

Subject: Rossmoor NOT with Long Beach District

From: "Price, Yvonne" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 15:02:10 -0700

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

Rossmoor and Long Beach are in two different counties (Orange and Los Angeles, respectively), they have the San Gabriel River creating a natural division between the areas, and three man-made freeways (405, 22 and 605) create a physical division between their communities. In addition, the two communities have very character, interests and goals from each other.

Our present Congressman, Ed Royce, has been good to Rossmoor. He visits Rossmoor, he cares about Rossmoor and he has helped Rossmoor. Rossmoor needs to remain within his district and the district that has been knit together by common interests and goals for our communities.

Thank you.

Yvonne Price
Sr. Communications Officer

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Subject: comment

From: "te.needham" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 16:55:10 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I would like to submit that I have lived in Long Beach several years ago and at no time was there any issues that concerned the Los Alamitos Rossmoor communities. For the past 50 + years I have lived in Rossmoor and again during this time there has been no issue for our county island that would or should concern someone representing the Long Beach area. I can not speak to the Los Alamitos concerns but again I have no record of any issues.

I would like to have the rationale as to why these two areas should be joined with Long Beach.California.

Thomas Needham

ALFRED A. COLETTA
[REDACTED]
Los Alamitos, California 90720
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CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

901 P. Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Facsimile: (916) [REDACTED]

RE: Objection to Redistricting "ROSSMOOR, CALIFORNIA 90720"

Dear Commissioners:

My wife and I are 12 year residents of Rossmoor, a large, unincorporated residential community in Northwest Orange County. We were shocked and are extremely upset that your commission has moved Rossmoor and Los Alamitos in the first draft of the proposed new California Congressional Districts from an Orange County-based Congressional District (currently District 40, represented by Congressman Ed Royce) to the proposed LA County-based LBPORT Congressional District. The LBPORT Congressional District is dominated by the large cities of Long Beach, Lakewood and Paramount. Including Rossmoor and Los Alamitos in the LBPORT Congressional District where we have no political or community interest seems wholly inconsistent with your motto of "Fair Representation-Democracy at Work!" We believe that inclusion of Rossmoor and Los Alamitos in the LBPORT Congressional District will result in NO REPRESENTATION for our communities and we are adamantly opposed to the California Congressional Districts as you have proposed in the first draft for the following reasons:

- We have no political relationship with the City of Long Beach (or Lakewood or Paramount for that matter) or the County of Los Angeles and we have no desire to have one;
- Rossmoor and Los Alamitos, with about 10,600 and 11,200 residents respectively, would have no effective political influence in a district so dominated by Long Beach (Long Beach, the second largest city in the Greater Los Angeles area, would have over 65% of the population of the LBPORT District);
- My wife and I moved from LA County to Orange County 12 years ago because we were wholly dissatisfied with the political climate in LA County and we do not want to be forced back now;
- We are active in our community and in Orange County and we strongly believe that it is critical to have our Congressional representative Orange County based;
- We believe that the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base is a key local, regional and national asset. Its immediate neighbors, Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, Seal

Beach, Cypress and Garden Grove have been actively involved with the Base for years. Our Congressman, Ed Royce, has been instrumental in protecting the Base. The first draft of the proposed California Congressional Districts would rip the key Congressional representation out of Orange County and give it to a Congressional district dominated by Long Beach, which has had no history, experience or connection with the Base.

- The San Gabriel River and 605 Freeway in our area have acted as a physical barrier between LA County and Orange County and we have very little interest in, knowledge of or community with Long Beach, nor they with us.
- On the other hand, Rossmoor and Los Alamitos have a strong and significant community of interest with Seal Beach (we share the same school system and use their adjacent shopping centers), with Cypress and Garden Grove (we share with Seal Beach and Los Alamitos an effective regional “mayors” council for response to regional issues and Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Cypress share a police dispatch system) and with Orange County, which constitutes Rossmoor’s primary government and on which we interface on a whole list of issues from transportation to government structure. We believe our Congressional representative needs to be Orange County based so he or she effectively understands and represents our needs that are so closely intertwined with our neighboring communities and with Orange County.
- In the past, Congressional support has been critical for our community in dealing with our neighbors and with Orange County. We believe that support is stronger because our Congressman, like our other elected representatives, is Orange County-based.
- Finally, our Congressman, Ed Royce, has done an incredible job representing our interests in Washington and in Orange County. He is simply the best and most responsive elected official we have ever had the privilege of electing. He has served Rossmoor exceptionally well for years and has a strong and deep knowledge of and commitment to our community and needs. My wife and I would be personally devastated to lose his service.

