

Subject: brentwood glen

From: Barbara Koffman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 10:00:28 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am opposed to the split of Brentwood Glen. We live west of the 405 and part of the Brentwood community. We support all venues that Brentwood proposes along with living in the community of Brentwood. We do not live in Westwood or east of the 405

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 19:35:24 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

We oppose the division of 90049. Maintain one Representative.

Erwin & Caren Sokol

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, Ca 90049

Subject: California Redistricting Comments due June 28, 2011

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 16:10:26 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

From the Desk of Joan C. Lavine

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Sunday, June 26, 2011

To the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

1130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento | CA | 95814

e-mail to [REDACTED]

fax to [REDACTED]

TO THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Re: Comment and observations of voter Joan C. Lavine, who resides in Los Angeles, California, near the mid-Wilshire major intersection of Beverly Blvd. and Western Blvd.

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Thank you for allowing me as a California voter to have the opportunity to participate in the redistricting of California voting districts by submission of comments, and specifically to have input about how my voting district may drawn and may be affected by your proposed redistricting.

I have three concerns about how my specific district may be altered that I ask you to consider, address and to include in your evaluation criteria for changing its boundaries. I request that you be sensitive to your potentially removing the representatives that I voted to put into office to represent me in democratically conducted elections, and, instead, your redistricting resulting in imposing representatives on me that I have not voted on or otherwise engaged in a political process to elect in a duly conducted democratic election.

One: My neighbors and I chose our elected representatives at the state and federal levels through democratically conducted, fair elections and contests. Your redistricting potentially removes those representatives of our choice(s), as redistricting has done previously. By way of example, for many years I voted for and was wonderfully served by U.S. Congressman Henry Waxman as my U.S. Congressman, only to be deprived of him in a previous redistricting effort. He was not voted out of office by his constituents, myself or any of my neighbors. We sorely miss him

to this day.

Thus, one significant adverse consequence of your redistricting proposal, as well intentioned as its goal may be, is that it actually can function as a recall and removal without voter approval and then could result in forcing a representative on constituents whom they did not elect.

Two: Looking at it from another view point, your redistricting has the potential of imposing representatives on me that my neighbors and I did not vote into office so that we as the voting constituents cannot determine whether we want a representative we did not elect.

Three: As a further and general observation, I have noticed your current proposal creates newly defined districts that cross county boundaries, and that attempt to meld together areas with entirely different interests, needs, problems and varying population densities. They attempt to place rural, urban and city areas in the same district(s). This is likely to result in constant in-fighting, lack of consensus, inability of a representative to have a clear mandate from his/her constituents, and the inability of a representative within the two-term limit at the state level to develop the expertise needed to service his constituents.

For example, I note that your redistricting creates new boundaries that include southern Ventura County, a rural and agricultural area, with northern and northwestern Los Angeles County area, that has white collar businesses and some suburban areas. I view this as unworkable and likely to be like Iraq with its highly divisive clans and on-going wars. Internal district fights would result in those districts' constituents never being able to give representatives a mandate or consensus over important economic and environmental issues. I urge you to go back to the drawing board.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to participate in the decisions on redistricting.

Very truly yours,

JOAN C. LAVINE

Residence: [REDACTED], Los Angeles, Ca. 90004

Office: [REDACTED], Los Angeles, Ca. 90069

Transmitted via E-Mail to: to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Transmitted via Fax to: to [REDACTED]

Regards,

JOAN LAVINE in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Subject: 90049 district needs to be kept as one district !!

From: "Sarita Unger" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 19:43:02 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood Glen

From: RONNI MASSOK <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 19:05:53 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Trying to divide Brentwood Glen from the Brentwood district could only serve to harm our neighborhood and it's long standing as part of the Brentwood community-

We are a part of Brentwood, we are not East of the 405 to be grouped with Westwood, and should not be re-divided to an area that would have no interest in our small neighborhood- With all the construction in our area if one little piece of Brentwood that is West of the 405 is now left to be grouped with the homes East of the 405, we loose all the community support. The existing Brentwood communities work so well together we know you will find it in everyone's best interest to keep our area intact, so we can remain a flourishing part of the Brentwood community- We are Brentwood Glen, we all bought our homes to be a part of Brentwood Glen and the Brentwood community, and should be allowed to remain a part of the Brentwood community as we have for all the years in the past-

Please consider the homeowners who have worked so hard to be part of this community, and leave Brentwood Glen a part of Brentwood- Keep Brentwood in 1 district!

