

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judith Neal <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 16:19:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judith Neal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SGV Foothill Mtns

Message Body:

I was under the impression that we were not going to be crossing county lines and that the diversity of population, not diversity of ethnic race were to be the guidelines drawing lines. Once again that is not the case. Shame on you and your commission. The maps are so hard to read I can't determine if cities are also being split. You've got to do a much better job.

J Neal, San Dimas, CA

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Christine Rowe <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 00:31:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Christine Rowe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: First Draft of maps - Los Angeles County

Message Body:

June 14, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

I was very disappointed to see that my original comments dated May 15, 2011 are still not posted on your site. I was also disappointed to see the first draft of your maps. It appears to me as if the commission actually does not want the representatives to be accessible to their constituents.

I know that there were comments - particularly by VICA, Valley Vote et al, that stated that the San Fernando Valley should be seen as a separate "Community of Interest". This is important to residents in particular of the City of Los Angeles at the far west side that may need to plan to leave for a trip to downtown that will take two hours.

We have asked for a complete Congressional district to be in the San Fernando Valley. You have drawn a Congressional map that is called West San Fernando Valley - but you have failed to take into account the natural land barriers of rugged mountain terrain of the Santa Susana Mountain range. You have placed the Santa Clarita area with W. San Fernando rather than in a district that it is in closer proximity to it via the freeways - the East San Fernando Valley Congressional district.

A more representative district for the West San Fernando Valley would be to include the area west of the 405 in the West San Fernando Valley Congressional District.

There is absolutely no excuse to not take the West San Fernando Valley Congressional District that you have designed, and add the same area west of the 405 freeway to that district for a State Senate District wholly within the West San Fernando Valley, and possibly include the communities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village that are still within Los Angeles County, and still have freeway access.

There is no excuse for not putting communities by the ocean into districts that they are more contiguous with - preferably with a district that includes Malibu or Oxnard. As the current State Senate District is drawn - and I have had to estimate those key cities - the southwest portion is near Point Mugu Naval Base. The northern most point is near Lebec. The district includes the community of West Hills.

I have used GOOGLE maps to plot a route from that southwest corner to generate the distance from the southwest corner to the northern boundary.

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=Pt.+Mugu,+Pacific+Coast+Hwy,,+California&daddr=West+Hills,+CA+to:Santa+Clarita,+CA+to:Lebec,+CA&geocode=FfXlCAIdgKXm-Cm_kB9AD7PCgDFHI6QGALVG_Q%3BFc70CQIdir3t-CmjVyKjg53CgDHP51XcQvrPPg%3BFXDGDAIdBi_v-CknGNWsM4bCgDFI1gVz4I9KVg%3BFSyEwIdTUTq-ClxKd0o8e_pgDFsBdnKLfeczw&hl=en&mra=ls&sll=34.746306,-118.764064&sspn=2.270228,3.510132&ie=UTF8&z=9&dirflg=d

That total distance is about 112 miles, and it would minimally take about 2 ½ hours. However the reality is - there is usually gridlock on the 101 freeway - one of the most busy freeways in the world. Traffic usually bottlenecks between Thousand Oaks and Woodland Hills. To go north into West Hills would require surface streets. The distance from Pt. Mugu to West Hills would be about 37 miles and take about 56 minutes - at a minimum.

The next step of that trip - West Hills to Santa Clarita is about 2.5 miles - and would take an estimated 42 minutes. The 118 freeway and the 405 freeways also have gridlock - and those times are very unlikely.

The final trip from Santa Clarita to Lebec is about another 47.6 miles - and about another 54 minutes. All of this assumes favorable driving conditions.

How are the representatives of our elected officials expected to drive these distances and represent close to a million people?

Finally, you have included the community of West Hills in the State Assembly District that includes the northern portion of the State Senate District. Those distances that I have quoted between West Hills and Lebec would be the same distances for the Assembly member's representatives to travel.

West Hills and the communities around it including Woodland Hills, Bell Canyon, and Chatsworth should be included in the West San Fernando Valley Assembly District.

Currently West Hills is divided and has two Assembly members - one has an office in Van Nuys, another has an office in Westlake Village. These offices in the Valley enable our elected officials to be more accessible to our communities.

