

# Save LA River Open Space



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ALLIED WITH THE STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

June 22, 2011

To : Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Laurie Cohn, Co-Director of Save LA River Open Space

RE: REVISED public comments to June 10<sup>th</sup> draft maps(original comments submitted on June 16)

Dear Commission Members:

First, let me commend you on your efforts to create fair districts. I appreciate the hours you've spent on the complicated task you have before you. I am speaking as a Co-Director of Save LA River Open Space, a non-profit organization in Studio City committed to preserving open space abutting the Los Angeles River. Our group is engaged with people and organizations from all over Southern California. I am also a resident and own property in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. I've lived on both sides of Mulholland, both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains, since 1960. I've lived in Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Van Nuys and Studio City. I've commuted across the mountains for work, schools, entertainment, recreation, and shopping for the past 25 years.

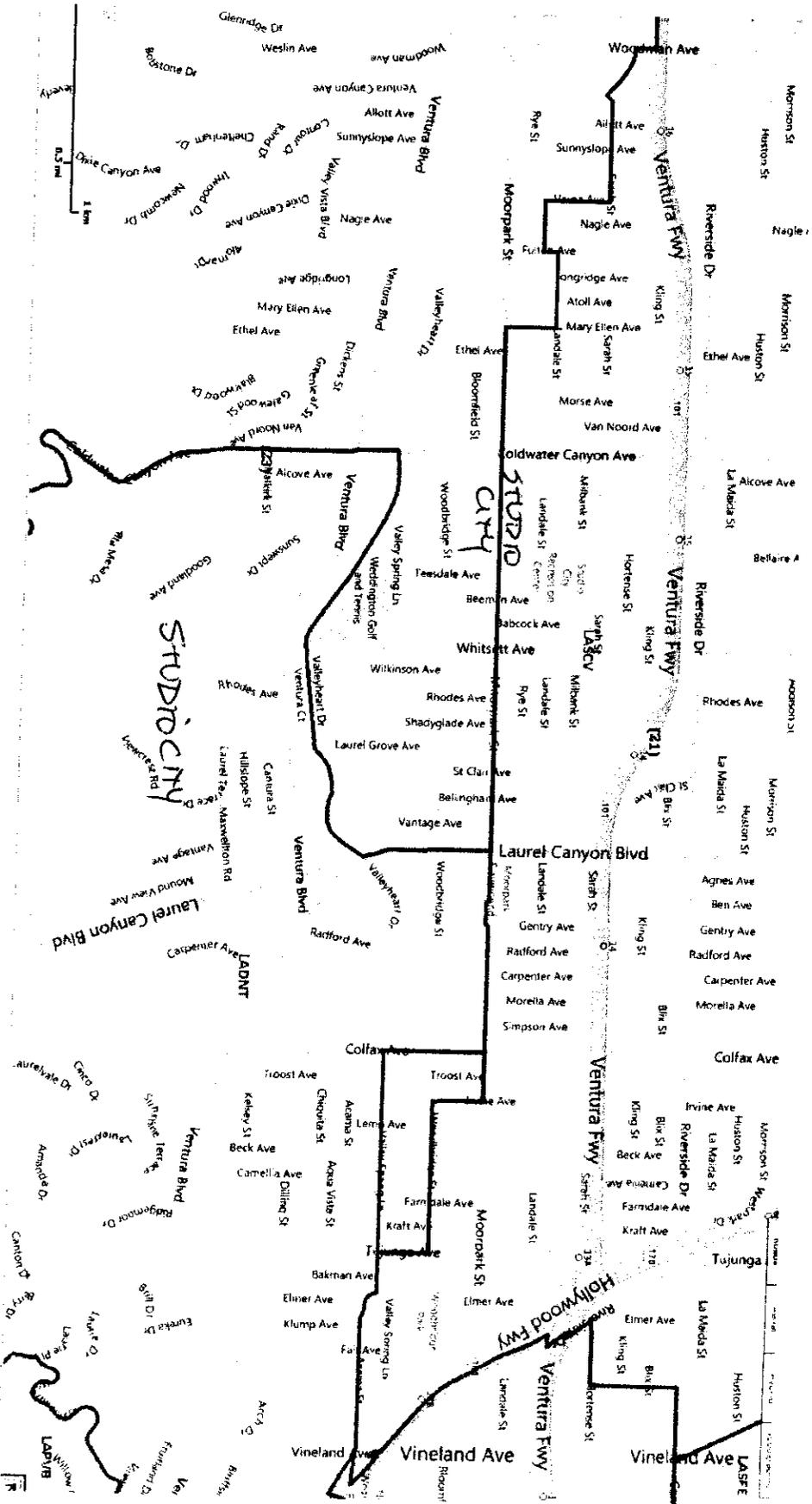
We are very disturbed by the June 10<sup>th</sup> first draft maps for the following reasons:

1. It splits Studio City in half, mainly along Ventura Blvd. Studio City is a small unincorporated city of Los Angeles. (in 2008, population 37,201). It is split between LASCV and LADNT. The part of Studio City that is in LADNT is south of Ventura Blvd. to Mulholland Drive, and goes east to the 170 freeway, placing it in a Senate district with downtown Los Angeles. Studio City has nothing in common with the cities in the San Gabriel Valley- no public transportation, no direct freeway, different COGs, regulatory agencies, and water districts. Studio City zip codes are 91604, part of 91607 and 91602. Studio City is part of the San Fernando Valley, which is recognized as a specific census region by Congress.