For the above reasons, and to meet your goal of redrawing districts that provide “Fair Representation”, we urge you to reconsider your proposal to include Rossmoor and Los Alamitos in Congressional District LBPORT-1 and return them to the Orange County-based LHYL-1.

Very kindly,

ALFRED A. COLETTA

Subject: Rossmoor's Proposed New Congressional District

From: Eric Christensen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 10:11:31 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

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Eric Christensen

[REDACTED]
Rossmoor, CA 90720

Debbie Cotton, Esq.
OVSD Board Member

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Sent via email to [REDACTED]
Sent via fax to [REDACTED]
Sent via personal delivery

June 17, 2011

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

Re: Redistricting of California

To Whom It May Concern:

I was elected to the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees in November 2004. I was re-elected in November 2008 and am up for re-election again in November 2012. The position I hold is non-partisan and is a four (4) year term, with two board members slated in the presidential election and three in the gubernatorial.

Our elementary school District, which is over 100 years strong, covers the cities of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and the unincorporated area of Midway City and services students from Kindergarten through the eighth grade. Other school districts that cover the city of Huntington Beach are Huntington Beach City School District (K-8), Westminster School District (K-8), Fountain Valley School District (K-8) and Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) (9-12). These five school Districts work closely together with regards to our shared students, parents and taxpayers – our shared communities.

School districts must follow both Federal and State laws and receive funding from Federal, State and local municipalities. The above-mentioned school districts work closely together with regards to providing legally required services to students with disabilities, those with low socio-economic statuses and the like. For example, Ocean View School District (OVSD) is the lead agency for the deaf and hard of hearing program for the K-8 students. Student from the districts of Ocean View, Huntington City, Westminster and Fountain Valley with this disability are serviced by OVSD. We work closely with the other three districts to meet their local criteria and with the HBUHSD to ensure the district criteria is met and the children are ready for the high school program.

With this in mind, I write this letter to express my deep concern that the current draft of Congressional districts split our shared communities. In the current draft the city of Huntington Beach is split from the neighboring cities of



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Westminster and Fountain Valley. Should the proposed boundaries become permanent, they will make it very difficult for our local school Districts, whose boundary lines will now cross congressional districts. These new congressional districts will also make it very difficult for those congressional officials that will have to cover differing areas of interest. I *disagree* that Irvine, Aliso Viejo and Laguna Niguel share a common interest with Huntington Beach. The demographics, educational needs and legal requirements for these cities severely differ. Combining these cities will create a problem with regards to how the voters impact our legal requirements and our funding. The taxpayers of these communities will NOT be adequately represented, as they will not be able to create one voice.

As I have stated the cities of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster share educational ties, but more than that they share cultural and commercial bonds. I strongly support changes to the district lines that will unify the school district boundaries and thus keep Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster intact. Please consider this as you deliberate on the placing of congressional districts.

For your reference, I've included a map of OVSD and the HBUHSD. I apologize for not being there in person to answer any questions the panel may have, but I will be out of state at the time of the hearing. I am submitting this letter in hopes that it will have the same force and effect of being there personally. Should you have any questions, I will be returning on July 1, 2011 and happy to help in any way that I can. Feel free to contact me at the above listed addresses or phone numbers.

I thank you, in advance, for your consideration of these points as you make your final decisions.

Sincerely,



Debbie Cotton, Esq.
Board Member
Ocean View School District

Enclosures: OVSD district boundary map, HBUHSD district map

cc: File



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June 17, 2011

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

Re: Redistricting of California

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Acting Superintendent of Ocean View School District, I whole-heartedly concur and support Mrs. Cotton's letter that accompanies mine for your consideration. Allow me to restate and reiterate many of the important factors regarding this issue should the proposed redistricting occur:

- The city of Huntington Beach is split from the neighboring cities of Westminster and Fountain Valley. Should the proposed boundaries become permanent, they will make it very difficult for our local school Districts to work closely together to meet state and local educational criteria.
- These new congressional districts will make it very difficult for those congressional officials that will have to cover differing areas of interest.
- The cities of Irvine, Aliso Viejo, and Laguna Niguel have very different demographics, educational needs, and legal requirements than those of Huntington Beach. Combining these cities will create a problem with regards to how the voters impact our legal requirements and our funding.

