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INPUT TO THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
Culver City, CA
June 16, 2011

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to again speak to you about redistricting our community. I am a resident of Rolling Hills Estates.

I am very thankful to the Commission for including the Palos Verdes peninsula cities in districts with the beach cities to the north us. We no longer feel like an orphaned gerrymandered community. I expect this will be echoed many times this evening.

I have reviewed the preliminary districts released on the Commissions website. In general, I find the proposed districts to be acceptable for the most part. I do have a tough time accepting the fact that Hollywood is a part of our community as proposed by the Senatorial District, however I have more fundamental recommendations in mind for all three proposed districts.

PVE-Beach Cities **Others and I were very pleased with the preliminary edition of the 36th congressional district available on the website, June 2, 2011.** It was almost a carbon copy of what others and I proposed and placed on the Commissions website. However, between June 2nd and the current preliminary releases, we note a very significant change was made. Specifically, **two key cities or our community were removed, Lawndale and Hawthorne.** These were replaced by Venice and Santa Monica. *Also Gardena*

Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much a part of our Southbay community, were as Venice and Santa Monica are not. In fact, the city of Lawndale posts on their website that they are "The Heart of the Southbay." Except for the fact that Venice and Santa Monica are on the Pacific coastline, they have little else in common with the Southbay in my opinion. For instance, most of us seldom visit the cities of Venice and Santa Monica nor do we work or recreate in these cities.

On the other hand, many of those who reside in the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne work in Southbay businesses. Further, many of us have friends and relatives residing in these cities, not to mention businesses. In my wife's and my case, we have rental properties in the city of

Lawndale and have enjoyed serving residents of Lawndale for the past thirty-three years. We have continuously upgraded our properties and have tenants who have been with us for as long as ten or more years. We also have friends residing in Hawthorne and I often shop at the Hawthorne Hardware store. These cities are very much part of our community where as Venice and Santa Monica definitely are not.

I respectfully request that the Commission include Lawndale and Hawthorne in all three proposed districts and eliminate Venice and Santa Monica. From the viewpoint of population, it is almost a one for one swap; Venice and Santa Monica have a combined population of approximately 129,000 and Hawthorne and Lawndale have a combined population of approximately 118,000. To accommodate the difference, I suggest the Commission consider adding the section of Harbor Gateway south of the 405 Freeway. I approximate 12,000 people reside in this area, thus making up the difference.

I recognize each congressional district must have a population of on the order of 715,000 people based upon 2010 census numbers. It is very much a numbers game. Accordingly, for your reference, **I include a work sheet with estimates of total populations for the congressional district** we originally proposed and the current one modified as discussed. I use 2010 census data for each city as available or data listed at the websites of communities where 2010 census data is not specifically available.

I also attach a copy of the input I posted on the Commissions website defining the boundaries of the congressional district we initially proposed. These boundaries, for the most part, apply to the congressional district proposed by the Commission except for the elimination of Wilmington and now Venice and Santa Monica, if you accept my request.

I again thank the Commission for your interest in our community and your conscientious work in our behalf.

Eugene L. Starr

INPUT TO THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
Placed on Website 05-23-11

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.

Perhaps the most important bond is the fact that 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 wherein 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 and West Carson 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. 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.

In summary, the congressional district I propose for 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.

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 implement the congressional district I recommend. It is the only appropriate placement for the peninsula cities.

Respectfully,

Eugene L. Starr

Worksheet for Proposed 36th Congressional District that Includes Palos Verdes Peninsula