Thank you

Ronni Massok
[REDACTED]

Subject: Brentwood redistricting

From: Cindy Winebaum <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 13:48:41 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I understand that you are considering dividing Brentwood into two different congressional districts.

I do not see how this would be a good idea and I am against dividing it into two. Also, the VA plays a big part of our lives here in Brentwood. For instance, our daughter plays soccer on the field there and my kids and relatives volunteer at the VA Hospital. I believe it should be in the same congressional district as Brentwood.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Cindy Winebaum

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Subject: POMVAL map input

From: Anna Soto [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 21:09:41 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Anna Soto.

Thank you for the dedicated time you have invested in the drafting of the new district maps. As a resident of Pomona, I would like you all to know that I and many of my community friends and neighbors of Pomona were very happy with the POMVAL map released a couple of weeks ago.

We hope you determine that keeping Pomona in the same district with Ontario, Chino and Montclair is the absolute best for the community of Pomona and the above listed cities. You got it right the first time, please keep it right!

Blessings,

Anna Soto
[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposed to the California Redistricting Commission for our Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities and the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG)

From: "Barry Kaplan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 19:19:02 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

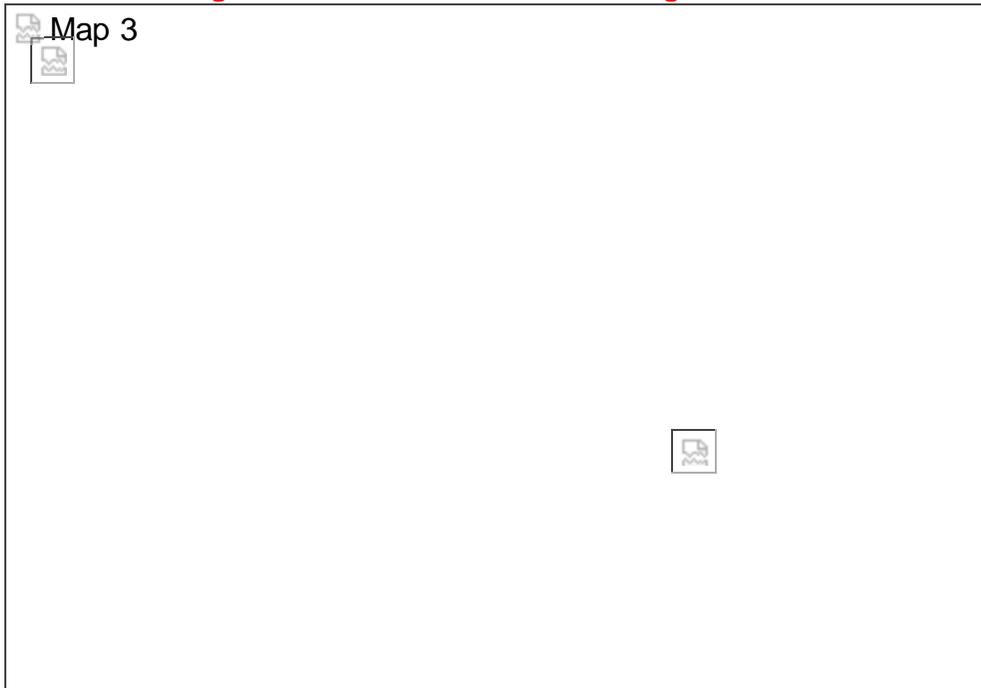
Our Senate district has been taken from an east/west, cohesive, compact mountain/coastal district "to" a gerrymandered, north/south, elongated inland district stretching from Malibu through Santa Clarita to the Kern County Line. We have no common transportation corridors, no shared school, water districts, cultural heritage, conservation or planning interests. Clearly, we have no communities of interest with the Santa Clarita Valley, and they agree. So, how you might ask, did this district even get drawn? These boundary lines pretty much contradict every Commission rule. Could it be simply that an attempt was made to connect *leftovers* together by an artificial land bridge (the Chatsworth Reservoir) to create a district? **"NO" TO THIS SENATE DISTRICT**

I advocate a return to our current single congressional district boundary lines; or, the SMMNRA (COG cities & unincorporated County) should all be placed in the **WLADT** District.

