

Subject: FW: 36 CD Request
From: "Walt Potrzuski" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 16:23:10 -0700
To: <[REDACTED]>

From: Gloria Potrzuski [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 4:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 36 CD Request

Dear Sirs,

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am [Gloria G Potrzuski](#) and I am a resident of Rolling Hills Estates, Ca 90274

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Gloria G. Potrzuski

[REDACTED]
Rolling Hills Estates, Ca 90274
[REDACTED]

Subject: Santa Monica Mountains District

From: Dan Silver <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 13:00:33 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed Los Angeles Santa Clarita Valley (LASCV) Senate district is irregularly shaped and does not respect "communities of interest" or environmental factors. Santa Clarita has little in common with Malibu. Please revise the district to keep the communities on both the coast and inland side of the Santa Monica Mountains together as a "community of interest" in the same state Assembly and Senate district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan Silver, Executive Director
Endangered Habitats League

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90069-4267

[REDACTED]

Subject: The Venice Gerrymander

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:27:48 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

One of the goals of redistricting should be to provide citizen constituents better access to our representatives. It would appear from your maps that I live in the Venice gerrymander. As a disabled person who has to rely on public transportation to get around, it is unlikely that I will be able to go to my legislative representative's offices --state or federal -- in person. This is unfair! When will I ever get to go and speak with those elected to represent me? Please eliminate the Venice gerrymander and include the entire 90291 zip code in the Santa Monica district (state senate, assembly and federal).

Thank You

Mrs. Janet Conroy

[REDACTED]
Venice, CA 90291

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Larry Roseman" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 14:36:21 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am [Larry Roseman](#) and I am a resident of [Rancho Palos Verdes](#).

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[Lawrence Roseman](#)

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Subject: S.F. West Valley redistricting

From: Jim Nestlerode <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 13:53:53 -0700 (PDT)

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of the West San Fernando Valley I wish to state my encouragement to maintain the integrity of the West Valley. My identity is with the West Valley, as is that of the majority of my friends. Our primary world is bounded by the 405 freeway, the Santa Monica Mts, and the western L.A. County line. The East Valley goes from the 405 to Burbank and Glendale.

Please do not disenfranchise the West Valley by dividing it up into other districts. We are populous enough to stand on our own, and we should be allowed to have our own representation.

Thank you,
Mary Conly-Nestlerode
[REDACTED]
Calabasas, CA 91302

June 21, 2011

To: Redistricting Commission:

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.

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.

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) provides regional leadership, in transportation, housing and air quality to name just a few issues. If more than ¾ 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.

Our message to local elected officials on issues we share with our neighboring cities in Los Angeles County will be fractured 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 we go to shop, to eat and for entertainment are in the Gateway Cities area. We do not travel to Orange County for these kinds of activities on a daily basis.

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.

Sandy Mittan


Lakewood, CA 90713

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Jeanne Papazian" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 14:08:34 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

To: <[REDACTED]>

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Jeanne L. Papazian and I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes.

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Jeanne L. Papazian

[REDACTED]

Subject: Recommendations for the Placement of the San Gabriel Mountains in LA and Western San Bernardino County Congressional Districts

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 18:48:24 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

June 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommendations for the Placement of the San Gabriel Mountains in LA and Western San Bernardino County Congressional Districts

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Citizens for the San Gabriel Mountains recommends as a general redistricting principle that the federal public land in the San Gabriel Mountains be placed in the same Congressional districts as the foothill and San Gabriel River watershed communities to the south of the range. These cities, stretching along the 210 Freeway from Sylmar on the west to Rancho Cucamonga on the east, form a community of interest. These cities have extensive geographic, economic and recreational connections to the range and share this relationship with each other. These communities are home to the most frequent visitors to the federal public lands in the San Gabriels and they have the highest stake in the management of the San Gabriels, including fire and fuels management and flood control. The iconic San Gabriels, which are located in the Angeles and western San Bernardino National Forests north of the 210 Freeway, are visited by over 3 million people a year and arguably constitute Los Angeles and Western San Bernardino County's most important natural resource.