Initial Proposal: 05/22/2011, Commission's Preliminary Plan Modified: 06/16/2011

Current 36th Congressional District	Population	Initially Proposed Congressional District for PVP 04/27/2011 Placed on Website 05/22/2011	Attempt at Construction of Commission June 10, 2011 Preliminary Plan	Substitute Hawthorne, Lawndale for Venice, Santa Monica. Add Harbor Gateway South of 405 Not Now Included & 40% Gardena, if Necessary	Notes
El Segundo	16,182	16,182	16,182	16,182	
Hermosa Beach	18,566	18,566	18,566	18,566	
Lomita	20,118	20,118	20,118	20,118	
LA (Playa Del Rey)	9,755	9,755	9,755	9,755	
Part of San Pedro (.4?)	23,465				
Venice	40,885		40,885		
Westchester	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	
Wilmington	53,308	53,308			
Manhattan Beach	36,665	36,665	36,665	36,665	
Redondo Beach	67,346	67,346	67,346	67,346	
Torrance	142,350	142,350	142,350	142,350	
Del Aire (0.3 %)	2758	9,193	9,193	9,193	
Lennox	23,412	23,412	0	0	
Marina Del Rey	8,340	8,340	8,340	8,340	
West Carson (95.1%)	93,850	0	0	0	
Total	598,500				
Published Total	639,087				
Not Accounted For?	40,587				
35th Congressional District					
Hawthorne	85,438	85,438	0	85,438	
Lawndale	32,016	32,016	0	32,016	
Gardena	59,733	23,893	0	23,893	West Gardena: Estimate 40% 70
Total	177,187				59,733
Harbor Gateway					
Harbor Gateway	61,048	0	6,105	12,210	Harbor Gateway: Estimate 10% for June 10 Plan. Estimate 20% My Current Proposal
Harbor City	24,640	0	24,640	24,640	
Santa Monica	88,050	0	88,050	0	
46th Congressional District					
Rolling Hills Estates	8,067	8,067	8,067	8,067	
Rolling Hills	1,903	1,903	1,903	1,903	
Palos Verdes Estates	13,546	13,546	13,546	13,546	
Rancho Palos Verdes	41,754	41,754	41,754	41,754	
Catalina	3,696	3,696	3,696	3,696	
San Pedro	58,662	58,662	58,662	58,662	
Total	127,628	715,710	657,323	675,840	699,233
Required Population		715,000	715,000	715,000	
Net Discrepancy		710	-57,677	-39,160	Unable to Reconcile Differences

* To achieve numbers, recommend all of Gardena be included in our Congressional District for reasons stated here in. 36th

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My name is Lou La Monte; I am a Malibu City Councilmember. I have written to you before as a member of the PCH Taskforce. I have reviewed the first draft maps and I am confused. The crafters of the map of our Assembly District think we should remain with our Santa Monica neighbors with whom we share a School District as well as many Coastal and Environmental issues, but not with our traditional neighbors in the Santa Monica Mountains and valley communities, with whom we share many Watershed and Traffic Corridor issues. The Senate map thinks we do need to be with some of our watershed neighbors and seeks to extend the district all the way to the Kern County line, but not with Santa Monica with whom we share our School District and many other issues. Our Congressional district map thinks we need to part of Ventura County and away from all our traditional Westside neighbors. I have been here over 20 years and I have seen 2 other redistrictings and the results. It seems to me that the present existing district lines have finally achieved the Communities of Interest criteria in so many ways, including the Malibu Watershed, the PCH Traffic Corridor, the combined School District, our combined Environmental efforts as well as basic Public Safety issues like fire protection and police. These new proposed district lines do not achieve these same results.

I thought that the primary reason for your existence as a Commission in the first place, was to better serve the citizens as directed by the people. To take the redistricting power out of the hands of entrenched political forces and return it to the people, to give Californians the right to choose the representatives that would be best able to serve all our interests. This is a very difficult task; one way to make it a little easier would be to recognize what already works well. Our present Districts work very well the way they are right now. To paraphrase an old cliché, We ain't broke, Please don't fix us.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Agoura Hills, California 91301



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Thursday, June 16, 2011

Honorable Commissioners:

The Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation is comprised of more than 25 homeowner associations and more than 6,000 homeowners within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). The Federation is the largest, non-partisan and oldest (established in 1968) homeowner coalition in the SMMNRA. The Federation has a strong and successful 44-year track record of bringing residents, government agencies and stakeholders together to improve the quality of life in the Santa Monica Mountains.

