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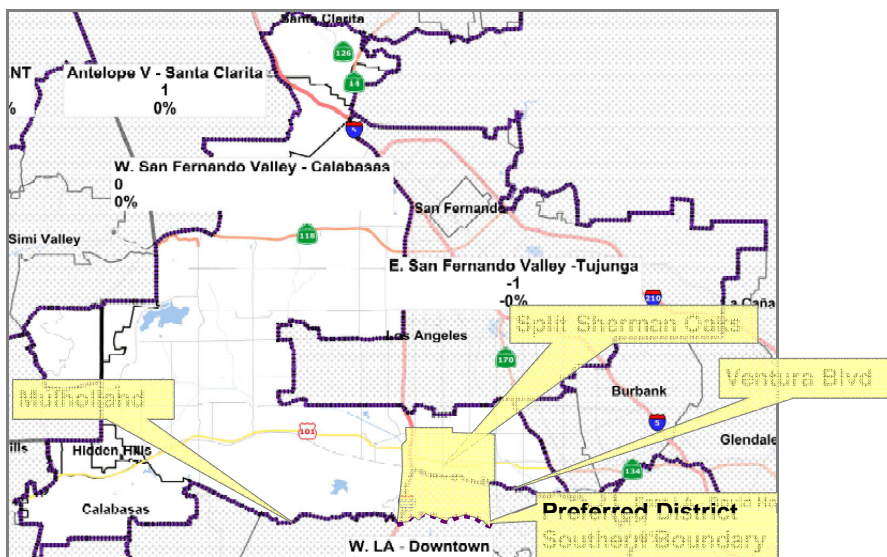
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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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**Subject: Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) Response to Commission Question at June 16<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting in Culver City, Speaker #24, Robert Anderson**

Dear Honorable Commission Members,

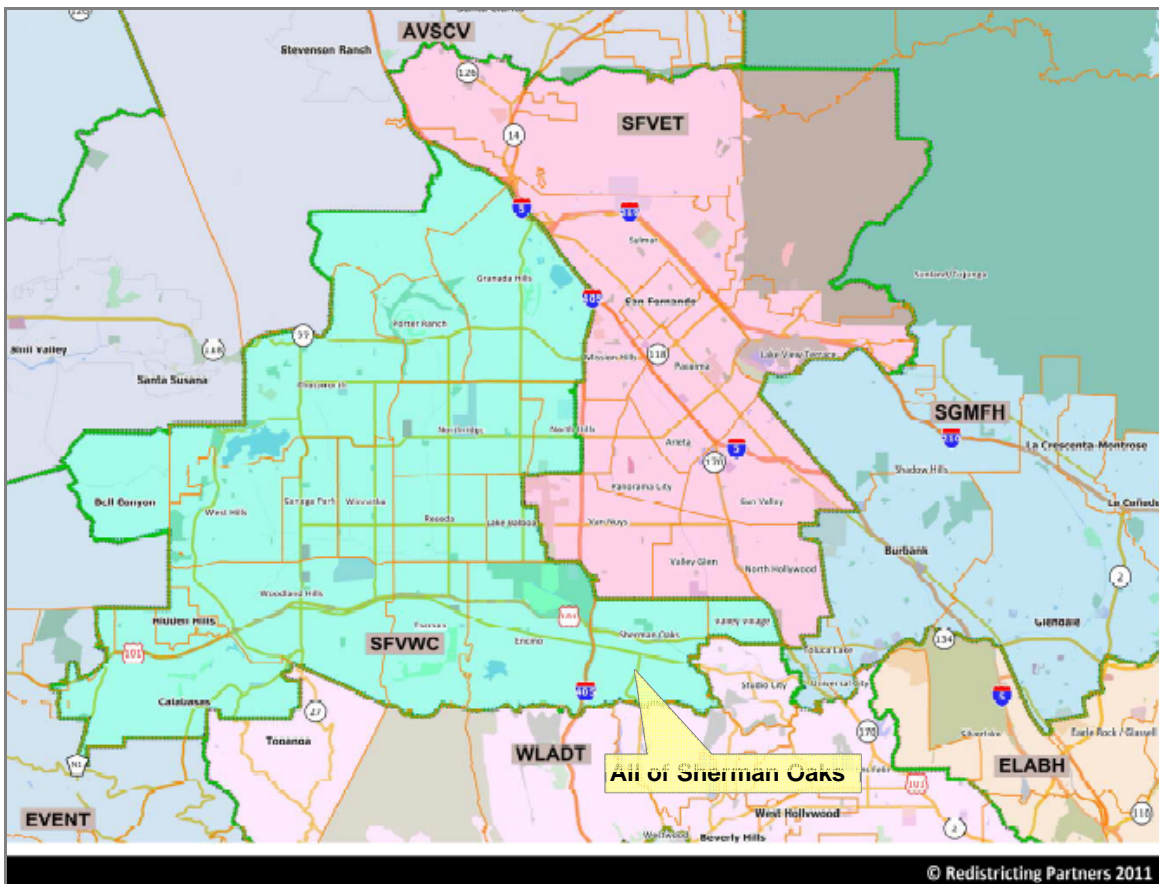
At your June 16<sup>th</sup> public meeting in Culver City, Speaker #24, Robert Anderson, represented the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) and presented our concerns about splitting Sherman Oaks across two proposed Congressional districts (as shown in the figure below). SOHA recommended moving the southern boundary of the “West San Fernando Valley – Calabasas” Congressional District from Ventura Boulevard to Mulholland Drive (as shown by the purple dotted line). A commissioner asked Mr. Anderson if SOHA could recommend how this might be accomplished, given the strict population balance required across districts. This letter provides our response which comprises two viable options.