CONGRESSIONAL

Our Congressional district has been sliced and diced, carving up the Santa Monica Mountains into 3 distinctly different districts, flinging our cities/communities to far reaches of different realms: one that takes Agoura Hills, Malibu, Westlake, and unincorporated County clearly across the LA County line to the far reaches of Ventura County – to Ojai and Lake Casitas; another that dissects Calabasas and Hidden Hills from the mountains entirely and tosses them into a northern Valley, north of the 118 Freeway district (with help from VICA), and the third takes the majority of the Santa Monica Mountains, including Topanga from the crest of Mulwood and Calabasas Highlands and heads out to the ocean, connecting to the Westside.

"NO" to Dividing our Mountains-Coast into 3 Congressional Districts!



Instead, I advocate a return to our current single congressional district boundary lines; or, the SMMNRA

**THIS SENATE DISTRICT “LASCV” DOES NOT
WORK !**

Thanks for your consideration,

Barry Kaplan

**[REDACTED]
Calabasas, Ca 91302**

Subject: Not to split Brentwood in congressional redistricting

From: Elissa Siegel <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 05:54:27 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioner,

I am a longtime resident of Brentwood Glen. .

All our community involvement is in Brentwood "proper", our schools, places of worship, stores that we patronize. The proposed **change is not good for Brentwood Glen as the Glen identifies with Brentwood, and not with Westwood, and the interests of the Glen align more with the rest of Brentwood than with the communities east of the 405. It would also not be a good idea to divide Brentwood's needs and requests between two separate Representatives. The most logical division would seem to be the 405 freeway. Most Angelenos use this landmark as a dividing line.**

Please reconsider,

Elissa Siegel

Subject: No To The Divide!!!

From: "Lori Noflin" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 15:56:00 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Carson Connected

Volunteers dedicated to nurturing our communities.

As a lifelong member of Carson California I would like to put my 2 cents in the pot. Dividing our city in two will bring us back to the 70s and I am against it.

The city was divided for the most part by race lines and it created a divide in the people along race lines. The city of Carson is very unique place to grow up and live in. In the 60s and 70s every city surrounding Carson, for the most part was segregated NOT the city of Carson. We were looked down on by Torrance and other white cities. It has been my experience we the people who grew up in Carson don't have the hang ups people from the surrounding city's residences do. We grew up loving each other and we know by experience we are all human and our differences should be celebrated and not divided.

Dividing our great city in the 70s did not work, we are united and we need to stay that way!!!

Lori Noflin

CARSON CONNECTED

A subsidiary of Connected

[REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Brentwood Glen & redistricting

From: "Susan Casamassima" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 09:30:07 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

We are a small neighborhood in Brentwood sandwiched between the 405 freeway and the West Los Angeles 388 acre VA property. We need to be represented by the same neighborhood as the rest of Brentwood as our needs are similar rather than with Westwood.

We think that Henry Waxman should keep Santa Monica and other contiguous neighborhoods. He has been a good representative for the homeowners and businesses in the area.

Susan Sills Casamassima

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

[REDACTED]

Subject: Keep Brentwood Glen in Brentwood

From: Charles Lagreco <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 09:58:09 -0700

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

I am writing to ask that you revise the proposed redistricting to include Brentwood Glen with the rest of Brentwood and keep 90049 with the same representative. The 405 freeway is the natural border to the district both geographically and on terms of issues impacting the neighborhood.

Chuck Lagreco

[REDACTED]
Brentwood Glen Los Angeles
90049

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Concerns about Brentwood and redistricting

From: "Ann Karagozian" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 22:13:27 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed redistricting that would split Brentwood into two separate districts, pairing the part of Brentwood in which I live with Westwood and other parts of the Westside. Brentwood has specific issues and needs and interests, and our community should not be split in this way. The strong community spirit and enthusiasm in Brentwood, including strong support for our local schools and interactions with our Congressional representative, are an important part of living here.

