

**Subject:** north hollywood resident

**From:** jake smith <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:55 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Hi,

I am writing today in order to express my hope that the redistricting promotes fair non- race based elections. I think it is essential that an Assembly District and Congressional District that includes North Hollywood, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, the Hollywood Hills, Beverly Hills, and Hancock Park be drawn. Thanks for your consideration.

Jake Smith

**Subject:** Palos Verdes Estates

**From:** Phyllis Spierer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:39 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Phyllis Spierer 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and the June 10<sup>th</sup> preliminary releases, a few significant changes were made to the preliminary 36<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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.

Phyllis Spierer

**Subject:** Long Beach redistricting

**From:** joe mello <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 1:44 PM

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

I live in East Long Beach and have NOTHING in common with Orange County.  
Please DO NOT split Long Beach into 3 Congressional districts with East Long Beach grouped with West Orange County.

Thank you,

Joe Mello

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Subject:** City of Long Beach proposed re-districting map

**From:** "Karen Highberger" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 12:09 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the latest proposed division of Long Beach into three different districts. This proposal is not better than what we've had. It is totally counter-productive to divide a city of our size into three separate districts. We need cohesive representation, not special interest driven gerrymandering that leaves us with nothing. I urge you to return to the previous proposed map that tied the city of Long Beach together in one district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Highberger

[REDACTED]  
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

Dear Commissioners,

As I testified in Culver City on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils, the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and the schools within LAUSD all share a common bond and have a relationship that would be significantly diminished with the three proposed AD's. We recommend that all of San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles be kept together in one district. One asset of the councils is the regular visits by legislator representatives, and the close connection it brings to the communities.

**Assembly Districts:**

LAPVB: ~43,500

LAIHG: ~ 5,400

LAWBC: ~21,100

**Recommended Exchanges:**

**Place all of San Pedro in LAIHG** – Unifies all three neighborhood councils and the western side of POLA with each other and the Harbor City / Harbor Gateway councils – all part of Los Angeles.

LAPVB: Add Lawndale (32,769) & Del Aire (10,001) = 42,770 → Net loss 730

- Lawndale's slogan: the "Heart of the South Bay" – identifies with South Bay cities
- Del Aire: More closely attached with El Segundo

LAWBC: Add West Carson (21,699) → Net gain 599

- West Carson would be reunited with Carson.
- Already grouped together in the Congressional Plan

**Congressional Districts:**

- Hard to tell: if all of San Pedro is in one district (PVEBC) then the maps are fine. If the farthest precincts east are not, a way to bring those back with the rest of San Pedro would be the most appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stammreich – Board Member, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

**Subject:** Altadena/Pasadena split

**From:** "Nancy" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:46 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Altadena and Pasadena are contiguous geographically, socially, racially, and economically. The idea of splitting the two for redistricting is absurd. Both communities have similar strengths and face the same challenges. Pairing La Canada/Flintridge with Altadena is a classic apples/oranges situation.

We live in Altadena, and shop, socialize, and find recreation in both towns. Politically driven redistricting won't change that, but it would be nicer to see some common sense applied here. Please reconsider this move.

Sanford and Nancy King

[REDACTED]

Altadena, Ca 91001

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** christy vasquez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 11:36 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: christy vasquez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: DO NOT REDISTRIBUTE CITY OF DOWNEY

Message Body:

As a long time resident in in the City of Downey, I am adamant and vote against redistricting our city. For many years our city is one of the well maintained areas, the residents our responsible for keeping the city this way as well as the city leaders, the Police Department and the school district. We have less crime and great schools for our children and we want to keep it that way. Currently the city is undergoing revitalization that has not occurred for over 25 years. If there is redistricting, we will lose many federally funded programs in the future as an entire city. If redistricting occurs, more crime will come in, some portions of Downey will deteriorate. We don't need more politicians creating jobs for themselves with high salaries and scrambling up our city. Leave Downey alone as we do not want to become another Bell Gardens, Bell, Cudahy or Maywood!

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Mildred Hubert <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 7:40 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mildred Hubert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support nesting like areas and changing the 1st draft maps.

Message Body:

Commissioners:

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.

Thank you.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Rusty Deisbeck <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:03 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Rusty Deisbeck <[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.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** BOE Districts

**From:** Bill Knox <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 11:02 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

The proposed maps for the Board of Equalization districts place much of the City of Los Angeles in the "East" District, and all of Ventura County in the "Los Angeles" District. The City of Los Angeles should be kept whole in one district that will accommodate the entire city. In the same way that other BOE Districts respect the integrity of the San Francisco Area and San Diego areas, the second and third largest cities in the state, the appropriately named "Los Angeles" District ought to keep the City of Los Angeles whole.

Additionally, due to the suburban/rural nature of Ventura County, it is a much better fit within the "East" District. Due to their similarities, the BOE Field office in Ventura oversees the Lancaster/Palmdale and Kern County areas. Unlike legislators and members of Congress, the members of the BOE provide operational oversight of the offices in their districts. It makes sense and provides proper representation for the same district to include the covered service areas. Kern and Ventura counties ought to be in the same district and overseen by the Ventura Field Office. Likewise, all of the City of Los Angeles should be in the "Los Angeles" District with the entire San Fernando Valley serviced by the Van Nuys district.

The attached map accomplishes this goal within the proper population requirements.

Thank you for your time. I am sure you will agree that this scenario is the best fit for the City of Los Angeles and the counties of Kern and Ventura.

Sincerely,

Bill Knox, J.D., LL.M.

Ventura County Taxpayer's Association, Board Member

East Ventura Community Council, President

Holy Cross Consultative School Board, Member

United Way of Ventura County, Planned Giving Advisory Board, Member

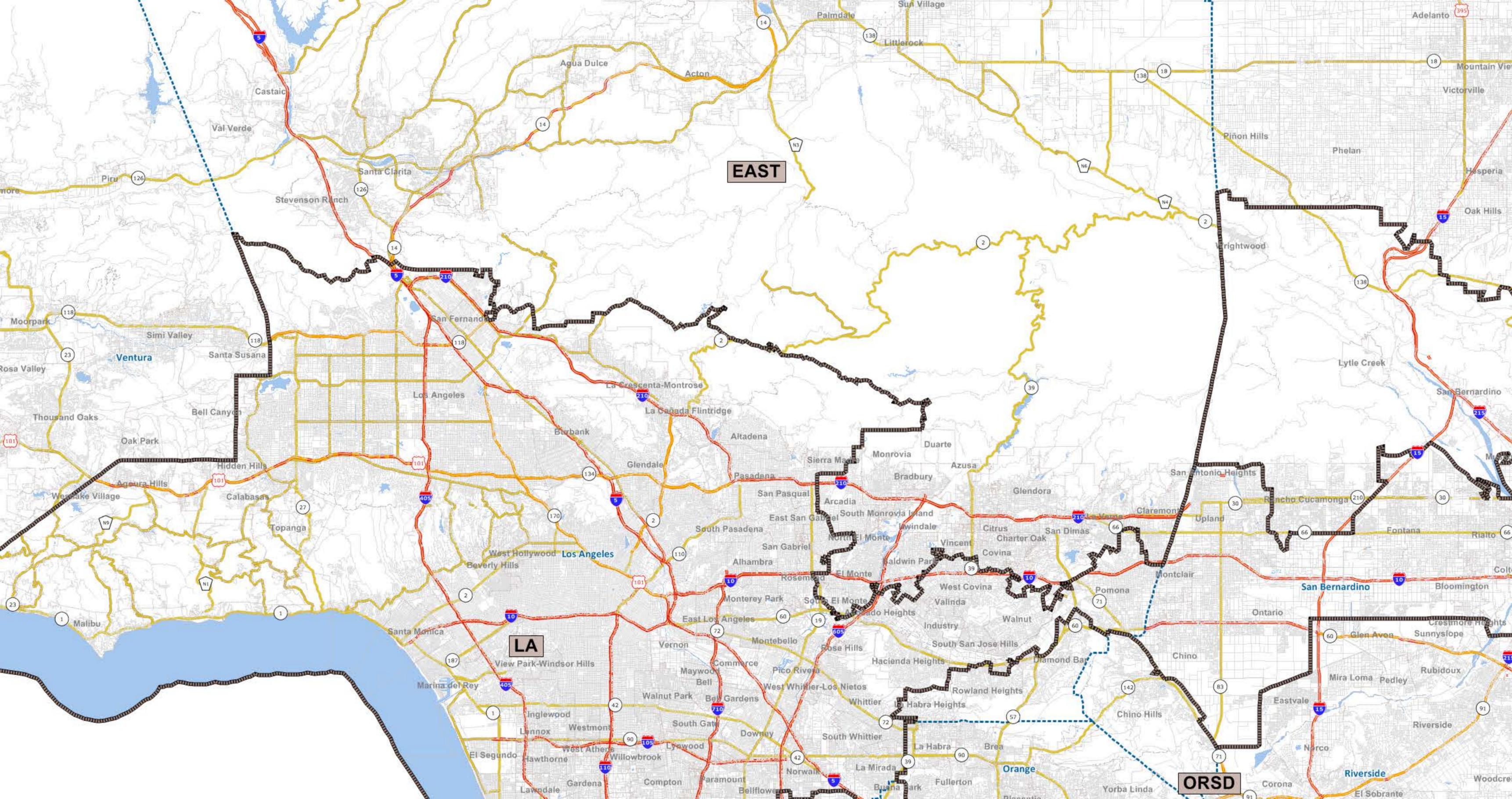
California State University, Planned Giving Advisory Council, Member

—Attachments:—

---

BOE.pdf

359 KB



**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Kathleen M. Saenz" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:54 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kathleen M. Saenz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

I whole heartedly support to keeping the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole district.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Mildred Hubert <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 7:36 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mildred Hubert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

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.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Pasadena Altadena Together

**From:** Juanita Tillman <jwt[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:14 AM

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

As an Altadena resident and Pasadena business owner, I urge you to keep Pasadena and Altadena together for all districting purposes at all levels. It is important to the many cammonalities that are important to us.

*Juanita West Tillman*

**Westlyn Realtors**

[REDACTED]  
Pasadena, CA 91104

[REDACTED] Office  
[REDACTED] Mobile  
[REDACTED] Fax

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Fred Seeley <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 1:04 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Fred Seeley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley in one District

Message Body:

Please keep all the Santa Clarita Valley in one District. We should have the right to vote on what is good for our valley and not be gerrymandered into a situation where any of us in the Santa Clarita Valley are disenfranchised.

Sincerely,

Fred Seeley  
Canyon  
Country

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Proposed Senate District LASCV

**From:** "Ed Corridori" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 12:03 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Redistricting Commissioners:

I am writing to oppose the Proposed Senate District LASCV and to support the proposal put forth by the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation (LVHF) for a "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside" Senate District.

I am an owner of a business in Westlake Village, a resident and former Mayor of Agoura Hills, a former member of The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Board, and currently the Vice-Chair of the Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation. I am in complete agreement with the analysis and alternatives submitted by the LVHF to the Commission. The proposed Senate District LASCV is simply not justified by any criteria that the Commission is charged to consider.

I would like to stress one point, from personal experience of 28 years in business in this region, that there is no economic community of interest between Santa Clarita and the communities in our region. My business supplies printing and mailing services for businesses, agencies and organizations from UCLA to Santa Barbara. In addition to local clients, we have numerous customers in Malibu, Santa Monica, West L.A., Oxnard, Ventura, and the west end of the San Fernando Valley. But we have no clients north of Chatsworth. That would not surprise anyone familiar with our region. Living and working arrangements, transportation, social, educational, recreational, and cultural interaction between our area and Santa Clarita is virtually non-existent. In particular, there is no economic community of interests with Santa Clarita. Artificially binding the two regions together could only hamper efforts toward economic development in either.

The plan put together by the LVHOF is a reasonable alternative that I would urge the Commissioners to adopt.

Edward Corridori, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** michael berger <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 6:18 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: michael berger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Please keep Santa Clarita whole.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Dave Goodman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:04 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Dave Goodman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: East San Gabriel Valley - Diamond Bar

Message Body:

In this area you have parts of Glendora and La Verne with San Dimas, Covina, W. Covina, Industry, Baldwin Park, and El Monte. El Monte is most un-like the remaining cities, and drawing a line dividing north and south Glendora and La Verne is to weaken these communities' voices. It almost smells deliberate. The Assembly map isn't drawn this way, and is more logical.

My suggestion is to keep El Monte whole by using the 605 as a demarcation line, and add back the rest of the Glendora and La Verne to this new district. El Monte should be with Temple City, South Elmonte, Montabello, Alhambra, etc.

The other choice is to put San Dimas, Glendora, and La Verne completely in the Foothills map, similar to the Assembly draft.

Thank you!

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** J Sullivan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:01 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: J Sullivan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westside (Senate & AD)

Message Body:

As a westside resident, I still don't get the proposed lines for both the Senate and Assembly.

For the Senate, there is little that links Beverly Hills with Palos Verdes or for that matter, Santa Monica & Malibu with Santa Clarita. It would make far more sense to bring together the South Valley (Santa Monica Mountains) with the Westside. They share traffic flows, the Santa Monica watershed and much more.

Secondly, the Westside district tries to forcibly unite the Westside and the Coastal areas which is really two parts anyways.

What would make more sense is to put Santa Monica & Pacific Palisades into the Santa Monica Mountains district, where they share common school districts (kids in Lake Malibu can go to school in Calabasas, Topanga or Malibu), COGs (SM & Malibu belong to the Las Virgines Council of Governments), hospitals and services. I've seen over 30 comments here saying that Santa Monica belongs in a district with the Conejo Valley cities. If you just cut out the city of Thousand Oaks and the rump portion of West Hills that you divided, you could keep the rest of that district intact all the way to the edge of Studio City and Toluca Lake (which you propose to separate out anyway in your Congressional and State Senate maps with Hollywood) and unite communities of interest.

