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CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

June 16, 2011

Citizen Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: Whittier, June 17, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

The City of South Pasadena City Council has reviewed the recently released redistricting maps, discussed the proposed redrawn jurisdictions at the City Council meeting of June 15, 2011, and has taken public comment on the proposed districts. In addition, I attended the first Redistricting Hearing in San Gabriel and provided public input.

Based on our discussions and community input, the City is requesting that the Commission reconsider the proposed alignments for Congressional District and Assembly District.

In regard to the proposed Congressional District for the City of South Pasadena, the City is asking to be moved eastward from the East LA-Boyle Heights District. The City identifies with other cities in the San Gabriel Valley, and it requests that the entire City be relocated to the E. San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar District.

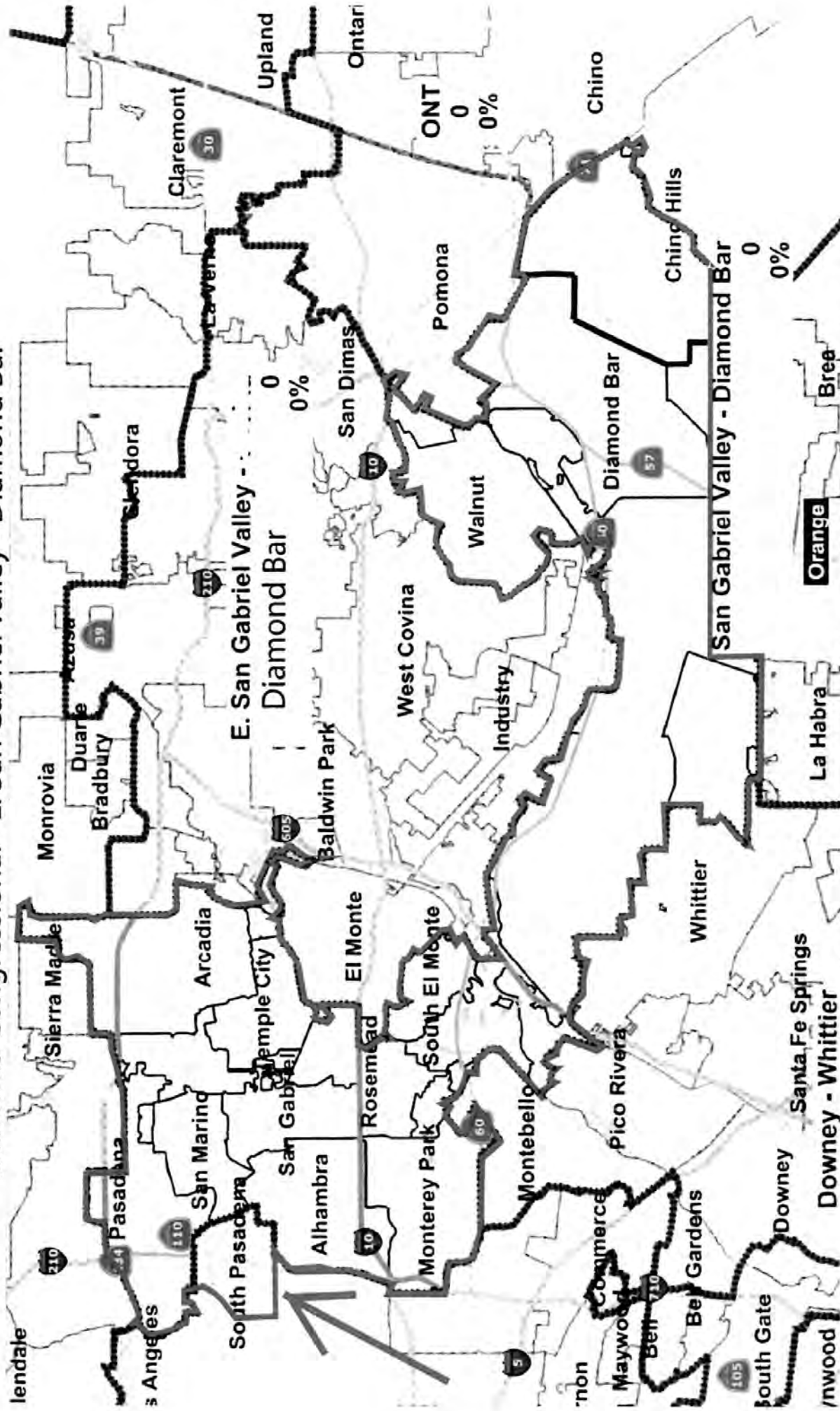
In addition, the City opposes its assignment to two different Assembly Districts, one aligned with a northernmost District and one aligned with a southernmost District. The City believes that its interests would be better served by alignment with one District, and if given the opportunity to choose, believes that its most clearcut community of interest is located in the Burbank-Glendale District.

I certainly hope that the wishes of the residents of the City of South Pasadena can be taken into consideration as you contemplate changes that need to be made prior to finalizing the Districts.

Sincerely,

Mike Ten
Mayor

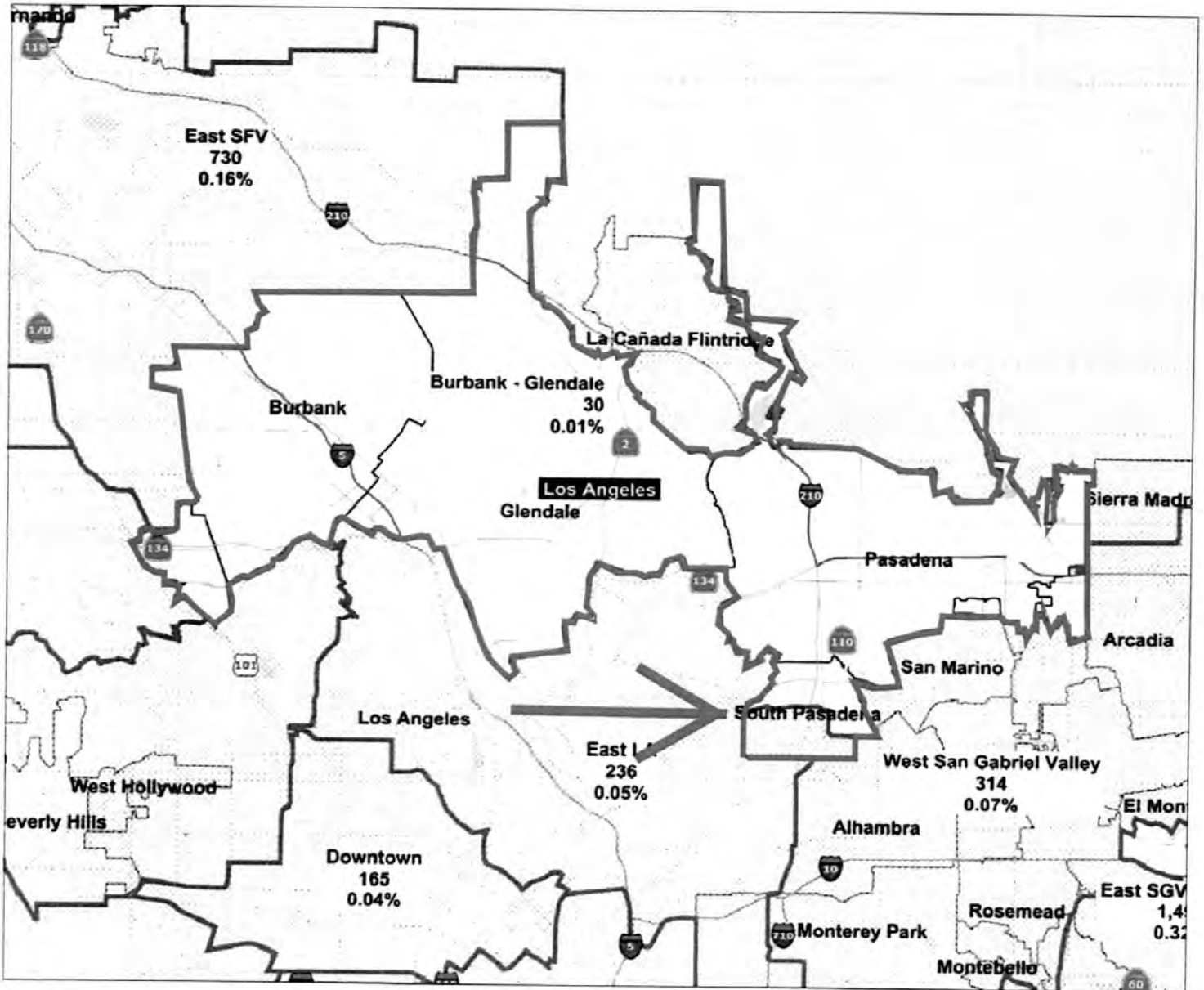
California Congressional - E. San Gabriel Valley - Diamond Bar



Proposed by the City of South Pasadena

California State Assembly - Burbank - Glendale

Proposed by the City of South Pasadena



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Commissioners:

Good evening. My name is Jan Baird. I have been a resident of South Whittier for nearly 24 years. I was born in Los Angeles County, moved to Orange County in my teens and returned to LA County as a young adult with my husband and raised our sons here. I have spent most of my life in Los Angeles County. I am currently a School Board Member on the South Whittier School Board and am fairly well acquainted with my particular area.

I wanted to share my misgivings on including areas of Los Angeles County with a large portion of Orange County areas. With two different counties, you have two different sets of rules of government. The legislator representing this area will focus on the bigger area if the needs and wants conflict.

Reviewing the web site on the Redistricting Commission I noted the clip of the 14 members making statements regarding how elected officials make decisions concerning what kind of air I breathe, the water I drink, the quality of my child's school and how much I pay in taxes; all of which vary from county to county.

If you truly want to give more accountability to voters and if you want to make every vote count for the legislators, please put the cities in the County of Los Angeles together. Thank you.

Janet Baird

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Whittier, CA 90605

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CRC June 17, 2011 Testimony at Rio Hondo College

Good evening Commissioners. My name is Winston Wu, representing the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Los Angeles Lodge in the Coalition of API Americans for Fair Redistricting, San Gabriel Valley. I am a resident of Monterey Park.

On the commission's map, for West San Gabriel Valley, the Coalition supports what the commission did in keeping the cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Arcadia, San Marino, Temple City together in the assembly and senate districts.

That district is potentially required by Section 2 of Voting Rights Act. The CAPAFR map has the Asian American citizen voting-age population (CVAP) to be above 50%. Since the commission's map has Asian American CVAP at 49.95%, a slight adjustment can make that happen. We ask the Commission to consider prioritizing the Voting Rights Act.

On East San Gabriel Valley on the commission's assembly map, please note that Hacienda Heights is split from Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar in both assembly and senate districts. It is our position that the Commission should add Hacienda Heights to join with Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar. It is good that Chino Hills is with Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar.

For the senate district, it is my position that the commission should connect West and East San Gabriel Valley areas because of common communities of interest factors like education interests, language needs and percent foreign-born, but do so without disrupting Latino interests in Section 2 Voting Rights Act districts.

For San Gabriel Valley Congressional district. The Coalition thanks the commission for drawing Congressional district that keeps West San Gabriel Valley cities with East San Gabriel Valley cities (SGVDB), linking Monterey Park, Alhambra and other west valley cities with Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut. The population in the west and east valleys have strong communities of interest similarities, including similar educational interests arising because of many independent school districts and similar academic performance index scores, percent foreign-born, language barriers and need for language access, and economic corridor along 60 highway.

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TO: CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
FROM: ERIK YESAYAN
[REDACTED]
DATE: June 16, 2011
RE: REUNITE PASADENA AND ALTADENA IN THE ASSEMBLY PLAN

Based on my experience as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Glendale and having lived in the areas around San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys all my life, I believe I am well suited to comment on the configuration of districts in these areas. In particular I believe the Commission has made a mistake by separating Pasadena from Altadena and its neighbors to the east in the Assembly plan. These ties are much stronger than those with Glendale, which is much more closely tied to Burbank. I hope the Commission will consider my input for why this change should be and how it can be completed without doing harm to other communities of interest.

Why it Matters

Pasadena and Altadena form one of the closest local communities of interest in California. Indeed, Altadena is surrounded by Pasadena on three sides. Every road from Altadena into Los Angeles goes through Pasadena. The children in Altadena are part of the Pasadena Unified School District. The Pasadena Star-News is the paper of record for both Altadena and Pasadena. It is wholly unacceptable that these communities not be united.

I recognize that the Commission faces difficult decisions and tradeoffs. The current LASGF district was created to keep communities bordering the Angeles National Forest united. The current LAGBP district was created to keep the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena together. These are both laudable goals. But they should not come at the expense of splitting a clear, local community of interest.

This is particularly true because the testimony for both competing goals focused entirely on Congress. This was because the justification for both districts focused on federal issues. Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena focused on the airport, which is regulated by Congress not the state legislature. Similarly the Angeles National Forest is regulated federally. Thus, these competing goals should not trump other local communities in the state Assembly plan.

Further, these competing goals can be better achieved in the Senate and Congressional plans with their larger districts. For example, in the Senate plan it is possible to keep Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena together along with other communities bordering the Angeles National Forest like La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta Montrose and Altadena. For the Assembly plan however it is more important to make sure smaller communities like Altadena are not geographically isolated from their neighbors and disenfranchised in the process.

