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City of Diamond Bar

from the desk of...

Carol Herrera
Council Member

June 17, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I would like to first thank and praise you for the work that you did in creating the boundaries for Senate District 29 and Assembly District 60. You listened to the communities who wanted to be placed together since they shared so many common interests. All these cities placed together hope that these boundaries will stay in the final maps.

Diamond Bar has great concerns with the Congressional maps for the 42nd District. The new boundaries stretch out almost 45 miles, from the most south-eastern part of L.A. County, which is Diamond, to the north-western part, which is Pasadena. The Social, Economic, and Transportation issues of these vastly different corners of the diverse San Gabriel Valley differ greatly, and sharing one single representative will put these cities in constant conflict. Diamond Bar is opposed to this current boundary, and I bring a letter from my Mayor, Steve Tye, stating that.

Major investments in transportation are needed on the western side of the San Gabriel Valley to build the Gold Line, while those on the 57/60 corridor in the southeastern San Gabriel Valley need millions of Federal dollars to complete necessary freeway improvements. We do not believe two projects of this magnitude can receive the proper amount of attention with one representative torn between the significantly different interests at opposite ends of the proposed district.

For the last 16 years, I have worked with Diamond Bar, Walnut, Chino Hills, Brea and Yorba Linda, on Transportation issues that we share on the 57/60 Corridor, and this was under the auspices of SCAG, Southern California Association of Governments. This is the Four Corners region, where 4 counties come together: Los Angeles, San Bernadino, Orange and Riverside Counties. Diamond Bar residents shop in Brea and Yorba Linda and Chino Hills. We eat in their restaurants.

This Commission did a wonderful job creating the boundaries for Senate District 29, and Assembly District 60, you crossed county boundaries and kept the cities together that are working together. **I ask that you consider the same solution for Congressional District 42, and cross county lines to keep these same cities working together. Diamond Bar, Walnut, Chino Hills, Brea and Yorba Linda are strong communities of interest, they are Corridor Cities of the 57/60 freeways.**

*Thank You,
Carol Herrera*

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June 14, 2011

Ms. Jodie Filkins Webber, Chair
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Filkins Webber:

The City of Diamond Bar has reviewed the Commission's recently released first draft maps for its proposed Assembly, Senate, and Congressional district boundaries. While we believe the Commission has done an admirable job in crafting Diamond Bar's proposed Assembly and Senate Districts we have serious concerns regarding the draft Congressional district (known as San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar on the map) in which our community would reside.

As currently drawn, the boundaries tie the most northwestern point of the San Gabriel Valley, Pasadena, to the most southeastern, Diamond Bar. It goes without saying that the social, economic, and transportation issues of these vastly different corners of the very diverse San Gabriel Valley differ greatly. There is no question in our minds that these proposed boundaries will have dramatic negative effects on the efforts to secure the federal funding required to complete the SR-57/60 Confluence Project in Diamond Bar and the Gold Line completion on the western side of the Valley, and we believe that sharing a single representative will put these competing interests at constant odds.

The Commission has widely stated that the division of communities of interest should be minimized. We fail to see any valid connection or interest between Diamond Bar and cities like Pasadena, Alhambra, and Monterey Park. Diamond Bar's current Congressional district boundary is drawn to include cities with similar characteristics – primarily residential bedroom communities with less than 100,000 residents. Diamond Bar is most similar to communities like Chino Hills, Brea, Yorba Linda, Walnut, Fullerton, and Rowland Heights, sharing not only lower densities and local economic interests, but the some of the last open spaces in all of Southern California. Areas on the western half of the proposed district are much more urbanized with greater densities, and have little of the environmental interests than Diamond Bar must always consider. Without sharing these vital characteristics, it is clear that the Commission's proposal disregards its own concept of communities of interest.