This also makes sense because the South Coast area for the State Coastal Commission area includes Santa Monica and Agoura Hills, but not Hollywood or Westwood.

The Westside/MidCity West area would then pull in Westwood, Century City, Miracle Mile and Pico Robertson along with Los Feliz and Studio City/Toluca Lake to unite Griffith Park, Hollywood and the true "west side" areas into the cohesive neighborhood it already is uniting the Jewish, LGBT and entertainment communities.

Finally, you could divide Westchester along Sepulveda or Lincoln and put part of it in with the Culver City-Crenshaw district (along with the MidCity area around where Pico & San Vicente meet) and the other into the South Bay area district with Marina Del Rey, Venice and the beach cities/Palos Verdes and Torrance. Westchester is really two communities divide between the beach areas/LMU and the area around the airport.

This would put all of the part of LA that interacts with the airport and beach cities together and allow the minority communities that access the airport to have access to that area of town as they have asked as well.

As a long time resident of the area, this is a truer representation of how communities interact with each other.

J Sullivan

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Tom and Jane Hanson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:05 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tom and Jane Hanson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep the City of Santa Clarita as one entity for a voting district. To split part of Valencia and certain areas south of Lyons Ave. and make them part of the San Fernando Valley District is ludicrous. There are mountains between us and the San Fernando Valley, a natural barrier to the proposed split.

Thank you,

Tom and Jane Hanson

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Fred Arnold <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:52 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Fred Arnold <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keeping Santa Clarita Whole

Message Body:

Please keep our community whole when redistricting. Fred Arnold, Resident of Valencia

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** 90049 Redistricting

**From:** Eliane Gans <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 1:25 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

DO NOT DIVIDE OUR 90049 DISTRICT!

THIS WOULD BE A DETREMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

ELIANE GANS ORGELL, 900499

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Karin Accomando <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:22 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karin Accomando <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please keep the South Bay together!

Message Body:

please keep the South Bay -- Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Palos Verdes together in our state assembly, state senate and congressional districts. We are a very strong community of interest and deserve special consideration

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** kathryn liescheidt <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:06 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: kathryn liescheidt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: keep me with my city

Message Body:

My city is Santa Clarita. On some of your planning, we are put with San Fernando and separated from Santa Clarita. I have nothing to do with San Fernando and that valley and everything to do with my city Santa Clarita. My address is [REDACTED], Valencia (which is part of Santa Clarita)Thank you!

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Redistricting Recommendation

**From:** "Marguerite" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 11:03 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

To: Redistricting Commission

From: Marguerite Mautner

Date: June 27, 2011

I am writing as a member of the Pacific Palisades Community Council. The proposed boundaries for the Senate District designated as LASCV do not meet the criteria for establishing new district lines, especially in terms of the community's dependence upon common institutions and services. In addition, a district stretching to the Kern County line is not practical for meeting attendance, and the efficient conducting of business on a day-to-day basis.

I strongly urge the Commission to accept the request of the Pacific Palisades Community Council to maintain the cohesiveness of our Westside communities and to keep them within the boundaries that make sense to the people who live in them.

Based on the aforementioned considerations, it is requested that the Commission reconsider the proposed boundaries for Senate District designated as LASCV. It is suggested, in keeping with the Redistricting Commission criteria, to use the two proposed Assembly boundaries LAMWS and LAVSF encompassing the "Westside-Santa Monica" and the "Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mountains" as a nest for the Senate District to optimally reflect the interconnected communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marguerite Mautner, Member  
Pacific Palisades Community Council

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** mike reed <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 1:21 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I oppose the splitting of Chino Hills into two congressional districts. We are a small city and should be left as a unified group of voters!

Mike Reed

[REDACTED]  
Chino Hills CA 91709

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Shan Haq <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:15 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Long Beach is one city and should be kept in a single district. I'm disappointed that the commission is considering gerrymandering/splitting up our city. Please keep the city of Long Beach in a single district in LA County.

Thank you,

Shan Haq  
Long Beach

# WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California 90045  
[REDACTED]

Via E-mail to [REDACTED]

June 26, 2011

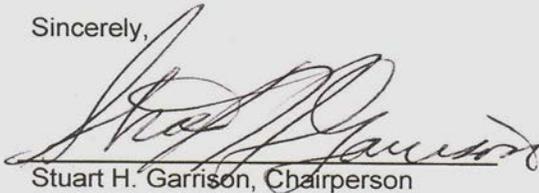
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: (916) [REDACTED]

The Westchester Neighbors Association membership consists of the residents of people living within the 90045 zip code and is open to associate membership by our local businesses.

WNA strongly supports keeping all of Westchester-Playa Del Rey together in the redistricting and thanks the commission for its first draft which accomplishes this.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



Stuart H. Garrison, Chairperson

Westchester Neighbors Association

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "Judy Handler" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 11:41 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen and am not in favor of dividing our are into two different districts. The West L.A. Veterans Administration is a major part of our community and is of a concern to us. Please do not divide our district.

Judy Handler

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Subject:** South Pasadena Redistricting

**From:** "Laura Williamson" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:19 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly oppose and am deeply concerned about the proposal to redistrict South Pasadena in any way that would split representation of the citizens of South Pasadena or any proposal that would group South Pasadena with the cities of Boyle Heights and East LA. South Pasadena has separate and different concerns and interests that these cities and should remain within the same boundary as Pasadena and Altadena where our interests and issues are historically similar and aligned.

Thank you for your consideration to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Laura Williamson  
South Pasadena

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re-districting of Brentwood

**From:** "Melzer, Sara" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:59 AM

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

I live in Brentwood South of San Vicente and am opposed to the redistricting plan. The current plan would exclude the VA from our area and also oppose break up Brentwood into two distinct groups, dividing our community in half. Since the VA is a vital part of our community, we should contribute to its discussions. Unless there is a very compelling reason to divide Brentwood, (I have not read of any), I think it is grievous error to do so.

Sincerely,

Sara E. Melzer

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Subject:** Redistricting Long Beach

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:59 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I thought voting to get an independent group of persons to correctly redistrict and fairly get better representation without any special interests getting their two cents in would take place but what I see now for the Long Beach area is the same old thing. I don't like what has been proposed on the sly after you first proposal. Get real and do redistricting to represent the voters NOT special interests or politicians. Long Beach doesn't need to be divided into thirds as it takes away our voting power as a group. Richard O'Leary a registered voter living at [REDACTED], LB.

**Subject:** Brentwood Los Angeles

**From:** Leonard Blum <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:27 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

please do not divide the current Brentwood community into two districts-we work very well as one community in a very big city-citizen participation is vital to maintain a community-it is not broken-please do not fix it, thank you

--

Leonard Blum

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

[REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

fax: (310) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting of 90049

**From:** Mary Sidell <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 12:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

Dividing the very cohesive community of Brentwood 90049 into two separate Congressional districts makes NO sense. The issues in our community affect all of us and this division makes it incredibly difficult to continue to work together in a logical way for ALL of our residents and businesses. Please do not take this step!

Mary Sidell  
Executive Committee  
Brentwood Community Council

[REDACTED] (direct)  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Brentwood Redistricting

**From:** Fred Roberts <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

It makes sense to cut up districts with disparate interests or ethnicity. Breaking up 90049 into 2 separate districts, and specifically, artificially eliminating the VA from our district, is terrible, brainless, or, at worst, totally artificial political manipulation. Use your heads. Leave us alone. We need to remain in one district, and we should retain the VA in our district, which affects all of us.

Fred Roberts

[REDACTED]  
L.A. 90049

**Testimony Submitted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Whittier Public Hearing, June 17, 2011  
Submitted by Eugene Lee  
Voting Rights Project Director, Asian Pacific American Legal Center**

Good evening. I am Eugene Lee and I am the Voting Rights Project Director at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC). APALC anchors a statewide network of Asian American and Pacific Islander community organizations and individuals. This network is called the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR).

Because CAPAFR has not proposed congressional districts, and because my organization APALC has not previously provided input on congressional redistricting, I would like to focus my comments tonight on congressional districts, specifically Congressional District LAWSG going from the West San Gabriel Valley to the East San Gabriel Valley.

APALC supports the concept of this district because of its strong community of interest foundation. This includes common needs shared by residents throughout the district for language access, the needs of the many independent school districts in the area, and the needs of the large immigrant population in the area. The needs of immigrants specifically among others include the need for naturalization services, immigrant integration services, and protections against fraud schemes targeting immigrants with limited English speaking ability.

In addition, common media outlets serve residents throughout the district, specifically Asian language media outlets including newspapers such as World Journal and International Chinese Daily News. Our exit polling indicates that many Asian American voters rely on these Asian language media outlets for information about elections, and I note that this is an example of shared interests explicitly mentioned in the Voters First Act.

In addition to this community of interest foundation, the district provides a unified voice for Asian Americans in the San Gabriel Valley, who have faced discrimination in the political process. For example, as noted in testimony submitted to the Commission on April 29, attempts by Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights to gain cityhood were defeated in part because of concerns that Asian Americans would dominate the new city councils.

Asian Americans have also faced barriers to exercising their right to vote. Here I note that the U.S. Department of Justice has filed enforcement actions against both west and east San Gabriel Valley cities such as Rosemead and Walnut for violations of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, for failure to provide language assistance to Asian American voters.

These two predicates – community of interest similarities and a unified voice for Asian Americans – provide a strong foundation for draft district LAWSG.

**Subject:** Long Beach district

**From:** Eric David <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:40 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

The splitting up of Long Beach recently suggested does not serve the area's interests. I recall the days when politicians DID make long Beach one district and the result was representation that helped Long Beach. I am disappointed that a citizen commission would consider splitting a city into several disjointed parts. Please reconsider!

Eric David

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach CA 90815

**Subject:** 90049

**From:** "Fawn R. Sheen" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:55 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

Please do not divide 90049 into two different congressional districts.

Thank you,  
F. R. Sheen

**Subject:** 90049

**From:** "Bob Berglass" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:25 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Please do not split this district in two zones. We should have one district.  
Robert Berglass 90049

**Subject:** Proposed U.S. Congressional District West San Fernando Valley - Calabasas

**From:** "John Isen " <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:13 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Please move the southern boundary of the proposed U.S. Congressional District West San Fernando Valley - Calabasas from Ventura Boulevard to Mulholland Drive for the following reasons:

1. The community of interest of those of us who live between Ventura Boulevard and Mulholland Drive is the San Fernando Valley. I live, work, shop, worship, exercise and socialize in the San Fernando Valley, not south of Mulholland Drive.
2. Earlier this decade, the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) established the southern boundary for the proposed City of San Fernando Valley at Mulholland Drive. If the voters of the City of Los Angeles had approved the ballot measure in the November 2002 election, the City of San Fernando Valley would have been the sixth largest city in the USA and the second largest city in California (behind a smaller Los Angeles) with Mulholland Drive as its southern boundary.
3. The southern boundary of both the proposed Assembly District Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains and Senate District Los Angeles - Santa Clarita Valley is Mulholland Drive.

Thank you for your consideration,

John M. Isen

[REDACTED]  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Telephone [REDACTED]

Fax [REDACTED]

e-mail [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Long Beach Congressional Redistricting

**From:** Tom Yocis <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I strongly oppose the "visualization" which would divide Long Beach into three separate Congressional districts. This violates the spirit and intent of the independent commission by dividing a natural geographic district with fixed borders (the City of Long Beach) and by dividing residents with common interests and placing them in districts with citizens that do not share the same needs and goals. This in fact is the opposite of what the independent commission is intended to accomplish. Under the current maps, no part of Long Beach is represented by one of its own citizens. The fact that in the "visualization" Long Beach does not appear to be a majority of any district simply means Long Beach's interests will once again be unrepresented. That this should happen to the citizens of a city of roughly 500,000 is unfair. Long Beach would be the largest district in the state, and maybe in the country, where its residents did not make up the majority population in a single district. Do not adopt this "visualization." Instead, reunite Long Beach into a single district.

Thomas J. Yocis

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90807

--  
Thomas J. Yocis  
Yocis & Cox

[REDACTED]  
562/[REDACTED]  
562/[REDACTED] fax  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Citizen Input

**From:** "Seth Weisberg" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:43 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I live in Brentwood (90049). I would like my community (defined well by our zip code) to remain together in one congressional district.

Seth Weisberg

[REDACTED] e

LA, CA 90049

**Subject:** New Senate and Congressional Districts

**From:** kenneth mazur <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:35 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission

I have contacted the Commission before, but I feel compelled to re emphasize and elaborate on my reasons for believing that LASCV would not help in the efficient governance of the areas involved. The existence of common interests, concerns and needs set the agendas for governmental involvement in any given area. The people of the Santa Clarita area have issues that are critical to their area that have little in common with the West Side/Santa Monica and Bay areas of Los Angeles. The LA areas share similar concerns for planning, transportation, conservation of the Santa Monica Mountains, the health of the Bay, public education, historical preservation, and perhaps most importantly—public safety. The Santa Clarita area has no contact with the Pacific Ocean whereas the SMMNRA communities are linked by their watersheds which drain to the Bay and their North South transportation corridors.

It seems logical that Santa Clarita would be linked to unincorporated areas of northern LA County or the Antelope Valley with which it shares major transportation, ecological economic, watershed and development issues.

I would like to suggest that the Committee strongly consider combining Thousand Oaks/Santa Monica Mountains(LAVSF) and West Side Santa Monica into a single Santa Monica Mountains/Bay Westside Senate District.

For the same reasons, I also suggest keeping the SMMNRA/Las Virgenes as one Congressional District.

This will help to provide for more efficient and responsive government in these areas.

Thank you for all your hard work and for helping to make this process an example of California leading the way towards better representational government .

