

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Luana Law <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:54:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Luana Law <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redrawing congressional districts

Message Body:

PLEASE KEEP THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN TACT. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE NEWHALL INTO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT.

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Subject: Re: Redistricting

From: Sam Kbushyan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 10:13:00 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear California Citizens Redistrict Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity and thank you for keeping our community as a whole. Through public hearings and sharing individual opinions, the map finally appeared to be as a whole for the Armenian American Community in Southern California.

As an Armenian-American Angeleno, I am a proud member of my community and the CRC has managed to draw the district boundaries accordingly to include all of the stakeholders of our diverse community.

Therefore, I would like to thank you for your flawless work and commitment to make our voices equally heard in the State Legislature.

Regards,

Sam Kbushyan
Resident
East Hollywood

Subject: Thank You!

From: LACC CHAMBER <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 10:38:46 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Committee:

We at the Little Armenia Chamber of Commerce would like to thank you for your input on studying our community concerns.

The newly crafted district maps present another decade of equality in our Democratic process. We would like to applaud your timeless voluntary spirit toward the prosperity of our state and the individual communities throughout the state.

Therefore, thank you for your commitment making our Golden State Shine Bright!

Regards,

Garó Keurjikian
President
Little Armenia Chamber of Commerce
Little Armenia, California

Subject: Redistricting - Southbay

From: Matt Takahashi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 08:56:14 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

My name is Matt Takahashi. I live in Palos Verdes Estates and my community of interest is the Southbay. Thank you for placing the peninsula cities in districts with the beach cities to the north, our community of interest. Hawthorne and Lawndale are part of our community. Venice and Santa Monica are not. Please do not include Venice and Santa Monica in our district, but include the Palos Verdes peninsula, Hawthorne and Lawndale. Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Takahashi

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From: Michele Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:06:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michele Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I am very concerned that the new redistricting plan for Topanga, CA, leaves us in a district with completely unlike areas. We are connected to the west side of LA and the west side of the San Fernando Valley by many interests and concerns, including the need for land preservation, fighting smog and fighting for clean water for our nearby beaches.

I understand the new lines have us connected somehow to the desert areas of Santa Clarita that have completely different needs and interests. PLEASE take our historical needs and interests into account when looking at redistricting.

Thank you,
Michele and Gary Johnson

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From: "Sue M.Forbes" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:58:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sue M.Forbes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Please reconsider your paring of Topanga Canyon with Santa Clara. It doesn't make much sense. I have lived here for over thirty years; in the past we were paired with the west side[similar problems & goals]. There would be a benefit to combining with the West side- I don't see any benefit in pairing with Santa Clara. Thank you for your service-I'm sure it's a huge job!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Benjamin Landau <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:35:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Benjamin Landau <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th CD redistricting

Message Body:

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Benjamin Landau, and I am a resident of Palos Verdes Estates.

I have reviewed the preliminary district maps issued by the commission on the Commission's website for the Palos Verdes Est-Beach Cities. I find much of the proposed districts to be acceptable, however I do respectfully request the Commission modify the maps per my recommendations that follow. My proposed modifications affect all three districts.

Others and I were very pleased with the preliminary edition of the 36th congressional district (CD) available on the website, June 2, 2011. It was almost a carbon copy of what many of us proposed and placed on the Commissions website prior to that date. However, between June 2nd and the June 10th preliminary releases, a few significant changes were made to the preliminary 36th CD. Specifically, several key cities of our community were removed from our proposed congressional district, namely Lawndale, Hawthorne, Lennox, Wilmington and a portion of San Pedro. These cities were replaced with Venice, Santa Monica, Harbor City and a portion of Harbor Gateway.

Please understand, Venice and Santa Monica are not a part of our Southbay community while the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much a part of our Southbay community. In fact, the city of Lawndale posts on their website that they are "The Heart of the Southbay." Except for the fact that Venice and Santa Monica are cities on the Pacific coastline, they have little else in common with the Southbay. Most of us seldom visit the cities of Venice and Santa Monica and we certainly do not work, shop or recreate in these cities. Further, folks from Venice and Santa Monica likewise testified at hearings that they are not part of the Southbay and wish to be removed from the proposed 36th CD.