Simply put, the communities on the southeastern end of the San Gabriel Valley face much different, but no less important issues than those in and around larger cities like Pasadena and Glendale and require distinct representation. The lack of proximity

Steve Tye
Mayor

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Mayor Pro Tem

Ron Everett
Council Member

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Jack Tanaka
Council Member

between the ends of the district and the significantly different interests of the communities will only add to the problems.

As currently drawn, the City of Diamond Bar opposes the Commission's proposed Congressional district known as "San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar". Should you have any questions, please call 909-839-7010.

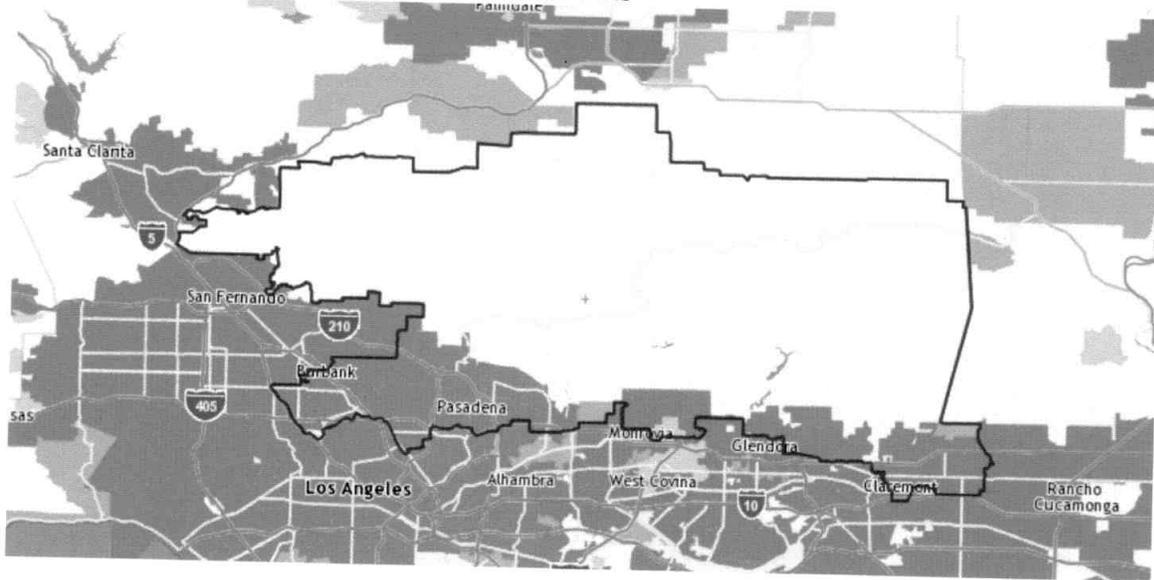
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Tye". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "T".