Cheers,

Ken Mazur

Topanga Animal Rescue [REDACTED]

Topanga Association for a Scenic Community [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Long Beach Congressional District

**From:** "Joan Greenwood" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:25 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

As a resident of the Wrigley District of Long Beach, I urge you to reject the gerrymandering of Long Beach to satisfy the political agendas of surrounding cities. The Port of Long Beach should not be separated from the communities in Long Beach that are most impacted by the logistics industry. I put in hundreds of hours of volunteer time to ensure that our needs are addressed. Unfortunately, my input and comments to the Congressman who currently represents the Ports are ignored since I don't live in the District. I agree with other opponents to the newly revised maps that Long Beach should be in a single Congressional District. To do otherwise, prevents the impacted population from having a voice in Congress.

I live in one of the most diverse census tracts in the country. It has been split between multiple state and congressional districts ever since I move in 1986. I did testify at the hearing held in Long Beach early in the process and strongly support having all of Long Beach in one, unified Congressional District.

Best regards,

Joan Greenwood

[REDACTED]

Long Beach, CA 90806

Tel: (562) [REDACTED] (home)

(562) [REDACTED] (Cell)

**Subject:** Long Beach redistricting

**From:** Jacqui Viale <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:33 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I just saw the proposed mapping for Long Beach Congressional districts and I am very disappointed and frustrated. I have been waiting so long for the day that Long beach would be made whole again. I live in the Belmont Shore/Heights area of Long Beach and we have long been terribly represented by a congressperson from another county, who is living and working in a very distant and different community, and who has no knowledge of or interest in our needs and concerns here. To have any part of Long Beach connected with another county that has completely different values and socioeconomic concerns would be a serious disservice to the citizens of Long Beach. In Long Beach we are proud of our city and of all the diversity we support. Long Beach must remain a wholly represented congressional district! To cut up our city is to negate our community voice and remove any political power that we could wield in the democratic process. As it is now, I feel that I have no representation in the U.S. Congress, and that is unconstitutional.

Thank you for your time and service to this important commission.

Jacquelyn Viale

[REDACTED]

Long Beach CA 90803

[REDACTED]

Jacqui Viale

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Congressional District

**From:** "Carol Soccio" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 1:56 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

It is vitally important that the citizens of Long Beach's East Side be kept in a congressional district that is in Los Angeles County. By placing the east side of Long Beach into a congressional district that is primarily in Orange County would leave the constituents in east Long Beach neighborhoods virtually unrepresented!!!!

Long Beach is in Los Angeles County, I am surprised at how many people WHO LIVE HERE don't know that. Orange County is Orange County is Orange County.

East side of Long Beach must not be, cannot be, properly represented by someone in Orange County.

Carol Soccio

[REDACTED]

Long Beach 90807

**Subject:** Orange county? No way

**From:** Ken Schlesinger <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:31 PM

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

I am a resident of the east long beach area since 1963, having resided in zip codes 90808, 90803, and 90815 for the past 48 years. Never once have I wanted, desired, or wished to be included in any congressional district with links to orange county. Today is not the day for me to change my position on this.

I have also voted regularly since 1978 and will influence others who vote to take appropriate actions at the booth against any politician or initiative which supports this measure.

Ken Schlesinger

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach 90815

Sent from my iPad

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "David C. Conway" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:50 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: David C. Conway <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills Congressional District

Message Body:

I believe the San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills Congressional District should be redrawn with the goal of keeping the foothill cities of Monrovia, Duarte, etc. intact in one congressional district.

I realize the goal was to create a mountain recreation district. While this is a worthwhile concept, the mandate to avoid splitting cities and counties should take priority.

I believe this could be accomplished by moving Upland and Laverne into neighboring districts to create room for southern Monrovia and Duarte in the San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills Congressional District. Northern Monrovia has much more of a "community of interest" with Southern Monrovia than with the cities of Upland and Laverne.

Thank you.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Al Sheahen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:04 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Al Sheahen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I have not been able to find any of your proposed maps, but a friend tells me you have put voters south of the 101 in the San Fernando Valley into a Los Angeles district.

I hope this is not true. Otherwise, what's the point of your redistricting if it's going to be the same as now?

All SF Valley residents should be in the same one or two (or three) districts. The north-south dividing line is Mulholland Drive, not the 101 or Ventura Blvd.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Ingrid Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:43 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ingrid Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Cancel previous message!

Message Body:

Please cancel the message I just sent by mistake! I hit the Send button by mistake. I will send a new message in a few minutes.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Please DO NOT divide our city of Chino Hills

**From:** Imelda Santiaguel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:30 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please do not divide our city into two congressional districts.

Sincerely,

Imelda Santiaguel

[REDACTED] Chino Hills, CA 91709

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Carrie Cass <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:58 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carrie Cass <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I have a number of clients in the West San Fernando Valley that supply aerospace and technology companies. My business depends on their business. It would benefit my clients and myself if the West San Fernando Valley included Agoura Hills and West Lake Village, as well as Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, so that we could elect a congressman that will serve the industry most prevalent in this area.

I believe the areas close to Beverly Hills and Universal City (including Studio City/Sherman Oaks), involved in the entertainment industry, will serve as a distraction for an elected representative. The West San Fernando Valley needs a Congressman that will focus on the needs of Aerospace and Technology Companies (Research and Development tax credits, job growth, etc.,) instead of spending all his/her time fund raising with those involved in the entertainment industry.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Pasadena Altadena

**From:** Ruth Judkins <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:28 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please keep Pasadena and Altadena in the same congressional, assembly and senate districts because these 2 communities have much in common in addition to being contiguous  
Ruth Judkins

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Mitra Samani <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 6:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mitra Samani <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting map

Message Body:

Thank you for keeping the San Fernando Valley together. At a very early stage, your Commission talked about splitting off the northwest San Fernando Valley and putting it with an Antelope Valley seat. Your first maps abandoned that. Thank you.

I looked at your website and you have now put the communities that make up the San Fernando Valley up on your visualization map. Thank you. Our communities are as important to us as city lines are to people who live in medium and small-sized cities. If you're going to try not to split Eureka, then don't rip Reseda. Respect Reseda.

The Valley Redistricting Coalition, spearheaded by VICA, has submitted an excellent congressional plan to you. It minimizes the splitting of the communities of the San Fernando Valley. Please use it.

Finally, as wonderful as the VICA map is, please try to add to the West San Fernando Valley district the communities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, right up to the Los Angeles County line. As you know, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservation District includes Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and most of Tarzana and Woodland Hills and a major part of Encino. As you know, the Las Virgenes School District includes Westlake Village, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and a portion of the San Fernando Valley community in the city of Los Angeles called West Hills.

Thank you for respecting the Valley. Thank you for respecting the neighborhoods of the San Fernando Valley. Go with the VICA plan for districts, especially congressional districts, but try to add Agoura Hills and Westlake Village to the West San Fernando Valley congressional district.

Thank you so much for all your efforts.

Kindest regards,

Mitra Samani and Dr. Farrokh Vatan  
[REDACTED]

West Hills, CA 91307

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Addison Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 6:26 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Addison Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: First Draft of the Maps

Message Body:

Hello I wanted to give some advice regarding several districts in my state senate, assembly, and congressional districts. State Senate district 17 should not be going up to Northern California, because the most important part of having a district is to include the communities that resemble your community the most and unfortunately this map does not do that. As all Californians know Northern and Southern California are quite different and should never be district together because we have very distinctive issues that do not blend in together. As far as the 36th Assembly district goes it needs to include Santa Clarita and Victorville. These communities are inclusive of each other. Congressional District 25 needs to remain the way it is since 2001, with one exception and that is that the city of Lancaster and Palmdale need to be in the same congressional district. The cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, Little Rock, and Rosamond are considered the Antelope Valley and all of these com!

munities are similar in regards to the issues. With the first drat proposal the cities of Moorpark and Thousand Oaks need to be eliminated because these communities do not have the same issues as the high desert communities of Lancaster, Palmdale, Little Rock, Adelanto, and Victorville.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Ingrid Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Ingrid Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Replace Senate LASVC with Santa Monica Mtns-West Side-Thousand

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 communites 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,(Your name)

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Gordon <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Gordon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: The Senate district and Congressional District

Message Body:

At the Culver City hearing I spoke to not dividing Woodland Hills. You used Mulholland Drive as the Southern boundry at Topanga. You cut out Woodland Hills South of Mulholland Dr. To make it whole you should make the County Line the Southern Boundry from Santa Maria Road to the East to Calabasas on the West. It entails about 500 or fewer homes. I spoke to Stuart Walman of VICA about this discrepancy. Thank You, Gordon Murley

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Brian Chapman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 7:53 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Brian Chapman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Topanga

Message Body:

It has come to my attention that you intend to make Topanga part of Santa Clarita Valley. This so-called, non-partisan citizen's panel has redrawn the political map so that strongholds of liberal power are severed from each other and attached to conservative communities in the San Fernando Valley and beyond. Topanga is ten miles from the Palisades and Santa Monica; it is 40 miles from Santa Clarita. This redistricting only makes sense if you become aware of the panel's and VICA's not-so-hidden agenda. We will not stand for this.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment - California CRC

**From:** "Mark Dispenza" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:32 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

The proposed maps for the Board of Equalization districts place much of the City of Los Angeles in the "East" District, and all of Ventura County in the "Los Angeles" District. The City of Los Angeles should be kept whole in the one type of district that can accommodate the entire city. In the same way that other BOE Districts respect the integrity of the San Francisco area and San Diego areas, the second and third largest cities in the state, the "Los Angeles" District should keep the City of Los Angeles whole.

Also, due to the suburban/rural nature of Ventura County, it is a much better fit with the "East" District. Due to their similarities the BOE Field office in Ventura oversees the Lancaster/Palmdale and Kern County areas. Unlike legislators and members of Congress, the members of the BOE provide operational oversight of the offices in their districts. It makes sense and provides proper representation for the same district to include the covered service areas.

Kern and Ventura should be in the same district, overseen by the Ventura Field office, and all of the City of Los Angeles should be in the "Los Angeles" District with the entire San Fernando Valley serviced by the Van Nuys district.

The attached map accomplishes this goal within the proper population requirements.

Sincerely yours,

*Mark Dispenza*

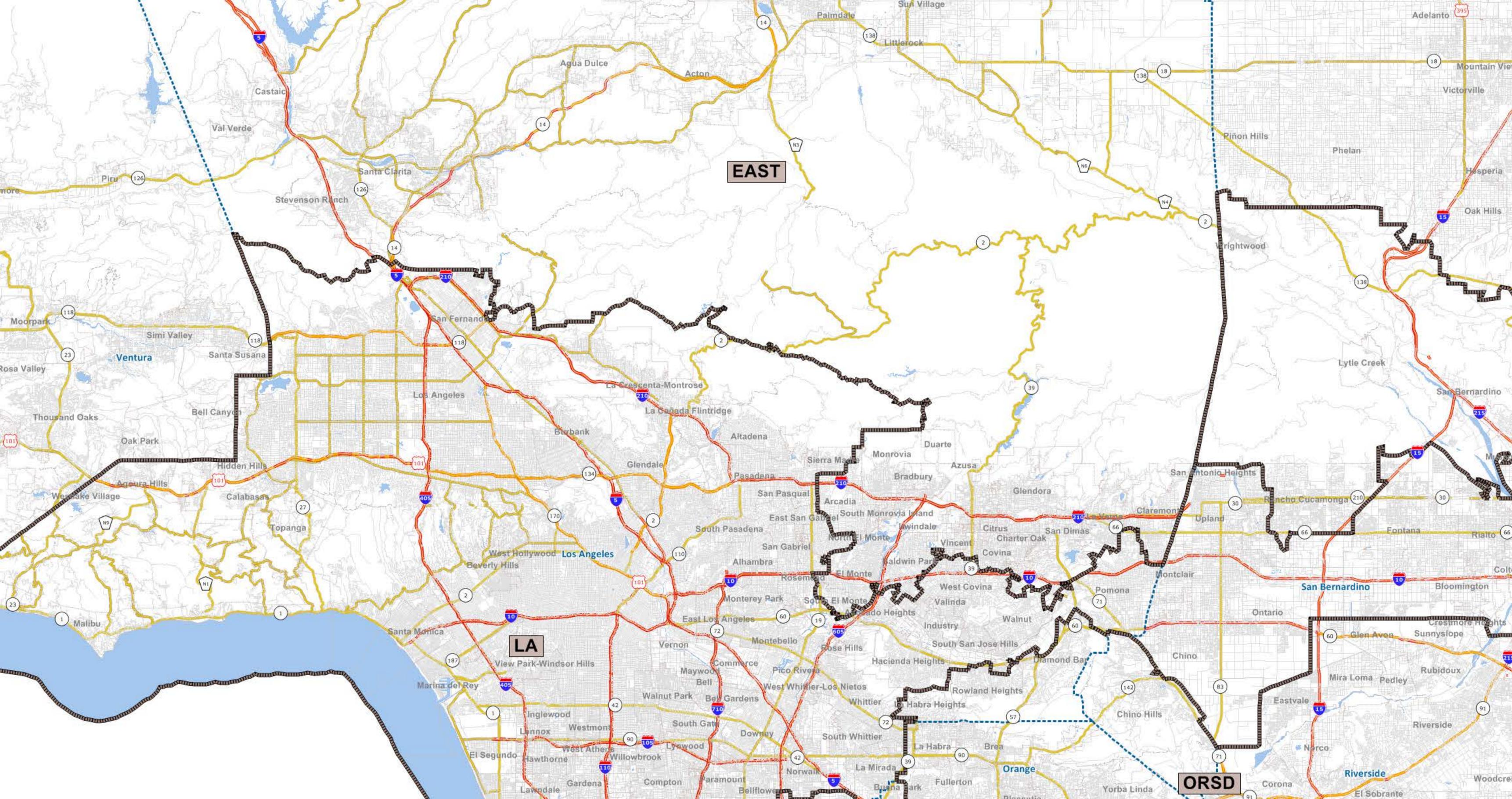
Mark A. Dispenza, HIP, LUTCF

Chair, Ventura Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee

— Attachments: —

---

BOE_LA Map.doc	61.5 KB
Runner_BOE_R3.pdf	359 KB



**EAST**

**LA**

**ORS**

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Ingrid Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:09 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Ingrid Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Replace Senate LASCV with Santa Monica Mtns/Bay-West Side

Message Body:

I live in the unincorporated area of Topanga and work for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District at Malibu High School, where our son also goes to school. After elementary school, almost all the Topanga students go to school either on the Westside, in Calabasas, or in Malibu. (My husband works in Calabasas, Woodland Hills, and Beverly Hills.) On the way home from work, I use the library, bank and grocery shop in Malibu. Otherwise I shop, get health care, and enjoy activities both in the areas around Woodland Hills and around Santa Monica. Our son's sports teams have always been active in these adjoining areas and as far west as Thousand Oaks. I am very much involved in both my local Topanga and the Malibu communities, but I am also a frequent visitor to the Westside and the western San Fernando Valley. On the other hand, I have never even been to Santa Clarita.