We believe that the Commission has done an excellent job is designing the proposed San Gabriel Mountains-Foothills Congressional District to recognize the relationship of the foothill and watershed communities to the San Gabriel Mountains in Los Angeles County. However, this relationship breaks down to the east of the proposed Foothills District in San Bernardino County where about 20% of the San Gabriel range is located. Under the new redistricting proposals, the most heavily populated foothill city, Rancho Cucamonga, would no longer be in the same Congressional District as the San Gabriel Mountains. This would be a step backwards. We strongly recommend that the Ontario District, which includes Rancho Cucamonga, be expanded to the north to include the section of the San Gabriel Mountains in San Bernardino National Forest. A map of this proposed adjustment is attached.

Residents of Rancho Cucamonga look north into San Bernardino County section of the San Gabriel Mountains every day. The range provides a striking scenic backdrop to the city as it does for all of the proposed Ontario Congressional District. Like the Pasadena area to the west, Rancho has a very intimate relationship with the range. The city's 165,000 residents are frequent forest visitors according to Forest Service visitation studies. Rancho Cucamonga has a park and trail system that leads north into the San Gabriels. Like the Pasadena area, Rancho Cucamonga is located near one of the major gateways to the San Gabriels. Mt. Baldy Road provides access to Mt. Baldy Village, its ski area, and many famous San Gabriel Mountain trails. Public safety issues, such as fire and debris management, are important to the city. It is far more beneficial to the public interest and the foothill community of interest to link the San Gabriel Mountains above Rancho Cucamonga to the proposed Ontario Congressional District rather than include them in the

INMNOSB Congressional District. Adjusting the proposed Ontario Congressional District can readily be accomplished by extending the district north from Rancho Cucamonga to the northern San Bernardino National Forest boundary, west to the San Gabriel Mountains-Foothill District, and east to the I-15. This change should be relatively easy since there are only about 6,000 people living in Baldy Village, Lytle Creek and Wrightwood. With this boundary adjustment the entire San Gabriel range and the citizens who have the strongest relationship with the mountains will be located in two well-designed Congressional Districts, which is very much to the public benefit.

Sincerely,

John Monsen,
Citizens for the San Gabriel Mountains

[REDACTED]
Tujunga, CA 91042
[REDACTED]

Attachments:

**San Gabriel Mountain Range with LA County, San Bernardino County line indicated.

**Proposed adjustment to the Ontario Congressional District to include the San Gabriel Mountains north of Rancho Cucamonga.



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Crescenta-Montrose

La Canada
Flintridge

Altadena

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Glendora

San Antonio
Heights

Glendale

San Marino

Alhambra

Baldwin
Park

Covina

San Dimas

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Claremont

Upland

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Cucamonga

Subject: Chino Hills

From: Denise Clendening <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 12:36:25 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

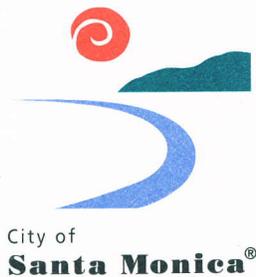
I have lived in Chino Hills for 17 years and agree with the proposed CD, AD, and SD boundaries. It does not bother me that Chino Hills has been split for the CD and understand the rationale. The proposed CD boundary change will provide my family with a better similar community of interest compared to the CD boundary currently in place. I will be located in the CD that extends to Ontario and Fontana which has similar interests to my family compared to the current CD which extends to Mission Viejo.

My oldest daughter is disabled and services provided are generally located within this new CD which will be helpful to our family.

Thank you.

Laura Clendening

[REDACTED]
Chino Hills, CA 91709



*Mayor Richard Bloom
Mayor Pro Tempore Glean Davis
Councilmembers*

**Robert Holbrook
Kevin McKeown
Pam O'Connor
Terry O'Day
Bobby Shriver**

June 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
via email: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Re: "LASCV"

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I take this opportunity to express my personal views as:

- Mayor of the City of Santa Monica
- Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
- Chair of the Westside Cities Council of Governments
- Board member for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- Member of the California Coastal Commission

Each of these roles provides me with a unique perspective from which to assess the concerns that you must balance under the law.