Steve Tye
Mayor, City of Diamond Bar

CC: City Council, City Manager

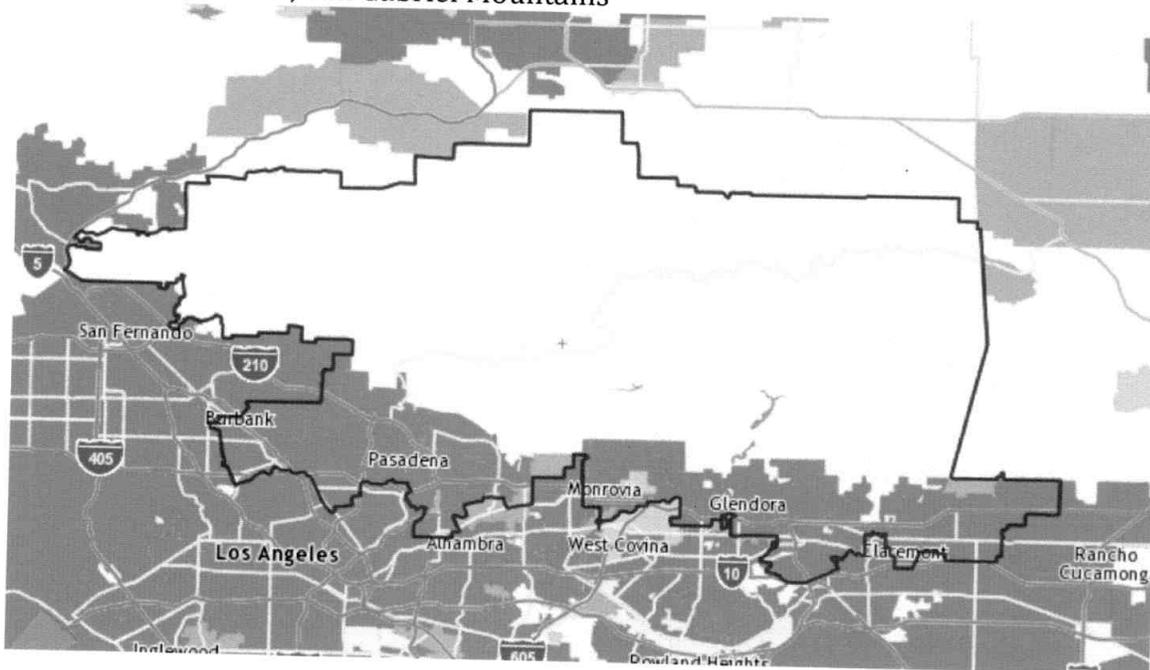
Congressional District, San Gabriel Mountains



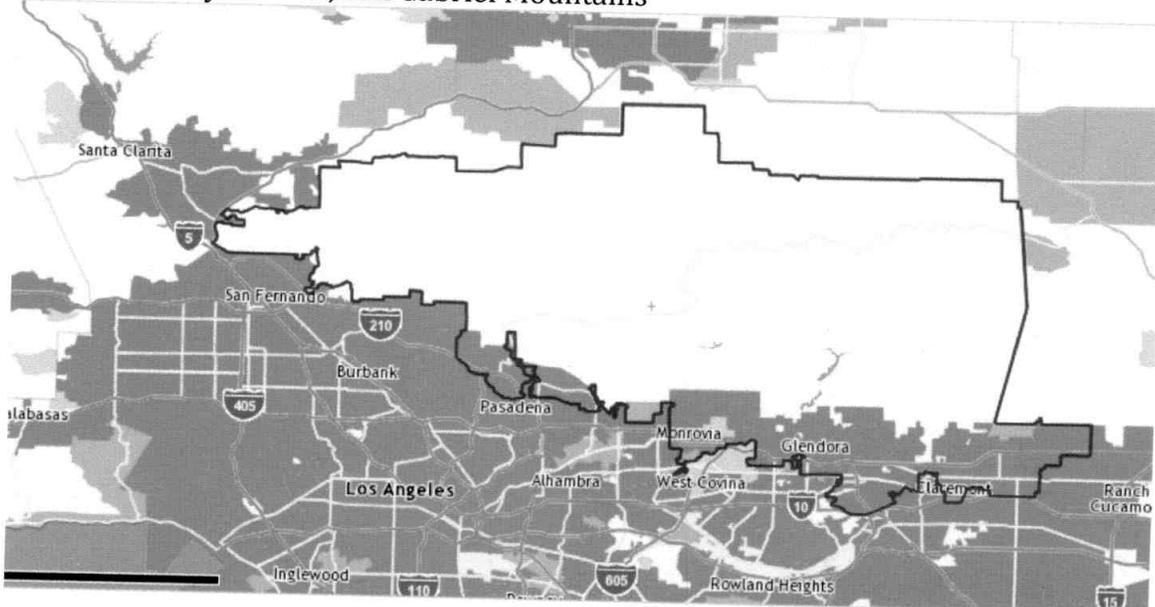
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State Senate District, San Gabriel Mountains