To the contrary, many of those who reside in the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne work at Southbay small businesses and are employed by our aerospace industry. Further, many of us residing in the peninsula cities have friends and relatives residing in these cities as well as own and operate businesses in these cities. The cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much "communities of interest" to us.

I respectfully request the Commission include Lawndale and Hawthorne in the final 36th CD and eliminate Venice and Santa Monica from it. From the viewpoint of population, it is practically a one for one swap. Venice and Santa Monica have a combined population of approximately 129,000 and Hawthorne and Lawndale have a combined population of approximately 118,000. To accommodate the difference, I suggest the Commission consider adding the section of Harbor Gateway south of the 405 Freeway and north of Sepulveda to the section of Harbor Gateway already included. This adds approximately 6,000 people to the proposed final congressional district, thus making up most of the loss from the desired swap. Additionally, I strongly recommend all of San Pedro be included in our CD as well as Lennox and Gardena west of Western Ave. This yields a population of approximately 704,000, the required number of people for a congressional district in accordance with the 2010 census data.

Regarding the Assembly District, I request the elimination of Westchester and Marina Del Rey from the Commission's preliminary map and the addition of Lawndale and the section of Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd. This is practically a one-for-one swap in population numbers. This permits the city of Lawndale to be in the same assembly and congressional districts and it complies with the Assembly District population requirement of approximately 465,000.

I again thank the Commission for your interest in our community and your conscientious work in our behalf.

Benjamin Landau


Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

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From: Linda Vernick <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:52:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Linda Vernick <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional District

Message Body:

I am requesting that Santa Monica and Venice be excluded from the 36th Congressional District and that Gardena, Hawthorne and Lawndale be included in the name of fairness.

Thank you,
Linda Vernick

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From: Rolanda Mendelle <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 23:26:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rolanda Mendelle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting topanga

Message Body:

Please, Topanga is intimately involved with coastal commission, Santa Monica Mountains, and the westside...let's keep it that way..Santa Clarita is an entirely different area..let's be SMART HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Greg Maas <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 23:47:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Greg Maas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Keep Santa Clarita whole

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From: Wynne Ritch <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 23:32:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wynne Ritch <[REDACTED]>

Subject: district alignment

Message Body:

It has come to my attention that your planning to draw a line right through Granada Hills dividing us into so that someone will be happy and the other person won't. I will be one those that this will make very unhappy. Whom ever dreamed up this idea was drinking something other than tea. I am member of the Chamber, VFW, Rotary and Boy Scouts of America and I know I will gladly report to them of this idiotic decision, or proposal. I suggest you get your act together and come up with another solution.

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From: Amanda Donovan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 23:52:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Amanda Donovan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita

Message Body:

I support keeping Santa Clarita Whole

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Richard Fisk <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 18:27:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard Fisk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Balboa Blvd, dividing line

Message Body:

RE: Southeastern boundary line of State Assembly district referred to as Santa Clarita. Currently as drawn district line divides the community of Granada Hills and the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council. The boundary line runs south down Balboa Blvd from the 5 freeway and connects with the 118 and then the 405 as it proceeds south. Please do not divide a community and readjust the district border there by following the 5 -Golden State Freeway.

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From: C r Hudson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 19:21:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: C r Hudson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

Thanks for the effort to maintain the SCV as a whole and not a disperit area. My only issue is the current proposal to carve a portion of our community (Newhall) out of our congressional district.

Please keep the SCV "Our" community and not divided. Part of our valley in the San Fernando district (a bubble over the hill) is "Not in our best intrest"

Thanks for your positive and SCV positive change to the current proposal.

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From: Marc Stirdivant [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 20:04:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marc Stirdivant <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Pasadena Whole

Message Body:

Members of the Commission,

First, let me thank you for taking on the daunting task of redrawing the boundaries of our Congressional, State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts.