Fixing the Problem

There are many ways to reunite Pasadena and Altadena. I focused on options that minimized changes to other districts and maximized benefits to other surrounding communities. This resulted in a proposed district that did not achieve all of my goals. For example, ideally La Canada would also be with Pasadena in the same district. However, this would potentially require radical changes to the existing plan and likely split other far-away legitimate communities like southern Orange County or the Antelope Valley.

Therefore I followed the Commission's mantra to, "spread the pain." I just ask that you make our pain a little bit less.

How to Do It

1. Fix the Rancho Cucamonga city split- Rancho Cucamonga is currently split for 30,890 people. However, most of this split is unnecessary. The Assembly Districts that make up Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties currently are 22,570 people over populated. By better balancing the population. Most of the split can be eliminated.

Further, LASVC (Santa Clarita) could move 12,000 people into the MISBK (Victor Valley) by adding the community of Agua Dulce and Acton. The Victor Valley district could then move into SBCUC (Rancho Cucamonga) for the same amount. Finally the Rancho Cucamonga district could take the rest of Rancho Cucamonga and San Antonio Heights, balancing the districts and eliminating the split. This rotation would allow for the districts in the five counties to be balanced within one person.

2. Better Reflect the Priorities of those Proposing an Angeles Forest District- In their letters advocating for districts that would better represent the Angeles National Forest, proponents specifically said that the city of Azusa should be with cities to the south like Irwindale and El Monte as the former is the gateway to the forest for the later (http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/public-comments-201105/public_comment_41a_20110506_Monsen.pdf). Therefore I urge the Commission to put Azusa in LACVN.

My plan also adds the city of Duarte (except for a zero population) to that district to better balance the population. This will not interfere with the ability to draw a 50% Latino citizen voting age population district as both cities have substantial Latino populations.

3. Add Pasadena to the Angeles Forest District- As noted before, Pasadena and Altadena could alternatively have been in the same district with Glendale. However, this configuration caused more problems for other communities and therefore I followed the Commission's guidance to spread the pain.

This configuration does allow Pasadena to be in the same district with other communities it does share strong ties to such as Monrovia.

This configuration is very similar to that in your June 2nd visualizations for Los Angeles County except it eliminates all city splits. I believe this is a preferable configuration and that your prior direction to unite Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank into a single district in the Assembly plan had unintended consequences and should be reversed.

4. Put La Canada and La Crescenta into the Burbank/Glendale District- Again, ideally this would not be necessary. However it is a good second choice that makes sure these communities have local representation. It better reflects the priorities of those who advocated for the Angeles Forest District as Highway 2 goes through La Canada and is the primary route for residents of Glendale and Burbank to enter the forest.

LAGBP would then add population in either the San Fernando Valley or the Griffith Park area. There is community of interest testimony to support both options and I take no position on what the commission should do.

Added Benefits

My primary goal was reuniting Pasadena, Altadena and cities to the east. However I did so in a manner that tried to provide benefits to other communities as well, specifically:

- **Rancho Cucamonga-** Eliminates the city split of Rancho Cucamonga. Ideally I would have also been able to put Upland into a San Bernardino district as well. However, this would have required splitting other far-away legitimate communities like southern Orange County or the Antelope Valley.
- **Santa Clarita Valley-** Better maintains the Santa Clarita Valley by adding Acton.
- **Voting Rights Act-** I verified that our changes would not prevent drawing any of the majority-minority Latino or Asian districts in Los Angeles County. In fact, I found that by adding Azusa and Duarte to the Covina district, it made it easier to unpack the eastern Los Angeles districts and to potentially turn LADNT into a majority-minority district as it was in some of your earlier visualizations.

I hope you will strongly consider the recommendations I have made in my memo and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

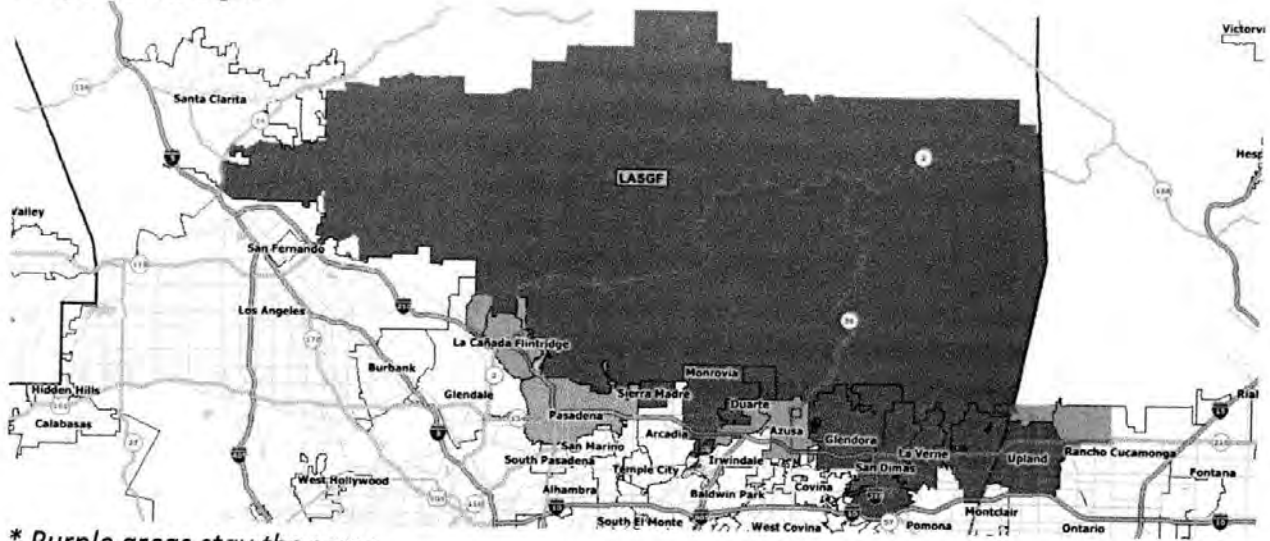
Sincerely,

Erik Yesayan

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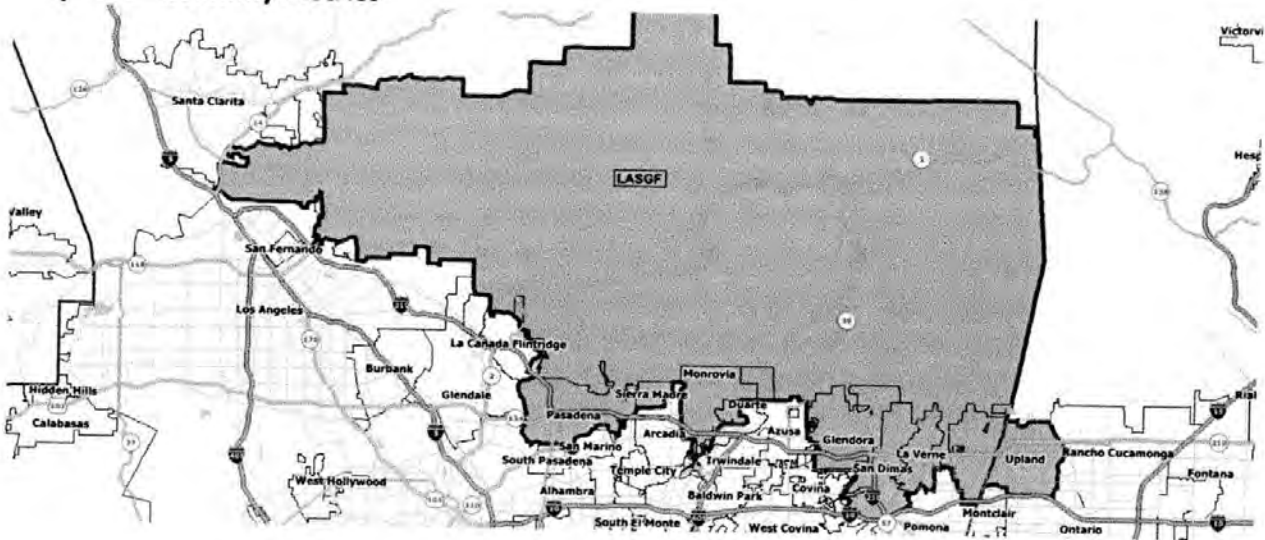
Maps and Stats

Proposed Changes



- * Purple areas stay the same.
- * Blue areas added.
- * Red areas removed.

Proposed Assembly District



CVAP	Before	After
Latino	25.3%	24.1%
Black	7.0%	9.5%
Asian	8.7%	9.0%

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STEVEN LY

MAYOR PRO TEM:
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COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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City of Rosemead

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May 10, 2011

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To Whom it May Concern,

As the Mayor of Rosemead, I would like to advocate for the correct districts where the City of Rosemead properly belong. My city is diverse – diverse in culture, age, income and in education. As I noted at your public hearing on April 29, 2011, Rosemead must be in districts where my residents’ voices are best heard.

The City of Rosemead when grouped with other cities in our region, the San Gabriel Valley, creates certain clusters make sense. I fully support proposed maps that place Rosemead with the cities of Arcadia, Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, and, Temple City in the State Assembly, State Senate and US Congressional maps.

Such proposed maps, as seen in the Chinese-American Citizen’s Alliance (CACA) San Gabriel Valley, would help our representatives focus and narrow their advocacies over a set of communities that have similar interests and thus help optimize the voice of my city.

Regionally, I would also support plans that bring together similar communities such as the areas of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar as one cluster. It would also behoove the Commission to keep together the Foothill cities region as well.

Sincerely,

Steven Ly
Mayor

- CC:
- The City of Alhambra
 - The City of Arcadia
 - The City of Monterey Park
 - The City of San Gabriel
 - The City of San Marino
 - The City of South Pasadena
 - The City of Temple City

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June 17, 2011

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners

Subject: Support the 29th Senatorial District Proposed by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge (C.A.C.A.-GSGV) and Objection to the Commission's Senatorial District LAWSG

I have reviewed the Commission's first draft redistricting maps in general and the State Senate LAWSG in particular. I have an allergic reaction to the Commission's LAWSG. Here are the major objections:

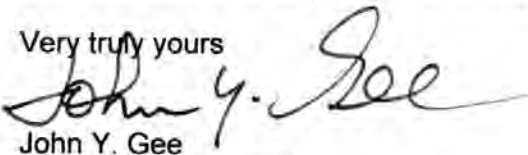
The Commission's proposal mates the 49th Assembly District with an incompatible AD district to form the State Senate District LAWSG. The 49th AD is near or above the State's Median Income while the other AD is substantially below it. Commission's LAWSG mates low income population with middle and upper middle income. The estimated median age range for the 49th AD is 30 to 42.7 years while the median age for the LAWSG's AD is 27 to 31 years. (See Attached Spread Sheet; source is City-Data.com)

The C.A.C.A.-GSGV proposed 29th SD joins together compatible economic community of interest, minimizes the split of cities and geographic regions, and maintains a similar range median age. The Commission's proposal splits the 60th AD's economic compatible cities and communities as indicated by estimated per capita income range of \$23,992 to \$34,285, estimated median age range of 32.3 to 37.2 years, and by estimated median housing value range of \$443,514 to \$548,388. The Commission's LAWSG AD incompatible candidate has estimated per capita income range is \$11,308 to \$15,773 excluding the anomaly of Vernon estimated median age range of 23.8 to 28.8 years, and estimated median housing value \$299,736 to \$350,820. Clearly, there are potential legal challenges to LAWSG SD. The 49th AD and 60th AD have compatible socio-economic community of interests.

The C.A.C.A.-GSGV's proposed 29th SD has a 43.81% Asian American plurality which is ignored by the Commission's first draft of maps. This is galling as the proposed Commission LAWBC and LAWSC are African American crossover SD's with African American incumbents Wright and Price. This is disparate treatment of Asian Americans that is capricious at best, or consideration of incumbency at worst – a violation of Propositions 11 and 20 as well as the Voting Rights Act.

In short, the Commission's first draft LAWSG SD map for the San Gabriel Valley is not better than previous politically gerrymandered districts.