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 opinion held by both the City of Sta Clarita and communités 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,  
Ingrid Peterson

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Redistricting map- Westside-Santa Monica Assembly Seat

**From:** Inez Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:46 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

The Westside-Santa Monica Assembly seat includes Beverly Hills and other wealthy neighborhoods as well as Pico and other poor areas. You are disenfranchising the poor community by lumping them with the wealthy.

*Inez Gonzalez*

[REDACTED]

*Los Angeles CA 90005*

[REDACTED]



# CITY OF COMMERCE

---

*Joe Aguilar*  
Mayor

June 27, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Commerce, I would like to respectfully request the Citizens Redistricting Commission keep Commerce in a single Congressional, Senate and Assembly district. The residents of Commerce strongly support retaining our community within our existing districts. Any redistricting effort which separates Commerce from adjoining cities will dilute our voice in the legislature and compromise our ability to address issues of importance to Commerce and the surrounding communities of interest.

For example, we share common health and environmental matters related to railroad and truck traffic diesel pollution impacts in the region. Our shared community interest in addressing environmental justice issues is one of the major issues that connect our existing communities.

We recognize the necessity of periodically redrawing district boundaries in order to maintain appropriate populations in each district. However, we believe that it is crucial and imperative that Commerce be kept whole to continue the great strides our City has achieved within the existing district boundaries.

Once again, we respectfully urge you to keep Commerce within the boundaries of our Congressional, Senate and Assembly districts as they are established.

Thank you for your service and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Joe Aguilar  
Mayor  
City of Commerce

**Subject:** Redistricting State Assembly & State Senate Districts, Los Angeles Area

**From:** Ross Frankel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:09 PM

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

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I find that the drafted districts are seriously flawed and do not meet the requirement to avoid 'gerrymandered' districts. There are many instances of failure to maintain compact areas and maintain a reasonably local character to each district. There are many instances of contorted boundaries that do NOT reflect local community boundaries and do NOT follow rational boundaries. Many of these variances appears to be made solely to benefit one or another political parties.

Therefore, these boundaries MUST be redrawn to provide greater conformity and local compactness, respecting local neighborhoods and logical boundaries.

I file the following objections for the Assembly Districts:

District 54 appears to be in the shape of a bow-tie, where there is a narrow bottle-neck, mid point along the Long Beach shoreline to connect Palos Verdes with ares adjacent and East of Long Beach.

District 56 also has a strong bow-tie shape, with the narrow point right along the LA Orange County boundary line, and almost swallowing a section of another district that is adjacent and somewhat North East.

Districts 47 & 53, 58&46, 50&46, 49&44, and 45-42-43-44 all have significant-sized tongue-and groove boundaries.

District 45 has the shape of a hand with four fingers.

District 58 has either an animal cookie shape or the symbol for Pi shape---to accommodate district 56 sticking up into its mid-section.

District 50 has a fat "Y" or pitchfork shape.

None of these districts should be contorted this badly unless it is to preserve some political party's advantage.

I file the following objections to the State Senate Districts:

District 25 is essentially a "C" shape. This shape is a flagrant violation of compactness and maintaining a localized, logical character to a district.

District 26 is a contorted duck shape, owing to large sections sticking out in various directions.

Districts 20,21,22,24,26,27,& 30 all have significant tongue and groove boundaries with each other. None of the tongues and grooves appear to have any justification and appear to violate local communities and neighborhoods involved with them.

Districts 25,27,28 have a triple tongue and groove bottle-neck in the Long Beach Area. There is rational NO justification for this particular tongue and groove short of preservation of some political party advantage.

Again, I request that you make serious corrections to the shapes of the districts so as to more closely conform to compactness, local neighborhood and community boundaries, and naturally logical boundary lines.

Sincerely,

Ross D Frankel

  
Lawndale CA 90260

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Daniel Brin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 11:56 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Daniel Brin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West Hills

Message Body:

I don't see any improvement in the new map over the old map as they relate to West Hills in the Western San Fernando Valley. In fact, it's worse.

Once again, our community of West Hills is split between two Assembly districts. At least it had been easy to tell who was in the 40th and 37th Districts -- Roscoe Boulevard was the clear dividing line. Now we have a line that meanders arbitrarily from Bell Creek up to Saticoy Street and then down to Bell Creek again.

People who live north of this meandering line are being told they have more in common with Santa Clarita and the Tejon Pass than with Woodland Hills and Canoga Park, the communities where they shop and send their children to school.

This is really quite insulting. Your map doesn't acknowledge our existence as a community.

Please recognize the integrity of West Hills and draw the dividing line through the center median of Nordhoff Street from Topanga Canyon Boulevard westward through the (misnamed) Chatsworth Nature Preserve to the Los Angeles County limits. That represents the northern boundary of West Hills as recognized by the City of Los Angeles and by the Neighborhood Councils of West Hills and Chatsworth.

At the very least, you should keep the boundary at Roscoe Boulevard across West Hills. People are at least accustomed to that dividing line.

Thank you.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Elliot Tyson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:23 PM

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

to whom...

please **DO NOT** redistrict our zip code, 90049, in half. please. this does no good to our neighborhood and only helps the interests that want to develop the Veteran's Administration Campus in WLA.

i implore you to vote against this plan.

sincerely,

elliott tyson

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** May Ling <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived the the 90049 area code for the last 40 years. I would not like it to changed or divided.

Walter and May Ling

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, Ca 90049

--

May A. Ling

White House Properties

[REDACTED]  
home office: (310) [REDACTED]

cell phone: (310) [REDACTED]

home fax: (310) [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]

Thank you to my friends and past customers for your loyalty and referrals!

**Subject:** Redistricting in Long Beach

**From:** Annie Greenfeld-Wisner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 7:11 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

As a voter in Long Beach, I request that you all leave the districts as is - don't split Long Beach into 3 district!!!

Annie Greenfeld

"Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?"

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Carol L. Mosher" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:11 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carol L. Mosher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

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.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Richard Mc Lellan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:03 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Richard Mc Lellan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't dilute the voices

Message Body:

please keep Hollywood, Silverlake, Atwater and Burbank and Glendale together. As communities we have common cultural interests which we do not share with East Los Angeles. It will be impossible for any representative to fairly represent these two diverse areas. Each deserves its own voice in Sacramento.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** redistricting.

**From:** Lucille Polachek <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:59 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** Laurie Cohn <[REDACTED]>

June 27, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

We have lived in our district (90024) since we came here in 1965. We live on Lindbrook Drive near Beverly Glen and Warner Avenue. We want to continue to have our district encompass Westwood, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, the Santa Monica Mountains and the other communities in this district.

It makes perfect sense to keep this district as it is and not have us be a part of communities that do not share our common interest. Please do not lump us in with the north San Fernando Valley or downtown. You will change the whole commonality of interests that we have now. Please reconsider this proposal!!! I

I know that you all have an awesome task and I thank you for your consideration of this citizen's urgent request.

Yours truly,

Lucille Polachek

Lucille Polachek

[REDACTED]  
310/[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting comment

**From:** Sylvia Cumming <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:50 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hi,

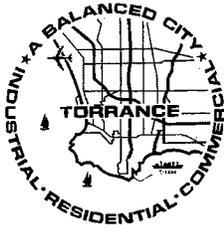
The proposed redistricting should be re-drawn so that the community of Granada Hills is not divided. The whole of Granada Hills ought to be represented by one representative. The community itself is a very unified community within Los Angeles.

Please do not gerrymander Granada Hills!

Thank you!

Sylvia Cumming

[REDACTED]  
Granada Hills, CA 91344



FRANK SCOTTO  
MAYOR

---

# CITY OF TORRANCE

---

June 27, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City of Torrance, I would like to express my strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance in the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. In reviewing the map, it is apparent that there are parts of the City of Torrance which has a Redondo Beach zip code of 90277. In actuality, this is part of the City of Torrance and not Redondo Beach.

The City would appreciate you looking into this matter to ensure all of the residents of the City of Torrance are represented by the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The entire City should be served and not fragmented. This will allow the City to have one consistent voice in serving our community.

Through the years the City has been served well within the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and would like to continue to do so. The 36<sup>th</sup> District Office is familiar with the City of Torrance, its needs, challenges, and priorities both at a local, state and regional level. It is imperative the City of Torrance remains one cohesive City. Split communities could result in changes to the service quality and timeliness we have come to expect from the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

I urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to seriously consider this input, as any redistricting changes would have a huge impact on our community. Through the years the cities within the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District have developed effective working relationships and continue to exchange innovative ideas and practices.

Your consideration of this matter on the zip code is very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto  
Mayor

/maw

cc: City Council Member  
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

**Subject:** Redistricting in 90049

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:15 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

We are long time residents of the area between Wilshire north to Sunset Blvd.

We are totally opposed to redistricting of the whole 90049 zip code area. We have long worked with in this area to maintain quality governing and education. It would be a major problem to split the District in two, both for the northern section and the southern section.

**Please reconsider your decision to split the 90049 are in two.**

Ardis M and Edward W Forgy  
Residents on Gretna Green Way. L.A.

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Ronald D. Mosher" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:17 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ronald D. Mosher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley 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.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** VA GROUNDS REDISTRICTING

**From:** Sharolyn <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 11:52 PM

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

We do not want the VA grounds taken out of our district. We do not support the sale and commercial land grab that will happen if you remove it from our voting area.

Brentwood doesn't need more traffic and congestion and we support our Veterans and their ability to keep this beautiful land.

Sharolyn Leithold.

Sharolyn Leithold, D.I.Hom  
ACE Certified Personal Trainer  
Professional Swim Instructor  
Athletic Conditioning Coach

Heavenly Bodies by Sharolyn  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse any misspelling and/or grammatical errors.

**Subject:** Regarding the redistricting

**From:** "Gigi Kramer" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:36 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear hard-working members of the Redistricting Commission:

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Marjorie B. Kramer and I have been a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes since 1985.

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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and the June 10<sup>th</sup> preliminary releases, a few significant changes were made to the preliminary 36<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 respectively request the Commission include Lawndale and Hawthorne in the final 36<sup>th</sup> 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.

Marjorie B. Kramer

**Subject:** Redrawn Congressional District map for western San Gabriel Valley

**From:** Diana Mahmud <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:16 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

THANK YOU!!

I am a South Pasadena resident, and am very pleased to see the newly revised congressional district map released June 24 which would rejoin my city with the region with which it is historically associated. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!! This alignment is far more appropriate and fair to all.

I remain concerned regarding South Pasadena's division into two separate Assembly districts, when our total population only numbers c. 25,000. Clearly, our small, tight knit, "Mayberry, USA" community should receive representation from a single Assembly member, so that our voices are not diluted over important issues such as our 50 year fight against 710 expansion, among other things. Please redraw the Assembly districts to achieve representation of South Pasadena by a single Assembly member, preferably also representing the city of Pasadena; our city was formerly a part of Pasadena and today still shares important interests. Indeed, Pasadena sells water to South Pasadena for its residents who live north of the Raymond Fault.

yours truly,

Diana Mahmud

**Subject:** We support keeping Brentwood as one community

**From:** Nancy Anderson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:35 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Regardless of whether we live North or South of San Vicente, we have existed as one community for many years and should not be divided at this important time in our community. We are a small community and to divide us reduces our effectiveness in attaining our common goals. We strongly oppose this measure. We have been a member of this community for 30 years.

George, Nancy, Jason and Bryan Anderson

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Judi Neal <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:40 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Judi Neal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I live in San Dimas, CA and I'm really upset that the lines you have chosen to draw are a shame.

1. What happened to NOT crossing county lines?
  2. What happened to drawing lines for the density of the population, NOT density of race?
  3. What happened to keeping cities whole, NOT dividing them?
  4. What happened to this commission who was chosen to be blind and draw the lines fairly, NOT succumbing to political pressure?
- What happened to integrity?

Judi Neal  
San Dimas, CA

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Edward Callahan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Edward Callahan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional District 36

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for bringing some common sense to the process of setting districts in the State of California. As a Playa del Rey resident for the 23 years, I have grown tired of being a pawn in the political games of the state legislators. Unfortunately, it seems that the politicians may be at it again.

Playa del Rey is part of the Westchester-Playa Neighborhood Council. Westchester and Playa del Rey have common interests and these interests are represented in the City of Los Angeles by the Council. However, for Federal issues, Playa del Rey has been used as a narrow "connecting device" between the northern portions of the 36th Congressional District and the South Bay cities. Under the June drafts, finally, Playa del Rey and Westchester are both a part of a district with common coastal interests with our neighbors in the South Bay.

The socio-demographics of Playa del Rey and Westchester are similar to those of El Segundo and the Beach Cities and have little in common with the inland communities of Inglewood and Lennox.

