toluca Lake
- Shadow Hills
- Sun Valley
- Tujunga

- 51 White
- 31 Hispanic
- 2 Black
- 12.5 Asian

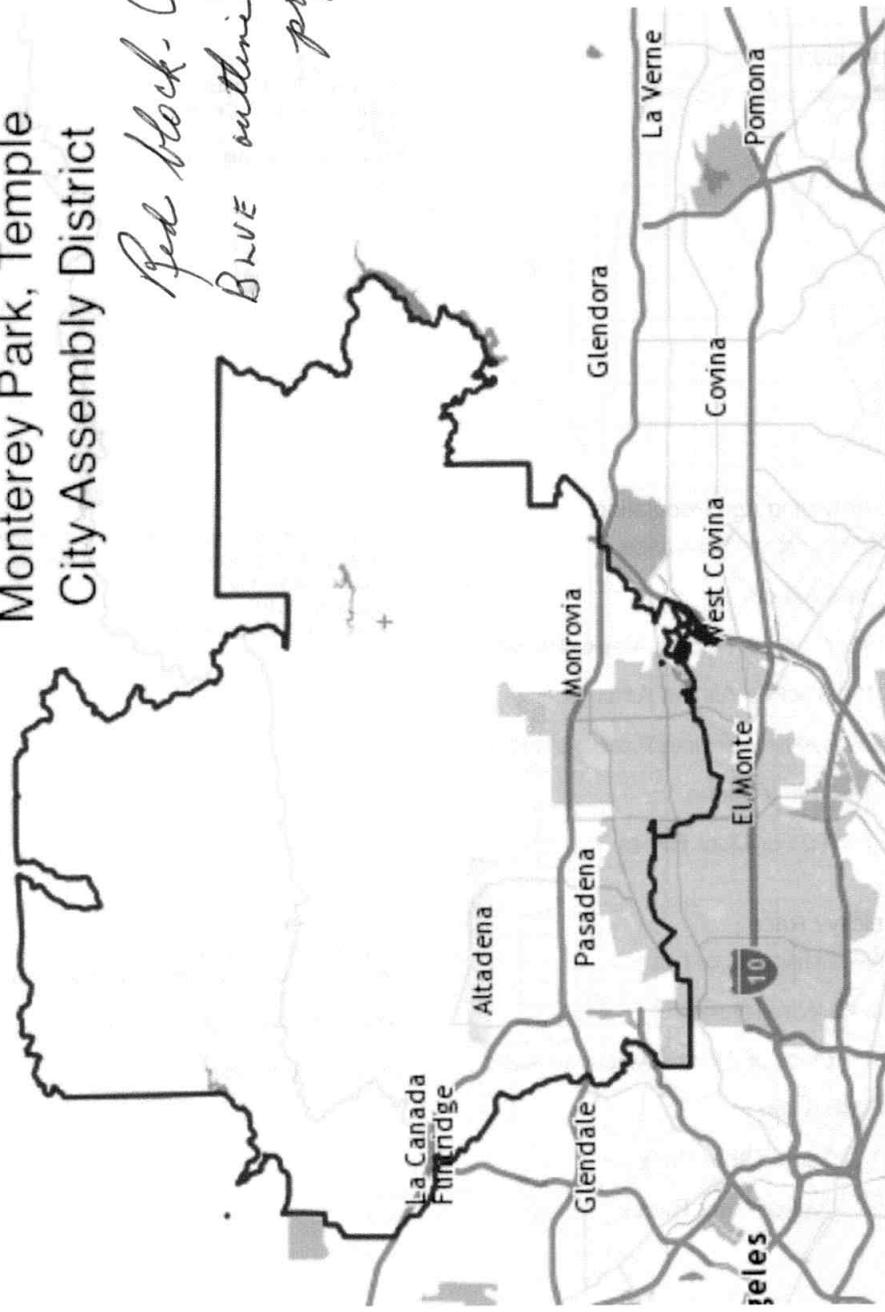
#### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

- Altadena
- Arcadia
- Burbank
- Glendale
- La Canada
- La Crescenta
- Monrovia
- Montrose
- Pasadena
- San Marino
- Sierra Madre
- South Pasadena
- Unincorporated Areas within
- 23.14 Hispanic
- 48.5 White
- 20.0 Asian
- 5.2 Black

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Arcadia, San Marino,  
Monterey Park, Temple  
City Assembly District

*Red block - Commission lines  
BVE outline - citizen  
proposal*



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# Assembly District spanning Arcadia, San Marino, Temple City, South Pasadena, Alhambra, and Monterey Park.

