

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

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To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Redistricting Comments: La Crescenta

Message Body:

I believe the town of La Crescenta should be kept whole. We make up the ZIP code of 91214, and half of La Crescenta is in unincorporated Los Angeles County while the other half is an annex of the city of Glendale. As it stands now, La Crescenta is split into three congressional districts and three assembly districts and no one has any idea who they're represented by, what the borders are, or even whether they live in the city of Glendale or the unincorporated portions (unless they have a particular vested interest in such borders, which is a very tiny portion of the population). The whole of La Crescenta feeds to the same high school (Crescenta Valley High School), the same middle school (Rosemont Middle School) and shares a ZIP code as well as a town name, a single library, a single post office, and stretches along Foothill Blvd. between the city of La Canada-Flintridge and the Tujunga portion of the city of Los Angeles. I believe it is in the best interest of all r!

esidents of La Crescenta (a very close-knit community) that we be represented together by a single congressional representative and a single assembly representative (and of course a single state senator).

Please give serious consideration to uniting the whole of 91214 (La Crescenta) into one district of representation so our voices are no longer split across such disparate regions with people who don't even know we exist much less have a single thing in common with us.

As to whom we should be attached, my recommendation is that the Foothill corridor that includes La Canada, making up the Crescenta Valley bounded by the Verdugo Mountains on the south, is a unique community of interest with common concerns including the 710 freeway alternative that recommends a route redirecting traffic onto the 210 freeway, the Station Fire response and continuing mudslide concerns, our community's Verdugo Hills Hospital, and both Foothill Boulevard (which runs straight from Hahamongna Park at the edge of La Canada up to and beyond the end of La Crescenta) and the Foothill freeway (210).

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Christopher Wiemberg <[REDACTED]>

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To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Palms Neighborhood

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to you about my neighborhood in Los Angeles, Palms (zip code 90034).

It seems that the the district confounds those doing Redistricting. I have noticed from the drafts that were recently released, that in every case Palms falls right next to a district line. This is understandable, since the neighborhood is fairly diverse, and is similar to both neighborhoods near the shore, as well as ones further inland. While I feel the neighborhood shares more in common with areas like Santa Monica and Mar Vista than Baldwin Hills, and would like that to be reflected in the district, I write to you about something more fundamental: ensuring consistent districting for the assembly, senate, and congressional districts.

The current districting for Palms is a disaster: we are split between two Congressional districts (36 and 33), represented in a coastal senate district (28), and represented in an inland assembly district (47). This makes getting involved in political life while living in this neighborhood: rather than working with the same set of interested citizens while getting involved with the assembly and senate, instead residents in Palms are left to try to make inroads in two political communities, a highly discouraging set of circumstances.

I ask you to please, when drawing the lines, to (1) not divide Palms and (2) try to put us in assembly, senate, and congressional districts that highly overlap. I was prompted to write in because I was concerned that, if the released maps were adopted, we would be lumped with the south bay or central LA in the state senate, a northern coastal district in the Congress, and split between a more central LA district and coastal district in the assembly.

So, when thinking about how to draw up the west side, try to put Palms in the same sort of district every time (preferably with Mar Vista and West Los Angeles).

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