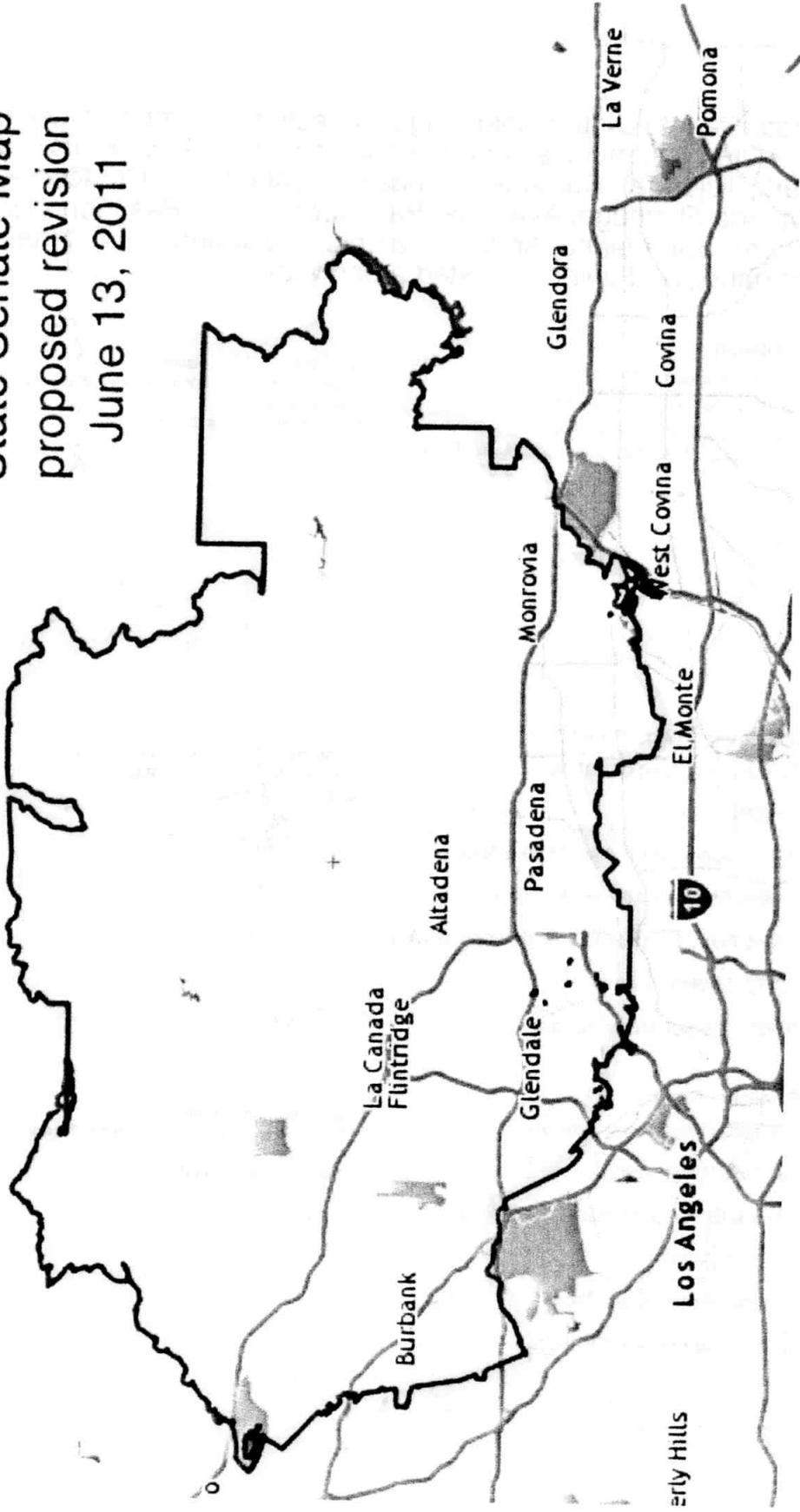


State Assembly District, San Gabriel Mountains



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State Senate Map
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State Senate District spanning two nested Assembly Districts including communities of Los Angeles (Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Tujunga), Burbank, Glendale, Montrose, La Crescenta, La Canada Flintridge, Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, San Marino, Arcadia, Temple City, Monrovia, Duarte, Bradbury, and unincorporated areas within.