Very truly yours



John Y. Gee

Monterey Park, CA 91754

SOCIAL ECONOMIC DATA

SOURCE: City-Data.com

Attachment of John Gee's Letter to California Citizens Redistricting Commission

	est Median Income	est Per Capita Income	est Median Age Yrs.	est Median Home Value
California	\$ 58,931.00		33.3	384200
49th AD CACA-GSGV Preoposed				
Alhambra	\$ 52,075.00	\$ 24,235.00	35.0	\$ 478,400.00
Monterey Park	\$ 51,865.00	\$ 22,904.00	38.4	\$ 412,983.00
San Gabriel	\$ 54,962.00	\$ 23,057.00	35.6	\$ 472,693.00
San Marino	\$ 159,424.00	\$ 72,060.00	42.7	\$ 845,757.00
Monrovia	\$ 63,918.00	\$ 29,931.00	33.7	\$ 474,412.00
Bradbury	\$ 144,294.00	\$ 57,319.00	41.8	\$ 845,757.00
Arcadia	\$ 77,758.00	\$ 36,822.00	40.5	\$ 649,625.00
Rosemead	\$ 45,600.00	\$ 16,849.00	32.3	\$ 392,092.00
Sierra Madre	\$ 83,101.00	\$ 52,221.00	42.6	\$ 652,078.00
South Pasadena	\$ 79,883.00	\$ 45,922.00	37.4	\$ 682,017.00
Temple City	\$ 65,093.00	\$ 25,888.00	38.6	\$ 476,414.00
East San Gabriel	\$ 66,955.00	\$ 30,539.00	36.4	\$ 526,060.00
North El Monte	\$ 67,786.00	\$ 25,645.00	38.6	\$ 409,008.00
South San Gabriel	\$ 47,156.00	\$ 17,126.00	36.0	\$ 365,789.00
Mayflower Village	\$ 71,231.00	\$ 27,707.00	38.2	\$ 4,873,957.00

60th AD CACA-GSGV Proposed

Walnut	\$ 100,028.00	\$ 32,362.00	37.2	\$ 548,388.00
Diamond Bar	\$ 88,598.00	\$ 33,439.00	36.5	\$ 491,807.00
Brea	\$ 77,253.00	\$ 34,285.00	36.4	\$ 529,807.00
Fullerton	\$ 68,166.00	\$ 29,579.00	32.9	\$ 478,800.00
Chino Hills	\$ 99,172.00	\$ 30,954.00	32.3	\$ 491,200.00
Hacienda Heights	\$ 69,766.00	\$ 27,739.00	36.9	\$ 443,514.00
Rowland Heights	\$ 64,986.00	\$ 23,992.00	34.7	\$ 461,614.00

Split/Comparison Cities

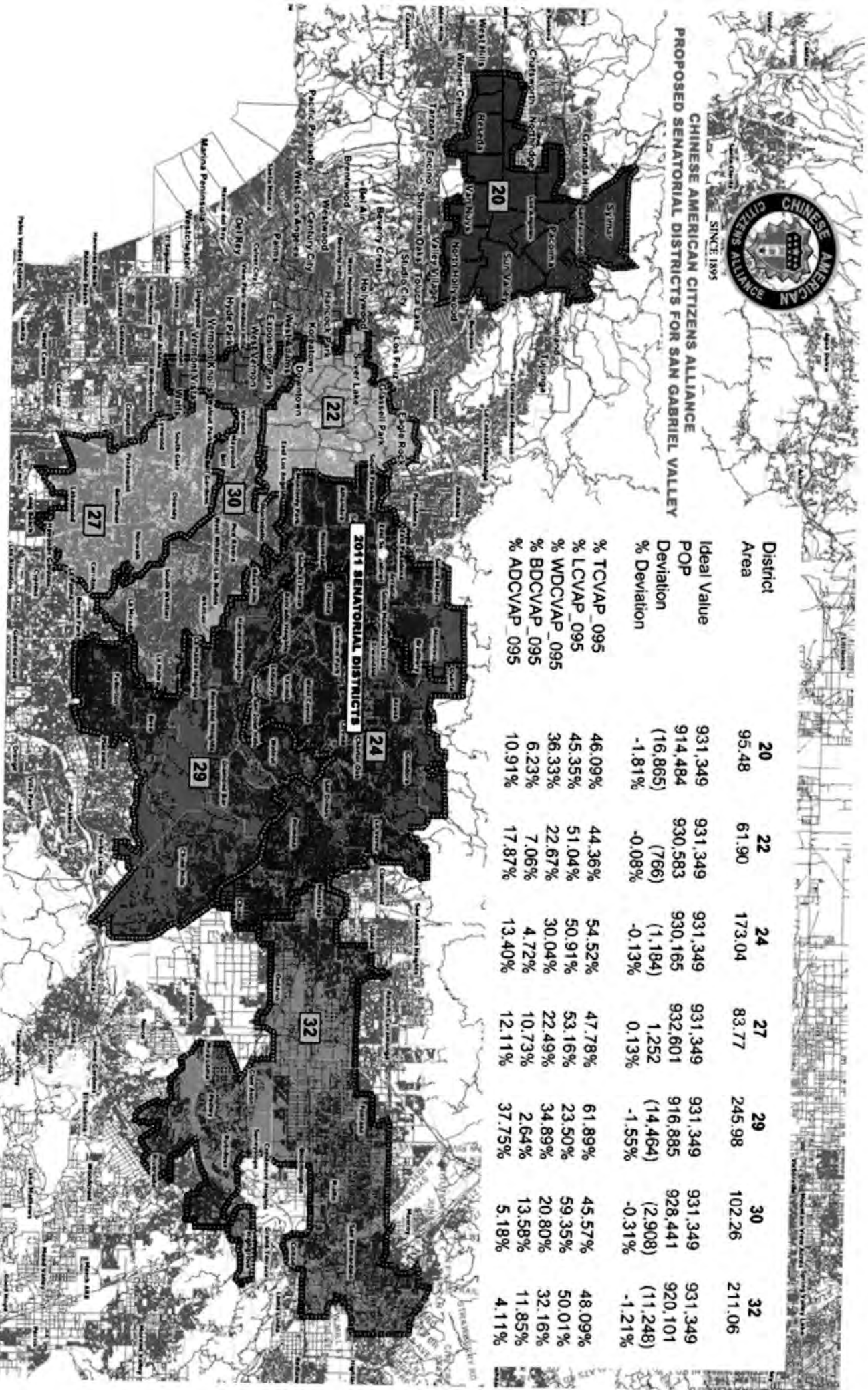
El Monte	\$ 43,212.00	\$ 12,857.00	27.1	\$ 352,700.00
South El Monte	\$ 40,190.00	\$ 12,797.00	26.9	\$ 339,740.00
La Puente	\$ 49,402.00	\$ 14,593.00	27.7	\$ 329,767.00
Baldwin Park	\$ 50,828.00	\$ 14,667.00	26.9	\$ 288,800.00

COMMISSION LAWSG AD CITIES

South Gate	\$ 42,362.00	\$ 13,808.00	26.0	\$ 314,000.00
Bell Gardens	\$ 38,337.00	\$ 11,308.00	23.8	\$ 348,282.00
Bell	\$ 37,483.00	\$ 12,544.00	25.9	\$ 299,736.00
Huntington Park	\$ 35,107.00	\$ 12,040.00	26.5	\$ 350,820.00
Maywood	\$ 37,724.00	\$ 11,660.00	24.9	\$ 314,959.00
Commerce	\$ 49,174.00	\$ 15,773.00	28.2	\$ 327,138.00
Vernon	\$ 76,059.00	\$ 25,275.00	28.8	\$ 375,658.00
East Los Angeles	\$ 33,542.00	\$ 12,148.00	26.5	\$ 311,500.00

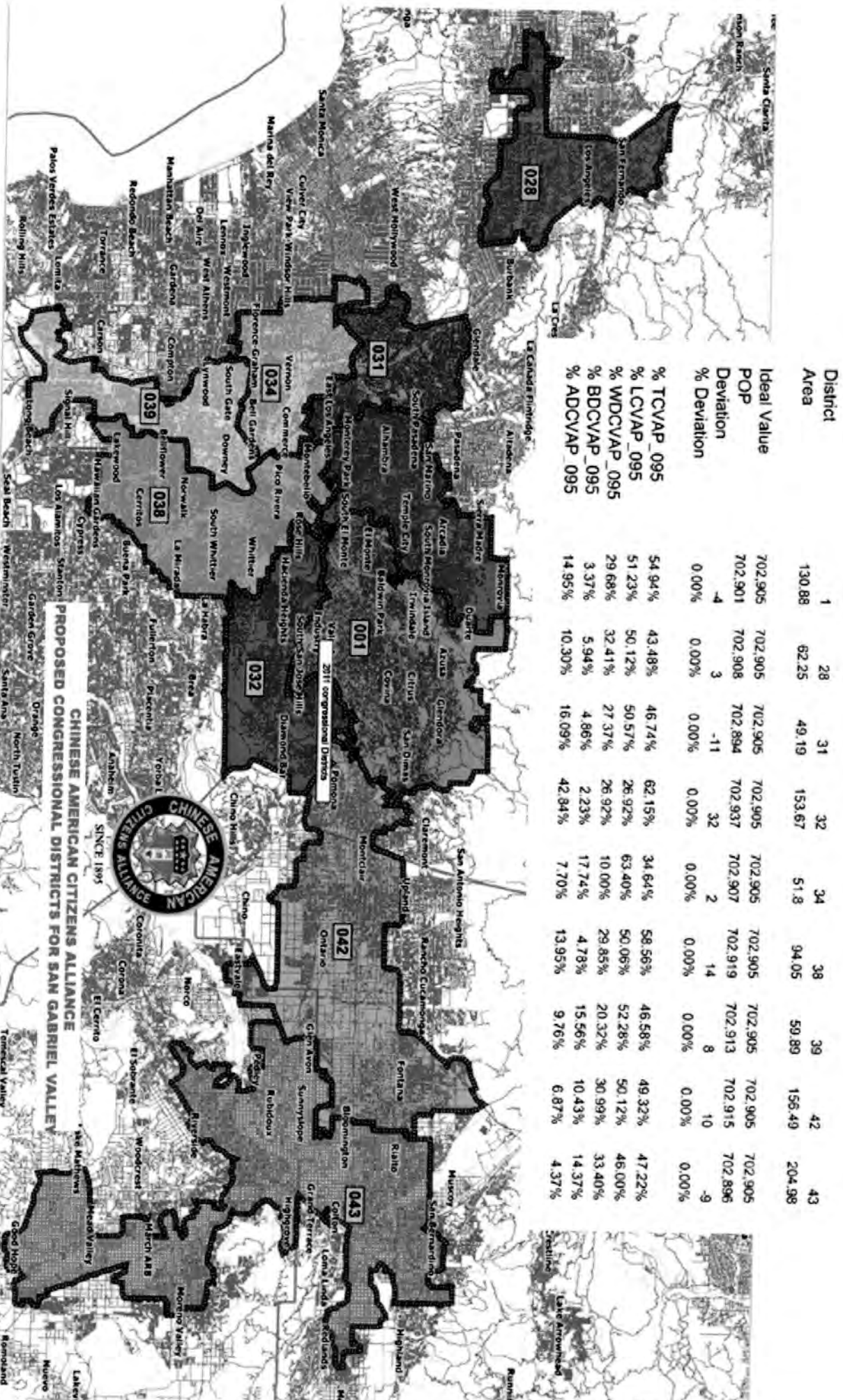


CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE
PROPOSED SENATORIAL DISTRICTS FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



District	20	22	24	27	29	30	32
Area	95.48	61.90	173.04	83.77	245.98	102.26	211.06
Ideal Value	931,349	931,349	931,349	931,349	931,349	931,349	931,349
POP	914,484	930,583	930,165	932,601	916,885	928,441	920,101
Deviation	(16,865)	(766)	(1,184)	1,252	(14,464)	(2,908)	(11,248)
% Deviation	-1.81%	-0.08%	-0.13%	0.13%	-1.55%	-0.31%	-1.21%
% TCVPAP_095	46.09%	44.36%	54.52%	47.78%	61.89%	45.57%	48.09%
% LCVAP_095	45.35%	51.04%	50.91%	53.16%	23.50%	59.35%	50.01%
% WDCVAP_095	36.33%	22.67%	30.04%	22.49%	34.89%	20.80%	32.16%
% BDCVAP_095	6.23%	7.06%	4.72%	10.73%	2.64%	13.58%	11.85%
% ADCVAP_095	10.91%	17.87%	13.40%	12.11%	37.75%	5.18%	4.11%

District	Area	Ideal Value	POP	% Deviation	% TCVP_095	% LCVAP_095	% WDCVAP_095	% BDCVAP_095	% ADCVAP_095
1	130.88	702,905	702,901	-4	54.94%	51.23%	29.68%	3.37%	14.95%
28	62.25	702,905	702,908	3	43.48%	50.12%	32.41%	5.94%	10.30%
31	49.19	702,905	702,894	-11	46.74%	50.57%	27.37%	4.86%	16.09%
32	153.67	702,905	702,937	32	62.15%	26.92%	26.92%	2.23%	42.84%
34	51.8	702,905	702,907	2	34.64%	63.40%	10.00%	17.74%	7.70%
38	94.05	702,905	702,919	14	58.56%	50.06%	29.85%	4.78%	13.95%
39	59.89	702,905	702,913	8	46.58%	52.28%	20.32%	15.56%	9.76%
42	156.49	702,905	702,915	10	49.32%	50.12%	30.99%	10.43%	6.87%
43	204.98	702,905	702,896	-9	47.22%	46.00%	33.40%	14.37%	4.37%



PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



2011 Congressional Districts

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June 17, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 "P" Street, Suite 154-A
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Re: Public Input on 1st Round of Redistricting Maps – Los Angeles Harbor Area

To whom it may concern,

First of all, thank you for separating the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex as I had recommended in my letter of May 23. It makes a world of difference in how the port communities are supported, and the port industry would have stronger representation by the good fortune of having two elected officials in each house.

I continue to have concerns, however with how the first round of maps are drawn for the South Bay. Specifically, the shredding of city of Los Angeles.

