

Subject: Redistricting comment on San Pedro

From: John Stinson [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 2:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Splitting up San Pedro and the harbor does not make sense! This is no better than what we have now.

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Barbara Cantor <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:39 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Barbara Cantor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agoura and Westlake Redistricting

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Brenda Barton-Lemay <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:40 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Brenda Barton-Lemay <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westlake / Agoura Hills Redistricting

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From: Luisa Barancik <lbarant[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:40 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Luisa Barancik <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting of Westlake and Agoura

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From: Judie Litzer <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:41 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judie Litzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills

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From: Ashley Berman <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ashley Berman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills and Westlake Village

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From: Steve Oldaker <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Steve Oldaker <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills / Westlake Village

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Date: 6/28/2011 2:39 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cathy Oldaker <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills and Westlake Village

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From: Marla Landis <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marla Landis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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From: Albert Melshenker <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Albert Melshenker <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills / Westlake Village

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From: Esther Melshenker [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 2:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Esther Melshenker <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village

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Date: 6/28/2011 10:23 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gary Barancik <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Agoura Hills

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From: John Lemay <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:24 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Lemay <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village

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From: Joan Beal <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:25 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joan Beal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Agoura Hills

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Date: 6/28/2011 10:26 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alx Lovi <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Westlake and Agoura

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Date: 6/28/2011 10:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Arie Paller <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills / Westlake Village

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To: [REDACTED]

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Date: 6/28/2011 10:28 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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Date: 6/28/2011 10:30 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Reizman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agoura Hills and Westlake Redistricting

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Connie Hyman <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:29 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Connie Hyman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills

Message Body:

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From: Donald Zimring <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:30 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Westlake and Agoura Hills Redistricting

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Date: 6/28/2011 10:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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From: Elaine Chalfin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:35 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Elaine Chalfin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agoura Hills and Westlake Redistricting

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From: Mark Cantor <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:34 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Westlake Village and Agoura Hills Redistricting

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Subject: Don't Divide Ballona

From: Mike Bonin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

PLEASE reconsider the current proposed boundaries of the Los Angeles South Bay Assembly seat. Under your current proposal, you have divided the Ballona ecosystem and torn apart important communities of interest.

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Marina del Rey has always been connected in terms of water quality concerns with the areas to the south, not to the north. The Ballona Wetlands, the Ballona Creek, the Del Rey Lagoon, and Grand Canal, and the Ballona Channel are all part of the same ecosystem and need to remain united to have adequate representation that understands the unique needs of this environmental treasure.

Moreover, the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, directly to the south, affects the water quality in the Marina. The main swimming beach in the Marina has long term pollution problems and the outfall from Ballona Creek also contributes to water quality problems. It is critical that our Assemblymember and our Senator in Sacramento understand and represent the water quality issues involved in these connections.

A more appropriate northern boundary would be Washington Boulevard.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Mike Bonin
Venice, CA

From: Betty Chu <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members:

As a resident of the San Gabriel Valley area, I support the redistricting maps filed by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

The prevalent community of interests in the cities of the West San Gabriel Valley area is common to those in the East San Gabriel Valley area cities.

The joining of the West San Gabriel Valley area with East San Gabriel Valley area form the basis for the state senatorial and congressional districts.

Any gerrymandering separation of the West San Gabriel Valley from the East San Gabriel Valley area dilutes the voting rights of its citizens. Since no other senatorial and congressional districts in Southern California can be drawn for this community of interests, such a voting rights dilution effectively eliminates completely the voting rights of all citizens of Southern California with this community of interests to have a state senator or U.S. congressman who can represent these interests.

Residents from all areas of the Los Angeles County area and also from other counties come to the San Gabriel Valley area for their cultural, social, economic, medical, employment, educational, dining, grocery, professional and other like interests and needs.

My daily work involves contact with many of these individuals to whom I have discussed and shown the Chinese American Citizens Alliance maps. They are supportive of these maps.

These maps were revised to reflect comments at the hearings and maps were also submitted to reflect that other minority interests are not adversely affected by joining the two San Gabriel Valley areas together.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Betty Tom Chu

Subject:

From: Rachael Stanley <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:08 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you.