Population

Total Population: 332,167
 0.09% variance from ideal population
 _____ Ideal Population
 331,349
 _____ Original District
 855,013

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

Citizen Voting Age Population

22.10% Hispanic or Latino
 17.22% Asian
 0.61% American Indian/Alaska Native
 5.96% Black or African American
 0.18% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
 53.72% White Alone
 0.22% Two or More Races

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

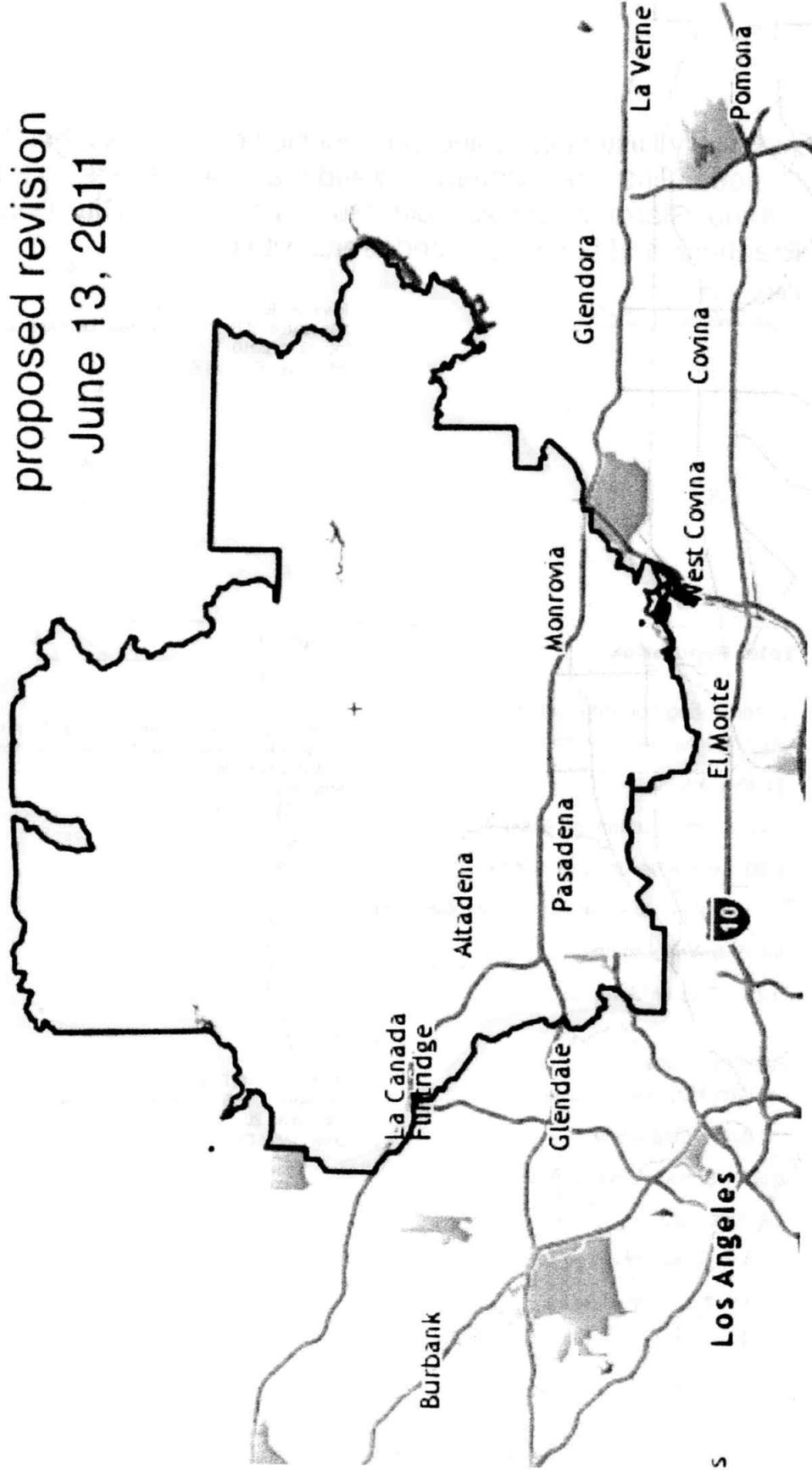
Ethnicity / Race

28.36% Hispanic or Latino
 44.09% White alone
 4.18% Black or African American alone
 20.27% Asian
 0.40% Some Other Race
 2.70% Two or More Races

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

Original District = Blue line

Assembly District