## Population

Total Population: 465,988

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

## Citizen Voting Age Population

26.98% Hispanic or Latino  
49.95% Asian  
0.69% American Indian/Alaska Native  
1.01% Black or African American  
0.25% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone  
20.90% White Alone  
0.21% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older  
Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

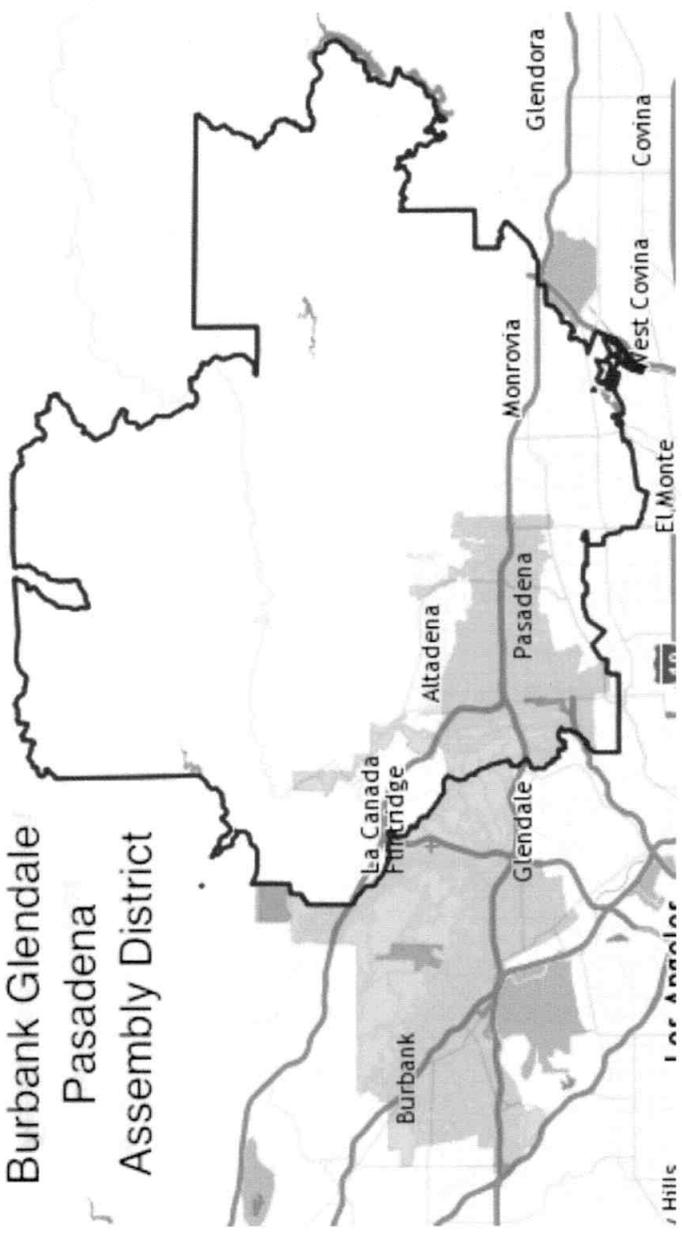
## Ethnicity / Race

31.36% Hispanic or Latino  
13.23% White alone  
0.83% Black or African American alone  
52.98% Asian  
0.23% Some Other Race  
1.36% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

Burbank Glendale  
Pasadena  
Assembly District



RED BLOCK - COMMISSION LINES  
BLUE OUTLINE - CITIZEN PROPOSAL

see map

## Assembly District covering Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena, and parts of South Pasadena.

### Population

Total Population: 465,704

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

### Citizen Voting Age Population

19.13% Hispanic or Latino  
12.14% Asian  
0.52% American Indian/Alaska Native  
6.09% Black or African American  
0.16% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone  
61.71% White Alone  
0.25% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older  
Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