I hope that you will consider the needs of all California residents not only in terms of ethnic diversity, minority populations, communities of interest, but also in terms of geographic boundaries and traffic patterns.

Sincerely,

Christine Rowe

West Hills, CA

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Bernard Bregman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 00:56:37 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bernard Bregman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I have seen in the newspapers that Brad Shermans district will be split up . I know thatthe charter for the commission is to keep ethnic districts contiguous. I feel that the Jewish community is being discriminated against in this redistricting. Brad Sherman has been an advocate for Jewish causes and I want to see that my interests are preserved. Please take note of the fact that there are 3 synagauges and two Jewish day schools within 2 miles of my home. You should look at the distribution of religious institutions to see if minorities are being served. The valley has a large Jewish constuency and need to be represented in Congress.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Eileen Zierhut <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 02:35:12 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Eileen Zierhut <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Assembly Seat - Aqua Dulce

Message Body:

The CRC has split our community in the Assembly, Senate and Congressional District.

Please add Aqua Dulce to the SCV Assembly District

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kim Mischook <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 04:05:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kim Mischook <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Altadena

Message Body:

I would like to request that you keep Altadena & Pasadena together in one assembly district. Thank you very much.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Deborah Moorehead <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 01:09:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Deborah Moorehead <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Assembly Seat - Aqua Dulce

Message Body:

The CRC has split our community in the Assembly, Senate and Congressional District.

Please add Aqua Dulce to the SCV Assembly District

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Richard Stark <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 21:33:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard Stark <[REDACTED]>
Subject: US Congressional Districts 36 & 46

Message Body:

For many years the Palos Verdes Peninsula (PVP) was part of what is now District 36. In the last legislative redistricting a classical gerrymandering was done to shift PVP to District 46, making it more solidly Republican and the 36th more solidly Democratic.

Most all of our interests are more closely allied to the South Bay than to Orange County. Not correcting this situation and returning PVP to the 36th district makes a travesty of the stated purpose of the Redistricting Commission.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Patty Paul <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 23:40:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patty Paul <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Studio City, CA

Message Body:

Good afternoon Commissioners - I notice that your re-districting map has separated my community, Studio City, in half, with one half in one area and the other half in another area.. Studio City is an organized community.. we have an active residents association and a neighborhood council. We have neighborhood watch areas set up and they have been established for many years. I am already in another city council persons district (offset from the rest of Studio City) and find it impossible to get any attention or any assistance from the local city councilman or his staff.. they focus on the big established neighborhoods, not us small ones that have been gerrymandered over the years into his district. I personally know how hard it is to work with government when your community, your school area, work area have been split.. please reconsider and leave the studio city boundaries intact for purposes of re-districting.. or you will be making our problems worse not better.. I bese! ech you to consider this request. best, patty paul

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Patricia A. Kelly" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 22:22:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patricia A. Kelly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Assembly Seat-Agua Dulce

Message Body:

The CRC has split our community in the Assembly, Senate and Congressional District. Please add Agua Dulce to the SCV Assembly District and Newhall to the 25th Congressional District

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[REDACTED]
Sherman Oaks, CA 91401

6-14-11

Greetings:

I live in California Congressional District 27, in the Sherman Oaks neighborhood of the city of Los Angeles. I have never liked the district lines, because most of Sherman Oaks and the neighboring community of Van Nuys are excluded in a clearly gerrymandered way. Just north and east of my home is Congressional District 28, but then north and east of it is Congressional District 27 again. The district lines do not reflect neighborhoods or geography and are incomprehensible to the average person.

I was hoping for new Congressional District 27 lines that would more sensibly represent this area of the San Fernando Valley. The proposed district lines, however, commit the same mistakes as the existing lines. Again, I am left on the very edge of the district, with much of the community that I am closest to (Van Nuys) excluded from the district. Congressional District 28 is again north of my home, but then Congressional District 27 picks up again on the other side. Instead of being a clearly defined central district in the San Fernando Valley, the proposed Congressional District 27 extends past Calabasa to the west and to Santa Clarita to the north, two areas I have never even been to and which I hardly consider part of my neighborhood.