Playa del Rey and Westchester need to be kept together as a whole community and to have our interests aligned with those communities that are similar. The currently proposed boundaries provide us with the kind of fair representation we have long desired. Please don't let our community again fall prey to the cupidity of politicians. I respectfully request that the current, logical boundaries as shown in your initial June drafts be kept.

Sincerely,

Edward Callahan  
Waterview St.  
Playa del Rey

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** please don't divide Brentwood

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:28 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Voters First Act and [crc.ca.gov](http://crc.ca.gov),

Please don't divide Brentwood, zipcode 90049, in the process of redistricting. As presently envisioned, the division would separate Brentwood into two districts, one largely of single-family dwellings, one largely of multiple units. In addition, the present proposal removes the VA property from Brentwood--and we have historically tried to protect that site from improper development and misuse.

Thank you for considering us and the role we have undertaken in this area, and please attempt to keep us together.

Yours truly,

Nancy Jaffe

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Subject:** Keep Downey together

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:00 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Keep Downey together. We know our community better than you DO!

**Paula Mejia**

Mortgage Consultant  
Mortgage

[REDACTED]

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage | [REDACTED] | Whittier, CA 90603

MAC M0803-011

Tel [REDACTED] | Cell [REDACTED] | Fax [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This is an unsecured email service which is not intended for sending confidential or sensitive information. Please do not include your social security number, account number, or any other personal or financial information in the content of the email. This may be a promotional email. To discontinue receiving promotional emails from Wells Fargo Bank N.A., including Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, click here [REDACTED] Wells Fargo Home Mortgage is a division of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. All rights reserved. Equal Housing Lender. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage-2701 Wells Fargo Way-Minneapolis, MN 55467-8000

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Dr. Kay Austen" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:32 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Dr. Kay Austen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Plan to Connect Topanga with Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Are you aware that Topanga is 10 miles from the Westside of Los Angeles, i.e., from Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica? Yet you would connect us to a community 40 miles and a world away! Your plan is ill--considered and unworkable for Topanga, a progressive community in the Santa Monica Mountains. We are an extremely activist community, environmentally and otherwise. One of our major priorities is to preserve the Santa Monica Mountains. In concert with the Westside of Los Angeles with whom we have always been affiliated, we have elected representatives who have dedicated themselves to this cause. In one fell swoop, your plan undoes decades of hard work by generations of Topangans who have been in the forefront of environmental activism. For shame! You MUST change this recommendation immediately! We will do anything we have to do, including civil disobedience, to ensure the defeat of your unconscionable and reckless proposal. Dr. Kay Austen, [REDACTED], Topanga, CA. 90290

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Patricia Kelly <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:14 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Patricia Kelly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep 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.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Long Beach

**From:** Gary Gisel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:58 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I was happy when I looked at the original draft maps on the California congressional districts for my area. As a long-time resident of Long Beach I was glad to see that our city, the 4th largest in California, was going to once again have someone focused on our city in Washington rather than our current situation of having the city split up between several districts dominated by other areas.

To my disappointment, I have recently learned of the 'visualization' maps that have been created and which take a different approach. While I don't argue with the directive to look at 'communities of interest' when drawing the lines I believe that the City of Long Beach forms a pretty strong community (We even have our own municipal band!). I have also heard my representative talking about the impact of this change on her district and while I am sensitive to her argument about the racial composition of her current versus proposed district, I really feel that the great mix that is Long Beach deserves representation at both the State and Federal levels in our our messy, multicultural and multiracial glory.

Thanks, I know you have a very challenging job ahead of you.

Gary Gisel  
Long Beach, CA

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Adam Litzer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:20 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Adam Litzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agoura Hills Redistricting

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Agoura Hills. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

In terms of the West Valley's connection to Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, we are united by the 101 Freeway and have a shared concentration of high-tech and defense industry companies. The high tech firms of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village need to be linked with those of Granada Hills, Northridge, and the rest of the West Valley. These industries are crucial to the economy of our area, and it would be extremely beneficial for all of us to be represented by one Congressman, as issues relating to these industries are decided on the federal level. I can also tell you personally that I feel a much stronger bond with those in the West Valley than with people across the county line in Ventura County.

I know you have tough decisions ahead but I do hope that you take the time to consider this suggestion. Thanks very much!

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Linnea Mielcarek <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:53 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Linnea Mielcarek <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Topanga redistricting

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,  
Linnea Mielcarek

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Ronnie Ressner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:25 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ronnie Ressner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westlake Village Redistricting

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Westlake Village. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

In terms of the West Valley's connection to Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, we are united by the 101 Freeway and have a shared concentration of high-tech and defense industry companies. The high tech firms of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village need to be linked with those of Granada Hills, Northridge, and the rest of the West Valley. These industries are crucial to the economy of our area, and it would be extremely beneficial for all of us to be represented by one Congressman, as issues relating to these industries are decided on the federal level. I can also tell you personally that I feel a much stronger bond with those in the West Valley than with people across the county line in Ventura County.

If this was to happen, you would have a West Valley congressional seat even better representative of how those of us in the West Valley and along the 101 Corridor see ourselves.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my requests.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Matthew Seyhun [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:22 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Matthew Seyhun <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Westlake Village

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Westlake Village. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

In terms of the West Valley's connection to Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, we are united by the 101 Freeway and have a shared concentration of high-tech and defense industry companies. The high tech firms of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village need to be linked with those of Granada Hills, Northridge, and the rest of the West Valley. These industries are crucial to the economy of our area, and it would be extremely beneficial for all of us to be represented by one Congressman, as issues relating to these industries are decided on the federal level. I can also tell you personally that I feel a much stronger bond with those in the West Valley than with people across the county line in Ventura County.

I know that you have population requirements to meet and that in order to add population to the current West Valley seat you'll have to take some out to balance things. I recommend placing the communities of Sherman Oaks and Studio City in a district that shares their own unique community of interest that revolves around the entertainment industry, including the studios in Burbank and Universal City. A West Valley district revolves around our high-tech sector.

If this was to happen, you would have a West Valley congressional seat even better representative of how those of us in the West Valley and along the 101 Corridor see ourselves.

I know you have tough decisions ahead but I do hope that you take the time to consider these suggestions. Thank you.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Andrew Hewitson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:15 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Andrew Hewitson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Agoura Hills. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

In terms of the West Valley's connection to Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, we are united by the 101 Freeway and have a shared concentration of high-tech and defense industry companies. The high tech firms of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village need to be linked with those of Granada Hills, Northridge, and the rest of the West Valley. These industries are crucial to the economy of our area, and it would be extremely beneficial for all of us to be represented by one Congressman, as issues relating to these industries are decided on the federal level. I can also tell you personally that I feel a much stronger bond with those in the West Valley than with people across the county line in Ventura County.

I know that you have population requirements to meet and that in order to add population to the current West Valley seat you'll have to take some out to balance things. I recommend placing the communities of Sherman Oaks and Studio City in a district that shares their own unique community of interest that revolves around the entertainment industry, including the studios in Burbank and Universal City. A West Valley district revolves around our high-tech sector.

If this was to happen, you would have a West Valley congressional seat even better representative of how those of us in the West Valley and along the 101 Corridor see ourselves.

I know you have tough decisions ahead but I do hope that you take the time to consider these suggestions. Thank you.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Bonnie Hood <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Bonnie Hood <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

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.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Irene Maldonado <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:40 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Irene Maldonado <[REDACTED]>

Subject: congressional seat

Message Body:

Do not have district according to race!! You are up splitting the San Gabriel Valley by race. I live in LaVerne and would like David Dreier to remain my Congressman.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Michael Stark <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:07 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Michael Stark <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 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 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 separating 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 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,  
Michael Stark

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Kyle Shorten <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:18 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kyle Shorten <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills

Message Body:

To Whom this May Concern:

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Agoura Hills. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

I know that you have population requirements to meet and that in order to add population to the current West Valley seat you'll have to take some out to balance things. I recommend placing the communities of Sherman Oaks and Studio City in a district that shares their own unique communtiy of interest that revolves around the entertainment industry, including the studios in Burbank and Universal City. A West Valley district revolves around our high-tech sector.

If this was to happen, you would have a West Valley congressional seat even better representative of how those of us in the West Valley and along the 101 Corridor see ourselves.

I know you have tough decisions ahead but I do hope that you take the time to consider these suggestions. Thank you for your time.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comments

**From:** Laura Friedman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:28 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

June 27, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for this opportunity to present my views on the important subject of redistricting electoral jurisdictions. The work of your Commission is extremely important and complicated, and I commend the time and effort you have put into this project. Your work is guided by challenging criteria, including equal population, contiguity, compactness, compliance with the Voting Rights Act, geographic integrity of cities, and communities of interest. My comments relates to the latter two factors: geographic integrity of cities and communities of interest.

*As Mayor of the City of Glendale, it is my strong belief that the entire City of Glendale should remain in a single congressional district. There does not appear to be any substantial reason not to accommodate this important goal of our community. Such an outcome would avoid breaching Glendale's decades-long experience of having our City represented by a single Congressional representative. In addition, having more than one representative risks fracturing the political identity of our city. Basically, you would be turning a Glendale currently united as a single community into a fractured and disjointed city.*

*In addition, Glendale has formed valuable tri-city cooperative relationships with Burbank and Pasadena. The viability and strength of these associations would be challenged if the three cities were broken up into different Congressional and Assembly districts.*

*I cannot stress how strongly I oppose the fracturing of the City of Glendale into multiple Congressional or Assembly districts.*

I support Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's recommendations, which are to:

- (A) Move the Southern portion of Glendale from the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district into the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district to make it whole.
- (B) Move most of Upland from the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district into the Ontario district
- (C) Move the southeastern portion of Chino Hills from the Ontario district into the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district.

*These adjustments keep Glendale together; keep the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district within Los Angeles County, instead of reaching into San Bernardino County; restore a community of interest in the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district by uniting the City of Chino Hills; and preserve the Voting Rights*

*Act status of the Ontario district.*

I truly appreciate the Commission's plan to keep Glendale, Burbank and part of Pasadena linked to the other Foothill cities in its state legislative and congressional districts. In doing so, the Commission has significantly preserved a community of interest that is composed primarily of the cities of Glendale, Burbank, and Pasadena. As I mentioned before, these three cities have entered into numerous cooperative agreements which are furthered by having a single Congressional representative, as well as by being represented by a single Assembly Member.

Thank you again for this opportunity to present my views of the best interests of the City of Glendale.

Sincerely,

Laura Friedman  
Mayor

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Karen Ressler <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:26 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karen Ressler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westlake Village Redistricting

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Westlake Village. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

In terms of the West Valley's connection to Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, we are united by the 101 Freeway and have a shared concentration of high-tech and defense industry companies. The high tech firms of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village need to be linked with those of Granada Hills, Northridge, and the rest of the West Valley. These industries are crucial to the economy of our area, and it would be extremely beneficial for all of us to be represented by one Congressman, as issues relating to these industries are decided on the federal level. I can also tell you personally that I feel a much stronger bond with those in the West Valley than with people across the county line in Ventura County.

I know that you have population requirements to meet and that in order to add population to the current West Valley seat you'll have to take some out to balance things. I recommend placing the communities of Sherman Oaks and Studio City in a district that shares their own unique community of interest that revolves around the entertainment industry, including the studios in Burbank and Universal City. A West Valley district revolves around our high-tech sector.

If this was to happen, you would have a West Valley congressional seat even better representative of how those of us in the West Valley and along the 101 Corridor see ourselves.

Thank you for your time.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Peter Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:42 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Peter Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Speaker

Message Body:

Our group would like to have a speaker on July 20th to discuss redistricting. See our website [REDACTED] for information about our group. The July 20th meeting is our membership quarterly meeting. 7pm to 9pm. We also expect Howard Berman to come to this meeting. Please call [REDACTED] or email at the above. Thank you.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Cindy Bisciglia <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:17 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cindy Bisciglia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Westlake Village

Message Body:

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Westlake Village. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

In terms of the West Valley's connection to Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, we are united by the 101 Freeway and have a shared concentration of high-tech and defense industry companies. The high tech firms of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village need to be linked with those of Granada Hills, Northridge, and the rest of the West Valley. These industries are crucial to the economy of our area, and it would be extremely beneficial for all of us to be represented by one Congressman, as issues relating to these industries are decided on the federal level. I can also tell you personally that I feel a much stronger bond with those in the West Valley than with people across the county line in Ventura County.

If this was to happen, you would have a West Valley congressional seat even better representative of how those of us in the West Valley and along the 101 Corridor see ourselves.

I know you have tough decisions ahead but I do hope that you take the time to consider these suggestions. Thank you.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** John L Rosenfeld <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:57 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: John L Rosenfeld <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Separating Zip 90049 into more than one district

Message Body:

Zip 90049 is and has long been a community within the same district with many common concerns, including its interaction with and support for the VA Administration facilities in the area. We don't want the area to be gerrymandered.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Jeff Berman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 4:27 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jeff Berman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Agoura Hills

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Agoura Hills. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

I know you have tough decisions ahead but I do hope that you take the time to consider these suggestions. Thank you for your time and help.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition - First Draft Maps

**From:** "Doug Arseneault" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:51 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]> "Daymond Rice" <[REDACTED]>

Mr. Claypool,

On behalf of the San Fernando Redistricting Coalition, we respectfully submit the attached letter regarding suggested minor adjustments to the first draft maps.

Thank You,

**Douglas C. Arseneault**

*Legislative Affairs Manager*

Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA)

[REDACTED]

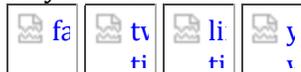
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Office: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Website: [REDACTED]

Stay connected to VICA



— Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_

SFV Redistricting Coalition First Draft Suggestions.pdf

48.4 KB



June 27, 2011

Mr. Daniel Claypool, Executive Director  
California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Mr. Claypool:

On behalf of the San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition, which includes the Valley Industry & Commerce Association, the United Chambers of Commerce of the San Fernando Valley and Valley Vote, as well as many chambers of commerce and neighborhood councils throughout the San Fernando Valley, we wish to thank you. This commission has taken the power to draw the lines from the politicians and given it to the people.