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Assembly District including communities of La Crescenta, La Canada Flintridge, Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Temple City, Duarte, Bradbury, and unincorporated areas within.

Population

Total Population: 462,004

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

Total Population	462,004
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Citizen Voting Age Population

- 20.32% Hispanic or Latino
- 21.45% Asian
- 0.70% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 8.90% Black or African American
- 0.21% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
- 48.19% White Alone
- 0.22% Two or More Races

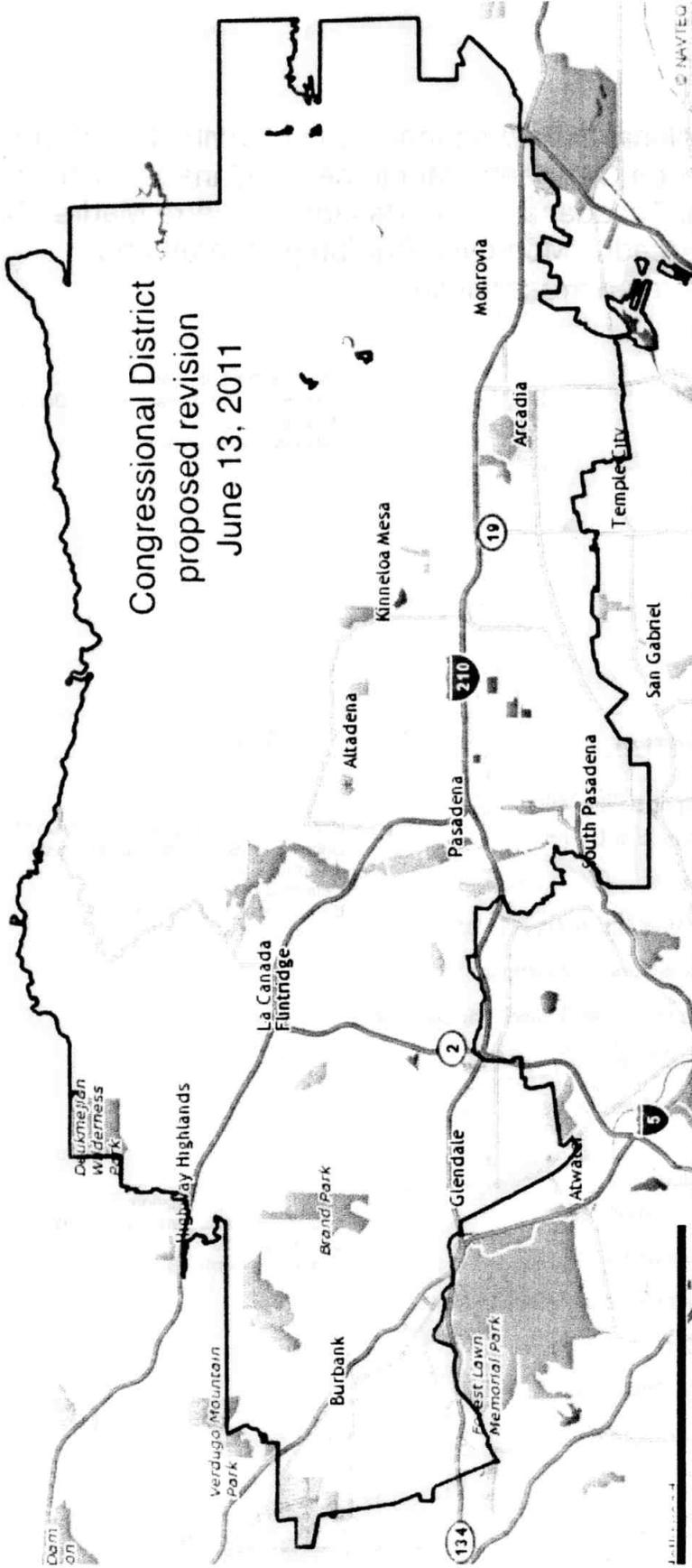
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Ethnicity / Race