I ask the commission to re-examine its work and to draw district lines that reflect the truth of people's lives--their communities, their neighborhoods, area geography, etc. Where do people live? Where do they shop? Where do they work? Where do they go to school? Where do they worship? Who are their neighbors? Residents of a particular district should be able to expect their Congressional member to represent their interests, and this clear link is broken when district lines divide residents into incomprehensible groupings that don't reflect the reality of the residents' lives.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Dobie
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "L. Hamilton" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 00:28:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: L. Hamilton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Altadena redistricting

Message Body:

I am a Pasadena resident, and I am writing to request that Altadena be included in the Pasadena assembly district.

Altadena is a community that has many common interests with Pasadena. It shares a school district, with 6 PUSD schools in the district (and 3 charter schools).

Also, there is a sizable African-American population in West Altadena that is interwoven with the African American community in Northwest Pasadena.

Splitting the districts splits this community in two. Part of the goal of redistricting was to keep "communities of interest" together, not split them apart.

Please reconsider adding Altadena to the Assembly District map.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Paul Carreiro <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 07:06:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Paul Carreiro <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Recommendation for Congressional District for Beach Cities

Message Body:

Greetings,

I simply want to voice my support for the individual comments submitted by Tiffany J. Balonek and Eugene L. Starr both dated 24 May 2011, both titled "Congressional District for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Cities". As they both have described, the South Bay (defined by their proposed Congressional boundaries) is truly a community onto itself. They eloquently described the common themes of lifestyle, pride of community, family and industry that bond us together. One community, made up of multiple cities and a diverse people.

I was born and raised in the South Bay. As a resident of El Camino Village, a small piece of unincorporated LA County nestled between Torrance, Gardena, Hawthorne and Lawndale, its troubling to be 'lined out' of the South Bay community we identify so heavily with. As such I fully support the Congressional boundaries suggested by Tiffany and Eugene in their comments which includes the Western half of Gardena (and El Camino Village) in with the South Bay district lines. I hope you will reconsider the draft boundaries to include this change.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Paul Carreiro

El Camino Village

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From: "L. Lund" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 15:57:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: L. Lund <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Coastal communities have lost representation

Message Body:

As a concerned citizen I would like to keep my district 46. The orange county representatives care about pollution,docks, wild life in our ocean. The inland communities are concerned about inland issues. Leave our congressman where he is or appoint a congressman who lives near the ocean.

Sincerely, Lucille Lund

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: George Alexander <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 13:49:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: George Alexander <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Delineation of proposed new districts

Message Body:

The maps are useless -- some districts are not completely enclosed by lines; lack numerical designations [am I looking at the 23rd or 25th AD?] and street identifications. How am I supposed to know what's being proposed for my corner of Studio City?

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Carol Pickle <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 18:07:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Pickle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Gabriel Valley

Message Body:

In our area, with the new districts, we would lose 2 Republican congressmen. How can this be fair to those of us in the minority (i.e. Republicans)? We will lose any voice. In addition, Pasadena will be in two separate districts based on a freeway???

Once again, splitting cities should be avoided.

Thanks

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "L.Lund" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 15:52:25 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: L.Lund <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Loss of representation for our coastal communities

Message Body:

To: The citizens of redistricting

The coastal citizens have lost

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kathryn Dunn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 20:12:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathryn Dunn <[REDACTED]>

Subject: maps

Message Body:

I am astounded at the poor quality of maps you have generated. They are not usable by any newspaper in the state. Please improve them immediately.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lois Woodruff [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 21:22:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lois Woodruff <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Assembly Seat -Aqua Dulce

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Joan P Curd <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 20:52:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joan P Curd <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Redistricting

Message Body:

I would like the CRC to include Agua Dulce in our district. They are part of our community.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: joyce brody <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 20:03:29 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: joyce brody <[REDACTED]>

Subject: how to get detailed maps of districts

Message Body:

I would like to see the proposed districts in my community. How can I comment if I can't see the map with streets on it ? I have gone to the map site and see the jig saw puzzle but there seems to be no ability to see each individual district with some major streets , at least.

is that available somehow ?

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