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From: Janet Ahrens <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 15:17:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Janet Ahrens <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly redistricting

Message Body:

Good job! This makes sense for North San Diego County.

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Subject: Thank You

From: Jim Varnadore <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 09:50:06 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
City Heights CA 92165

June 21, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

Ladies and gentlemen,

We appreciated the Commission's coming to the San Diego area to take testimony about its draft redistricting maps. I spoke last evening about a minor adjustment I hope you'll make to those draft maps that involve my community, City Heights.

In short, I pointed out that one neighborhood, called "Corridor", isn't kept together with the other fifteen neighborhoods of City Heights. As we are one community (and a community-of-interest at that), it would be better to keep City Heights together in maps drawn for Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts. I hope you agree.

Jim Varnadore
City Heights

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Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 10:11:09 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
To: <[REDACTED]>

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

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Terry Leimbach and a resident of Lakeside, CA affectionately called East County. I sit as a Director on the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce. I moved here 20+ years ago to raise my children and ride my horses in a rural area. I found that peace here in Lakeside.

I could not make the meeting unfortunately but, would like to voice my opinion. I can not in any way think of a reason for this merge. First, the East County and Imperial County are not even close to any similarities, second, the interests are not the same and third, the communities have no common interests. We, the East County have fought hard to see that we are heard and have made some great steps towards the preservation of our Western heritage, You cannot merge the desert and farm land with our mountains, trails and scenic parks, you will be diluting all the hard work done here in the East County and I feel damaging two communities working for different ideas.

Please make your decisions toward leaving these two communities separate.

Sincerely,

Terry Leimbach



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From: Harry Lam <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:41:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Harry Lam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Golden Hill in San Diego

Message Body:

Hello,

I am a resident of the Greater Golden Hill community (which consists of Golden Hill as well as South Park) in San Diego, and I was dismayed to see that our community was split in several of the draft maps that were released.

Our community makes up the area that is directly north of SR-94, east of I-5, and west of I-15.

The Congressional District map as well as the State Assembly map splits our community in two -- grouping half of us with South San Diego and the other half with Central San Diego.

The southern boundary for both of these maps should be moved to SR-94, as our community as a whole has much more in common with the other neighborhoods surrounding Balboa Park like North Park, Hillcrest, Mission Hills, Banker's Hill, and University Heights.

For the most part, your maps as a whole on California are a great improvement over the

previous iteration of redistricting, as many of the previously gerrymandered districts have been re-drawn to reflect distinct communities, rather than political boundaries.

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Subject: Comment letter on State Senate and State Assembly Redistricting

From: Nikki <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 11:04:06 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To Whom it May Concern,

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Rancho Santa Fe Association. This letter was submitted by Speaker #14 at the June 20, 2011 public hearing in San Diego.

Thank you,

Nikki Flynn
Assistant Planner
Rancho Santa Fe Association
[REDACTED]

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From: Alfonso Valenzuela <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:55:12 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alfonso Valenzuela <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Keep San Diego and Imperial County Separate.

Message Body:
June 20, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

As a San Diego County resident and voter, I am opposed to the inclusion of Imperial County into our Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts.

Having spent much of my childhood living in Imperial County and still having close ties to that community through my family and friends, I am concerned about the disservice we will do to those communities if our large cities and County is included in their districts. When I moved to San Diego it was for two reasons, my enlistment in the United States Marine Corps and to get away from the rural desert. San Diego and Imperial County share nothing in common and it is my understanding that this commission was created to ensure that we do not continue to draw districts which are not communities of interest.

On the other hand, Imperial County shares many common interests with the Coachella Valley

and the cities of Indio, La Quinta, Blythe, Mecca, and Thermal. Both those Valleys have agricultural economies, similar ethnic populations, and face many similar issues. Policymakers and elected officials who represent those communities should not be forced to choose between San Diego's interests and Imperial Valley's interests.

In the end, equal representation should be the priority of this Commission and I firmly believe that this can only be achieved if San Diego County is kept independent from Imperial County. The current district draft maps you have proposed will disenfranchise the desert communities east of San Diego County and this is not just for those who live and work there.

Respectfully,
Alfonso Valenzuela

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