Per our previous letters and testimony, our goals are to maximize San Fernando Valley representation by keeping communities intact and, where community splits occur, following neighborhood council lines.

While we are overall satisfied with the first draft maps, we have a few minor suggestions.

For the congressional maps, we suggest minor adjustments that will reduce community splits in the San Fernando Valley from nine to only two. Of note, our suggestions result in no population deviation between districts and increases the Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) of the majority-minority San Fernando Valley East district from 49.6 percent to 50.95 percent.

We suggest:

- Unifying the West Valley communities of Reseda, Northridge and Sherman Oaks, as well as all of Lake Balboa, in the West San Fernando Valley district.
- Reunifying the largely Latino communities of Van Nuys, Valley Glen and North Hollywood in the East San Fernando Valley district.
- Moving the largely Latino area of Newhall in Santa Clarita from the West San Fernando Valley district to the East San Fernando Valley district.
- Placing all of Studio City, instead of half, into the West Los Angeles district. (This suggestion is based on testimony and conversations with the Studio City Residents Association leadership.)
- Placing the rural equestrian communities of Shadow Hills, Sunland and Tujunga in the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district.

Regarding the state Assembly and Senate maps, the changes we suggest reduce community splits in the San Fernando Valley from seven to only one. While the splits are mostly minimal, we believe that implementing our adjustments will maximize fair representation of San Fernando Valley residents. Similar to our suggestions for the Congressional maps, our recommendations for Assembly lines maintain the majority-minority CVAP of the San Fernando Valley East district.

We suggest:

- Reunifying the communities of Canoga Park, Van Nuys and Valley Glen into the San Fernando Valley West district.
- Reunifying the communities of West Hills and Studio City into the Ventura-San Fernando Valley district.
- Reunifying the community of Granada Hills into the Santa Clarita Valley district.
- Reunifying the community of North Hollywood into the San Fernando Valley East district.

To compensate for these population shifts, we suggest splitting the community of North Hills between the San Fernando Valley West district and the Santa Clarita Valley district. This suggestion respects the distinction between North Hills east and west neighborhood councils.

Lastly, we fully support the nesting of Assembly districts to create Senate districts.

In the first draft version of the Senate maps, the affluent communities of Studio City and Toluca Lake are placed in a majority-minority East Los Angeles Senate district. We hope that this was an oversight and that Senate districts will be nested in all future versions.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the next set of draft maps and hope that they continue to respect the unique communities of the San Fernando Valley.

Sincerely,



Daymond Rice  
2011 Chair



Stuart Waldman  
President

**Subject:** Resitricting of East Long Beach

**From:** j s <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:07 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I've reviewed your new plan. Grouping ELB with Lakewood is ridiculous. Our needs are so much different than our neighbors North.

Please reconsider your plan.

Jeff Salisbury

President

Label Impressions, Inc.

*"Making business easier...down to the last detail"*

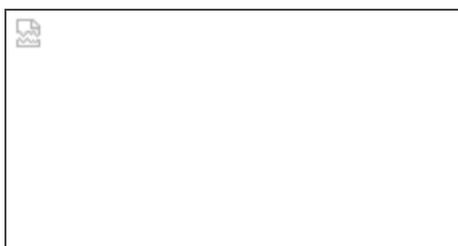
[REDACTED] Ext. 11

Chairman- TLMI Environmental Education Committee

Member- TLMI Environmental Health & Safety Committee

Member- TLMI L.I.F.E. (Label Initiative For the Environment)

Member- FTA RCA Committee (Recycling Compatible Adhesives)



THIS E-MAIL IS CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE SHARED WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE SENDER.

**SCNC BOARD**

Jeffrey Carter  
Ben Di Benedetto  
Josh Gelfat  
Victor Helo  
Wayne Kartin  
Remy Kessler  
Ben Neumann  
Richard Niederberg  
Todd Royal  
Lisa Sarkin  
Lana Shackelford  
Gail Steinberg  
Ron Taylor  
Rita C. Villa  
John T. Walker  
Denise Welvang



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Studio City, CA 91604  
[REDACTED]

**PRESIDENT**  
John T. Walker  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Lisa Sarkin  
**TREASURER**  
Remy Kessler  
**SECRETARY**  
Rita C. Villa  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Lana Shackelford  
[REDACTED]

---

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

June 27, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

I am on writing on behalf of the Studio City Neighborhood Council as President and as directed by the Board. Assuming that each household represents at least 2 occupants, it is safe to state that this letter represents over 1500 stakeholders within Studio City.

Since the single most stated reason for Redistricting is to keep Communities together that share a common interest we strongly support keeping Studio City, with the following zip codes: 91602, 91604 and 91607 and all communities that share the Ventura Blvd., corridor and the 101 Freeway – with the Santa Monica Mountains to the South, the 170 freeway to the East and Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura and Westlake Village/Thousand Oaks to the West.

We have the Santa Monica Mountains, the National and State Parks connect our communities with the 405 Freeway and Pacific Coast Highway which are main arteries running through the district, as well as canyon roads including Malibu Canyon, Topanga Canyon, Sepulveda Blvd, Beverly Glen, Laurel Canyon and Coldwater Canyon.

We also want all of Studio City, as a whole to be as one Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization district.

We urge the Commission to consider our **COMMON INTERESTS** and **SHARED CHALLENGES** and maintain the **COHESIVENESS** of the

communities and keep them in the **SAME DISTRICT**. This is ESSENTIAL in order to maintain truly fair representation.

Thank you for you consideration.

Respectfully,  
John Walker  
President, SCNC



**Subject:** Reasons not to Divide the city of Chino Hills

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:34 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistrict Commission:

" A house divided will not stand"

The present redistricting map for the proposed Congressional District places the city of Chino Hills in an incongruent situation.

Chino Hills has very close ties with the city of Chino. Together both cities participate in many events. They share the same school district, shop at the same shopping centers, and also use the same recreational programs and activities.

Dividing Chino Hills to L. A. County most certainly will not benefit our city. We are a family oriented community and have become one of the safest cities in America. Chino Hills is protected by the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department.

Our city is interwoven with a fabric of many different ethnic cultures. All of whom work hand and hand to better their community. To separate Chino Hills from itself will not be serving the best interest of our citizens.

The current map will take half of Chino Hills from the Inland Empire.

I wish to thank you for placing item numbers 1 thur 7 (....Respect cities, counties, communities of interest and neighborhoods.....)

Many of my neighbors and friends from in and around Chino Hills have conveyed to me all of the above statements.

Thank you,

Al Matta

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chino Hills, CA. 91709

**Subject:** Santa Clarita / WSFV State Senate and WSFV Congressional

**From:** "Chris Broquist" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:45 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing you as a resident of the Chatsworth Area of the West San Fernando Valley (**WSFV**), City of Los Angeles (**LA**). I have previously submitted comment via email and spoke last week in Oxnard. I applaud the overall effort of the Commission and appreciate the opportunities I have had to communicate and the serious issue before you.

#### **Santa Clarita State Senate Map (LASCV)**

While I believe the overall objectives of the Commission have been met by the first draft maps, I also believe there are minor modifications that should be made to better represent certain communities and better meet the objectives set forth by the Commission. Currently, the Santa Clarita State Senate map includes Santa Clarita to the WSFV and further down to the Santa Monica / Las Virgenes area of Southern California. In the case, you have combined inland areas with coastal communities that have little, if anything, in common. Similarly, the eastern portion of Ventura County that includes Simi Valley has been nested with coastal communities that includes Oxnard. Again, these communities have little commonality.

It is my suggestion that that the Santa Monica / Las Virgenes portion of LASCV be cut from LASCV and placed with Santa Monica and that portion of the East Ventura County map that includes Simi Valley be nested with the Santa Clarita /Chatsworth portion of LASCV. These communities share many common interests and clearly meet 6 of the 7 criteria set forth.

#### **West San Fernando Valley Congressional Map**

As currently drawn in draft 1, the WSFV Congressional map is fairly well constructed. However, I do believe there was an oversight made based on the exclusion of two communities and the inclusion of others. Currently, portions of Northridge and Reseda normally associated with the WSFV are split and included in the East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) map. Furthermore, an area that includes Studio City, commonly associated with the ESFV is included in the WSFV map.

I believe the simple swapping of the two areas would rectify this oversight. As was pointed out in the recent hearings held in Oxnard, Reseda is considered the Hub of the West San Fernando Valley. It appears to be inconsistent with the Commission's mandate to place portions of this community in the ESFV.

Kindest regards,

**Chris**

W. Chris Broquist

[REDACTED] | Phone: [REDACTED] | Fax: [REDACTED] | Skype: wchrisb  
[REDACTED] | Chatsworth, CA | 91311

**\*\* NOTE: This message is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this message is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify Chris Broquist immediately by replying via e-mail <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])> or by telephone at [REDACTED]**

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:42 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I live in Venice, CA 90291 and am very concerned that our community not be divided from it's natural voting interests. **The zip codes of 90291 and 90292**(The part of the City just S. of Washington Boulevard) are actually in Venice and the dividing line CAN NOT be Washington Boulevard, as large segments of our Venice (City of LA) voters will be disenfranchised.

Some of the 90292 zip codes are a part of the County of Los Angeles, but anything, up to and including Marina del Rey, Playa Del Rey and Westchester (to the airport- a natural dividing line) should stay together in a Northern District..

Linda Lucks

[REDACTED]  
Venice, CA 90291

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Christine Warner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:11 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

My neighbors and I just heard that LB is going to be split in the redistricting and some of LB will be placed with Orange County. We are FURIOUS!!! Long Beach is distinctly different than Orange County and we are PROUD to be Long Beach in LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I moved from Orange County years ago to Long Beach because the OC does not represent my views and political agenda. Please do NOT make us part of Orange County. We are LONG BEACH!!!

Christine E. Warner

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90814

**Subject:** Redistricting boundaries in Long Beach

**From:** "

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:09 PM

**To:**

Please return to the original plan that keeps all of Long Beach in a single district.

*Sent via DROID on Verizon Wireless*

**Subject:** Redistricting of Long Beach

**From:** Christopher T Hicks <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 3:53 PM

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly urge you to make the entire city of Long Beach in one congressional district. We need a strong voice in congress and for years have not had one due to the arbitrary boundaries of the congressional districts.

Keep Long Beach IN ON DISTRICT....

Christopher T. Hicks

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, California 90805

Christopher T. Hicks, CLU, LUTCF

[REDACTED]  
Agent  
New York Life Insurance Company  
[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, Ca. 90807  
[REDACTED]

If you do not wish to receive email communications from New York Life, please reply to this email, using the words "Opt Out" in the subject line.

Please copy [REDACTED] New York Life Insurance Co., [REDACTED], New York, NY 10010

**Subject:** Redistricting, Public Input

**From:** Alan Tolkoff <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 2:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Please draw Congressional boundaries such that Long Beach is contained within one Congressional District. As one of the nation's largest cities, Long Beach needs and deserves effective representation in Congress. This would be achieved by making Long Beach a central portion of one Congressional District rather than dividing the city.

I urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to make the City of Long Beach the primary portion of one Congressional District and to put the entire city into one district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Alan Tolkoff

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90806

**Subject:** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAP INPUT

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 6:04 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

The City of Long Beach needs to remain in ONE Congressional District, as proposed in the original first-draft map.

Do not split the City of Long Beach into two or three districts, as currently proposed in your June 24th map.

Keep the entire City of Long Beach intact. Your proposed boundaries to not follow any natural or governmental boundaries. They do not follow census or zip code boundaries. Stop the madness.

Return to the original first-draft map with the City of Long Beach in ONE Congressional District.

William Wells

56-year native and resident of Long Beach

**Subject:** Chino Hills Division

**From:** Filemon Santiagoel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:32 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please do not divide our city into two congressional districts.

Sincerely,

Filemon Santiagoel

[REDACTED], Chino Hills, CA 91709

**Subject:** Don't mess with our VETS!

**From:** "Madeline Hyman" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 7:58 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Congressional Redistricting :

I am a long time resident of Brentwood and the Pacific Palisades and the one thing I can tell you is that despite the wide Democrat/Republican divide in our area, everyone cares about our war vets. Don't let this important resource for our brave men and women be subject to a political tug of war. It has always been a part of our community. We are proud of the VA and our vets!

Joyce Madeline Hyman

[REDACTED]  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

**Subject:** Comment on Chino Hills Congressional District Proposal

**From:** Joshua Lee <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 10:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission

My name is Kyu-Sang Josh Lee. I serve on the Board of many different Korean American Community Organizations including the Inland Empire Korean American Association that represents the Korean American Community in Riverside and San Bernardino County. I spoke in support of the Chinese American organizations in your public hearing at San Gabriel.

However, the recent proposal to divide the City of Chino Hills' Congressional boundary is not something that we envisioned when we supported our friends in the Chinese American Community. Following are our reasons, and these are also reasons shared by the Korean American Community Members in the Inland Empire area.