It was my pleasure to speak directly to you in San Fernando on April 30, 2011 and, as a resident of the City of Glendale, I argued for keeping the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena together as part of the same Congressional District. At that time, I said:

“These cities are the very definition of a Community of Interest. They are geographically contiguous. People in these cities share a common standard of living. Glendalians shop in Pasadena and Burbank, and residents of Burbank and Pasadena shop in Glendale. The three cities are the joint owners of the Bob Hope Airport. They also share resources for public safety including police helicopter patrol. And they are connected by California State Route 2 - the 134 Freeway.”

I was delighted to see that the entire City of Burbank has been incorporated into the new San Gabriel Mountains Foothills district. I believe this addition will provide benefits to the residents of all three cities. However, by the same token, I am not convinced that residents of these three cities have been well-served by the division of the City of Pasadena.

While I recognize the difficulty of meeting all the criteria required to determine district boundaries, the Commission should re-visit the case of Pasadena in light of the criterion that calls for you to “respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.”

As I mentioned, State Route 134 connects the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena. Using it, as it appears you have, to bifurcate Pasadena seems counter intuitive. I am convinced that the City of Pasadena sees itself more as a foothill city than a San Gabriel Valley City. And in no case does it see itself as a divided city.

In the spirit of providing “a suggestion that would make your district better reflect the interests of its residents” I urge you to take a second look at this portion of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills draft district and give consideration to making Pasadena whole. Perhaps reducing the district in the northwest and/or southeast corners might substitute for the additional population that would be added.

Again, I thank you for your dedication as you continue with this process.

Marc Stirdivant

[REDACTED]
Glendale, CA 91208

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Subject: Oppose redistricting Santa Monica Mountain District

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 08:28:29 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I strongly oppose the redistricting .Kamran Nikravan

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From: Carol Hunt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 20:53:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Hunt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th congressional district

Message Body:

I understand Hawthorne was dropped from the 36th and Venice and Santa Monica were added in. I have taught school in this area for 20 years and have lived in Palos Verdes for 38 years. For you to better understand the historical division of the South Bay area I thought it would be helpful for you to see the Schools' Special Education SELPA breakdown that has been in place for at least 20 years (probably many more). The cities in this district are:

Centinela Valley (Hawthorne/Lawndale area)

El Segundo

Hawthorne

Inglewood

Lawndale

Lennox (Hawthorne, Inglewood, airport area)

Manhattan Beach

Palos Verdes Peninsula

Redondo Beach

Torrance

Wiseburn (El Segundo area)

Santa Monica is NOT in our area; HAWTHORNE AND LAWDALE ARE IN OUR AREA.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Michael Fuss <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 14:35:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michael Fuss <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Include Kagel Canyon in a Foothill Community District

Message Body:

Kagel Canyon is located in the San Gabriel Mountains and has similar demographics to Sunland Tujunga, La Crescenta and Burbank as well as similar interests in Horses, the Foothill Environment, Fire Dangers and Crime prevention. We also have similar income, education levels and residential zoning. Over the past three decades of demographic change we have been cut off and ignored by elected officials who look primarily to the Valley floor communities of Arleta and Pacomia for the bulk of their votes and funding. Representatives like Cardenas and Alarcon routinely ignore us and have (in the Case of Alarcon tried to illegally change the zoning of the Lopez Canyon Landfill to allow his political allies to run a Trucking school while Cardenas in the past attempted to shut down the award winning Fenton Ave Charter school to curry favor with his teacher union contributors. I can assure you that the outlook of the foothill community is pro environmental to the extent that we would h!