**Sherman Oaks Split By Proposed “West San Fernando Valley – Calabasas” Congressional District**

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SOHA talked with several organizations to help us understand the population balances resulting from various changes to the West San Fernando – Calabasas Congressional District. We also reviewed several potential boundary changes, and one made a lot of common sense – removing the Santa Clarita Valley northeast of Interstate 5 (at the northern tip of the proposed district). The San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita Valley do not share a common community of interest. We both call ourselves the “valley” and we feel that the Santa Clarita Valley would much prefer district boundaries that kept it with its own community of interest to the north. We do understand that removing this section of the district by itself may not remove sufficient population to add back all of Sherman Oaks. However, we worked with the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) whose thinking was along our same lines. VICA developed a revised West San Fernando – Calabasas Congressional District (see map below) that removes the Santa Clarita Valley and adds all of Sherman Oaks. We understand that this district includes other changes needed to meet the legal population balance. SOHA feels this is a viable and doable option.



**VICA-Developed Revised “West San Fernando Valley – Calabasas” District**

We also looked at another option which retains the Santa Clarita Valley in the district but instead removes high-population-density areas in the southwest edge of the San Fernando Valley. Moving Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and some adjacent portions of Woodland Hills into the West Los Angeles – Downtown Congressional District would appear to remove sufficient population to add back both Sherman Oaks and Studio City to the West San Fernando – Calabasas District. Alternately, moving Topanga, Malibu, Agoura, and Westlake from the East Ventura District to the West Los Angeles District, moving Hidden Hills, Calabasas, some adjacent portions of Woodland Hills, and moving some portions of Ventura County from the West San Fernando – Calabasas District to the East Ventura District would also remove sufficient population to add back both Sherman Oaks and Studio City to the West San Fernando – Calabasas District.

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Before closing, we want to clarify one point. In our June 16<sup>th</sup> letter, SOHA noted that Sherman Oaks was essentially bounded by Mulholland Drive on the south, the I-405 freeway on the west, Oxnard Street and Burbank Boulevard on the north, and Coldwater Canyon Boulevard on the east. At the Culver City meeting, we heard that the Commission had some challenges determining exact boundaries for areas such as Sherman Oaks. Therefore, we wanted to provide more exact boundaries. Sherman Oaks southern boundary is Mulholland Drive. The western boundary is Firmament north of Valley Vista Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard south of Valley Vista to Mulholland Drive (this entire boundary is actually west of Interstate 405). The northern boundary is Oxnard Street on the western side of Sherman Oaks and Burbank Boulevard on the eastern side. The eastern boundary is Coldwater Canyon Avenue from Burbank Boulevard south to Magnolia where it jogs west to Fulton Avenue at Ventura Boulevard, and the boundary then follows Longridge Avenue south to Mulholland Drive. You can see that it is a complex boundary. We hope this description helps.

Thank you again for your consideration.

You can contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Bob Anderson  
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association  
Chair, Redistricting Committee