

Subject: FW: Redistricting Committee Address

From: "Gloria Coyt" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 17:16:56 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street

Suite 154A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission Members:

As the founding Mayor, and Mayor four times of the City of La Habra Heights, and a member of the city council for twelve years, I would like to thank you for the the work you have done on the proposed State Assembly and Senate Districts for La Habra Heights in the First Draft. I am very interested in the districts that are being drawn by your Commission and I was so pleased to see the State Assembly and Senate Districts, but am very concerned regarding the lines drawn for our Congressional District. Our interests simply do not coincide with the majority of cities in that Congressional District. La Habra Heights has been cut off from the Los Angeles County cities whose problems are more similar to ours.

La Habra Heights has always been very involved with the La Mirada, Downy and Whittier city councils, and the greater Los Angeles County communities since in incorporated in 1978. I would respectfully request that you reconsider the lines drawn for our proposed Congressional District. If you could align the Congressional District more closely to the cities that were included in the State Assembly and Senate District, it would make a much better working arrangement for all of us. Our needs are quite similar.

Again, thank you for the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

George B. Cooke

Past Mayor, City Councilman, and Planning Commissioner, Past President La Habra Height County Water District and current resident of La Habra Heights

Subject: Redistricting

From: Freda Gail Holmes <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 13:34:25 -0700

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

Please keep South Orange County in with Orange County when redrawing the lines. South Orange County has about 1/3 of the population of Orange County and should be included with all of Orange County.

Thank You
Freda Holmes

Sent from my iPad

Subject: City of Orange

From: Nicole Stygar <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 19:14:47 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I have grown up on the border of Santa Ana and Orange my entire life, and have been a consistent resident of Orange for the last 6 years. I would like to take a moment to give you my insight into the Orange community, and why it is so important to keep the city whole, especially in terms of our representatives at every level.

For me, Orange has been a place I have always wanted to belong. The sense of pride from its residents resonates beyond the lines that have always seemed divide Americans in decades past. It is the kind of city that America is supposed to represent; a melting pot of people from all backgrounds that came together and because of a pride of where they lived.

The Orange Circle is the perfect example for me. There are restaurants and stores of every flavor that all meet in a place that is grounded in deep history and tradition. This is best seen at the Orange International Street Fair. People from all over the Orange County come to that intersection because it is the one of the only places left where people can experience that sense of small town friendliness and community.

I was an only child from a single mother working minimum wage who had to live with my grandparents in order to have enough to eat. At the time, although I lived in Santa Ana, my family was adamant that I went to school at Holy Family in Orange. There I had teachers and had friends from every background imaginable. I went on to college in Chicago, traveled the US and Europe, and everywhere I went I met people with preconcieved discriminations towards race, gender, class, etc. and was confused and disturbed. I solely credit my childhood experience, and growing up in the Orange community, with instilling the values of community and understanding of humanity I have today.

That has always been held together by having leaders in Orange that understood how important it was to keep it together for those exact reasons. Splitting that community, and having different representatives with constantly competing interests would destroy everything that America is supposed to be about.

I wish you the best of luck in this difficult task ahead of you. Please take into consideration all that I and our community has to offer and I strongly urge you to keep Orange together and preserve for future generations what I was blessed to have.

Warm Regards,

Nicole Stygar