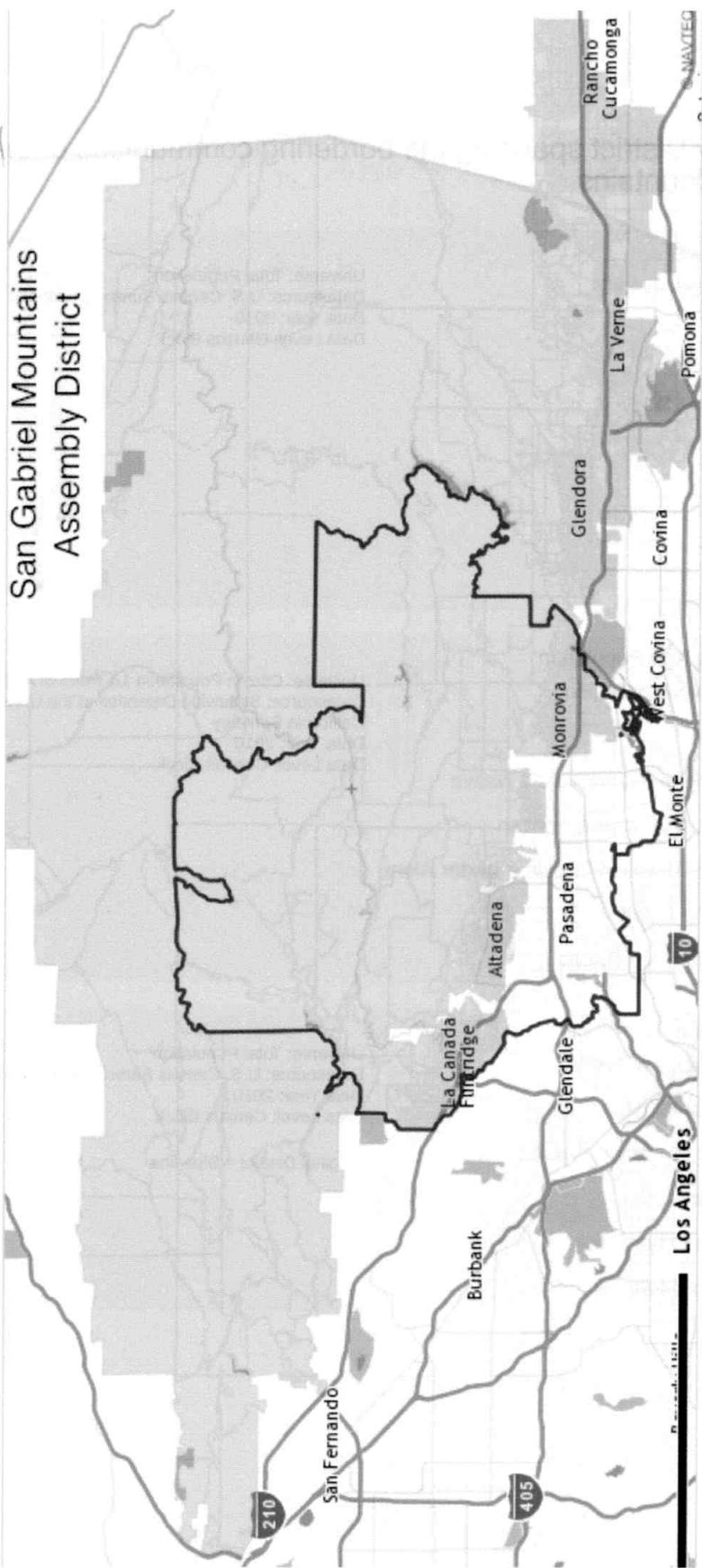
### Ethnicity / Race

24.01% Hispanic or Latino  
53.57% White alone  
4.30% Black or African American alone  
14.65% Asian  
0.39% Some Other Race  
3.08% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

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*red block - Commission line*  
*BLUE lines - citizen proposal*

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# Assembly District spanning the bordering communities of the San Gabriel Mountains

## Population

Total Population: 465,804

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

## Citizen Voting Age Population

25.29% Hispanic or Latino  
8.74% Asian  
0.67% American Indian/Alaska Native  
7.00% Black or African American  
0.18% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone  
57.85% White Alone  
0.27% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older  
Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

## Ethnicity / Race

33.23% Hispanic or Latino  
47.62% White alone  
5.82% Black or African American alone  
10.36% Asian  
0.45% Some Other Race  
2.53% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

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**Testimony for Redistricting Commission  
June 16, 2011**

I recognize that the charge of the commission is daunting and that there are no perfect solutions for a task of this sensitivity and magnitude. It was my understanding that the criteria for establishing the new district lines required that they respect the communities dependence on common institutions and services as well as other common interests. The two assembly districts denoted as "West Side- Santa Monica" and "Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains" together encompass strong communities of interest, and meet the criteria set out by the commission as they are contiguous and together represent the greater Santa Monica Mountains communities.