1. As an Asian American, we support having a large Asian American District, but not to the extent that you have currently proposed. It is simple. We want a "competitive" district, not a "safe" district. For example, by having one safe district, now you have taken our ability to compete in other surrounding districts. For example, I live on Butterfield Stage Rd. in southern end of Chino Hills. If I want to run for Congress in 2012, I have lost most of Asian votes in Northern Chino Hills and the surrounding Asian Community votes of Diamond Bar and Walnut. Therefore, in this case, I would rather gain Northern Chino Hills and combine it with Rancho Cucamonga's Asian American population.
2. As an Asian American, we are looking for a voice. Voice can be created by having a representative in the government, but we can also have a voice by becoming a factor in an election. We are not asking for over 70% Asian population, what we are actually asking for is around 30 – 40%. This will give us a voice as a community no matter who the representative is. Right now, you have created one safe district, but left most of the other Asians Americans outside of the district without much of a voice. Again, my situation is the classic example of this. My district will have less than 10% Asian American population, thus leaving us vulnerable to neglect by any future candidates in the district.
3. San Gabriel Asian Americans and the Asian Americans in Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Walnut, and Chino Hills area are very different. We share much more commonalities with Orange County Asian Americans. For example, Inland Korean American Association and Orange County Korean American Federation hold many community events together such as golf tournaments, charity fundraisers, and conferences. Because of their large population base, leaders are often not united in the Los Angeles Korean American Community. Conflicts between community leaders are rampant and thus their events are often held with some pending lawsuits and not shared with the Korean American organizations in the Inland Empire and Orange County area. There is actually a separate "East Los Angeles" Korean American Federation that includes Diamond Bar, Walnut, Hacienda Heights, and Rowland Heights. Therefore, if separating Chino Hills, Diamond Bar and Walnut is not feasible, at least keep Chino Hills together as one, and combine it with San Bernardino County's Rancho

Cucamonga area. We have a lot of newly emerging Asian American population there.

4. By creating a majority Asian American district, you have, by default, created small segments of minorities. For example, in the new Asian American majority district, you have created a Hispanic minority district of South El Monte. You have also created many other smaller Asian American minorities in Northern Orange County and my city of Chino Hills. Again, all we are asking is to give us a voice, meaning give us a “competitive district” and not a “safe district”. Safe districts are actually counterproductive to having a unified Asian American Community.

5. Last but not least, creating a competitive district where Asian Americans can challenge other political opponents creates unity in the district. I can predict the future without even looking into a crystal ball that the majority Asian American Community will have infightings amongst us with creation of various factions and divisions. On the other hand, having about 30 – 40% of the population in a district, will create more unity where a common goal is created. Majority of the major political conflicts in Asian American Community occur in around Los Angeles and you begin to see some in Orange County, at least for the Korean American Community. This is a trend. Personally, I would hate to be in the middle of all that infighting. This is the reason why more and more young Asian American Professionals are moving out to Inland Empire and Orange County area.

Bottom line, keep Chino Hills as one and create a competitive district for Asian Americans, not a safe one!

Thank you

Kyu-Sang Josh Lee  
Korean American Community Activist



**Subject:** No on Redistricting

**From:** malinda muller <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 11:07 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To our leadership

After years of building relationships, locally, and touting Los Angeles as community centered, it is of the utmost importance, both for community cohesiveness as well as longevity, that we remain within the districts as they currently exist. I support this philosophy, both on an economic and alliance level as this is where my drive to support my community comes from - the community interest in a common sensibility. The reasons below are also my reasons:

1. Please keep Studio City within nested proposed ASM districts Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains and West Side - Santa Monica in one state Senate district
2. These reflect your community of interest, with shared transportation corridors of the 405, 101 freeways, and the canyons that go through the Santa Monica Mountains, cultural and religious institutions, environmental and L.A. river priorities
3. These communities have shared this community of interest for the past 20 years
4. Your community has nothing in common with proposed district called LADNT(downtown) or the north San Fernando valley (which includes Castaic, Santa Clarita, Gorman)

I trust you will be practical, support stability, and encourage community by maintaining the districts wisely designed in its original form.

Sincerely,  
Melinda Muller  
Studio City

**Subject:** NW Orange County Cities pushed into LA County District! WHY???

**From:** "Rod Bell" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:12 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

The northwest OC cities of La Palma and Los Alamitos need to remain grouped with other OC cities such as Fullerton, Cypress, La Habra, etc. I live in La Palma and I identify with Orange County. I do not identify with Long Beach, Hawaiian Gardens, Paramount, etc. This virtually guarantees that my family and other conservatives will be represented by a Democrat who identifies with LA County politics. Please! Don't do this to us!

Rod Bell

**Subject:** Oppose redistricting

**From:** Shari Laham <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 6:08 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please do not redistrict our community of Brentwood. The VA grounds are part of our community. I oppose redistricting!

Shari Laham

Voter

## California Congressional Redistricting

**To Brentwood 90049 Residents:**

**The Congressional Districts in California are being redrawn by the State's Citizens Redistricting Commission. The first draft has DIVIDED Brentwood in half at San Vicente. It has relocated the area from Granville and Sunset east to the 405 and Sunset south to Wilshire. This gives our community two U.S. Congressional Districts. It places our neighbor, the WLA VA in another representatives district. The VA is a large part of our community concerns.**

**This would not be a good idea to divide our zip code with two separate Representatives. We work as a community. 90049 should stay as one.**

**Please see the information below, email your concerns to [REDACTED] and be an active participant in this citizen chosen redistricting. The deadline for your comments is June 28th. If the commission does not hear from our area, it will be assumed we approve of the division. Act now and ask others to do the same!**

**Thank you,  
Brentwood Community Council**

**Subject:** Long Beach in one Congressional District

**From:** Charles Thoin [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 5:51 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I feel strongly that the entire city of Long Beach should be in only one Congressional District. If necessary some adjacent cities like Lakewood, and Signal Hill, could also be included to get the correct population representation. It makes no representation sense for the citizens to have our city split up into several Congressional Districts.

Charles L. Thoin, CLU, LUTCF

[REDACTED]  
Financial Services Professional

Office address: [REDACTED]

Long Beach, C 90807

Phone Office [REDACTED]

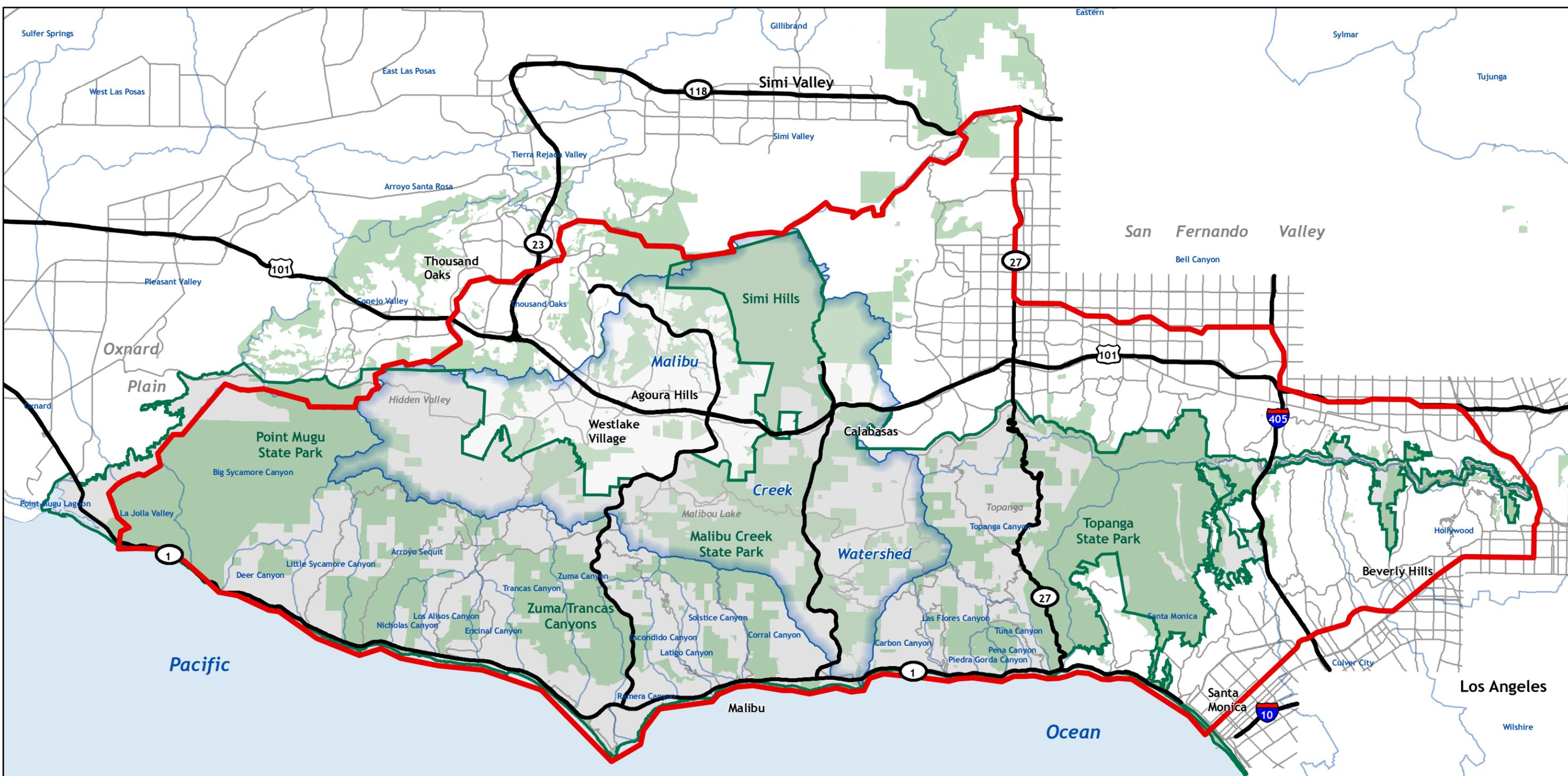
FAX [REDACTED]

New York Life Insurance Company Agent

Registered Representative offering securities through NYLIFE Securities LLC

[REDACTED]  
Irvine, CA 92614-8220

If you do not wish to receive email communications from New York Life and/or NYLIFE Securities, please reply to this email, using the words "Opt out" in the subject line.



**Santa Monica Mountains Community of Interest**  
**Maintaining Watershed Integrity**

- Santa Monica Mountains Community of Interest
- Malibu Creek Watershed
- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
- Protected Lands





**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dennis Washburn  
President

David Gottlieb  
Vice President

Steve Rosentsweig  
Treasurer

Nancy Helsley  
Director

R.C. Brody  
Director

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Clark Stevens

June 27, 2011

Via Electronic Mail to:

Citizen's Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**RE: Redistricting of Senate and Assembly Districts**

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

For 50 years, the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM), a legal subdivision of the State of California, has been a non-regulatory reviewing and resource agency in the Santa Monica Mountains and Upper Los Angeles River watersheds. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input related to the proposed re-districting of the State of California, and have over the last half-century identified a number of important "Communities of Interest" that bind the Santa Monica Mountains Watersheds in a single, local community of interest.

Having reviewed the draft maps for proposed redistricting of our region, **we again ask that the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains, those in both Los Angeles and Ventura County and their watersheds flowing into the Santa Monica Bay and Pacific Ocean, as well as the adjacent watersheds of the Simi Hills and upper Los Angeles River system, be represented to the greatest extent possible in unified representational districts.**

While we recognize the challenges the commission faces in addressing the multiple factors involved in developing appropriate representative districts, the initial draft maps propose significant additional fragmentation of this defining southern California community of interest. Overall, the proposed new districts would be far more effective by mapping the districts to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area-related watershed boundaries and incorporating the cities of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments that interface geographically with SMMNRA. That would set the framework for management efficiencies via an ecosystem-approach to political redistricting of the COI. **The current maps increase, rather than decrease, the fragmentation of a COI that has taken years to develop and is recognized nationwide as a model of coordinated resource management collaboration.**

We include again below the full text of our original letter, preceded by specific comments on the draft maps, and a new **map of the Santa Monica Mountains**



**Community of Interest:**

Assembly-

The Santa Monica Mountains COI, currently represented largely by a single assembly district, would as proposed in the draft maps be fragmented into several new districts, and the critical wildlife corridor from the 118 through the upper Los Angeles River watersheds to the main body of the Santa Monicas would be represented by three different assembly districts, which would make coordinated action on behalf of that corridor exceedingly difficult. **Again, we urge the commission to maintain the integrity of the Santa Monica Mountains Community of Interest.**

Senate-

In addition to dividing the SMMCOI in half along its east-west extent, and separating the upper Malibu watersheds from their termination at the coast, the proposed map also divides the Topanga Creek Watershed in half, dividing the Los Angeles County Unincorporated area in the west from the City of Los Angeles areas to the east. Such a division of a single watershed and one of its most recognizable communities is particularly problematic. We ask the commission to consider incorporating more of the SMMCOI in a single district, to allow for the completion of the upper SMM watersheds through Malibu, and at to **maintain the integrity of the Topanga Creek Watershed, which contains Federally Endangered Species and so is in critical need of intact representation.**

Congress-

From a resource, transportation and social perspective, the community of Malibu and its watersheds share far more in common with the SMMCOI communities in the east and northern reaches of the SMM watersheds than with that of the Oxnard Plain and Agricultural landscapes of Ventura County. **Again, we urge the commission to maintain the integrity of the Santa Monica Mountains Community of Interest.**

**Please review again the basis for our definition of the Santa Monica Mountains Community of Interest as provided in the text of our original letter below:**

The Santa Monica Mountains local community of interest is bounded by:

- The Conejo Grade/Thousand Oaks of Ventura County in the northwest
- Point Mugu of Ventura County in the southwest
- The Pacific and Santa Monica Bay coastline, Malibu and Santa Monica in the south-southeast
- The Upper Los Angeles River watershed side of the Santa Susanna Pass, Chatsworth and Bell Canyon Communities in the north, and



- Extends along the spine of Mulholland Drive, north to the 101 Freeway, as far to the east as Runyon Canyon, West Hollywood.