It would appear that the boundary lines have been drawn along the Harbor Freeway (I-110) and its implied extension to the ocean along Gaffey Street in San Pedro. We all know that freeways do not define communities, they divide them. By using this method the Commission has halved the representation for the City of Los Angeles in the South Bay.

The Port of Los Angeles is a main feature in this region, but the maps have it cut off from a good portion of the community it serves. Furthermore, the Los Angeles waterfront has little to do with areas to the north of Carson. I would strongly recommend broadening the district at the coastline instead to include the Los Angeles communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway in their entirety and within the same district as the Port of Los Angeles.


As these districts are now drawn they also appear to be wholly along "like communities" of income levels. In other words, a corridor of poverty is being created from Lynwood to San Pedro, while the wealth has been preserved in the Palos Verdes/Beach Cities districts.

Should a balance be needed to create a more equitable income or political party distribution then add the Palos Verdes peninsula into the mix.

This would keep Los Angeles whole, preserve the city's waterfront, and include the community with the Port that serves them.

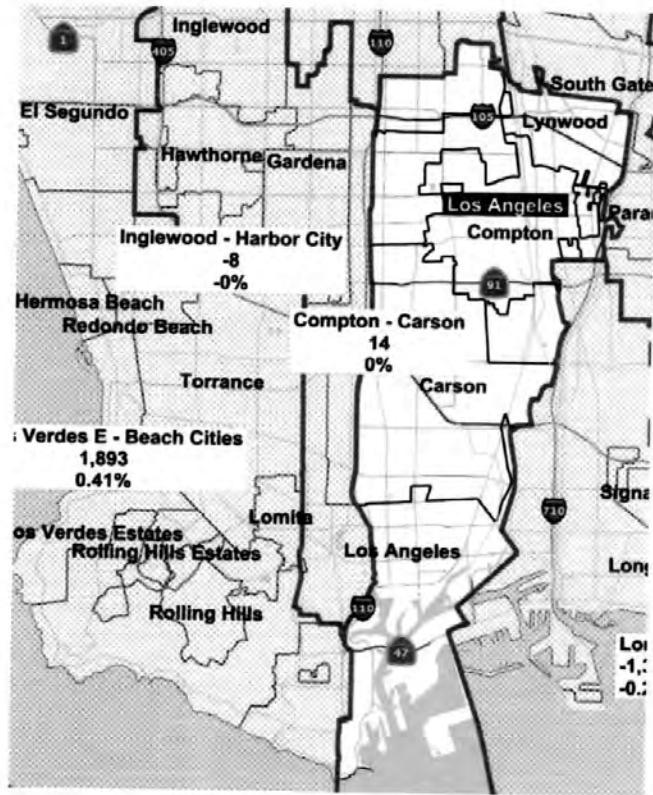
Thank you once again for this opportunity.

Regards,

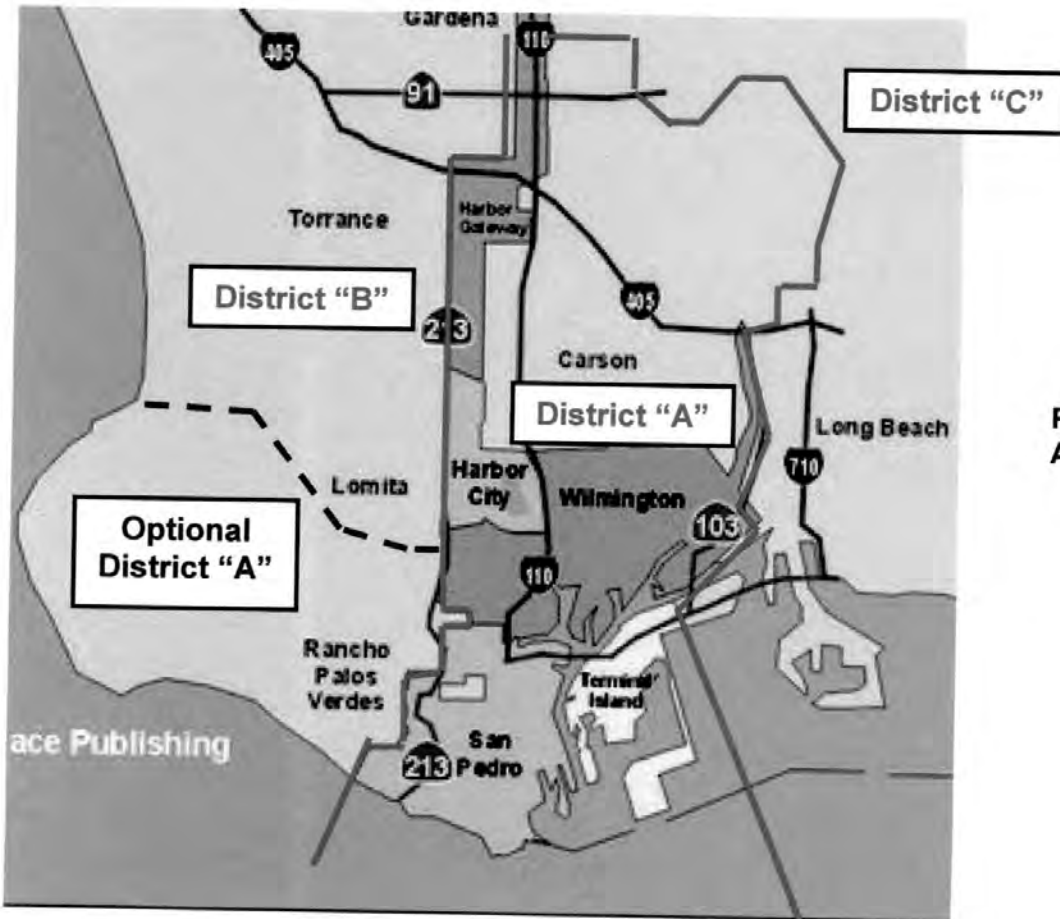


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enclosures: Maps (6)

ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

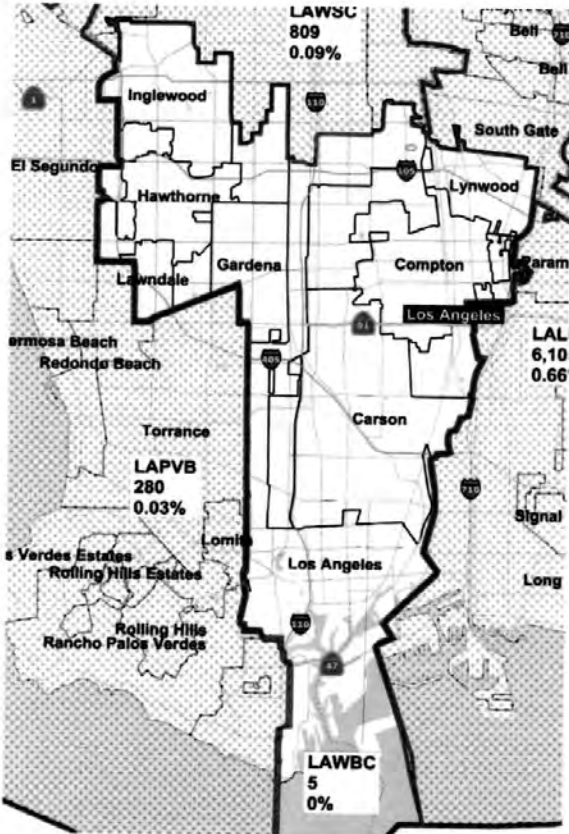


1st Round
Compton – Carson Assembly District

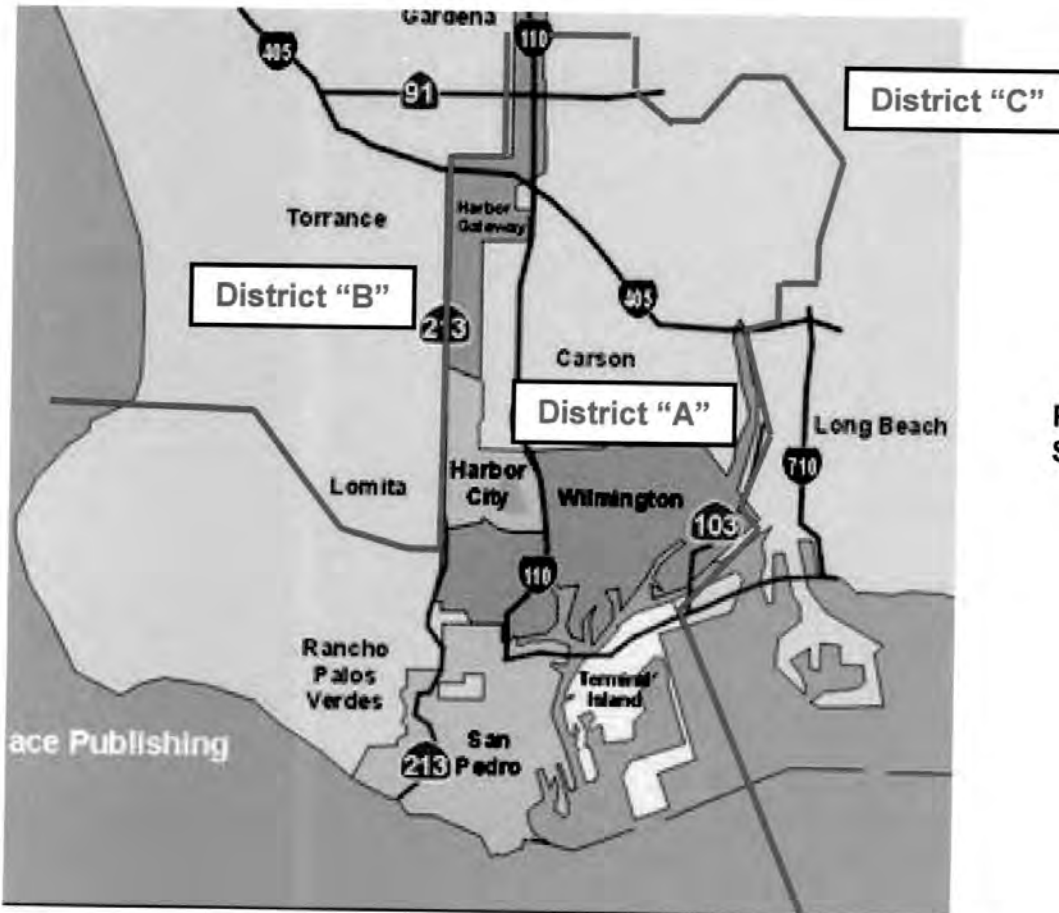


Proposed
Assembly District

SENATE DISTRICTS

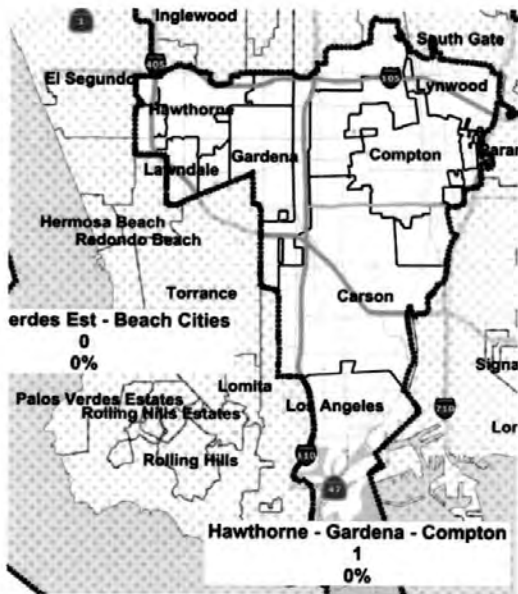


1st Round
West LA - Compton Senate District

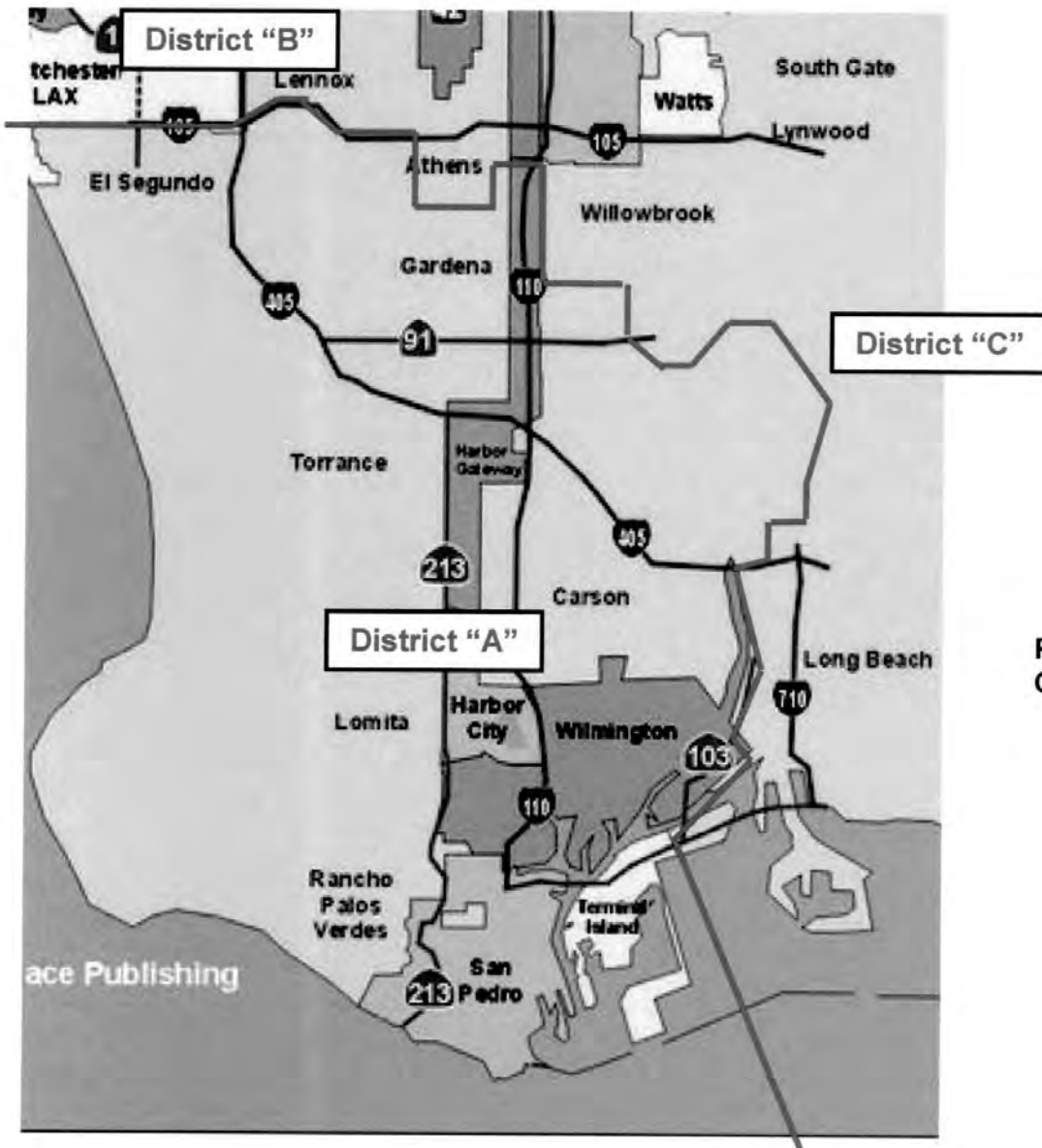


Proposed
Senate District

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



1st Round
Hawthorne – Gardena – Compton
Congressional District



Proposed
Congressional District

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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06 May 2011

Dear Sir/Madam:

As residents of the 29th Congressional District and 44th Assembly District, we would like to make you aware of the importance of keeping South Pasadena within the State and Federal political districts as that of our communities of interest: Pasadena, Altadena, LaCanada-Flintridge, Glendale and Burbank.

South Pasadena has always had strong cultural and economic ties to Pasadena. Its founding history is common as it was a part of Pasadena (inc. 1886) until its separate incorporation in 1888. Since then, it has maintained close economic and political relationships. Its residents are significant consumers, owners and participants of Pasadena's business, cultural and educational resources as Pasadena's are for South Pasadena's.

Their transportation corridors are strategically connected and plans are in place to have them coordinated from a centralized computer operation within Pasadena once all traffic elements are in place. In fact, they have a commonality in all potential transportation projects being proposed for the future.

With respect to Glendale, which we assume will remain with Pasadena, South Pasadena has a joint power agreement with that city for its 911 emergency dispatch.

South Pasadena's political demographic is evenly split between the major parties and offers no statistical bias on that subject.

Additionally, interdependence has been historically demonstrated by the joint membership of Burbank, Glendale, LaCanada-Flintridge, Pasadena and South Pasadena in the Arroyo-Verdugo subregion of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

In summary, South Pasadena's relationship with Pasadena in particular, in all social variables, has been the strongest with respect to any other neighboring community.

Respectfully yours,

Harry & Clarice Knapp
Odom & Kate Stamps
Wayna Kato
Joseph & Karen Potts
Karen Wingard
Roger & Ann Wolf
Dr. Wm. & Teresa Sherman
Armand R. & Mary Ann Parada



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ED P. REYES
Councilmember, First District

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June 17, 2011

Citizen's Redistricting Commission
901P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

As the Councilmember of the First District in the City of Los Angeles I would like to express my opposition to the proposed boundaries of the West Los Angeles-Downtown California Congressional district. The current map proposes to separate Pico-Union and Westlake from the neighborhoods to the east of Downtown.

Pico Union and Westlake, located in the central city area of Los Angeles, are two communities that I have represented for ten years. The northern boundary is roughly the 101 Hollywood Freeway, the southern boundary is the 10 Santa Monica Freeway, to the east is the 110 Harbor Freeway and the west boundary is Normandie Ave. and Hoover St.

Both the Pico Union and Westlake communities have traditionally been entry points for immigrants from Latin America. Income levels are typically some of the lowest in Los Angeles County. Although we have made many strides, these communities continue to face many challenges: park-poor areas, inadequate public transportation and a lack of affordable housing. These are challenges that are also faced by other communities of interest to the east of this area and not farther west.

Although we are one city with many shared experiences, the question that should be asked here is, "What does Rodeo Drive, one of the most affluent streets in the world, and Alvarado St., a commercial district that suffers from some of the worst poverty in the country, share in common? Do these two communities really share the same interest?" The simple answer is, "NO!"

There is, however, a vast number of commonalities shared with communities that sit to the east of downtown and Pico-Union/Westlake. More importantly, local communities have organized together over the years throughout these neighborhoods to fight for resources to address the economic injustices found in our community.

Given this common interest, I ask that you consider the comments you have received by various community based organizations and business leaders regarding this matter and keep Pico-Union/Westlake together with its neighboring communities to the east.

Sincerely,

ED P. REYES
Councilmember, First District



Statement by Matt Berkelhammerto the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Hearing, 6/17/2011, Whittier, CA

Good evening. My name is Matt Berkelhammer, and I live at [REDACTED] Whittier, CA 90606, in the unincorporated part of Los Angeles county known as West Whittier, sometimes known as Los Nietos. I own my own home and have lived here since 1985.

When I first moved to California from NY in the late 1970's, I settled in Los Angeles. However, after I began work as a machine operator at Ryerson Steel in the city of Vernon in 1980, I moved to Pico Rivera in order to live closer to my job and avoid long rush hour commutes. After a few years living in Pico Rivera, I decided to purchase a home and moved to my current residence in West Whittier.

I believe that the City of Whittier, as well as all the unincorporated portions of LA county known as East Whittier, South Whittier, and West Whittier, should all be included in the same Assembly District, the same State Senatorial District, and the same Congressional District. Whittier and surrounding communities should not be fragmented as they are now.

In addition, I believe that the cities surrounding Whittier and unincorporated Whittier, including especially Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Montebello, Norwalk, Downey, La Habra, and La Habra Heights, should also be the nucleus of the same Assembly District, the same State Senatorial District, and the same Congressional District.

These communities are closely connected and share a long history and common interests, dating back to the Pio Pico homestead, which sits right on the border of Whittier and Pico Rivera. And by the way, this State Historic Park must be saved from the budget cuts currently being proposed in Sacramento!

These communities are linked by their proximity to the San Gabriel River and the 605 Freeway, and as the northern end of the Gateways Cities corridor that extends all the way down to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. They are further linked by family migration patterns, and common shopping, recreation, educational, and health care services. For example, my children went to El Rancho HS in Pico Rivera and Pioneer HS in Santa Fe Springs; I frequently shop in Whittier, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Montebello, and Downey; and I obtain my health care services from Kaiser in Downey and Whittier.

The proposed Eastside Transit Corridor light rail project, in either configuration, but especially the Washington Boulevard alternative, will most certainly draw these communities even closer together. The cities of Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, and Downey should not be split up, as they are in the current proposed maps.

As you know, according to the 2010 Census figures, the population of the City of Whittier currently consists of 85,331 people, of whom 65.72% are Hispanic or Latino, 28.27% are white (not Hispanic or Latino), 3.82% are Asian, 1.28% are Black or African American, 1.28% are American Indian and Alaska Native, .14% are Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, and 4.45% are of two or more races. 24.43% list themselves as "some other race".

It is unfortunate that this overwhelming and growing Latino majority has been unable to secure any representation on the Whittier City Council going back decades, and I understand that is not your area of responsibility. But this must change!

The proposal by Joe Vinatieri and the Whittier City Council to create a new Assembly District for Whittier, including Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights, and stretching from Whittier all the way east to Diamond Bar, does not correspond to community realities. It appears to be politically motivated to increase Republican representation, and will certainly have the effect of diluting Hispanic and Latino representation. I hope you will reject that proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Redistricting for Congress and State Senate and Assembly

Submitted by:

Cindy Cleghorn & Nina Royal – SUNLAND-TUJUNGA

[June 16, 2011]



AT HOME

Sunland-Tujunga

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Bolton Hall Museum at Little Landers Park in Tujunga is a local landmark, Tujunga, CA 5/04/2010. (John McCoy/Staff Photographer)

One of the last remaining areas within Los Angeles to maintain its rural roots, Sunland Tujunga's heritage and ideals remain tied to nurturing and protecting the natural beauty of the area.

"Sunland-Tujunga is a gem waiting to be discovered," said Dan McManus, president of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council.

"It is within the city limits of Los Angeles yet it is amazingly rural and quaint.

"Its diverse population works hard to maintain the beauty of the area while trying to guide it gently into the 21st century.

"These are strong people with a connection to the land who are always ready to roll up their sleeves for the benefit of the community and its quality of life."

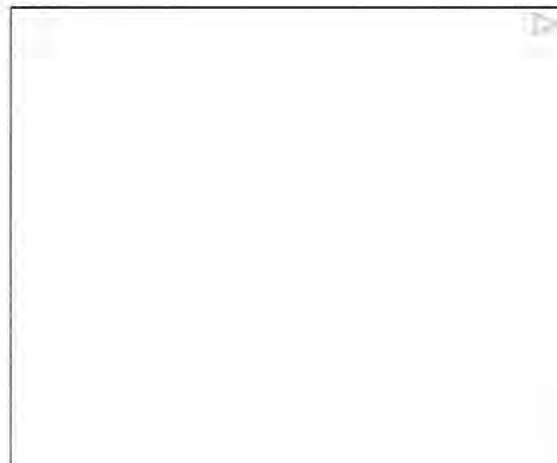
Nestled along the Crescenta Valley, Sunland Tujunga's identity is tied to its founders - a group called the Little Landers who met at Bolton Hall and set out to create an Utopian, agrarian community, McManus said.


Bolton Hall is the home of the Little Landers Historical Society and is second on the city's list of historic places right behind the pueblo at Olvera Street, McManus said.

Bolton Hall, along with the McGroarty Arts Center and the Cross of San Ysidro all are notable places in the area, McManus said.

"The population today is economically, ethnically, and religiously diverse," McManus said.

"We are proud to be part of Los Angeles and equally proud of our independent personality and natural surroundings."



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Dynamics

[Kagel Canyon – Lake View Terrace – Shadow Hills – La Tuna Canyon – Sunland-Tujunga – La Crescenta – Montrose – La Canada-Flintridge – Glendale - Burbank]

Located in the County of Los Angeles are Kagel Canyon rural mountains and equestrian, Lake View Terrace rural mountains and equestrian and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills – rural mountains – equestrian; La Tuna Canyon and Verdugo Hills – rural-equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada-Flintridge - Montrose – rural, equestrian, suburban located between two mountain ranges (Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains); Glendale and Burbank – rural-suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains and shopping and business.

These communities share the same watershed, the 210 Freeway for our economic and transportation corridor. Glendale and Burbank are our economic hubs for shopping,, jobs and entertainment.



Redistricting Data: My COI

We believe the information we are supplying supports our position that Sunland-Tujunga should be in a district with our neighbors that have a common interest with us.

Population

Total Population: 464,301
0.30% variance from ideal population

----- Ideal Population: Original District
465,675 465,704

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

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Ideal	465,675
Variance	-0.30%
Original District	465,704

Additional Information

Currently we are sliced and diced between many representatives that do not live close to our area and can readily participate in our concerns or events. We seek to change this by proposing this new map. This entire area that we propose is diverse in all aspects and cultures. The people live here because they enjoy the rural lifestyle. We, and our neighbors, seek to protect open space, advocate sustainable and responsible development and enhance our neighborhood character. Sunland-Tujunga also shares many historical sites with our Foothills neighbors. We are all working to save our watershed, protect the Rim of the Valley, our wildlife, our native trees and plants. 15% of LA's water comes from the Foothills area. We share equestrian and hiking trails too. as well as help to protect the Verdugo Mountains. We share the transportation corridor of Foothill Blvd. and the 210 Freeway and are working to discourage the 710 tunnel because of the environment and financial drain on the State. We share schools both public and private. Because of our ruralness, we depend on Glendale and Burbank for our shopping.

Conclusion

Our main goal is to be in the same district as our rural neighbors with whom we already share common interests and to be separated from the Valley who have no interest in our goals.