The criteria for establishing the new district lines requires that they respect the community's dependence on common institutions and services as well as other common interests. As currently proposed the Senate District designated as LASCV does not respect the criteria established for the formation of the new districts as the Santa Clarita Valley has no common relationship with the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains and coastal areas such as Malibu and Pacific Palisades.

The LASCV also lacks compactness as it stretches from the coast at Malibu to the Kern County line, a distance of approximately 110 miles round trip. This would make it impractical for constituents and elected officials to attend meetings and conduct business during a normal business day.

Based on the aforementioned considerations it is requested that the Commission reconsider the proposed boundaries for Senate District LASCV. It is suggested, in keeping with the Redistricting Commission criteria, to use the two proposed Assembly boundaries LAMWS and LAVSF encompassing the "West Side –

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Santa Monica” and the “Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains” as a nest for the Senate District to optimally reflect the interconnected communities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Bloom". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Richard Bloom

Subject: LASCV Senate District Comments

From: "Sandy Emberland" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 20:20:26 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in Thousand Oaks for the past 15 years, and prior to that I lived in the Santa Monica Mountains of Calabasas for 30 years.

I am concerned about the proposed State Senate District LASCV – Los Angeles Santa Clarita Valley. My first concern is that the map divides Thousand Oaks in half and I would like to see it left intact.

My second concern is the inclusion of Santa Clarita with Thousand Oaks, Oak Park, Lake Sherwood, Malibu, Calabasas and west San Fernando Valley. The Santa Clarita area would make a better fit with other high-desert communities in the Antelope Valley, Palmdale & Lancaster.

I urge you to remove the Santa Clarita portion of the LASCV and instead, extend the district east along the 101/405 Freeway to include the Santa Monica Bay area in an east/west corridor. This would provide more geographical integrity and shared communities of interest than the current proposal.

I accept the EVENT Oxnard/Thousand Oaks Unity map for the Congressional and Assembly districts in East Ventura County.

Thanks for your hard work on this redistricting issue.

Sandy Emberland

[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Subject: Boundary Comments re: Ballona Wetlands - the Los Angeles coast

From: Marcia Hanscom <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 15:14:26 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

June 21, 2011]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of numerous public interest groups and citizens which have worked for decades to protect the greater Ballona Wetlands ecosystem, we ask that you consider altering the proposed Assembly District boundaries to include the entirety of the Ballona Wetlands - including the city-owned lagoons, the state-owned ecological areas and the county-owned lands in the marina - all of which include sensitive habitat areas and all of which are inextricably linked and were historically part of the Ballona Wetlands, created by the confluence of the Los Angeles River, several other streams and the Pacific Ocean at Santa Monica Bay.

Currently, your proposal for the Assembly District in our region cuts right through the middle of the state-owned ecological reserve. It has been challenging enough - in this time of fiscal emergency for the state - to obtain the proper oversight for the Ballona Wetlands. It would be even more challenging, we predict, if the public needed to seek assistance from more than one Assembly representative for important stewardship and oversight.

Please consider drawing the northern boundary line at Washington Blvd. then Lincoln Blvd. to the 90 fwy. and then follow the 90 fwy. to the east. It is important that the lands to the east of Lincoln Blvd., south of Fiji Way, which have been preserved are also part of this district, and we suggest that the line at the 90 freeway be drawn at least to the EAST of the 90 freeway (maybe even so far as Alla, but at least on the eastern boundary of the 90 fwy.), so that sensitive lands owned by Cal Trans can also be considered as part of this district, as ecologically they are connected.

We do appreciate that the new lines for the Congressional district place all of these important ecological areas together, as previously, Ballona was cut in parts by two Congressional districts. So, thank you for that positive change!