- 26.06% Hispanic or Latino
- 37.82% White alone
- 6.67% Black or African American alone
- 26.42% Asian
- 0.41% Some Other Race
- 2.61% Two or More Races

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

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Congressional District
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Congressional District spanning the communities of Burbank, Glendale, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada Flintridge, Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, San Marino, Arcadia, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte, and unincorporated areas within.

Population

Total Population: 703,533

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

Total Population	703,533
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Citizen Voting Age Population

- 18.76% Hispanic or Latino
- 16.23% Asian
- 0.52% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 6.84% Black or African American
- 0.19% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
- 57.24% White Alone
- 0.23% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
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Ethnicity / Race

- 23.35% Hispanic or Latino
- 48.38% White alone
- 4.92% Black or African American alone
- 20.03% Asian
- 0.40% Some Other Race
- 2.92% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
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RESOLUTION NO. 7433

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO
RECONSIDER PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission has recently released maps for new Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is bordered by the Cities of Lynwood, Paramount, Downey, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Los Angeles and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is a member of the Gateway Cities Council of Government, which is comprised of 28 cities which are located alongside or nearby the 710 Freeway Corridor;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the COG is to work collaboratively with other member cities on any number of transportation, environmental, state regulatory and federal funding opportunities;

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is among the largest of those cities and is an integral leader within those communities: and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate's future will be largely impacted by transportation and environmental issues and needs to assure that its interests are being collectively represented by state and federal elected officials whose municipal bodies within those district share a community of interests; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate has a substantially reduced almost non-existent community of interest with the Cities of Inglewood, Monterey Park, Arcadia, San Marino, and the like which are cities currently included within the Congressional and State Senatorial Districts;

WHEREAS, the current proposed district boundaries are inconsistent with the common interests and needs of the communities along the 710 Corridor (henceforth Gateway Cities) in Southeast Los Angeles County. The Gateway Cities share common resources and face similar regional issues, including regional policing activities, transportation, education and commerce, and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate has been working extensively with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and other Gateway Cities along the I-710 Corridor Project. The Long Beach Freeway (I-710) is a vital transportation corridor linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles with the major Southern California distribution centers and intermodal rail facilities. Other regional transportation issues such as the Orangeline Authority and other intermodal transportation programs link the region whereas disparate legislative boundaries make regional

transportation efforts significantly more difficult, and

WHEREAS, students in the City of South Gate attend schools in the Downey, Los Angeles, Lynwood and Paramount School Districts. Additionally, the City of South Gate and the six neighboring cities of Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood and Vernon formed the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. The purpose of the organization is to advance and improve educational outcomes and opportunities of students attending the Los Angeles Unified School District, and

WHEREAS, the District lines should be redrawn to take into full and complete considerations of these commonalities and needs, of which the proposed district lines do not reflect; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is not advocating for one particular Member of Congress, State Senator or Member of the State Assembly, but for proposed boundaries that reflect the commonalities of the Gateway Cities and will maximize our ability for economic development through enterprise zones, regional transportation projects and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby request the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission to reconsider proposed legislative districts.