Over the years, Ocean View School District has developed important educational and cultural ties. As Mrs. Cotton mentioned, this 'community' has enjoyed a valuable relationship, working toward similar goals and requirements.

I strongly urge you to consider district lines that will unify the school districts, keeping Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and Westminster together, as you deliberate on placement of congressional districts.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

William V. Loose, Ed.D.
Acting Superintendent

Subject: RE: Rossmoor NOT with Long Beach District

From: "Price, Cole J" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 16:51:07 -0700

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

CC: "Price, Yvonne" <[REDACTED]>

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Our present Congressman, Ed Royce, has been good to Rossmoor. He visits Rossmoor, he cares about Rossmoor and he has helped Rossmoor. Rossmoor needs to remain within his district and the district that has been knit together by common interests and goals for our communities.

The communities of Rossmoor and Long Beach have very different character, interests and goals from each other. so incorporating Rossmoor with Long Beach district would constitute an obvious attempt to dilute the conservative voting base within Rossmoor and suck away its substantial tax base to the benefit Long Beach and detriment of Rossmoor.

Thank you.

Cole J. Price
Rossmoor Resident

Subject: Opposition to proposed redistricting

From: "Hap Burnett" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 15:14:38 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I would like to be on record opposing the adding of Los Alamitos and Rossmoor into the Long Beach district. We will be swallowed up by the much bigger city that is not even in our County of Orange. As a practical matter we will lose representation by this plan! We will be the orphans of this district.



Hap Burnett

[REDACTED]
Pyramid Management LLC

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Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Office [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: Moving Rossmoor from Ed Royce's Orange County Congressional District to Congresswoman Richardson's Long Beach District.

From: "Steve Steponovich" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 14:32:23 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This proposal makes no sense as it **changes our long time Representative Ed Royce**, who has worked with both Rossmoor and Los Alamitos for many years and has first hand knowledge of the issues presently facing Rossmoor, to Congresswoman Richardson's district, who has no history or first hand knowledge with Rossmoor.

Further this proposal would put us in LA County and remove us from Orange County and makes a bold and unnecessary leap by switching us to LA County, as the two counties are **vastly different** in enumerable ways.

Lastly we have **no common interests with Long Beach** re shared services or joint ventures or anything whatsoever other than we are separated by the 605 freeway; and thus the initial proposal lacks any critical thinking along those lines.

Communities that we do have commonality with are: Los Alamitos and Seal Beach, and 2nd to those are Westminster, Cypress, and La Palma.

To change our long time Representative Ed Royce; to place Rossmoor in an entirely different County that has such huge differences from Orange; and finally to attempt to join our community with Long Beach, which city lacks any remnants of commonality with mine, clearly shows that this initial proposal has to be scrapped and **some common sense thinking applied**.

Thank you,

Stephen Steponovich, Esq.

[REDACTED]

Rossmoor, CA 90720

[REDACTED] Telephone

[REDACTED] Fax

Subject: Redistricting--Please keep Seal Beach with communities which share its issues and interests.

From: Ellery Deaton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 23:46:21 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Committee,

To be properly represented, people need a representative who understands local issues and is dedicated to helping the people they represent. In order to be adequately represented, communities which share issues and interests need to share a representative.

As you look at drawing lines, please consider placing like communities under one representative. Like communities are those who share school districts, water districts, community college districts, policing agreements and other shared services. Seal Beach and Irvine have virtually no common interest or shared issues. Seal Beach and Aliso Viejo have nothing in common; our needs for representation are completely different.

I urge you to link Seal Beach and Huntington Beach with the cities they have a community of interest with and not with those they don't. This will make for good representation and service for people in all communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours,

Ellery Deaton

Councilwoman

Seal Beach, District 1

Subject: Rossmoor going through a redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 19:31:44 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

It makes no sense at all that the community of Rossmoor, an unincorporated area of Orange County (located between Seal Beach and Los Alamitos) would be placed in an L.A. County area district (Long Beach). That would be a major change of political boundaries, school districts (from Orange County to LA County), property taxes, and protection services (sheriff, fire, etc). Why change something that is working?

Respectfully,
Zoeann Dorame, Teacher and
Resident of Rossmoor since 1986