Should you have further questions about these matters, please feel free to call me at: [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

with best regards,

Marcia Hanscom, Co-Director, Ballona Institute

&

Director, Wetlands Defense Fund

&

Managing Director, CLEAN ~ Coastal Law Enforcement Action Network



Wetlands Defense Fund

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Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 16:20:45 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]
Rolling Hills Estates, Ca 90274
[REDACTED]

Subject: CHINO HILLS REDISTRICTING

From: Lou Alfonso <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:23:40 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Chino valley Democrats <[REDACTED]>

Chino Hills should not belong or aligned to OC and/or LAC! It should remain with SBC. Demographics, diversity or lining up with a particular assembly district are not the only consideration that should be taken in to account. Other more relevant basis should be taken such as which adjacent communities do Chino Hills share with key services are available and needed such as school district, fire and police and whatever other services are shared. Chino Hills needs the focus and more appropriate and relevant re-districting!

Subject: Concerned

From: Shani Hiland <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 15:21:42 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I live in the unincorporated area of Topanga and work and shop in Calabasas. My children go to school in the Westside where we play. I proudly consider myself both a Valley and Westsider. Great job on the Assembly Districts-"West Side-Santa Monica Mountains" and "Thousand-Oaks- Santa Monica Mountains". Collectively these districts share much in common and would make a great Senate District and meet the Commission's goals and criteria.

However, you have chosen to divide this area noting it as "LASCV" and by doing so separatating it from the contiguous West Side-Santa Monica district and joining it with Santa Clarita, a community of NO interest, which by the way is the opinon held by both the City of Sta Clarita and communitites of the two proposed Sta Monica Mountains Assembly Districts.

Please consider revisiting Senate District LASCV and nest these Santa Monica Assembly districts within a Senate District renoted as "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-West Side".

Thank you for your service,
Shani Hiland

Subject: Chino Valley Redistricting

From: irene hernandezblair <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:39:25 -0700 (PDT)

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

The hearing scheduled today (Father's Day) in San Bernardino County limits the opportunity for many in the community to address the Commission because of the strong cultural beliefs in which parents are to be honored on special days, such as today.

Input regarding the Pomona Valley Assembly District:

This "draft" is *almost* well-designed for the members in this AD. I am very pleased that Pomona is included with Chino, Montclair & Ontario, but you continue to neglect the community of Chino Hills, which is 1/2 of the CHINO VALLEY along with Chino.

Chino and Chino Hills share the same School District, same Fire District and are in the same Water District. Chino Hills is definitely a community of interest as residents from Chino, Pomona, Montclair and Ontario shop, attend recreation events, and attend Faith services in Chino Hills. In addition, Chino and Chino Hills community members join forces in the execution of events that surround Non-Profit/Charitable Foundations.

There is no strife that exists between residents of Chino and Chino Hills. The perception that Chino Hills looks-down on Chino involves the actions of the "local" elected officials and not the common folk of these two communities.

To continue to include Chino Hills with Orange and LA County cities is not complying with the Federal Voting Rights Act that is supposed to ensure that Minority voters have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice (Chino Hills has a **29.9% Asian** population and a **29.1% Latino** Population), which would be unrepresented under the current draft.

Remove FONTANA from the current draft and draw **all** of Chino Hills into the Pomona Valley AD, where it rightfully belongs.

Input regarding the Pomona- San Bernardino Senate District:

Similar to my input above, Chino Hills is once again in a Senate District with Orange & LA County cities. You have drawn-in Rialto, Colton & Grand Terrace, which are too far East for there to be any common interests with the **West-End** of San Bernardino County.

Chino Hills should be drawn into this Senate District and the cities to the East should be placed in a Senate district that will provide them a better opportunity to be included in a community of interest and with people that share similar work opportunities, use the same transportation facilities and whom share common goals.

Input regarding the Congressional/ONT draft:

Do **NOT** split-up Chino Hills. ALL of Chino Hills should be in this Congressional District.

Cities should not be divided. This "draft", with the exception of the division of Chino Hills, is exactly what we need in the West-End in order to ensure that Minority voters receive an equal opportunity to elect candidates of our choice. - THANK YOU!!!!

Regards,

Irene Hernandez-Blair
Chino, CA

Subject: district lines

From: "Patricia Meccia" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 19:17:15 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Patricia Meccia and I am a resident of Redondo Beach.

