

**Subject:** Redistricting - Please keep Dana Point together

**From:** Julie Simer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 02:48:23 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

In the first draft of the redistricting map, Dana Point is split in half and would be represented by two assembly members and two state senators. As a resident of Dana Point, I urge the Commission to change the map so that Dana Point is kept entirely within the South Orange County District.

Julie Simer

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**Subject:** Orange County Redistricting maps

**From:** "Anita Boyd" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:25:48 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

June 21, 2011

Dear Sirs,

I have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps for Orange County and I am confused as to how these maps best serve the voters of Orange County. The inconsistencies are egregious and inexplicable. It seems to me we either have communities of interest or we don't, and the integrity of the former should be adhered to based strictly upon principle. Specifically,

1. O.C. city La Habra is combined with areas in LA County for California Senate and Assembly seats but is not combined with this *supposed* "community of interest" for the U.S. Congressional seat?
2. O.C. cities of Los Alamitos and La Palma are included in Orange County for the California Senate and Assembly seats but their community of interest for a Congressional district is Los Angeles?
3. L.A. cities Artesia and Cerritos are included in an Orange County district for Senate and Assembly seats but their community of interest for the U.S. Congressional seat is a Los Angeles district?
4. O.C. North County (Yorba Linda, etc.) is placed with Diamond Bar in Los Angeles County for California Senate and Assembly seats but not for the Congressional seat?

There are major problems with the way the redistricting maps have been drawn and they beg credibility.

#### 1. Congressional Districts

- Orange County's South County (San Juan Capistrano/San Clemente) areas have once again been combined into San Diego County. This makes absolutely no sense as these areas of Orange County are geographically separated from Northern San Diego communities by Camp Pendleton and have little in common with the politics of the San Diego area.
- O.C. city Los Alamitos has significantly more in common with the beach cities of Orange County than the LA District into which it has been drawn. In addition, it is separated from Los Angeles County by the Los Angeles River, a natural divide.

#### 2. Assembly Districts

- Orange County should have *six* full districts drawn within its county lines based on census numbers. You have given Orange County only five. This sixth seat could easily be accommodated if the Orange County populations of South County (San Juan Capistrano/San Clemente) and North County (Yorba Linda, etc.) were brought back into the county, and especially considering that the Los Angeles cities of Artesia and Cerritos were *added* to Orange County and could be placed back in LA. County where they belong.

#### 3. Senate Districts

- Orange County is entitled to *three* California Senate Seats drawn completely within the county lines of Orange County, but has only one, Costa Mesa-Irvine. How is this fair representation for Orange County?
- If the Assembly seats were drawn with the *six* that Orange County *should* have, it would be easy to combine pairs of these districts to make three California Senate seats in our county. In addition,
  - What do Cerritos and Artesia in Los Angeles County have in common with Santa Ana and Fountain Valley? This is a complete mischaracterization of the "Stanton" District; and is not a compact district.
  - The Yorba Linda area is pulled into a Yorba-Linda/Diamond Bar district, while South County San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano are pulled into a San Diego district, yet certainly these areas have much more in common with Orange County than Cerritos and Artesia.

The term "gerrymandering" has unfortunately been with us since the birth of our republic. It referred to a loathsome practice then, with us still today, in the tortuous drawing of district lines that blithely ignore underlying municipal boundaries, and economic, demographic or social affinities, in order to obtain a pre-ordained advantage for one political

party over another. The voters of California created your Commission to turn away from this practice, and have challenged you to create districts that are logical, compact, and most of all respect, rather than ignore, existing communities of interest, and that will genuinely enfranchise and engage all the voters of every district. Please do your job.

Yours very truly,  
Anita Meister-Boyd, Resident, Orange County

**Subject:** Public Comment: 3 - Orange

**From:** Dolores Frisby <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:03:17 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Dolores Frisby <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Rossmoor and Los Alamitos

Message Body:

I have lived in Los Alamitos since my parents bought our home in 1948 and I now own it. It has always been in Orange County and I do not like the idea that you might put it into Long Beach. It does not belong there, It should be in Orange County next to Cypress and Garden Grove.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 3 - Orange

**From:** Barbara Bennett <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:41:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Barbara Bennett <[REDACTED]>

Subject: proposed redistricting change opposition

Message Body:

re: proposed redistricting of Los Alamitos and Rossmoor to Long Beach Congressional district. I am a Rossmoor resident opposed to this change. Los Al and Rossmoor need to be represented by Orange County Representative. I am working with our current Orange Co Rep office about an OC probation issue for our grandson. An LA County rep would not be "connected" with the OC court and probation services. Keep us with Orange County please!!!!

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June 22, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

This letter will serve as support for the map drawn for redistricting by the West Orange County Water District (WOCWD). We are closely aligned with the cities that are served by the WOCWD and have been for many years. We also share the same school districts.

Our city is working with our neighbors Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa, and Westminster on ways to consolidate our services—Police, Fire, Public Works, and Information Services. By combining these services, we can increase revenues and save precious jobs. We have always had a close relationship with these neighboring cities, and we share similar interests by participating in each other's events, such as parades, surf contests, Tet Festivals, and Fountain Valley Founder's Day. We do not share the same boundaries and interests with Irvine, which is more of a metropolis with many hotels, an airport, large buildings, and freeways. Our relationship with our neighbors has to be solid for many years and drawing lines will not change the attitudes and friendships we have built up during the years.

I am urging you to rethink your decision and use the map submitted by the WOCWD for redistricting for Huntington Beach. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Joe Carchio  
Mayor  
City of Huntington Beach

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