We have never tolerated Alarcon trying to reopen a landfill that took us decades to close as well as strongly focused on education reform and pro school choice such that we would not have tolerated our representative attempting to shut down an award winning charter school. What we lack is an ability to have our elected officials respect our wishes because we are a permanent ethnic and cultural minority in their districts. Last thought, because of our focus on the environment, our demographic has long lamented the shrinking of our 100 acre Hansen Dam Lake over the last 3 decades. A representative that understood that would have worked hard to coordinate the Army Corp of Engineers

with the other relevant flood control agencies to restore it. Instead we got two decades of incompetent and neglectful oversight that resulted in a shrunken and dangerous silted out basin that is unsafe to swim or boat in. Alarcon, with his lack of understanding of the Lake's restoration to our community gave us instead a pathetic 1 acre concrete square fishing pond and a smaller rectangular unheated pool. Compare that to Balboa Lake and botanical gardens represented by elected officials who represent the foothill communities on the South end of the San Fernando Valley and the results are quite clear.

Michael Fuss
Master's Political Science UCLA
Kagel Canyon Resident

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Vikki Holmes <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 15:17:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Vikki Holmes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Message: Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Wayde Hunter <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 13:28:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wayde Hunter <[REDACTED]>

Subject: erroneous use of Balboa Blvd divides Granada Hills community

Message Body:

The use of Balboa Boulevard in Granada Hills as a boundary for Santa Clarita and San Fernando-East Los Angeles Senate Districts is in error as it not only divides the community of Granada Hills in two but it also divides the City of Los Angeles' 12th Council District, and the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council District. An easy solution would be to continue the eastern boundary of the Santa Clarita District (the western boundary of the San Fernando-East Los Angeles district) along the 5 freeway to the 405 freeway and then turning west along the 118 freeway. This would not have any great impact on the demographics as it contains only 3 - 5000 population and is mostly open space containing DWP & MWD facilities.

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From: Jack Simonson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 14:51:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jack Simonson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Consider the LGBT Community Too

Message Body:

I ask you to keep the neighborhoods stretching from West Hollywood to Silverlake together in your state legislative districts. The Hollywood areas belong together, and this is the only way to create an LGBT-influenced community of interest in Southern California.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Roger Klemm <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 15:43:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Roger Klemm <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Keep Foothill Communities Together

Message Body:

I wish to echo the comment that has been made to support the proposed redistricting map which keeps the communities of Sunland and Tujunga into the same district with the communities of Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, La Crescenta, Montrose, Glendale and Burbank. These communities have views of the mountains and hills, most have open space, many have rural lifestyles, and overall the residents live in this environment with the desire to enjoy and preserve it. I believe we fit together, and Sunland, Tujunga, Shadow Hills and La Tuna Canyon think of themselves more as part of the Crescenta Valley and the San Gabriel Foothills than as belonging to the adjacent communities of Sun Valley and Pacoima in the San Fernando Valley.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Chris <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 15:53:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chris <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Political re-districting map

Message Body:

RE: political re-districting map

Santa Clarita's political representatives should be local, from Santa Clarita (Valencia, Newhall, Saugus, Canyon Country), and NOT part of the San Fernando Valley voting populace.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Erik Counsellor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 16:04:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Erik Counsellor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Gabriel Mountains

Message Body:

I work in the health care industry and am a volunteer hike leader. My wife and I live in Pasadena.

The San Gabriel Mountains are an important part of our lives. I want to thank you for including the mountains in the same district as those who enjoy and live next to them.

One of my favorite hikes is in the Eastern part of the San Gabriels going up Icehouse Canyon near Baldy Village. I would like to encourage you to include the Eastern San Gabriels in the district of those to the South of it. It's a beautiful place and quite popular for those that live in the area. I think it's important that the people of Rancho Cucamonga and it's surroundings get a say in their mountains.

Cheers,

Erik Counsellor

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Henry Nivichanov <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 16:45:12 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Henry Nivichanov <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Newhall should remain in The City of Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

Henry Nivichanov, E.A.

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From: William Oberholzer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:57:27 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: William Oberholzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-districting

Message Body:

I am a resident of San Pedro and work in Torrance. I would like to see Hawthorne and Lawndale in our district and exclude Venice and Santa Monica. Hawthorne and Lawndale are part of our South bay community and Venice and Santa Monica are not.

Thank You

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