We commend your efforts on the boundaries of the two assembly districts denoted as "West Side- Santa Monica" and "Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains". These two districts together encompass historical communities of interest, and meet the criteria set forth by the Commission. They are contiguous and represent the greater Santa Monica Mountains/Bay and the natural communities embedded within, from the West Side Cities COG to the Las Virgenes/Malibu COG of the Santa Monica Mountains.

These boundaries respect municipal lines and Los Angeles County unincorporated areas that have mutual and interconnected relations in socio-economic, environmental, transportation infrastructure, cultural and educational interests. They are also geographically succinct and together have a compact shape well defined by the Santa Monica Mountains, the Santa Monica Bay and major transportation corridors.

Unfortunately, while these two assembly districts represent excellent practicable boundaries for a Senate district and fit the bill perfectly for nesting two assembly

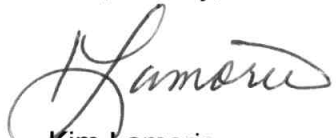
districts within one Senate District, the commission has not done so. Instead, the Senate District denoted as California State Senate – "LASCV", as drawn, ignores some 70% of the contiguous "West Side – Santa Monica" district and is capped far to the north by the Assembly district denoted as "Santa Clarita. "

This northern assembly district is linked to the "Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains" Assembly district by a narrow LA City corridor and has virtually no common relationship with the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains/Bay and the West Side. The City of Santa Clarita and communities of the two Santa Monica Mountains/Bay Assembly districts both consider this is an awkward and unmanageable Senate District configuration.

It makes far more sense, in keeping with the Commission's guidelines, to use the new Assembly boundaries encompassing the "West Side – Santa Monica" and the "Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains" Districts as a compact, geographically contiguous Senate District to sustain the needs of the interconnected communities encompassed therein.

We request, with all due respect, that the Commission revisit Senate District "LASCV" and separate the northern and southern assembly districts that currently comprise this proposed Senate district. Instead, the two " Santa Monica" assembly districts, as discussed, should nest within and denote the boundaries for a "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay – West Side" Senate District.

Respectfully,



Kim Lamorie
President
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COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

Thousand Oaks/Santa Monica Mountains Assembly District

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Westside/Santa Monica Assembly District

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"Santa Monica Mountains/Bay – Westside" Senate District