Thank you,

Ann Karagozian

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049
(Brentwood Glen)

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jim Dawson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 20:58:19 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jim Dawson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LASCV

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed State Senate District LASCV.

I urge you to reject the first draft LASCV boundaries. I ask you to instead nest the two proposed Assembly Districts LAVSF and LAMWS into a realigned LASCV Senate District.

The west San Fernando Valley does not share a "community of interest" with the Santa Clarita Valley. In addition to the Santa Susana mountain range isolating the two valleys, the San Fernando Valley shares nothing in common with the cities of Santa Clarita, Castaic and other areas abutting Kern County: no public transportation route, no direct freeway link; and the two valleys are governed by dissimilar regulatory agencies, water districts, and local governments. School districts are entirely separate and community colleges likewise serve almost exclusively pupils from one valley or the other. Public services are not shared and cultural, historical, and social institutions are very valley-specific.

San Fernando Valley residents share more common roots and interests with the Westside areas of Los Angeles: resources and quality of life protection, transportation corridors, and educational, cultural, and religious institutions. Most of the area serves as a gateway to the Santa Monica National Recreation area and residents are engaged in shared environmental issues. San Fernando Valley and Westside citizen groups, including chambers of commerce and charitable, social, and recreational organizations, closely interface with each other and join together in focused efforts. School and community college districts are common to both areas and students regularly commute between the SF Valley and Westside. The Santa Monica Mountains and 101 Freeway corridor comprise the cojoined backbone of these two areas. And, as history attests, governance of the Westside and San Fernando Valley has always been tightly bound together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Dawson

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: David Siegrist <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 18:19:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Siegrist <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Maps

Message Body:

The maps shown on the web make no sense.

Please fix same.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mary Ree <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 16:29:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary Ree <[REDACTED]>

Subject: change first draft to keep like areas together

Message Body:

In your first draft maps, you created two State Senate seats that should be changed. By switching the nesting of two districts, you can keep like communities together, in line with community of interest testimony you have received.

Instead of nesting Santa Clarita with Malibu, you should nest Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

Keeping Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark and Simi Valley connected to Santa Clarita in a Senate seat will keep inland valleys together and better represented. Historically, for over 30 years, these areas have been connected in a Senate seat.

Connecting these areas to the coast divides both the inland and coastal populations. Please keep our inland suburban valleys connected by nesting Santa Clarita with East Ventura County

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lynn Brown <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 22:07:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lynn Brown <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting issue

Message Body:

I am the National Trail Coordinator for Equestrian Trails Inc., an organization with over 4,000 members. We oppose any changes to the Griffith Park. It should remain intact under the jurisdiction of one Assemblyman.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Chris Bloom <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 18:18:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chris Bloom <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting my community - Brentwood - 90049

Message Body:

Hello:

Los Angeles is a city of myriad communities. Brentwood is one of them. We have a neighborhood council, and common concerns about both our community and our neighbor, the Veterans Administration. The proposal that is currently "in work" splits our small neighborhood into two parts.

Please, reconsider and adjust your district definitions so that we will be represented together, by one person.

The zip code is 90049. For the best definition of the boundaries of our community, I would suggest contacting the Brentwood Community Council.

While we all share concerns about our city, state and country as a whole, we also would like to be able to speak as a group for our small community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Bloom

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Cliff Evans <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 17:23:12 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cliff Evans <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Approve

Message Body:

Do not to pressure and the rhetoric of Frank Luntz release the next iteration on schedule.

Anything is better than the current dysfunctional legislature.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: DON'T CARVE UP OUR SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

From: Bruce Benson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 14:41:33 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Why do you want to gerrymander our SM Moutains into the proposed Senate LASCV? There would be:

- NO common transportation corridors;
- NO shared schools;
- NO shared water districts.

Instead, say YES to the Santa Monica Mountains/Bay/Westside proposed Senate district.

We don't have special interest money for fancy maps and studies but we do see what is happening and we DO have a voice.