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



Email; [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

June 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 651-5711

Re: June 10, 2011 First Draft Maps

Dear Members of the Commission,

The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce (SCVCC) – one of the largest member chambers in Los Angeles County and California – truly appreciates the opportunities you have given our organization, along with thousands of other Californians, in participating in this tremendous public process of bringing fair legislative districts to our communities.

We testified at your hearing on April 30, 2011 in the City of San Fernando and submitted written testimony at the May 1, 2011 hearing in the City of Lancaster. On behalf of our 1100 members and their more than 10,000 employees, we testified at that time that the Santa Clarita Valley has long been a distinct community. In addition, over many years the Santa Clarita Valley has developed business, development, transportation and other infrastructure relationships with our surrounding communities including Antelope Valley to the east, Ventura County to the West, and the northwest San Fernando Valley which includes Cal State University Northridge.

Thank you for listening to our local community and developing maps which responded to our primary goal to ensure that the entire Santa Clarita Valley was totally contained within an Assembly, State Senate and Congressional District. We understand that this position was supported by hundreds of communications you received.

In reviewing your draft maps we have the following comments as you prepare for your next version of your draft maps.

STATE ASSEMBLY

This draft District is very consistent with the position we have taken. It includes almost the entire Santa Clarita Valley and combines our community with the Northwest San Fernando Valley. The only change we would ask the Commission to consider is adding the small community of Agua Dulce (3,300 persons) which is the northeast portion of the Santa Clarita Valley adjacent to the 14 Freeway. Agua Dulce is located at the beginning of the Santa Clara River and that community has worked closely with the remainder of the Santa Clarita Valley regarding many issues, including the fight against the proposed CEMEX mega mine located



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between the City of Santa Clarita and Agua Dulce. Equally of importance is that Agua Dulce is in the Santa Clarita portion of the One Valley One Vision General Plan process.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT.

This draft District also includes the entire Santa Clarita Valley, except for Agua Dulce. However, the proposed district starts at the top of the Grapevine at the Kern County line and proceeds south all the way to the Pacific Ocean and includes coastal communities, including the City of Malibu. This appears to be the only district in the state that includes both inland and coastal communities. This district is not compact nor does it share community of interests. We understand that several commissioners raised concerns about this District prior to the release of the draft maps. Apparently, your technical staff was not able to make a change prior to the release of the draft maps.

We would recommend that the Commission revise this Senate Map and combine the Santa Clarita Valley Assembly District, which includes the Northwest San Fernando Valley, with the Eastern Ventura County Cities of Simi Valley, Moorpark and Thousand Oaks. If additional population is needed, then please consider adding the City of Camarillo. These communities have many common interests, with similar employment, transportation and education issues.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

This draft District includes almost the entire Santa Clarita Valley and extends to Antelope Valley and Simi Valley. However, it significantly deletes most of our historic community of Newhall, and apparently a portion of the planned community of Valencia. We are not clear how many of our residents are combined with a San Fernando Valley district, but it appears to be in excess of 25,000 people. Since we have not been provided details of the mapping process, we are unclear as to the reason this part of our community has been separated from the rest of the Santa Clarita Valley.

We urge the Commission to return this significant portion of the City of Santa Clarita and our community to the Santa Clarita Valley-Antelope Valley District for many reasons, which include:

- Newhall is the first community developed in Santa Clarita Valley almost 100 years ago, and is the home of the Pioneer Oil Refinery, the first refinery in California and a State Historic Landmark.
- Newhall is the cornerstone of a Redevelopment Area where the City of Santa Clarita is making substantial public investment for the community. Included in these projects is a Newhall Library and Community Center, currently under construction. The proposed district would divide this Redevelopment Area.
- There is a strong sense of community among all of the residents in the Santa Clarita Valley.



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Finally, we request that the Commission direct staff to provide more detailed information on the need to reach up over the mountains into the Santa Clarita Valley and grab our historic Newhall community and such a significant portion of the City of Santa Clarita. Once again, we want the Commission to know how much we appreciate that you listened to our previous testimony and the hundreds of citizens who communicated with you. We continue to appreciate your hard work and know that you will carefully consider this additional testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Cop".