• **GEOGRAPHICAL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST:**

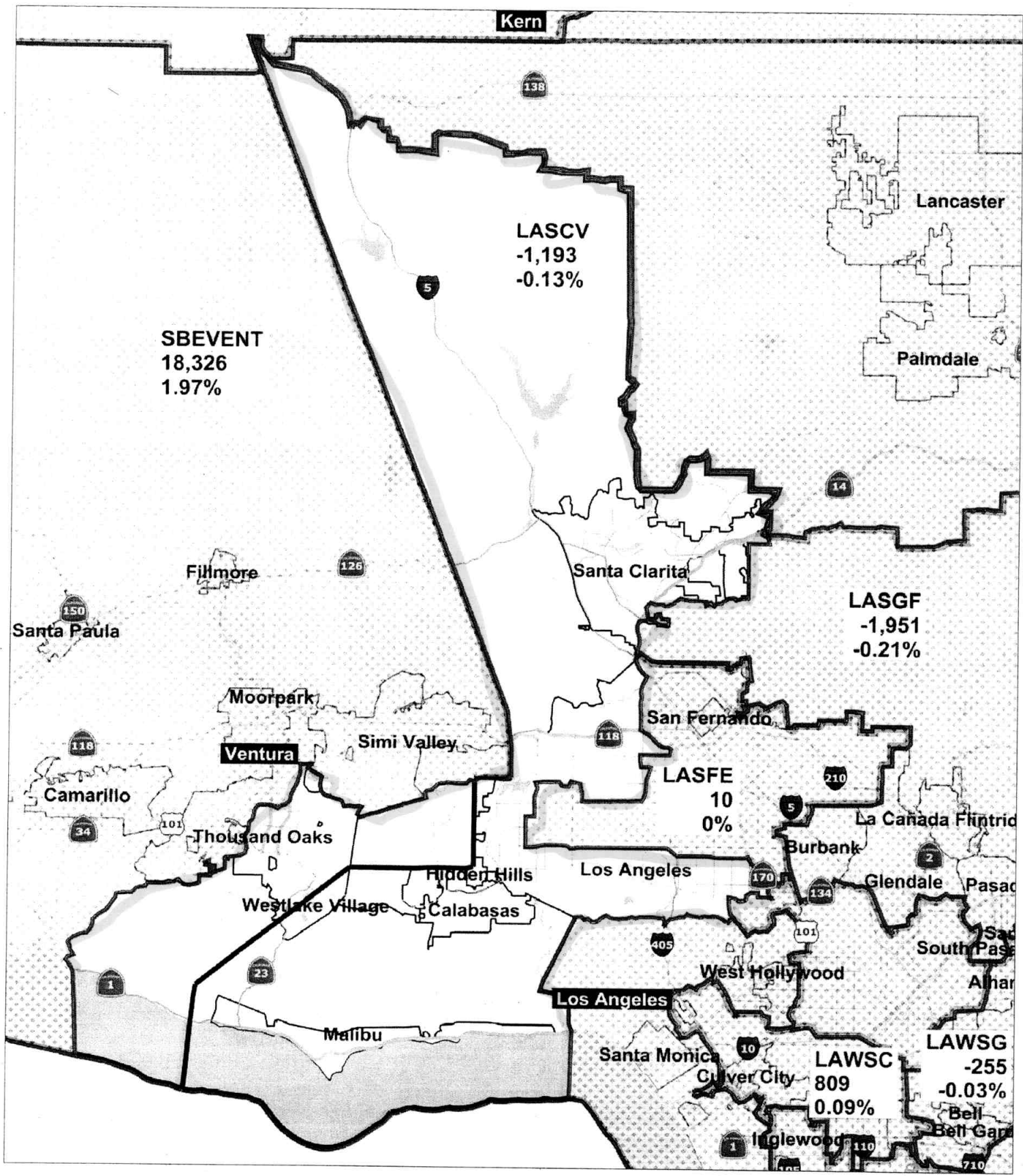
The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) encompasses the three major coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay:

1. Malibu Creek Watershed, the largest of the three, has its origins in southern Ventura County in Thousand Oaks and the upper Las Virgenes Valley region above the Los Angeles County line, draining into Santa Monica Bay (SMB) in Malibu at Surfrider Beach;
2. Topanga Creek Watershed, which, as the third largest SMB Watershed, begins at the summit above Woodland Hills, and travels 9.5 miles south to lower Topanga State Park, draining into SMB at Topanga State Beach in the unincorporated area of Topanga.
3. Ballona Creek Watershed, which collects drainage from the south slopes of the Santa Monica Mountain sub- watersheds above the Westside cities and neighborhoods of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Brentwood, etc.
4. Adjacent mountain/coastal sub-watersheds from the Ventura County line through the City of Santa Monica, combine with these three major