The proposed Assembly Districts LAMWS and LAVSF boundaries follow municipal lines and LA County unincorporated areas that have mutual and interconnected relations and share similar concerns. They connect Malibu, Topanga and the Santa Monica Mountains cities that serve as a gateway for the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area on both sides of the hill and are defined by the Santa Monica Mountains, Bay and major transportation routes.

The two assembly districts would provide optimum lines for the proposed Senate District LASCV. As currently proposed the Senate District LASCV does not respect the criteria established for the formation of the new districts as it has virtually no common relationship with the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side.

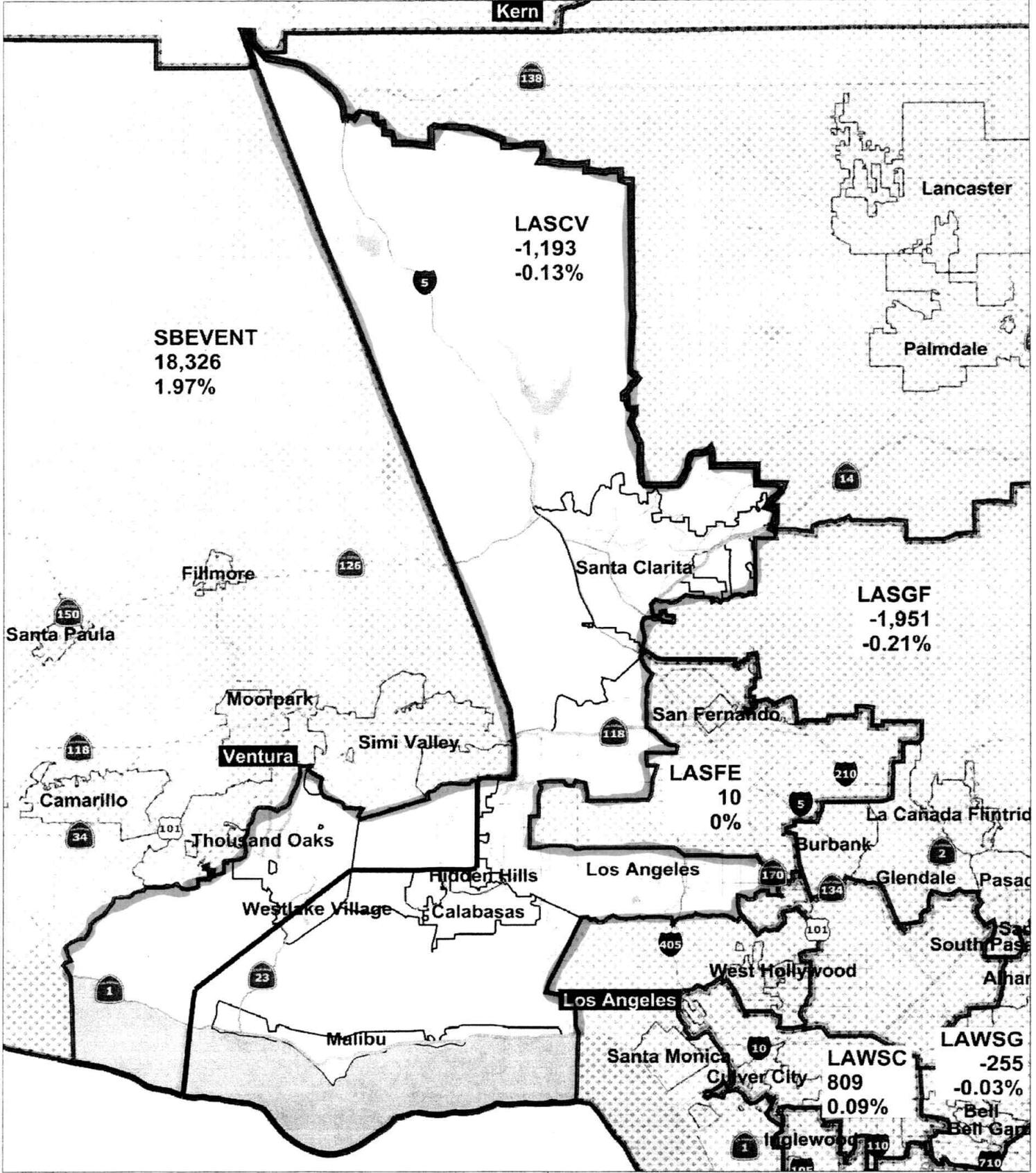
It is suggested, in keeping with the Redistricting Commission criteria, to use the new Assembly boundaries encompassing the "West Side - Santa Monica" and the "Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains" as a Senate District to reflect the interconnected communities. Based on the for-mentioned considerations it is requested that the commission reconsider the proposed boundaries for Senate District designated as ~~LAMW~~ <sup>LASCV</sup>. The Pacific Palisades is by geography as well as common interest part of a cohesive area that embraces the coastal and Santa Monica Mountains gateway cities to the National Recreation Area that has been succesfully together for 20 years.