The municipalities and wholly contained unincorporated communities of the Santa Monica Mountains include: Thousand Oaks, Hidden Valley, and Deer Creek, Yerba Buena and Bell Canyons (all of Ventura county); and Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, West Hills, Woodland Hills, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Monte Nido, Cornell, Malibu Lake, Malibu, Topanga, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Bel Air, Beverly Glen, Westwood, and the Canyon Areas of Beverly Hills and West Hollywood in Los Angeles County. All of these communities of interest link natural and human communities with one another in a manner unique to mountain watersheds, and have multiple common resource interests, including:

**Watersheds-** Watershed boundaries are real geographic features that directly impact the movement of water and wildlife, and inform the underpinning of local ecology. Watersheds in this way create the underlying community of interest for both human and non-human residents. Municipal jurisdictional boundaries that misalign with watershed boundaries set the stage for numerous management conflicts that can be avoided by keeping watersheds as intact as possible within the political process.

**Water Quality-** From a practical and watershed perspective, what happens upstream affects what happens downstream. From a regulatory framework, the impacts of inter-mountain communities and their responsibility for both point and non-point pollution is shared throughout watersheds. Water quality is a tremendous concern in the Santa Monica Mountains, as it is throughout the state. Providing political entities that are responsible for the whole of a river or creek system, rather than fragmenting it, is both practical and positive.

**Urban Wildland Interface Wildfire Management-** The Santa Monica Mountains define the edge of dense urban development in the San Fernando Valley and along the coast, and include numerous communities and neighborhoods within the mountains themselves. Many municipalities, such as Malibu and Calabasas in Los Angeles County, Westlake Village (with contiguous development straddling both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties) and Thousand Oaks of Ventura County, cover both wildland in the upper reaches of their watersheds, and adjacent valley areas in the lower reaches. The interface with natural areas defines a number of shared interests, foremost among them wildfire management. For communities residing within the mountains, balancing the management of seasonal wildfire threat with the conservation of scenic, recreational, and wildlife values is a common concern.

**Transportation Corridors-** While some see the Santa Monica Mountains as a division between the San Fernando Valley and the coast, in fact, the through-mountain roads, as well as the creeks and rivers, provide critical connections that create a community of interest on both sides of the mountains. Thousands of daily commuters rely upon



the 101 and 10 freeways, Kanan Rd, Malibu Canyon Rd, and Topanga Canyon Blvd, in the west, as well as the 405, Sepulveda, Laurel Canyon and Coldwater Canyon Roads in the central portion of the mountains to get to and from their homes and work. In addition, these corridors also provide wildlife linkages used by everything from fish to mountain lions. Incorporating these transportation corridors into a single political unit facilitates and focuses scarce resources most effectively.

**Scenic and Recreational Resources-** As the hub of recreation for a densely populated urban area, the Santa Monica Mountains are a critical resource for a region that expands well beyond its immediate boundaries. Millions of visitors from near and far utilize the Mountains and its watersheds from the Upper Los Angeles River watersheds on the north and east, to the Pacific and Santa Monica Bay watersheds on the south and west. From a recreational perspective, the flow of people whose quality of life is sustained by the mountains and beaches follows its watersheds.

**Wildlife Habitat-** The Santa Monica Mountains is home to numerous rare flora and fauna that both benefit and are threatened by watershed-based influences. Invasive species must be managed from a whole-watershed perspective, as weeds in particular will reseed downstream if sources upstream are not managed. Connectivity at the regional scale is also critical. The Mountains' apex predator, the Mountain Lion, relies entirely on linked and fragile watershed connections from the Santa Monica Bay and Pacific Ocean on the south, through the upper Los Angeles watersheds of the Simi Hills to source populations in the Los Padres National Forest. If this community of interest- which includes human residents who value such complete ecosystems- were not maintained, the genetic health of this animal would not be sustainable within the Santa Monica Mountains

Again, such vital and life-sustaining linkages do not limit themselves to County and municipal boundaries. Shared interests in this region have led to the creation of numerous cooperative agreements and administrative overlays, including the Malibu-Las Virgenes Council of Governments, and most notably, the critical open space network of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. The RCDSMM is the fourth element of this regional natural resource community of interest that stretches from Ventura County's Point Mugu in the west and Santa Susanna Pass in the north, to Los Angeles County's Santa Monica in the south and Runyon Canyon in the east, and is uniquely chartered to work with private owners within these watersheds on a voluntary basis. In recognition of this two-county community of interest, the RCDSMM was recently funded by a three-year grant from the State Department of Conservation to organize the Santa Monica Mountains Watersheds Council.

To date, the collection of watersheds that define the communities of interest described



above and shown in the attached map has benefited by a relatively un-fragmented overlay of state-level representation. Currently, the Santa Monica Mountains area of interest described herein is represented primarily by State Senate districts 23 and Assembly district 41, but also includes portions of Senate Districts 17, 19, 20, and 21, and Assembly Districts 37, 40, and 42. Future redistricting should seek to keep the communities of the greater Santa Monica Mountains area and their associated watersheds whole within single representational districts to the greatest extent possible. Adhering to the following principles when defining representative districts would maintain or enhance the connectivity of interests that is critical to the health and vitality of our communities:

1. Emphasize continuity of watershed form and habitat linkages. The mountainous portions of the westernmost and southernmost upper Los Angeles River watershed- the so-called “Rim of the Valley” areas- should be grouped in a single community of interest with the coastal areas that drain from the Santa Monica Mountains. The Pacific coastal canyons of southeast Ventura County, for instance, have more in common with those of Malibu in Los Angeles County than the adjacent, largely agricultural, Oxnard Plain or the west-draining and more arid Simi Valley.
2. Identify and work with existing land management overlays so that the communities of interest they represent are kept intact. The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area represents such an administrative overlay.
3. Understand and respect that large and connected areas of open space, although not in and of themselves sources of significant populations, bind significant adjacent populations in a strong community of interest, and so fragmentation of these areas and communities should be avoided.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments in this early stage of the redistricting process. We look forward to participating as the work progresses. Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, or would like to more directly engage the RCDSMM, please feel free to contact me or our Senior Conservation Biologist, Rosi Dagit, using the contact information provided on this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Stevens  
Executive Officer



cc: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director, Santa Monica Mountains  
Conservancy  
Woody Smeck, Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation  
Area

**Subject:** Keep Long Beach together

**From:** Nancy Ondeck <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:27 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I don't want to see Long Beach as part of Orange County. I live at the beach in Belmont Shore, Long Beach. I would like to see Long Beach as a unified district. Nancy Ondeck

**Subject:** California Congressional Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:12 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The Congressional Districts are currently being redrawn. This first draft has divided Brentwood at San Vicente. Dividing our community is counterproductive. To divide our zip code with two separate Representatives reduces our cohesiveness and ability to influence the City on issues that are important to those in 90049 and the City as a whole. We work as a community. 90049 should stay as one.

Citizens Redistricting Commission has relocated the area from Granville and Sunset east to the 405 and Sunset south to Wilshire giving our community two U.S. Congressional Districts. It places our neighbor, the West Los Angeles Veterans' Administration in another representative's district. VA issues are a large part of our community concern.

Thank you in advance,

Jackie Raymond

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

Past President, South Brentwood Residents Association

President, Brentwood Green at Brentwood Science Magnet Elementary School

Delegate, Brentwood Community Council.

— Attachments: —

[REDISTRICTING 2011.doc](#)

22.5 KB

**Subject:** Long Beach district

**From:** Jan Wilson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 6:02 PM

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

I think east Long Beach should be with the rest if Long Beach. Keep our City together!

Jan Wilson

[REDACTED]

LB, CA

Sent from my iPhone

**Subject:** City of Long Beach

**From:** "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 9:22 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioner,

My name is Ricardo Linarez and I am reaching out to you in regards to Long Beach. For the last three years, Long Beach has had three congressional, Assembly Member, and State Senator and has done very well in each government level.

I am asking to maintain multiple leaders in Long Beach at the federal level and the state Assembly and State Senate.

thank you for your time,

Ricardo Linarez

Resident

City of Long Beach

*Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless*

**Subject:** Orang County? No way!

**From:** Ken Schlesinger <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 8:34 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am a resident of the east long beach area since 1963, having resided in zip codes 90808, 90803, and 90815 for the past 48 years. Never once have I wanted, desired, or wished to be included in any congressional district with links to orange county. Today is not the day for me to change my position on this.

I have also voted regularly since 1978 and will influence others who vote to take appropriate actions at the booth against any politician or initiative which supports this measure.

Ken Schlesinger

[REDACTED]  
long beach. 90815  
Sent from my iPad

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Jack Levenberg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/27/2011 7:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jack Levenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I am opposed to the redistricting as you have currently drawn up. I support the City of Santa Clarita and Its proposed redistricting lines. It makes more sense to keep like with like. We as a City do not belong to San Fernando Valley/Calabasas. Thank You If you have a compelling reason I would like to hear It Jack Levenberg

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

## My Community of Interest Testimony

My name is Crespin Chris Solarez and I am from (state community) VENTURA.

I have lived in this community for 25 years

I am here today to request that my community of interest is kept together in the maps that the Commission is drawing.

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Define your Community Boundaries:** *Identify street names, highways, landmarks, mountain ranges, rivers, etc*

North TELEPHONE ROAD

South 101 FREEWAY

East JOHNSON ROAD

West 101 FREEWAY

**Describe what makes you a unified community:** *Describe annual festivals, traditions, shared utilities, schools, etc*

low income housing

**Describe your shared community social and economic characteristics:** *If available use demographic data if not available use anecdotes to describe the shared economic and social characteristics*

low income

**Distinguish Your Community:**

My (our) community is similar to \_\_\_\_\_

And it is unique/distinct/different from Surrounded by higher income homes.

Any other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

 5-21-11

Mi Comunidad

Mi nombre es MOISES ALFARO y soy de la comunidad de Van Nuys He

vivido en esta comunidad por 15 1/2 años. Telf casa (818) 782-1796

Estoy aquí hoy para pedirle a la Comisión que mantenga a mi comunidad de interés unida

Otro Comentario sea Protejida.

Define los límites de su comunidad:(los nombres de la calles, carreteras, puntos de referencia, sierras, ríos, etc.

Norte Saticoy

Sur Oxnard

Este Woodman

Oeste White Oak

Describe su comunidad: Anécdotas de sus experiencias compartidas historias personales que comprueben la unidad de su comunidad.

En esta Comunidad de Van Nuys, a lo que vine, fué en 31 Octubre de 1995, al mes de haber inmigrado a esta nación, que al comenzar en cuestión de trabajo, fue de jornalero hice camionetas, Tuve Reuniones de chirla, fui de la escuela de Ingles, hice compras, Tomar los buses para movilizarme a diferentes lugares, de los Angeles y otros.

Describe su comunidad: Características económicas y sociales compartidas use los datos demográficos para enseñar las características comunes. Si no tiene datos describa las características.

Nuestra características es lo siguiente, soy latino hablo español, en trabajo mi desempeño ser obrero, en fabricas, actualmente estoy como jornalero, voy a festividades, a la Iglesia etc - Mi Rose social es con toda la <sup>comunidad</sup> latina

Distinga su comunidad: North Hills Arleta Sylmar,

Mi comunidad es similar a la de North Hollywood en parte, Pacoima etc

Es diferente a mi comunidad Sherman Oaks, Tarzana, Granada Hills, Burbank

Mi Comunidad

+510 VINLAND AVE  
SUN VALLEY CA 91352  
(818) 314-9050

Mi nombre es Javier Hernandez y soy de la comunidad de SUN VALLEY He  
vivido en esta comunidad por 18 años.

Estoy aquí hoy para pedirle a la Comisión que mantenga a mi comunidad de interés unida

Otro Comentario \_\_\_\_\_.

Define los límites de su comunidad:(los nombres de la calles, carreteras, puntos de referencia, sierras, ríos, etc.

Norte SUNLAND/ SHADON HILLS \_\_\_\_\_.

Sur STUDIO CITY \_\_\_\_\_.

Este BURBANK \_\_\_\_\_.

Oeste NORTH HOLLYWOOD \_\_\_\_\_.

Describe su comunidad: Anécdotas de sus experiencias compartidas historias personales que comprueben la unidad de su comunidad.

Siempre usamos EL MAGNOLIA PARK  
Tambien en Nuestra Comunidad, Comvivimos  
Con Mexicanos, Salvadoreños  
GUATEMALTECOS

Describe su comunidad: Características económicas y sociales compartidas use los datos demográficos para enseñar las características comunes. Si no tiene datos describa las características.

Tambien usamos y compramos en los  
negosios sobre Lankershim BLD - NORTH  
Hollywood: Tambien el progreso Academico  
Es promedio

Distinga su comunidad:

Mi comunidad es similar a NORTH HOLLYWOOD / BURBANK

Es diferente a RACOIMA?

Javier Hernandez 5-20-11

Mi Comunidad

Mi nombre es Taly Glez y soy de la comunidad de San Noys. He vivido en esta comunidad por 16 años.

Estoy aquí hoy para pedirle a la Comisión que mantenga a mi comunidad de interés unida

Otro Comentario no separar a nuestra comunidad.

Define los límites de su comunidad:(los nombres de la calles, carreteras, puntos de referencia, sierras, ríos, etc.

Norte Saticoy.

Sur Burbank.

Este Woodman.

Oeste White Oak.

Describe su comunidad: Anécdotas de sus experiencias compartidas historias personales que comprueben la unidad de su comunidad.

Lake Balboa es donde la comunidad se reúne para divertirse y realizar ciertas actividades deportivas y sociales.

Describe su comunidad: Características económicas y sociales compartidas use los datos demográficos para enseñar las características comunes. Si no tiene datos describa las características.

El 80% de la comunidad es Hispana que habla Español Inglés y pertenece a la clase trabajadora, persona de clase media.

Distinga su comunidad:

Mi comunidad es similar a San Valley San Fernando Pacoima, North Hollywood, North Hills, Canoga, Panorama.

Es diferente a Sherman Oak, Tarzana y Hollywood Hills.