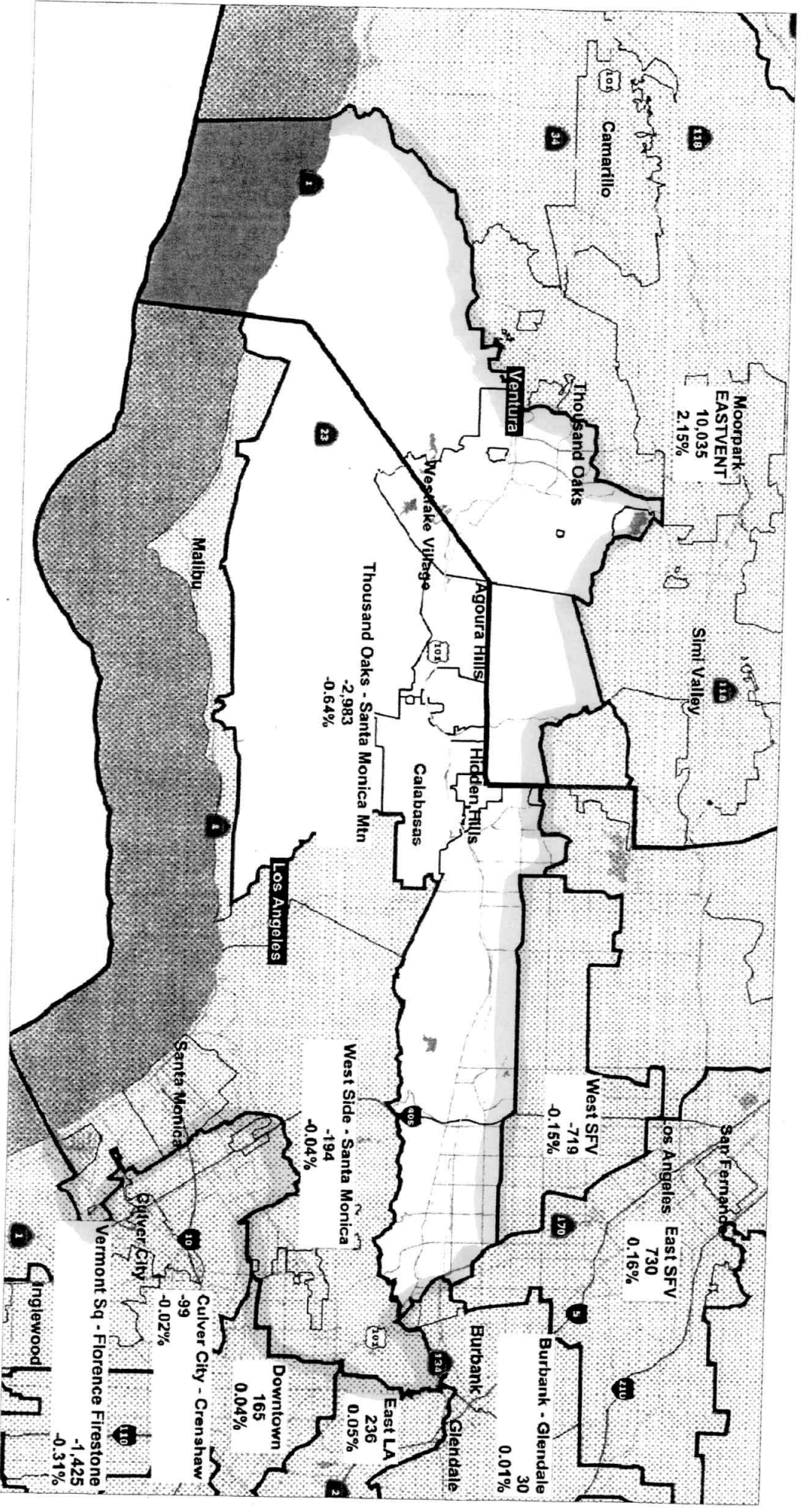
watersheds to form a continuous environmental community of interest effecting water quality, recreation, tourism, and quality of life for these 2 adjacent assembly districts. Each of these distinct areas are represented on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, a State Water Resources Commission created over a decade ago to integrate best management practices for the improvement of the entire Santa Monica Bay.