Thank you.

Bruce Benson
Calabasas CA
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mary Ree <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 16:24:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary Ree <[REDACTED]>

Subject: keeping santa clarita whole

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.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Brentwood (division into two parts)

From: Lee Brubaker <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 13:22:25 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

PLEASE keep ALL of Brentwood in the westside division.

We are NOT part of Westwood ALL of Brentwood needs to stay together.

We have NO relation either to Westwood, nor to the Crenshaw-Leimert Park area.

Please do NOT divide Brentwood into two Congressional Districts.

Please keep Brentwood intact.

Thank you.

Lee Brubaker

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Shery Smih <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 16:25:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Shery Smih <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting - Sunland-Tujunga

Message Body:

Commissioners:

I wish to make you aware that I support the new map which puts Sunland-Tujunga into the same district with Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, La Crescenta, Montrose, Glendale and Burbank. These are communities with which we, in Sunland Tujunga, associate and relate. These are communities which 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. We share space and lifestyles with these other communities in the Crescenta Valley and the San Gabriel Foothills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheryl S. Smith, Tujunga

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: redistricting of Brentwood Glen

From: "Rouse" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 20:12:01 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

It seems to me it would be a serious mistake with long-lasting consequences to carve off Brentwood Glen into a congressional district distinct from the rest of Brentwood, as your current proposal indicates. The interests of our community lie with communities west of the 405 Freeway rather than with those to the east of the freeway. Please do take established communities into consideration in drawing your lines rather than making arbitrary marks on a map.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Rouse

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049-3416

Subject: Redistricting the neighborhood of Brentwood Glen

From: "doloreskshapiro" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 14:12:39 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Our immediate small neighborhood of Brentwood Glen aligns greatly with the entire neighborhood of Brentwood, both north and west.

We do not align ourselves with the Westwood community or east of the 405. I don't believe the restricting to the Leimert Park, etc. area is NOT in the interest for long-term planning for our community and hope you will reconsider the redistricting of Brentwood Glen.

Thank you.

Dolores K. Shapiro
Brentwood Glen Resident
for more than 30 years.

Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 15:33:35 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear voters first,

Being a citizen of unincorporated LA County, address in Calabasas, I am against the new districts in your first maps. I heartily endorse the proposals of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Association to keep the current districts as much as they are as possible. The "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside" Senate District meets all of the Commission's guidelines. Keep it.

Keep the SMMNRA/Las Virgenes in ONE DISTRICT. Retain the *Current* Single Congressional Boundary.

Yours truly,

Joe Spano

Subject: Redistricting of Zip Code 90049

From: "Ken Chotiner" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 00:55:31 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

We are strongly opposed to the concept of splitting zip code 90049 into two congressional districts.

The 90049 zip code is the Brentwood community. It is a cohesive community with common interests and is racially diverse. The Veterans Administration facility in West Los Angeles is located within the eastern end of Brentwood and has always been an active part of the community. The VA has always been a large part of our community concerns, involvement and support. The proposed plan would remove the VA from the Brentwood Congressional District and would create a north-south split running the length of Brentwood. This realignment would destroy the nature of our Congressional District.

We operate as a closely knit community. 90049 should remain undivided.

Ken & Flo Chotiner

(69 year residents)

**[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

Subject: Redistricting maps

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 11:34:31 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Leave our city of Downey together! **We know our city! You don't!**
To grow, we must stay together. Your boundaries Don't make sense.
Paula Mejia
Downey resident for 17 years.
Downey CA 90242

June 26, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Re: Proposed Senate District LASCV

As a 35 + year resident of the Santa Monica Mountains and immediate past president for four years of the Monte Nido Valley Community Association and its current delegate to the Las Virgenes Homeowners Association, I wish to express my personal concerns regarding the proposed redistricting before the Commission.

I have worked for years with an area wide community of interest in creating and preserving open space for the benefit of the greater Southern California area. Nearly every weekend for the last three decades I have witnessed firsthand use of parkland, both Tapia County Park and the SMMNRA, by inner city, San Fernando Valley and East Los Angeles residents.