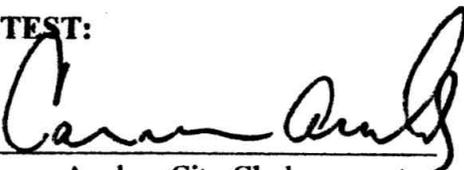
SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of June 2011.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:


Maria Davila, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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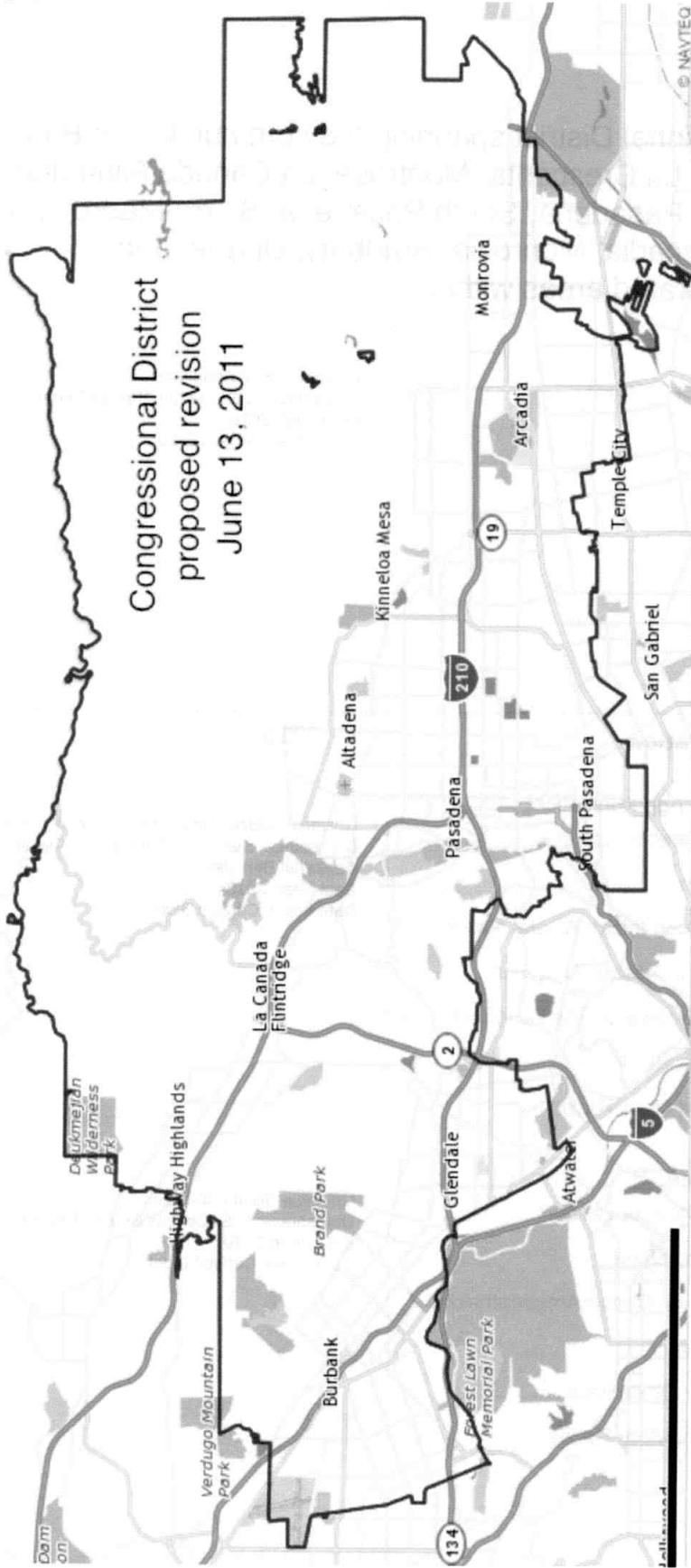
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

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