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Yours very truly,

Ann Coil  
Santa Ana CA

Honorable Ladies and Gentleman of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been an Orange County resident since 1967 and have lived in my present home in Huntington Beach since 1971. I support the redistricting map that was presented by Shawn Dewane which relates to the Orange County Water District. Federal aid goes to this district. This map would also preserve our Huntington Beach Union High School District which includes six high schools—four in Huntington Beach, one in Westminster and one in Fountain Valley. Federal funding is involved here. Also these high schools enjoy economies of scale since some services, such as those for the handicapped, are offered in one of the schools. These schools have collaborated and built good relationships with each other over the years.

We have no commonality with Irvine. Irvine opposed the airport; we strongly support having an adequate airport in Orange County. We are central Orange County and Irvine is in south Orange County. There interests are different from ours. I haven't dined in Irvine but for one meal in the past three years. I don't shop there nor do I go to the movies there.

I shop at the malls in Westminster and Huntington Beach. I also occasionally shop at the mall in Costa Mesa. When I go out to dinner, I dine in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and occasionally in Little Saigon. My Doctors are affiliated with Orange Coast Memorial in Fountain Valley and have their offices in Fountain Valley. My Dentist is in Huntington Beach.

It is for the aforementioned reasons that I support the redistricting map contributed by Shawn Dewane of the Orange County Water District.

Sincerely,

Loretta A Molino

**Subject:** Citizen's Redistricting Commission - comment

**From:** "Kate Klimow" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 16:39:12 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

Orange County Business Council represents a large, diverse group of companies dedicated to doing business in Southern California, employing over 2,000,000 worldwide. Our mission is to advance Orange County's economic prosperity while protecting a high quality of life.

On behalf of its business members, OCBC advocated for the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, as we saw it as an important component in the reform process needed to move California away from the extreme partisanship that causes legislative gridlock, detrimental to a vibrant, dynamic economy.

Although members of Congress, the State Senate and the Assembly are elected to represent a specific area, they ultimately have a responsibility to every citizen of California. The emphasis for redistricting should be the efficiency of service and fairness to residents based on impartial geographic standards that link together cities with common interests and common borders.

The current draft map lumps the Orange County city of La Habra into an Assembly district that is otherwise entirely composed of cities in Los Angeles County. Similarly, the City of La Palma was put into a Congressional district in LA County. The City of Los Alamitos was pushed into a coastal district with which there is little commonality of issues. A more logical grouping would move Los Alamitos in with other western OC cities like Stanton, Cypress and Garden Grove. Finally, the cities of Orange and Dana Point were both cut in two. Not only does this put a burden on the municipalities when legislative action is needed, it weakens the ability of these communities to address their infrastructure and administrative issues.

Although Orange County is the sixth most populous county in the United States, it is also the smallest area-wise county in Southern California. There is a strong sense of identity in this county that is cherished by its 34 cities and its citizens.

To the maximum extent possible, we encourage the Commission to ensure contiguous representation for cities and not to break up communities with common character, interests and challenges. Of course, we would be remiss if we did not also encourage that districts to drawn in a way that does not favor or discriminate against an incumbent, candidate, or political party.

We appreciate the difficult task you are undertaking and the challenges you face balancing competing interests. We appreciate your willingness to consider our comments.

Sincerely,

**Kate Klimow**

Vice President of Government and Community Affairs  
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**Subject:** Public Comment: 3 - Orange

**From:** Zonya Townsend <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 21:27:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Zonya Townsend <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate District lines

Message Body:

Dear Members of the California Redistricting Commission,  
My husband and I think your draft plans make more sense than the old districts drawn by the legislature. No longer does SD 33 swoop up from South County bypassing population and pick up Fullerton to help elect & pacify certain politicians. There was no logical or objective reason to have SD 29 span from Anaheim to Arcadia in the LA foothills. The Assembly district in north county recognizes that Fullerton have a strong common bond with North Anaheim & Placentia. The Assembly & Senate districts are compact & ethnically diverse. Please keep these lines as they are.  
Thank you very much for your consideration,  
Zonya & Ron Townsend

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**Subject:** My comments on the draft maps

**From:** "S. L. Weissman" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 16:39:42 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express my views that the maps created by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance displayed at the Commission Hearing on June 17 in Whittier provide much better representation than those posted by your Commission, especially for the people of Artesia and Cerritos.

As someone who is very active in this area I know that Artesia and Cerritos have a great deal in common both socially and demographically with cities such as Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, Lynwood and Bell Gardens (Gateway Cities), and very little in common with the cities within Orange County.

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) provides regional leadership, in transportation, housing and air quality to name just a few issues. I believe that if more than ¼ of one of the districts is in a different county, the majority of the attention of the elected representatives will be on how policy issues affect that county, not those of us in southeast portion or Los Angeles County.

Our message to local elected officials on issues we share with our neighboring cities in Los Angeles County will be not be heard clearly, if we have different representation in Sacramento and Washington than the other cities in the COG.

It will be much more difficult to have cohesive representation with a representative in Sacramento or Washington DC who is not primarily concerned with our county's needs.

The places I and my friends and family go to shop, to eat and for entertainment are in the Gateway Cities area. We rarely if ever travel to Orange County for these kinds of activities.

Proposition 10 contained the following language: "The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions." There does not seem to be a compelling reason to split Cerritos and Artesia from the rest of the Gateway Cities and place them in Orange County.