Thank you for your services and consideration of the issues I have presented.

Joseph W Halper

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Pacific Palisades CA 90272

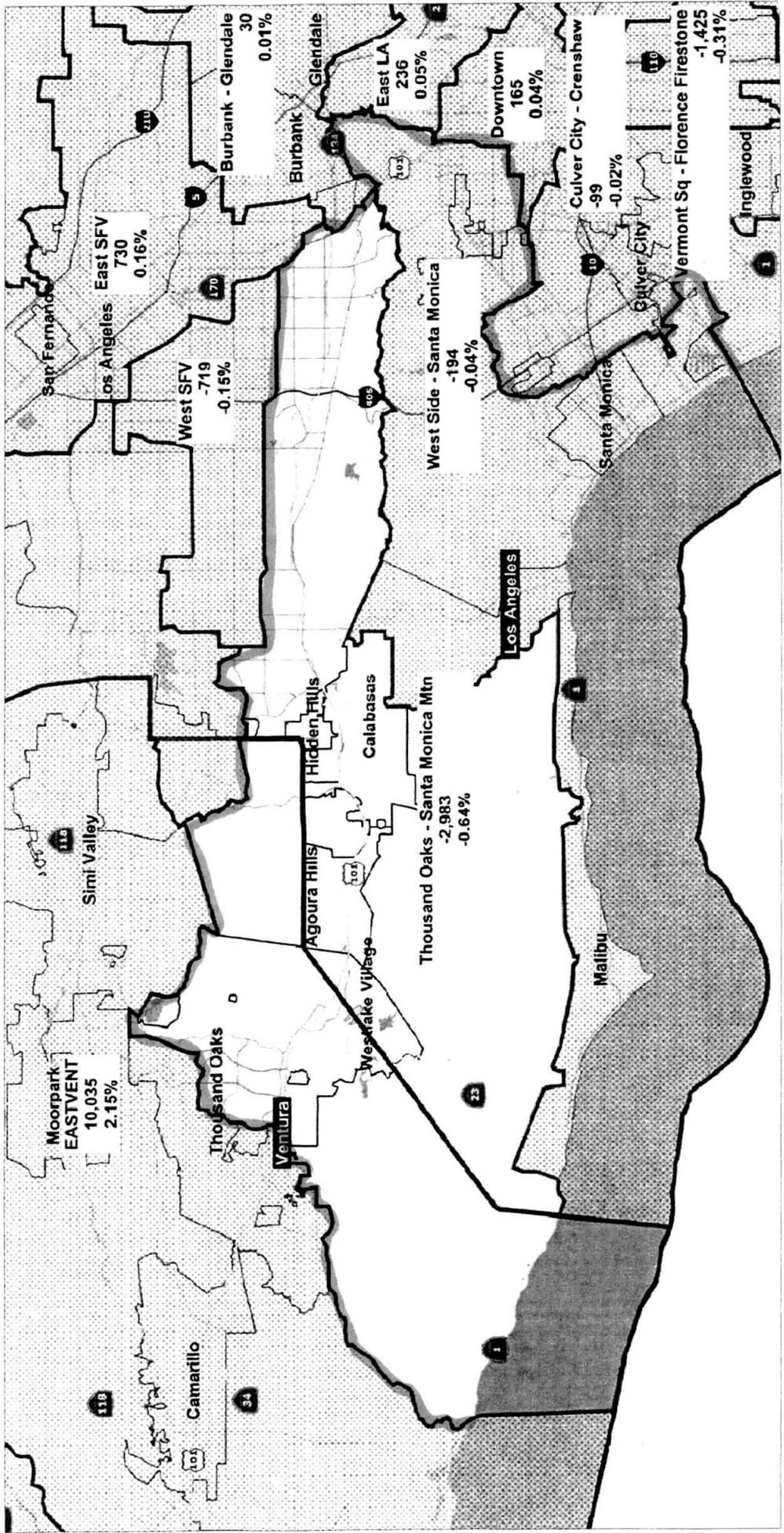
# California State Senate - LASCV



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# California State Assembly - Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mtn



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