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Re: Change of District Boundary

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

DIRECTORS

- Brian Baker
- Tim Burgess
- Michele deLorimier
- Kelly Leeson
- Archie Powell

I am an active member of the Foothill community of Los Angeles County. I currently serve as President of the Kagel Canyon Civic Association, I am a member of the Foothill Trail District Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee, I am a representative of The Federation of Hill Sides, and I also participate with various other North Valley organizations operating within the Foothill communities.

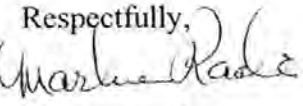
The neighborhoods of Sunland-Tujunga, La Tuna Canyon, Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, Kagel Canyon, La Crescenta and Montrose are all adjacent communities within the Foothill area. These afore mentioned areas, along with Glendale and Burbank, should be included in their own District.

Kagel Canyon is a small community, but it is **vital** that we be included in a District with common interests, such as those of our nearest neighbors. By including all of the above areas in one District, you will protect our rural suburban character.

I urge the Commissioners to safeguard our interests. We value and embrace a rural suburban lifestyle which allows us to live and work close to nature, while offering unique and varied neighborhood-based shopping opportunities, quality schools, and a variety of recreational opportunities. Our shared collective history to our neighbors in the Foothill Mountains is paramount to us.

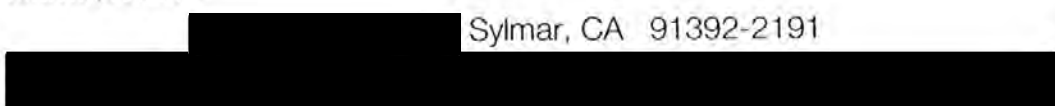
We seek to protect our open space, advocate sustainable and responsible development, work to preserve and enhance our unique individual neighborhood character, provide sensible transportation options to our citizens and balance land uses within the "Foothills."

Thank you for your service on the Redistricting Commission.

Respectfully,


Marlene Rader
President, KCCA

Sylmar, CA 91392-2191





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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 16, 2011

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Sincerely,



BILL BOGAARD
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OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR

June 17, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Public Comment for public meeting on Re-Districting held in Whittier June 17, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for the opportunity to present views on the impact of the recently announced tentative district boundaries on the City of Pasadena.

I am a City Council Member and Vice Mayor of Pasadena. Each of Pasadena's seven Council Districts contains about 20,000 residents, represents a distinct part of Pasadena, and is designed to include whole neighborhoods, preserve the Voting Rights Act and include a portion of our historic Colorado Boulevard, which lies south of the 210 freeway. Five of our seven Council Districts include areas north and south of the 210 freeway in order to include portions of Colorado Boulevard, the heart of our City. Pasadena thinks and acts as one community. The proposed map threatens to unnaturally break up our city into two Congressional Districts.

By way of background, when the 210 freeway was constructed in the 1970's it destroyed neighborhoods and created a deep gash in our community, dividing the City and separating neighborhoods. One reason our Council Districts are so designed is to knit together the fabric of the community torn by the freeway. A further separation of the City into separate congressional districts by using the 210 freeway as a dividing line would undo decades of work we've done to restore ourselves as one community, one Pasadena.

As presently drafted, the tentative boundaries divide the City of Pasadena in the Congressional map between two districts. Preserving Pasadena whole would improve the map, and would be beneficial for the City, its residents, and many important institutions, such as Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

A proposed solution would be as follows:

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Thank you for the opportunity to present my views of the best interests of the City of Pasadena and its neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Margaret McAustin
Vice Mayor

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing
Friday, June 17, 2011
Rio Hondo College, Wray Theatre
3600 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Mayor Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Comments/Testimony: Reaction to First Draft Maps

Good Evening, My name is Ali Saleh and I'm the mayor of the New City of Bell, CA. I have lived and worked in the Southeast Los Angeles Community of Bell, CA all of my life. (You can add more here if you like)...

The purpose of my testimony, today, is to specifically bring your attention to the obvious break up of cities that need each other, politically, geographically and economically. In other words, your first draft of the Congressional map for Congress and CA State Assembly, break up our small community and places us in a grouping that is less likely to have the representation that is necessary to consider our specific needs. *(What I mean with this is that the representation and focus in a district like this would more likely come from a bigger city and the City of Bell and other neighboring cities would be treated like step children).*

We don't just want to be the small city that rounds off the population requirement in your formula...we want to have communities with similar needs and wants and dislikes, so as to ensure the likelihood of fair representation and equal distribution of financial resources.

Our most recent experience has taught us how important our representatives are...had we been in another district we may not have had the stellar legislative response that we have been fortunate enough to receive.

Congressionally speaking, if a smaller City, like the City of Bell is placed in a district that competes with larger cities like the City of Los Angeles or Inglewood, then it is highly unlikely that our City will be able to compete for the resources it so desperately needs.

The same is true with our Assembly district. The fair distribution of economic prosperity is dependent on your ability to understand the importance of grouping similar communities.

Please reconsider the boundaries you have suggested and make the necessary changes, as to give fair representation to Cities, like Bell, Maywood, Bell Gardens, Cudahy and our other neighbors!

Thank you for your time!

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Comment submitted to Citizens Redistricting Commission, June 17, 2011

Marge Nichols, [REDACTED] Altadena, CA 91001
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A. Altadena, an unincorporated community, and the City of Pasadena should not be separated in the Assembly district maps.

1. The two communities are integrally connected, sharing a common history, economy, social and cultural institutions and a common school district that also includes unincorporated East Pasadena and the city of Sierra Madre.
2. 12,000¹ of the area's Black residents are in Altadena, and 19,000² live in Pasadena, with the greatest concentration in the western area of both communities.
3. Dividing Altadena and Pasadena would "crack" the African American community and greatly diminish its policy profile if divided among two Assembly districts.

B. South Pasadena, our sister city to the south, should not be divided or assigned to a legislative district or districts in Los Angeles or communities far to the south.

1. South Pasadena has a strong association with communities in the West San Gabriel Valley, as well as with Pasadena.
2. South Pasadena residents came to a redistricting public forum in Pasadena this week, as someone said, "with their hair on fire," objecting intensely to their small, tight-knit city being divided and assigned to districts with which they have little in common.
3. South Pasadena should be kept together in an election district related to the Pasadena-Altadena area, or to the West San Gabriel Valley.

¹ ACS 2006-2008 Estimate

² 2010 Census

Black population, Altadena and Pasadena

Splitting Altadena from Pasadena divides the Black population, with the effect of "cracking" this significant interest. Altadena and Pasadena should be kept in a single Assembly district.



Ethnicity / Race: Black or African American alone

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- 0.00 % ~ 0.569 %
- 0.57 % ~ 1.069 %
- 1.07 % ~ 1.699 %
- 1.70 % ~ 2.519 %
- 2.52 % ~ 3.789 %
- 3.79 % ~ 6.239 %
- 6.24 % ~ 12.709 %
- 12.71 % ~ 89.76 %

Description: Total number non-Hispanic people who indicate their race as "Black, African American, etc." or provide written entries such as African American, Afro-American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

Universe: Total Population

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census

Data Year: 2010

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Jean-Lou Chameau
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June 17, 2011

Citizen Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), I would like to endorse Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's attached "amended" letter to the Commission (June 16, 2011) and to amplify on one specific reference that he made in that correspondence.

Caltech applauds the Commission for its hard work in grappling with competing interests. The Commission has made a strong effort to preserve the longstanding connectedness of Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank in its proposed San Gabriel Mountains Foothill congressional district. It is our hope that you will take the additional steps outlined by Mayor Bogaard.

Virtually all of our employees work at two sites, our academic campus and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which has been an integral part of Caltech for 75 years and has also been a Federally Funded Research and Development Center managed by Caltech for NASA for more than 50 years. On campus and at JPL, Caltech employs nearly 9,000 Californians. That makes Caltech the 16th largest private employer in Los Angeles County, which as you know is among the top 20 economies in the world when compared to nations. One-fourth of Caltech's faculty members collaborate on joint research activities, and many serve on JPL advisory and working groups.

Caltech and JPL are inseparable parts of a synergistic enterprise that is vital to the region's economic competitiveness and the nation's science educational and R&D interests. To continue to separate congressional representation is an avoidable option, based on the legal breadth of your discretion. We respectfully urge you to give thoughtful consideration to Mayor Bogaard's recommended alternative, and we again thank you for public service.

Sincerely,



Jean-Lou Chameau

- c: Mayor Bill Bogaard, City of Pasadena
- Dr. Charles Elachi, JPL Director and Vice President, Caltech





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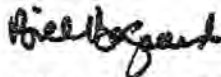
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BILL BOGAARD

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Testimony of Dr. Tak Kuen "Charles" Mau

**Before the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier, CA
June 17, 2011**

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission,

I am Dr. Charles Mau, a retired faculty of UC-San Diego and a resident of the City of Monterey Park since 1986. I have served as a Commissioner on Aging and enjoy my work as a volunteer in the Senior Center.

As an American citizen of Asian heritage, I ask for your serious consideration of the Redistricting Plans for State Assembly Districts 49 and 60, State Senate District 27 and U. S. Congressional District 32 as proposed by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance in Greater San Gabriel Valley.

There has been a long history of Asian immigrants settling in and making this part of Southern California as their home. Over the years, they worked diligently to establish themselves in the local communities, while raising their kids with good education so they can fully realize their American dream. By and large, many, but not all, of them have succeeded. In San Gabriel Valley, there is now a vibrant community largely of Asian immigrants and American citizens, some spanning several generations, who share common cultural, economic and business interests. While striving to assimilate into the American culture, they also preserve the best from their own traditions, adding to the rich multi-cultural landscape in the area; they go to the Asian groceries and restaurants in the area, and engage in similar cultural and recreational activities, such as kung-fu, tai-chi, Lantern Festival, etc. At the same time, many of them also retain familial and business ties to the Asia Pacific region, while the high quality of life and opportunities here act like a magnet to attract talented individuals and investments from abroad. It is the desire of the Asian community here to preserve and further develop what they have accomplished to its full potential. For this, they will need firmer access to political representation.

For whatever historical reasons, the voices of Asian Americans in the political process have not always been commensurate with their population size and their combined

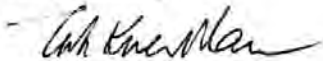
contributions to America's prosperity. The recent passing of Propositions 11 and 20 provides a unique venue for them to secure effective and fair representation in their districts with the opportunity to elect State and Federal representatives of their choice.

Therefore, I respectfully urge you to consult closely with CACA San Gabriel Valley in drawing the next round of voting district boundaries. Not only do its plans meet all the criteria set forth by this Commission, it also minimizes the election-related discrimination prohibited under the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Most importantly, this plan is culturally sensitive, protects language minority status and includes communities of interest reflective of the demographic changes, population movements and voter registration growth in the San Gabriel Valley over the last ten years. When adopted, it preserves and will further develop the quality of life for residents in these districts. Above all, it adds to the cultural enrichment and prosperity of California and of America.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Respectfully,



Tak Kuen "Charles" Mau, Ph.D.
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My name is Sergio Ibarra and I am live/work in the community of Arleta

The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

The Congressional Maps for the Northeast
SF Valley, I am not here w/ the first draft.

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community (state neighborhoods):

~~the communities of Sunland, Tujunga, and Shadow Hills~~
Sylmar, San Fernando, Arleta, Mission Hills, Pacoima, Sun Valley,
Van Nuys, and North Hollywood

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods):

Sunland Tujunga and Shadow Hills, they are a rural
horse community.

My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities from my district:

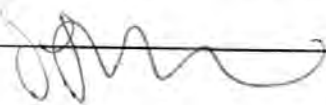
Remove the areas of Sunland Tujunga and Shadow Hills,

My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities from my district:

keep all of North Hollywood together, and had North Hills.

I can be reached at (add phone or email) [REDACTED]

Signature



Date

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My name is Salvador Parada and I am live/work in the community of Pacoma
I am 22 yrs old.

The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

My community needs representatives that understand
my community; that have similar experiences
to ours. I have notice that in my community libraries,
bookstores and many other educational places are outside my community
The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community (state neighborhoods):

Panorama city, Arleta

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods):

Sunland Tujunga is a rural - horse community.
Our community has very little parks. - why?

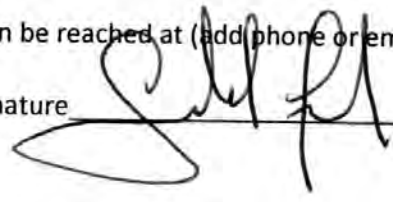
My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities from my district:

Sunland Tujunga

My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities from my district:

Add all of North Hollywood & all of North Hills

I can be reached at (add phone or email) [REDACTED]

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My name is Jose Verquez and I am live/work in the community of ~~SEV~~ Lower Urew Terrace

The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community (state neighborhoods):

North Hollywood and North Hills.

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods):

Tujunga and Sunland
They are a rural horse community. My
community is a ~~residential~~ ^{renter} community.

My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities from my district:

Sunland and Tujunga from the
Congressional District, state senate, Assembly
in the SF ~~State~~ East Valley.

My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities from my district:

North Hollywood, and North Hills

State Senate:

I can be reached at (add phone or email) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Louis R. Reyes

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Whittier CA 90606

Hello Commissioners.