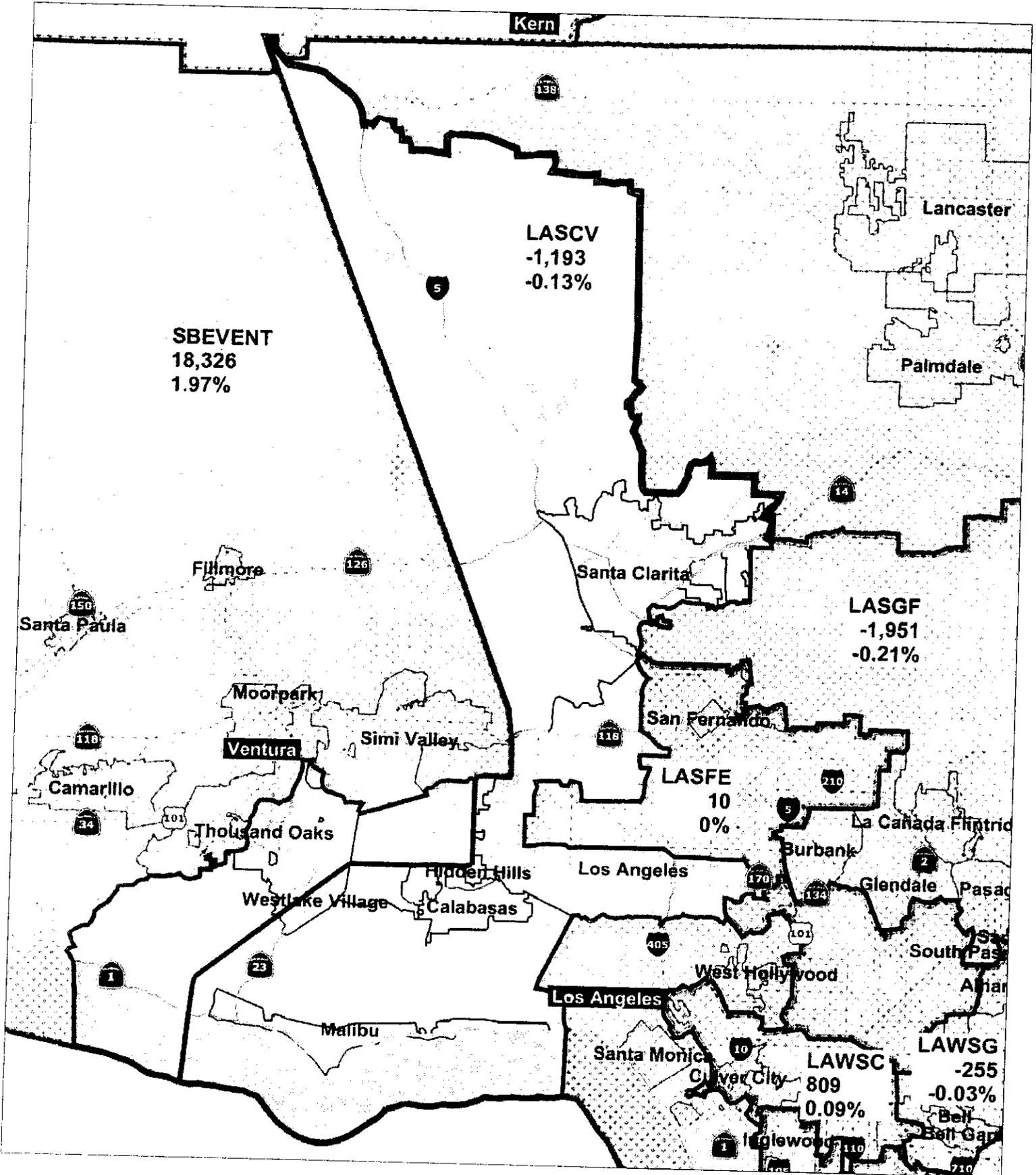
It should remain whole in Senate, Assembly, Congressional, and Board of Equalization districts. It should remain in same districts with which it shares a "community of interest" including its neighbors along the Ventura corridor, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Valley Village, Tarzana, Calabasas, Woodland Hills, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village on the north side of the Santa Monica Mountains, and the cities on the south side of the Santa Monica Mountains, the south side of Mulholland Drive. These cities include Beverly Hills, Bel Air, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Malibu, Santa Monica west to the Ventura County line along both sides of the mountains. We share the 101 and 405 freeway corridors, recreational, fire protection, public school challenges, along with the L.A. River and Santa Monica Mountains priorities. This area on both sides of the mountains, on both sides of Mulholland Drive, has had this community of interest for the past 20 years.



Enlarged map of Studio City SPLIT into 2 Senate Districts (LASCV and LADNT) per CRC June 10<sup>th</sup> First Draft Maps



# California State Senate - LASCV



# California State Assembly - Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mtn