I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10th maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts – LASCV and LADNT. We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LACSV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors. Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years. We commute back and forth over the mountains for schools, shopping, education, parks, religious and cultural institutions, using the 405 freeway, the Pacific Coast highway, and the mountain roads (Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Sepulveda, Topanga Canyon). We share our community in the southern SFV, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, along with the south side of Mulholland – West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Together we share transportation corridors and environmental, L.A. River, and Santa Monica Mountains priorities.

Please make our one Senate district by nesting the two proposed Assembly districts – Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side-Santa Monica districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rachael Stanley

Subject: Don't divide the Ballona Wetlands!

From: Sean Arian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:54 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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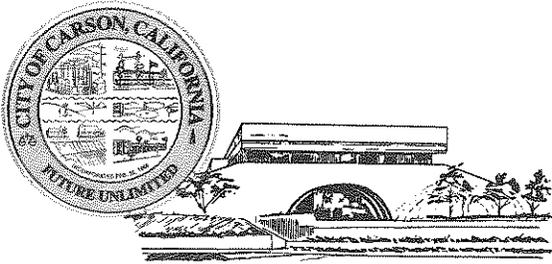
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Sean Arian
Mar Vista, CA



CITY OF CARSON

June 28, 2011

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission Hearing
901 P – Street, Suite 154a
Sacramento, CA 95814

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I want to go on record with my Voting Rights Act concerns related to the proposed district maps for the Congressional Districts that include the cities of Carson, Compton, North, Central, and West Long Beach, all of which are separated from the Port of Long Beach (map title: COMP; population 701,854) and the map entitled PVEBC (population 700,930) adjacent to COMP that includes South Long Beach, the Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles, and the beach cities of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Specifically, I feel that despite the fact that the Ports' truck and rail traffic impact the minority communities along the transportation corridors of Carson, Compton, North, Central, and West Long Beach leading to and from the Port, these cities will not have Congressional representation with jurisdiction over the source of their most significant environmental impacts. Draft map #1 released on June 10 at least included one Port in the same Congressional district with these cities. My hope is that both would now be placed in COMP because that is the district that has the 710 fwy (trucks) and the Alameda corridor (rail) which both serve as the transportation "roads" for the ports.

The maps labeled PVEBC and COMP separate several strongly connected minority communities from the Port which impacts them so strongly. This type of disenfranchisement, separating the impacted minority communities from the entity that so strongly impacts them, is what the VRA Section 2 was written to prevent.

At the May 1 meeting in Lancaster, **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER** raised this issue when she made a motion that included this discussion: *"the guidelines on advise of VRA counsel under section 5(b) and (c) that Q2 should work with VRA counsel to identify whether fragmenting those populations may result in a Section 2 violation, . . . and should advise the commission -- and both Q2 and VRA will advise the commission on whether to adjust district lines based on that."*

To separate the African American, Latino, and API communities in the three cities from the Port that so significantly impacts them could be in violation of the Voting Rights Act. Please consider this, and please re-draw, keeping Compton, Carson, North Long Beach, and the Port of Long Beach connected – not fragmented, like your fellow Commissioner suggested. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lula Davis-Holmes
Councilwoman

Carson, CA 90745

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Subject: Testimony on first presentation of maps

From: Julian Burger <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To who it may concern:

I attended the public input hearings on Thursday June 16th, 2011 in Culver City, California. I arrived at 5:30PM, so I received Number White #43. I also brought 15 sets of maps(1assembly, 1 State Senate and 1 Congressional) to give to each commissioner and the proctor. Because of my large number(essentially # 143), I was not able to give my testimony til after 11:00PM, but my time was reduced to one(1) minute. I did have enough time to give even the essence of my testimony at that hearing. So I am sending you that testimony, via email for the record. First off, I realize that the commission has an incredibly difficult job to do. I was and still am an supporter of citizen drawn boundaries. I think the purest form of Democracy happens, when citizens can participate at this level of their representation.

On the hand out, under the sub-heading -Public Testimonies, in the 1st paragraph, second sentence reads:"When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them the opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable. But what happens when voters and potential voters are divided up(particularly in their local communities) or are disconnected from other "communities of common interest" in their area or city "burgh". They become disenfranchised and their voting power has been diluted, at best. This is what has happened to the L.A. Harbor Area of the City of Los Angeles. The Communities in this area are San Pedro, La Rambla(a pc. of L.A County land), Wilmington, Harbor City and Lower Harbor Gateway. Simply put these communities on the Assembly map(Palos Verdes E.-Beach Cities), State Senate map(LAPVB) and Congressional map(Palos Verdes Est.-Beach Cities) have been mutilated. San Pedro has been chopped in to three pieces, Wilmington(where I live) has been cut into 2 pieces and the communities of Harbor City and Lower Harbor Gateway have been disconnected from other communities of interest(San Pedro, Wilmington and La Rambla) on the Assembly Map.