Starting with the acquisition of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in the 1970's up to and including our persistent efforts to create the King Gillette Ranch Recreation Area in the heart of the mountains, our association and I myself have worked tirelessly with a unified goal: to make the breathtaking, irreplaceable natural "treasures" (the Santa Monicas and the coastline) easily assessable and without restriction to the general public. I do not believe these open spaces would have been preserved for posterity without this shared community interest.

The proposed Senate District violates the Commission guidelines. It is not compact or cohesive and is in fact a gerrymandered elongated district; it passes through two LA County Supervisorial districts running geographically north and south with no direct transportation routes because they run east and west. There is clearly no shared circle of government, no consideration for the two contiguous Assembly Districts (representing the greater Santa Monica Mountains- Bay

Communities from the Westside cities COG to the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG) nestled within a successful, decades old District; no common education, public safety, planning, conservation, fire safety, water agencies. The current District is built around the backbone of the Santa Monica Mountains which serves millions of annual visitors. This area must not be fragmented.

My understanding of the Commission's mandate: "When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district, their voices multiply giving them greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates and hold leaders accountable." Listen to the concerned, effected citizens. Reconsider the proposed Senate District.

Sincerely,

Joan Slimocosky



Calabasas, CA 91302

Subject: Redistricting Feedback

From: Mark Emtiaz <markemt[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 17:35:51 -0700 (PDT)

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

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Mark Emtiaz, I live in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. I wanted to inform you of my objection to the current proposed redistricting for my area. The first draft has DIVIDED Brentwood in half at San Vicente. This would not be a good idea as it divides our zip code with two separate Representatives. We work as a community and our zip code, 90049, should stay in one district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mark Emtiaz

Subject: South Pasadena and Redistricting

From: Bianca Richards <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 15:55:47 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am opposed to the draft map proposals-South Pasadena should not be split between two Assembly districts and South Pasadena should be represented by U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff. My family has lived in South Pasadena for 55 years and my father, Amedee O. Richards, Jr. fought against the 710 Freeway for many of those years. When my father died in 2006, Adam Schiff gave the eulogy and the church was filled with over 800 people including representatives from Dr. Jack Scott, Anthony Portantino and Carol Liu's past and present Assembly offices. South Pasadena has a strong heritage and we need to be grouped with our north neighbors and not grouped with our neighbors who do not oppose the 710 freeway. I cannot believe the proposed maps were based on "communities of interest". South Pasadena's Council Chamber is named after my father and I want to live up to his legacy therefore I am getting more political and informed. Keep South Pasadena with our neighbors like Pasadena, San Marino, La Canada, then East Los Angeles, Maywood, Vernon, and Commerce.

thank you for your attention,

Bianca Richards
resident of South Pasadena for 53 years
Counselor-Pasadena City College

Subject: 59th Assembly District

From: Ashton Rice <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 16:35:52 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

As a resident, homeowner, and business person in the community of Altadena, I oppose the redistricting that would land Altadena in a "Foothill" district that stretches out to Upland in San Bernardino County.

Altadenans feel a kinship with Pasadena, not only in geography but from common interests and problems such as sharing the same school district, the Pasadena Unified. Also, there are not a great number of businesses in Altadena; many residents work in Pasadena. The Pasadena Police Department and the Sheriffs covering Altadena also share common enforcement issues and work closely together.

I agree with Altadenan Jack Scott, chancellor of the California Community College system, who recently told the San Gabriel Tribune: "I'm not in favor of this cutting off of Altadena from Pasadena in the Assembly district. What Altadena and Rancho Cucamonga have in common, I don't know."

Please consider the very real and logical ties between Pasadena and Altadena before finalizing the redistricting. Keep the communities of Pasadena (*all* of Pasadena - not divided) and Altadena together in all instances (Congressional, Assembly, and Senate).

Thank you very much.

Ashton Clarke Rice

[REDACTED]

Altadena 91001

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting

From: Carol Mueller <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 16:51:53 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To: Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I wish to thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. My name is Carol Mueller and I am a +37 year resident/homeowner in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. I was employed in the airline industry out of LAX for 22 years prior to my retirement in 1983.