- **TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS AND LINKS:** Over 500,000 vehicles a day cross over the SMMs from eastern Ventura County, and the western San Fernando Valley, shooting off US 101 at Kanan, Malibu Canyon Road, Topanga Canyon Blvd, the US 405, Sepulveda Pass, Beverly Glen, Coldwater, and Laurel Canyon Blvd to reach jobs, schools and appointments in Santa Monica and the Westside. These communities of interest are linked to each other by the US 101 Freeway, established cross mountain roads, PCH, and the US 405 Freeway.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST:** These two assembly districts comprise cohesive communities of interest that are bound together by the Santa Monica Mountains, and whose residents confront many of the same issues whether they live near Franklin Canyon, Rustic Canyon, or Surfrider Beach: emergency preparedness and response within the designated High Fire Hazard Zones of the Santa Monica Mountains; hillside planning and development; stormwater runoff and integrated resource management of open spaces, native habitats, trails, and the ocean. This historical focus on environmental issues is a given in that this area is adjacent to two of California's most precious resources: its mountains and the Pacific Ocean.
- **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:** These communities are united by their interrelated public educational institutions. Santa Monica-Malibu, Las Virgenes, Beverly Hills School Districts, as well as Palisades Charter High School, Canyon Charter Elementary, and Topanga Elementary Charter School, and LAUSD schools on the Westside, offer high-quality schools for their families and students. The combined school districts also unite what is perhaps one of the most important educational continuums in the region: the connection between Santa Monica College and UCLA, as well as Pierce College and UCLA. The numerous transfers between the two community colleges and UCLA attest to the educational priorities of the K-12 schools in the area.

California State Senate - LASCV



California State Assembly - Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mtn



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Hello, my name is Laura Rosenthal and I am Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Malibu. I have been active in the City for many years. During that time, I have consulted and worked with our state assembly members and our state senators many times. Since their districts overlapped so much, they were both very cognizant of and expert in the myriad of complex issues that faced our city.

They often consulted with each other in regards to Malibu's issues because so much of the rest of their districts were dealing with similar issues. In particular, the current assembly and senate districts are part of a "community of interest" in that we are all in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and a part of the watershed of the Santa Monica Bay. We share concerns and work together for water quality, environmental restoration and enhancement, storm water runoff, native habitat restoration and high fire hazard zone planning. In addition, our current districts share transportation corridors and links. We are all part of the 101 freeway and PCH corridor and we work together to find solutions (like the PCH Task Force started by our mutual districts). The point is that the current districts boundaries are WORKING – we share concerns and issues, our elected officials understand them, coordinate with each other and help our cities. I was just at the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission meeting this morning, full of agencies and cities of Santa Monica Bay. Santa Clarita wasn't there. But Santa Monica was. No one from the Kern County area was there. Nor should they be, because this is a very local issue. But everyone who lives besides the Bay was there to work together. Isn't that the purpose of redistricting, to put together a group of people with common local interests? Well we already have that and we would like to keep it that way. Thank you for your time.

Laura Rosenthal
Malibu Mayor pro-tem

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Good afternoon Mr. Brown, and thank you very much for agreeing to speak at tonight's CA Redistricting Commission Hearing on behalf of yourself and our fellow area residents. Attached and below are the suggested talking points for you to present as testimony to the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission.

As you may know, today is the first day for citizens to respond to the first round of maps, and we need your input. Please take the attached letter (below), insert your own name, address, etc., and read it to the Commission at the Culver City Hall building tonight. Thank you again for your support.

Laura

~ Congresswoman Laura Richardson

Communities of Interest-Education * Talk Points - #5

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission Hearing

June 16, 2011

Good evening Commissioners.
I am very concerned about the disolution of some school districts and elected representative partnerships that appears to be happening with the first set of new maps. I am most concerned about this problem at the federal, that is the Congressional level, related to the cities of Carson, Compton, and Long Beach and their respective schools. 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 Long Beach's residents. 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 on April 27 in Long Beach that those partnerships already exist, and are very strong.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO spoke at the Santa Rosa Hearing last month, and addressed the importance of input from local experts like Mr. Williams. She said : "I've had a little bit of concern about what we're going to do in the next round of hearings after the release of the first maps, . . . And so I would like us to think about how in that second round, when people react to the maps, we reach out to folks that have facts about particular regions or cities like regional planning agencies or water districts, people that have a sense of what are the economic and social characteristics of a particular city or county or geographic region."

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the second round, and we are reaching out to YOU, asking that you consider these points, and draw district lines that keep the Carson, Compton, and Long Beach educational/schools community of interest together. Thank you.

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