I live in the community of Whittier.

I am speaking on behalf of the Whittier Latino Coalition, which is a community based organization formed in 1998 to increase the civic participation of individuals in our community.

Our group is made up of over 100 individuals from the greater Whittier area which includes students, professionals, nonpartisan elected officials, seniors and various other stakeholders who believe that it is our civic duty to be involved in the decision making process of our community.

Ten years ago we provided testimony about how we would like our community in one district at the Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly.

We are here so that you better understand where we live, who are my neighbors are and what makes my community whole while, at the same time, relating to nearby communities with similar interests.

Although we like the 1st drafts of the Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly maps which keep Whittier together as a community, we do have concerns about our neighboring cities.

We believe that the cities/communities of Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera and Montebello share similar interests with the Whittier community on multiple levels.

First, we share 3 traffic major traffic corridors, Beverly Blvd., Whittier Blvd., & Washington Blvd. that affects transportation from the East to the West.

Second, we share a common nature area within the Montebello Hills feeding into Whittier Narrows and Rio Hondo River that leads into a wildlife corridor into the Whittier Hills.

Third, we have common business corridors such as the famous Whittier Blvd. which provide the cities of East Los Angeles, Montebello, Pico Rivera and Whittier much needed tax revenues from small businesses along the boulevard. Many of our business chambers work together and interact with each other.

Finally, we share a common multi-generational social-economic migration of families from the Eastside Los Angeles area through Montebello, Pico Rivera and Whittier.

We share a rich Chicano history of Mexican-American's that has been documented in film, pop culture and education. From the civil rights of the Chicano movement of the 1960's that are recorded in history books, to the pop culture phenomenon of low riders and cruising along Whittier Blvd., our communities share a common bond that is famous throughout the world.

If you look at the maps we are attaching, we believe in the **State Senate draft map**, we should be included with Montebello, not Covina, Baldwin Park, La Puente or West Covina. Those cities are from the San Gabriel Valley and tend to have opposing views from our own which are the

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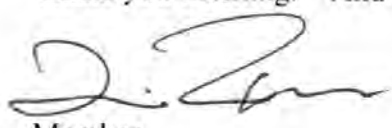
Gateway Eastside Cities. A perfect example of such a conflict is the Metro Goldline Eastside extension. Putting us with San Gabriel Valley will hurt our interests.

Assembly Draft map is a good one in our perspective, but it includes the Orange County city of La Habra. It would make more sense to have the community of Hacienda Heights with the district so that that is a united common interest for the Whittier Hills or the Puente Hills Nature Habitat.

Finally, in the **Congressional district draft map**, it's a great Congressional district. The only item that seems odd is including the small city of Artesia separate from Cerritos. It makes more sense to include more of the city of Commerce or more of Northern Whittier or S. El Monte than Artesia. There are more issues of transportation and business relationships when you include Commerce or N. Whittier, S. El Monte in this congressional district.

Artesia should always be included with the City of Cerritos given their own community of interest with such a high population of Indo-American and Asian communities.

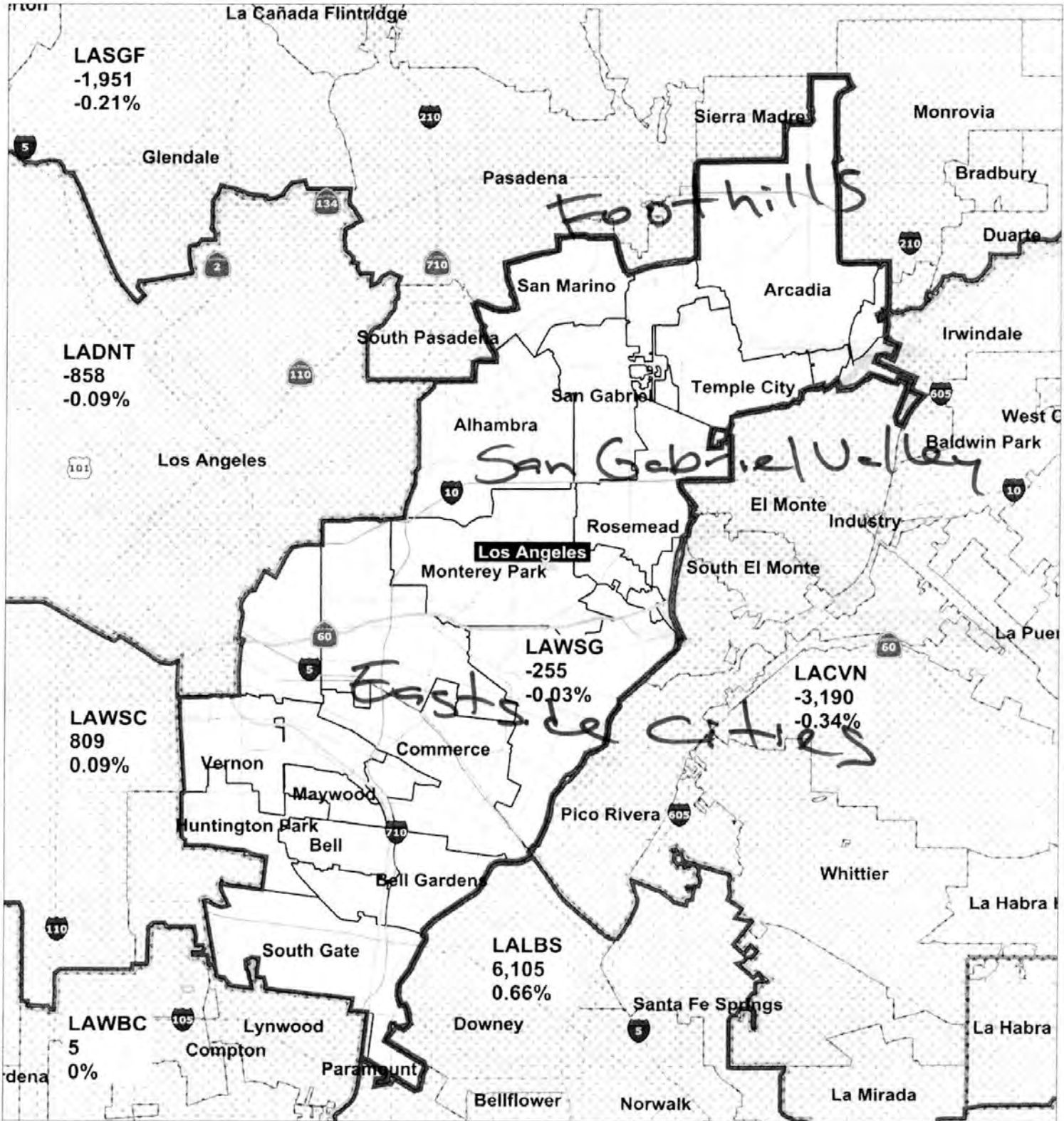
Thank you listening. And thank you for you compassionate understanding of our communities.



Member
Whittier Latino Coalition

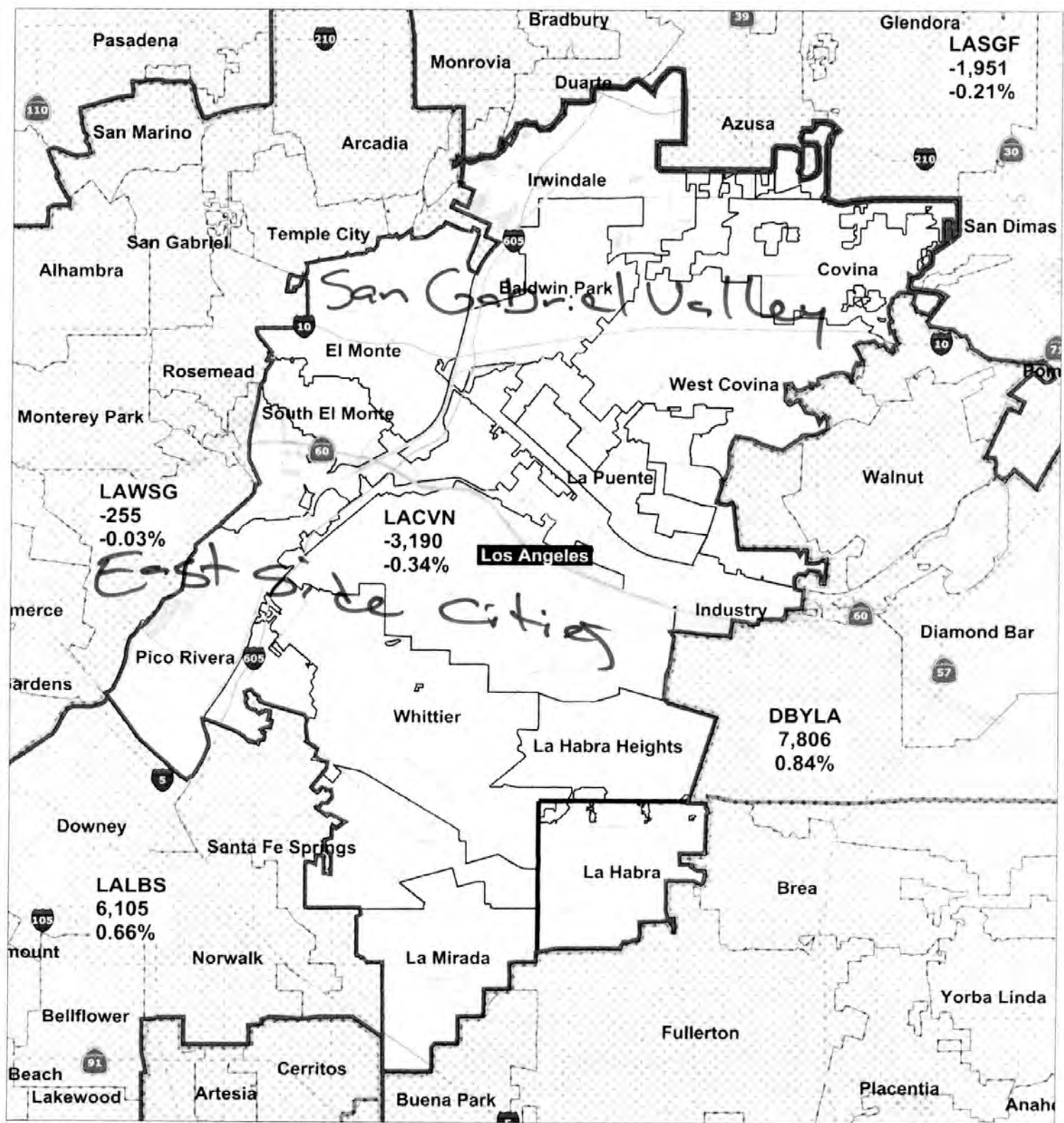
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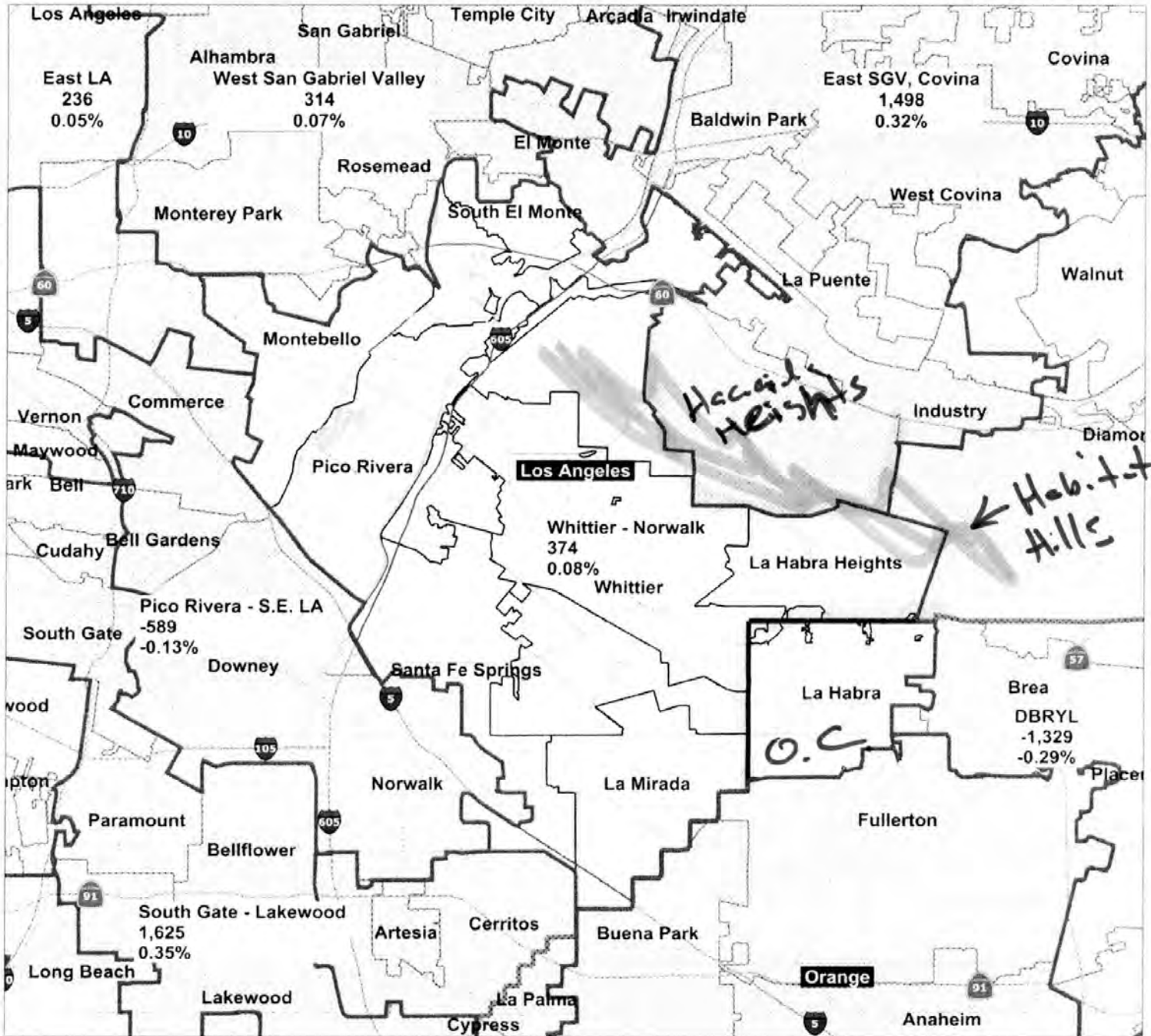
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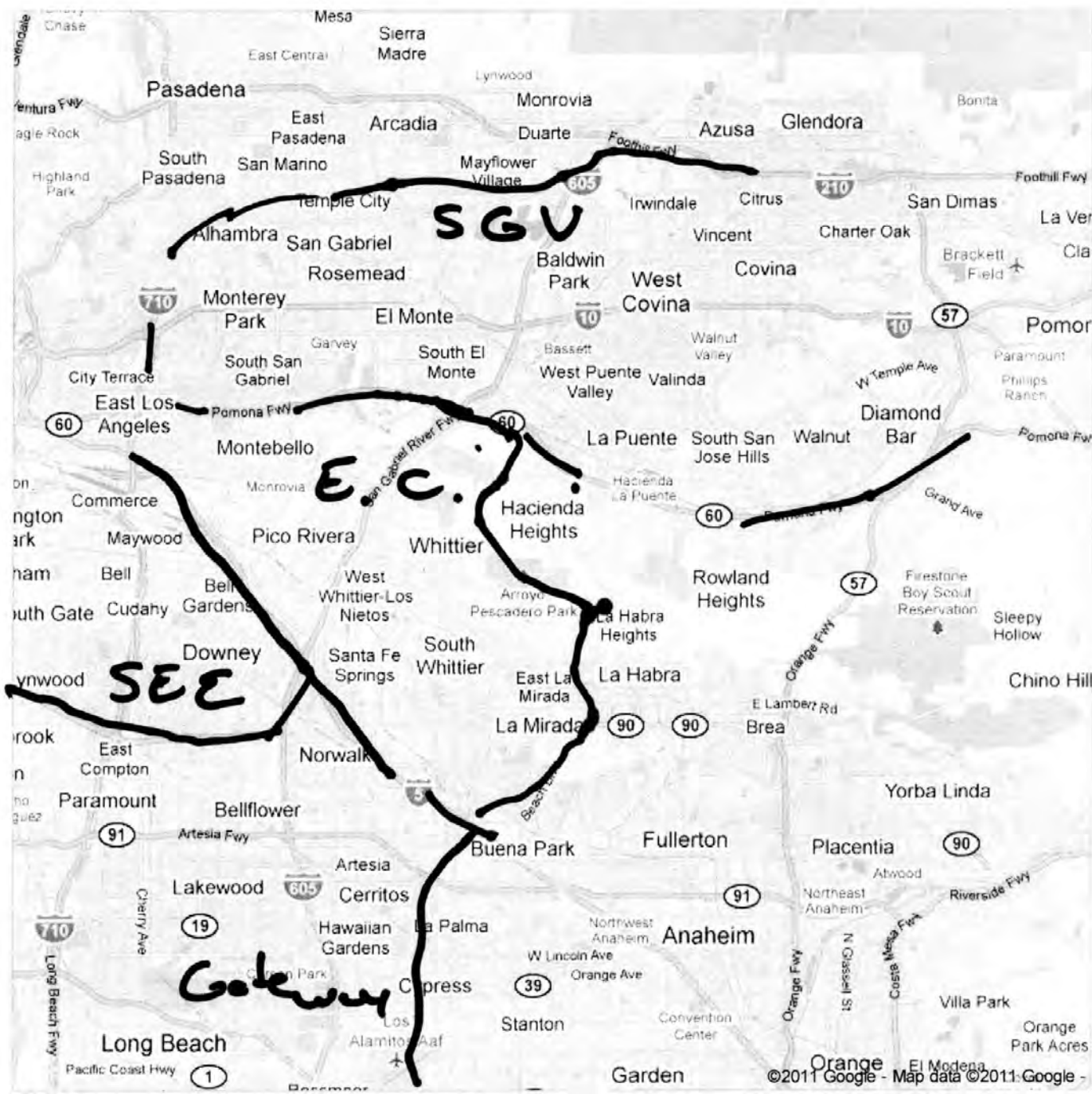
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To the Commission:

Re: Redistricting maps - 42nd District and CRC 1 Downey-Whittier

We are writing to express our objection to incorporating that part of the city of Whittier north of Whittier Boulevard, including Friendly Hills and east Whittier, which is currently in District 42 Gary Miller, into the proposed CRC Draft 1 Downey-Whittier Congressional district.

This part of Whittier and East Whittier bordering north La Habra and La Habra Heights is a distinctly different socio-economic area from the other cities in this proposed district. This is a diverse community of large properties, many expensive custom homes and the Friendly Hills Golf Club. The proposed district Downey/Whittier district is a predominantly Hispanic (70%) and generally lower income population. Consequently, our issues and concerns will not, and cannot, be properly represented in Congress by the same person.

Although committee members have stated their goal of "giving the under-represented a voice", ethnicity is not the only criteria to consider. Socio-economic criteria are also essential conditions to take into account. We submit that the most under-represented group in this state are that soon-to-be minority known as TAXPAYERS.

Let's be blunt. This is all political--for this is how we govern ourselves. California is a state almost totally dominated by the Democratic Party. If redistricting results in the loss of more Republican representation in both the state and in Congress, as is widely expected, California citizens will be the losers. For in the quest to recognize the ethnic diversity of our population, we will have lost an even more valuable diversity--the diversity of thought and ideas in public discourse. This hardly "maximizes political competitiveness" --one of the commissioner's stated goals.

As citizens and taxpayers, we currently feel we have little representation in this state or in the country. Our two U.S. senators, our state senator and state assembly members are all liberal democrats. If we are now shoved into a district with 54% registered democrats, our congressperson will also be a democrat. We will be completely disenfranchised. Many people and businesses have left California because of this to the detriment of the state. **We can think of nothing more that represents "taxation without representation."**

Thank you,

Kathleen D. Mayerski

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Mayerski

Whittier, CA 90605



CITY OF LA MIRADA
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON FIRST DRAFT DISTRICT MAPS

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

The City of La Mirada has reviewed the first draft district maps released by the Commission on Friday, June 10. We recognize preparing the maps is a challenging task, and appreciate your efforts in retaining all of La Mirada within each of the districts.

Upon reviewing the maps, the City has some concerns. The proposed district boundaries for U.S. Congress and State Senate combine La Mirada with other areas that do not have much in common regionally with La Mirada. The proposed State Senate District groups La Mirada with cities located as far north as the 210 Freeway such as Baldwin Park, Irwindale, Covina and El Monte, but excludes cities like Norwalk, which shares a school district and Sheriff's station with La Mirada, and Santa Fe Springs, which cooperates with the City of La Mirada on projects like the Valley View Grade Separation, I-5 Freeway Expansion, and High Speed Rail.

The proposed districts should group cities with similar regional interests or shared public safety, fire protection services, and school districts. La Mirada works closely with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) on regional environmental and transportation issues and would be better served by being grouped with more cities from the Gateway region. La Mirada should be included with cities that it has more of a regional connection, like Cerritos, Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk, and even Orange County cities such as Buena Park and Fullerton.

On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I respectfully request the Commission consider these regionally significant relationships with other cities when drawing the final boundaries.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LA MIRADA

Steve Jones
Mayor

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My name is Hayera Menge and I am live/work in the community of Panorama City

The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

There is people who don't relate to the conditions of the area in
which I live.

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community (state neighborhoods):

Sylmar, San Fernando, Arleta, Mission Hills, Pacoima, Sun Valley
Van Nuys and North Hollywood

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods):


Mostly home owners apartments, lot's of traffic, trash every now
and again, Not that many parks and very few book stores, libraries
and museums.

My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities from my district:

Sunland Tujunga

My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities from my district:

Panorama City and all of North Hills and North Hollywood.

I can be reached at (add phone or email) 

Signature

Hayera Menge

Date

6/17/2011

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Mi nombre es Gloria SAUCEDO vivo/trabajo en
la comunidad de Valle de San Fernando

Estoy aquí hoy para expresar mi opinión sobre los mapas de la Comisión. Los mapas afectan mi representación política:

- El Censo 2010 empujó el gran crecimiento latino
con el mapa Congresional no representa este crecimiento
Lo cual esta en contra " Voting Rights Act "

Las comunidades siguientes comparten características económicas y sociales con la mía. (Describe los barrios):

North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Valley Glen

Mi comunidad es diferente de (Describe los barrios):

Tujunga & Sunland

Mi recomendación es que la Comisión quite las siguientes comunidades de mi distrito:

~~que agregue North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Valley Glen~~
y **QUITE** Tujunga y Sunland

Mi recomendación es que la Comisión añada las siguientes comunidades en mi distrito:

North Hollywood Van Nuys, Valley Glen:

Numero de Teléfono/Correo electrónico



Firma Gloria Saucedo

Fecha: 06-17-11

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To the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is ASTRID GARCIA

I have lived/worked in this community for NORTH HOLLYWOOD years.

This request is on behalf of the residents of North Hollywood, in response to the first draft of the new redistricting maps. The Commission has created a district in which North Hollywood will be divided into sections that will break our community up, and we feel as though these changes will not be for the greater benefit of the residents. Our neighborhood would be split in the East side with neighborhoods from Burbank, Pasadena, and even as far as Claremont. On the West side, with neighborhoods like Tarzana and Encino. We ask that the Commission keep North Hollywood whole and place us in a district with communities that are similar to us in social and economic characteristics. The 170 FWY is not a dividing line for our community. Our children to the East of the 170 FWY attend elementary school at Toluca Lake Elementary School, that is 72% Hispanic, and our neighborhood income is much lower than the regions to the west and east of us. Our children graduate from Toluca Lake Elementary and go to Walter Reed Middle School on the West of the 170 FWY and North Hollywood High School on the West of the 170 FWY. Do not divide our community. We have been working to create a cohesive community where people work, and live and play. We have the NO HO Arts District where people from the West of the 170 and East of the 170 go. We also shop in areas North of us like Panorama City where there is a shopping center and to the West of us on Van Nuys Blvd. We feel as though North Hollywood belongs in a district with more similar social and economic classes. Our residents tend to stay within the boundaries of the North East San Fernando Valley communities and travel less frequently to more affluent places like Encino or Pasadena. Ideally we would like to be in a district that would include the North East San Fernando Valley, like Van Nuys, Sun Valley, Panorama City, Sylmar, Pacoima, North Hills. We share more of the social and income levels with them than the middle and upper-class neighborhoods the Commission has recommended to split us into. We ask for a representative that understands our common social and economic characteristics so that they understand the needs of North Hollywood as a whole. If we were to be split into districts with neighborhoods that don't share these interests, the needs of our neighborhood, we fear, may be neglected.

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Public Hearing date: 6/17/11

Location: Rio Hondo College, Whittier

SPEAKER : Barbara Sandoval **Community**: Live in Whittier; Work in Downtown L.A.

Background facts:

- During the last decade, California's Latino population accounted for 90% of the state's growth.
- California's maps must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. Under state law, strict adherence to the VRA is the second highest priority that the Commission must apply when drawing the state's new districts.

Areas of draft commission maps that need to be revised:

- 1) The Commission's maps fail to reflect that growth by not creating fair opportunities for increased Latino representation.
- 2) The possibility of me being able to elect a candidate of choice is severely diminished under the current draft version of the maps.

As currently drawn one proposed Congressional district unnecessarily wages Latinos and African Americans against each other.

Both of these underrepresented communities have worked hard to garner candidates of choice that reflect social, economic, and cultural similarities. The gains earned over the past decades would disappear, this is unacceptable.

- 3) The number of Congressional districts where Latinos can effectively elect the candidates of our choice is harmed.

Currently, there are seven; with the current plan, no additional Latino effective districts created and the plan could actually reduce the current number. This is also unacceptable.

- 4) The Commission's First Draft Maps do not provide sufficient opportunities for fair Latino representation as required by the VRA. The Commission must ensure that it addresses this issue when it revises its draft maps.

Compliance with the VRA must be high priority for the Commission.