I have attended and spoke at your meetings in both Long Beach and Venice. Note: I spoke early and short keeping with the issues. Both meetings were outside my normal driving range and time of day driving.

I requested that Palos Verdes be placed back into the Beach Cities district. As a long time retired senior, I do not travel far from my home and certainly avoid the 405 Freeway (parking lot) at all times.

May I please repeat that I do not regularly socialize or do business past LAX. However, my auto dealership/repair shop is in Lawndale as are my home furnishing/repair shops. Other businesses I patronize are also located in Hawthorne and Gardena. I have friends also in San Pedro, and I patronize the Port restaurants.

Thank you to the Commission for your work and giving me the opportunity to speak. I respectfully request your attention be directed as I stated herein and as I verbally addressed at your meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mueller

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "David R. Garfinkle" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 22:42:19 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David R. Garfinkle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: State Senate District LASCV

Message Body:

Tarzana Property Owners Association

We believe the proposed State Senate District LASCV does not conform to pertinent Communities of Interest or to reasonable geometric continuity. Specifically, we do not see the logic of either the projection into the LASCV District from the proposed LASFE District or the extensive projection of the LASCV District north into the Santa Susanna and Tehachapi Mountains:

1. The westernmost projection from District LASFE is an integral part of the City of Los Angeles portion of the San Fernando Valley and should be included within the proposed District LASCV.
2. The northern projection proposed for LASCV has no commonality of interest with the rest of the San Fernando Valley or the City of Los Angeles. The Santa Clarita area is separated from the rest of the proposed district by the Santa Susanna Mountains. The area north of Santa Clarita is further separated by a second mountain range, the Tehachapi Mountains.

We suggest that the westward projection (or the population balancing portion of it) be added to the proposed District LASCV and that the area of the LASCV north of the Santa Susanna Mountains be combined with the proposed District LASFE.

That change accomplished a reunification of the Western San Fernando Valley Community of interest, strengthens the ethnic community of interest, and makes more sense geometrically. Further, it does not require additional balancing of other proposed Districts.

David R. Garfinkle
President, Tarzana Property Owners Association, Inc.

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Subject: Santa Clarita - keep entire Santa Clarita City in Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita Congressional District

From: "Michael G. Evans" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 11:57:33 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attached is the June 23, 2011 by the City of Santa Clarita, by Mayor Masha McLean to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. PLEASE accepts the City's request that the entire City of Santa Clarita be included in the Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional District. I sent you a prior email on 6/19/11 asking that the City of Santa Clarita not be split into two separate districts, but I did not state that as well as the attached letter by the Mayor.

I also ask that you accept the City of Santa Clarita request concerning redistricting the Senate District to have the City of Santa Clarita with Ventura County, as stated in the attached letter. Thank you, Michael G. Evans

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Philip Lane [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 00:54:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Philip Lane <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita in a single congressional district

Message Body:

Keep the city of Santa Clarita in a single congressional district. Do not split off the area South of Placerita Canyon Road (which is part of the city of Santa Clarita) from the rest of the City.

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Subject: Against Redistricting of 90049

From: Linda Levee <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 09:49:45 -0700 (PDT)

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

We have extreme concerns over the redistricting of Los Angeles 90049. We have had a cohesive Community and separating us from the people and area concerns based on a census report that changes probably more frequently in the South area of our district because of demographics which gives us a more balanced and well functioning community.

We are against the re-districting plan of 90049. We have lived in this area since 1964 and know it well. Please do not separate our district.

Sincerely,
Arnold and Linda Levee

Subject: Brentwood Glen re districting.

From: "Andrew Strasmore(7284)" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 11:38:07 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

My wife Barbara Strasmore and I, both registered voters are opposed to splitting Brentwood Glen away from congressman Waxman's district. What other steps can we take to assure that does not happen?? Sincerely, Andrew Strasmore [REDACTED], 90049

Subject: Comments Regarding Cerritos and Artesia

From: "albert perdon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 01:47:50 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Following are my comments on the First Draft Assembly, Senate and Congressional Boundary Maps, as they relate to Cerritos, Artesia and other cities in southeast Los Angeles County and neighboring southwest Orange County.