Please consider keeping Gateway Cities together during your drafting of future maps. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sharon L. Weissman  
Norwalk

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Sharon L. Weissman

**Bruce Beal**

[REDACTED]  
Dana Point, California 92629

Email: [REDACTED]

June 24, 2011

VIA FACSIMILE, E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Honorable Chairman  
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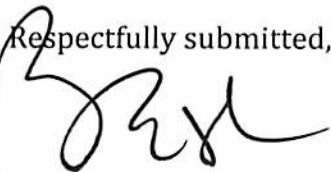
Re: Comments on the Citizens Redistricting Commission's ("Commission") First Draft of  
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Honorable Chairman:

I strongly feel that Dana Point, as a whole, should remain grouped with other south Orange County cities for state Senate and Assembly purposes because of the common issues these cities face as well as the strong working relationships and cooperative arrangements they have developed over many, many years, including ocean water quality, regional transportation, regional land use planning and affordable housing among others.

Therefore, I strongly and respectfully request the Commission to reconsider the state Senate and Assembly district boundaries proposed in the First Draft District Maps related to Dana Point so as to keep Dana Point intact.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce L. Beal  
Citizen and Businessman of Dana Point, California



*A Step Ahead*

June 22, 2011

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

**Re:** Comments from the Orange County Association of REALTORS® (OCAR) regarding the Citizens Redistricting Commission's First Draft of State Senate and Assembly District Maps

Honorable Chairman:

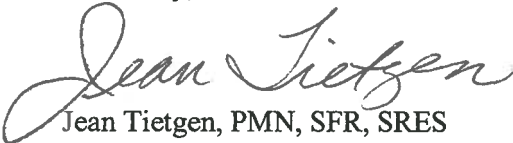
As President of the Orange County Association of REALTORS®, an organization that represents nearly 10,000 REALTOR® members and 600 Affiliate members (who either own or are involved in real-estate related businesses), I am writing to voice my objection—and the objections of the Association and the Affiliates I represent—to certain state Senate and Assembly district boundaries proposed in the Commission's First Draft of the District Maps.

As a matter of principle, I strongly oppose any effort that would (1) divide a city the size of Dana Point (land area = 6.6 square acres) for purposes of legislative representation in either the California Senate or the California Assembly and (2) place the entire city, or any portion of it, within a state legislative district that does not include other neighboring South Orange County cities. Dividing a city in this way would dilute and diminish the strength of its legislative representation, thereby effectively denying due legislative process to its 35,110 residents.

For state Senate and Assembly district purposes, Dana Point should be preserved whole and grouped with other South Orange County cities because of the common challenges these cities face—including affordable housing, business retention, disaster preparedness, emergency medical response, fire protection and prevention, jobs creation, ocean water quality, regional land-use planning, and regional transportation at both the local (Orange County Transportation Authority) and the state (Caltrans) level—and the cooperative relationships these cities have developed over many years of working together to meet their mutual challenges.

For the reasons, I have outlined above, I respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the state Senate and Assembly district boundaries proposed in the First Draft. I thank you most sincerely for the time you are devoting to a matter that OCAR views as vitally important.

Gratefully,

  
Jean Tietgen, PMN, SFR, SRES  
President



**Marlene Beal**

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Marlene Beal  
Citizen and Businesswoman of Dana Point, California

**Subject:** Redistricting 2011/Keep Dana Point Whole

**From:** Ingrid McGuire <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 13:00:07 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Honorable Redistricting Commission:

I am a 32 year resident of Dana Point, a former City Mayor and Council Member and I currently serve on the Board of Directors of South Coast Water District.

I am strongly opposed to dividing a city of 35,000 people or a water district that serves 42,000 customers into 2 Assembly Districts and 2 Senate Districts. There is, I am certain, a better way of drawing redistricting boundaries.

South Coast Water District, the city of San Juan Capistrano, the Moulton Niguel Water District and the Santa Margarita Water District together manage the San Juan Creek basin. South Coast WD has a groundwater recovery facility in the basin.

South Coast WD is also one of 5 participants of a consortium that is developing an ocean desalination facility. The other agencies are: the cities of San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Beach and Moulton Niguel WD.

South Coast WD and the city of Dana Point are in Region 9 ( San Diego) of the State Water Quality Control Board.

It would be logical to place to place Dana Point and South Coast Water District undivided into the South Orange County - STHOC - district.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully

Ingrid McGuire

[REDACTED]  
Dana Point, CA 92629

**From:** John Mo <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 13:05:36 -0700 (PDT)  
**To:** [REDACTED]

My name is John Molino and I have been a resident of Huntington Beach for 39 years. I support the redistricting map proposed by Shawn Dewane. We in Huntington Beach have little in common with residents in Irvine. For example, we

supported the Airport because we felt it would bring jobs and commerce to our area. They did not. They have more in

common with residents of south Orange County. The demographics of Newport Beach are much different from ours.

And Laguna Beach I see more as a resort committee. When I want to go to the beach, I go to Huntington Beach. I shop at Bella Terra. Our school district funding would be damaged by changing the

districting. Our high school district includes Huntington Beach, Westminster and Fountain Valley. Redistricting will

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**From:** "Susan T. Kroffe" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 19:04:51 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Susan T. Kroffe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't redistrict Los Alamitos, and Rossmoor to Long Beach, CA

Message Body:

I oppose the politicians redistricting Los Alamitos, and Rossmoor to Long Beach, CA. We are in Orange County and choose to remain that way.

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**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 10:39:06 -0700 (PDT)

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Ann Coil

Santa Ana CA

*Ann Coil,*  
**Career Consultant**

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