Dana Cop
President

Subject: Fw: Congressional District 36

From: "Gary Aven" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 16:34:46 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Gary Aven and I am a resident of Redondo Beach.

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.

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These cities were replaced with Venice, Santa Monica, Harbor City and a portion of Harbor Gateway. Venice and Santa Monica are part of North Bay. I never go there, they never come here. We go all the time to Lawndale, I shop there, and Hawthorne, I golf there.

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.

Gary Aven



Subject: Fwd: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Voter <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, Jun 2011 10:11:03 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: cynthia scott <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:29:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: cynthia scott <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate District LASCV

Message Body:

I live in the unincorporated area of Topanga and work and shop in Calabasas. My children go to school in the Westside where we play. I consider myself both a Valley and Westsider. Great job on the Assembly Districts-"West Side-Santa Monica Mountains" and "Thousand-Oaks- Santa Monica Mountains". Collectively these districts share much in common and would make a great Senate District and meet the Commission's goals and criteria.

However, you have chosen to divide this area noting it as "LASCV" and by doing so separate the contiguous West Side-Santa Monica district, joining it with Santa Clarita, a community of NO interest, which by the way is the opinion held by both the City of Sta Clarita and communities of the two proposed Sta Monica Mountains Assembly Districts. Please consider revisiting Senate District LASCV and nest these Santa Monica Assembly districts within a Senate District renamed as "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-West Side". Thank you for your service,
Cynthia Scott

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tina Ivanov <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 21:59:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tina Ivanov <[REDACTED]>

Subject: disticting lines....

Message Body:

I live in the unincorporated area of Topanga and work and shop in Calabasas. My children go to school in the Westside where we play. I proudly consider myself both a Valley and Westsider. Great job on the Assembly Districts-"West Side-Santa Monica Mountains" and "Thousand-Oaks- Santa Monica Mountains". Collectively these districts share much in common and would make a great Senate District and meet the Commission's

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Please consider revisiting Senate District LASCV and nest these Santa Monica Assembly districts within a Senate District renoted as "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-West Side". Thank you for your service,

Tina

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: adam scott <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:02:19 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: adam scott <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Topanga Redistricting

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kelly Constantine <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:07:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kelly Constantine <[REDACTED]>

Subject: district division

Message Body:

I live in the unincorporated area of Topanga and work and shop in Calabasas. Great job on the Assembly Districts-"West Side-Santa Monica Mountains" and "Thousand-Oaks- Santa Monica Mountains". Collectively these districts share much in common and would make a great Senate District and meet the Commission's goals and criteria.

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Please consider revisiting Senate District LASCV and nest these Santa Monica Assembly districts within a Senate District renoted as "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-West Side".

Thank you for your service,

K. Constantine

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Catherine McClenahan [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:18:33 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Catherine McClenahan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Topanga redistricting

Message Body:

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Thank you for your service,

Catherine McClenahan

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: abby gilad <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:20:01 +0000
To: [REDACTED]

From: abby gilad <[REDACTED]>
Subject: redrawing the lines

Message Body:

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Abby Gilad

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: William Douglass <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:45:47 +0000
To: [REDACTED]

From: William Douglass <[REDACTED]>
Subject: TOPANGA RE-DISTRICTING

Message Body:

I live in the unincorporated area of Topanga and work and shop in Calabasas. My children go to school in the Westside where we play. I proudly consider myself both a Valley and Westsider. Great job on the Assembly Districts-"West Side-Santa Monica Mountains" and "Thousand-Oaks- Santa Monica Mountains". Collectively these districts share much in common and would make a great Senate District and meet the Commission's goals and criteria. However, you have chosen to divide this area noting it as "LASCV" and by doing so separatating it from the contiguous West Side-Santa Monica district and joining it with Santa Clarita, a community of NO interest, which by the way is the opinon held by both the City of Sta Clarita and communitis of the two proposed Sta Monica Mountains Assembly Districts. Please consider revisiting Senate District LASCV and nest these Santa Monica Assembly districts within a Senate District renoted as "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-West Side". Thank you for your service,
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