The Los Angeles - Orange County border marks a strong dividing line between two regions that have distinct and often competing social, demographic, historical and political interests. Boundaries for State Assembly, State Senate and Congressional districts should be drawn to respect and reflect these distinctions. The boundaries should not result in separating cities along the Los Angeles - Orange County border from their communities of interest within each county.

For the State Senate and Assembly districts, Artesia and Cerritos, Los Angeles County cities, are in districts whose other member cities are all in Orange County. This will likely reduce the representation of Artesia and Cerritos in the California State Assembly and Senate. While the Los Angeles-Orange County border is not quite the "iron current" it has been in the past, the Los Angeles County cities and the Orange County cities are distinct, separate and often competing communities of interest. It is likely that Orange County-based candidates for these districts will have an undue advantage over those from the Los Angeles County cities of Artesia and Cerritos, and that the needs of these two cities will be over-ridden by the political influence of the Orange County cities.

For the new Congressional District boundaries, Artesia and Cerritos are in separate districts. Orange County communities of La Palma and Los Alamitos are included with the predominant number of Los Angeles County cities in the district that includes Cerritos, Long Beach and other southeast Los Angeles County cities. In this instance, La Palma and Los Alamitos may have difficulty in getting fair representation compared to the Los Angeles County cities included in this district.

The boundaries for the First Draft Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts in this region do not provide continuity in the inclusion of cities with common identities and affiliations; the boundaries cross the Los Angeles-Orange County border in a manner that will likely adversely affect the voting rights of residents in Cerritos and Artesia by not including these cities within boundaries contained solely within Los Angeles County. A similar argument can be made for La Palma and Los Alamitos.

The Commission should consider redrawing the boundaries for these cities or, in the alternate, consider placing Artesia and Cerritos in Orange County by redrawing the county boundary line.

Albert Perdon
Cerritos

Subject: Brentwood Community - 90049

From: "Glenwood L. Garvey" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 21:31:16 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

It has come to my attention that the congressional district for the Brentwood community in zipcode 90049 has been divided into 2 congressional districts. The Brentwood community has existed for over 100 years and is a very cohesive, active and civic-minded community. It has always been in 1 congressional district. The population of Brentwood has not increased enough to warrant 2 congressional districts nor have the boundaries changed, so your decision can be reconsidered.

I realize that you have a daunting task in California, following the 2010 Census and I voted in favor of the ballot measure that put you in charge because I believed that was the equitable thing to do. Please reconsider and keep the 90049 zipcode addresses in the same congressional district.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Garvey

Resident for 35 years

Subject:

From: Sara Nelson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 17:39:11 +0000

To: <[REDACTED]>

I strongly oppose the current redistricting lines for both the senate and congress.

The current proposed senate district violates the Redistricting Commission Guidelines. It does not follow geographic, economic, and social criteria and instead connects two disparate areas by using the Chatsworth Reservoir as narrow bridge between two separate geographic, economic, and social communities. One area is coastal, the other inland. They are linked by no significant transportation corridors. They share no Council of Governments. They are separated by three significant east/west mountain ranges. There are no common education, public safety, planning, conservation, communities of interest or cultural centers. They comprise separate watersheds as well as water districts. **These two areas: the Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside and the Santa Clarita Valley are separate entities and clearly should not be combined if the redistricting guidelines follow the law.**

The Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside District works because it connects areas with common geographic, economic and social criteria. **It consolidates one of the most significant and important natural resources in the United States: The Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore.** It contains two contiguous Assembly Districts contained within one LA County Supervisorial District. It linked together with important transportation corridors: US 405, US 101, Highway 1 (Pacific Coast Highway), Highway 23, (Topanga Canyon Road), Malibu Canyon Road, Sepulveda Pass, Beverly Glen, Coldwater and Laurel Canyon Boulevards. It contains mutually significant historical, socio-economic, environmental, cultural, and educational communities of interest.

The current proposed congressional redistricting lines do not work for the very same reason. **They split up one of the most significant and important natural resources in the United States: The Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore.** The Santa Monica Mountains and National Recreation Area should remain intact.

Sara Horner
Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore Foundation
Calabasas, California