Also, the communities that the Commission lumps with the L.A. City communities going in a Northerly direction have no common interests at all, except the City of Carson(and some some unincorporated pieces of La County land), which many people consider an after birth of Wilmington. That is why, I feel a better Assembly district would include all of Terminal Island(not many people their, but it is cut in half now), all of San Pedro, La Rambla, all of Wilmington, all of Harbor City, all of Lower Harbor Gateway, all of the City of Carson, all of West Carson(a pc. of County land), all of Rancho Dominguez(pc. of County land) and the four(4) communities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula(Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates).

The State Senate district would be essentially the Assembly District, but add to it Upper Harbor Gateway, Gardena, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Compton and Lynwood. This is different from map, submitted at hearing where Inglewood was included and Compton and Lynwood were excluded(Inglewood is to far north inland). The Congressional District should again start with the Assembly on the south, minus Carson, Rancho Dominguez and West Carson and include the the

Communities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula and the Beach Communities contained in the Congressional map Palos Verdes Est.-Beach Cities. You will probably have to cut off Santa Monica and parts of West Los Angeles that may be included in this district. This District should include the L..A. community of Westchester.

Sincerely yours,
Julian D. Burger

[REDACTED]
Wilmington, CA. 90744-1910

phone#: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Subject: Senate/assembly nesting

From: Bob Gutierrez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

The mission of the Latino Policy Forum is to build the power, influence and leadership of the Latino community through collective action to transform public policies that ensure the well-being of our community and society as a whole. With this in mind, our organization submitted several sets of maps and testified at two of your hearing. After looking at the first draft maps, we determined that many of the issues concerning our communities can be fixed with an easy re-nesting of Senate seats. We used your Assembly Seats to do this, so there is no deviation.

By simply re-nesting Assembly Seats SLOSB and SBWVE together and by re-nesting Assembly Seats EVENT and LASCV together you will give historically underrepresented groups, such as farm workers in central coast areas of Santa Maria, Piru, Fillmore, Oxnard and El Rio, a united voice. When the seats above are re-nested, two more Assembly Seat will have to be dealt with because of the ripple effect, Assembly Seats LAVSF and LAMWS. If these are nested together it will take care of communities of interest concerns voiced at several hearings. In addition, this will take care of the minority residents of Studio City who voiced their concerns of being connected to Ventura County. This is a win-win situation and we hope the commission will look at these simple solutions.

Bob Gutierrez

Latino Policy Forum

Subject: resolve 2 problems, dissolve LA Coast Cong. Dist.

From: michael seeley <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I will not belabor the issues you've heard of from many quarters re the non-community nature of the "West LA- Downtown" (Topanga-Pico Union, Bev Hills) CD or the "Inglewood-South Gate district with its ethnic/ Voting Rights Act issues.

Instead I will suggest a solution, based on independent considerations, for addressing those difficulties: dissolve and repartition in layers the Coastal CD you propose from Santa Monica to San Pedro.

As a veteran of 3 campaigns (1 Assembly, 2 congressional primaries) in that area, I believe there is NO "community of interest" and that the proposed district makes the situation worse, producing a district in which there is no commonality except affinity for/ exposure to salt air. In each of the three campaigns there was great difficulty bringing people together; in many outcomes there was polarization between the two ends of the district -- and this is NOT because of partisan distribution; it happened in primaries too.

As a 25-yr resident of West LA, I'd say the Western LA area, as part of its CORE, includes Santa Monica Venice, Marina del Rey.

At the other end San Pedro and Palos Verdes are more linked to Long Beach than to the north end of SM etc.

The middle poses more difficult problems but the LAX -centered district that many advocated at the Culver City hearing is certainly a reasonable solution for Westchester El Segundo & Manhattan Beach.

All I have time for now.

John Seeley



City of Long Beach

JAMES JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER, SEVENTH DISTRICT

June 28, 2011

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for taking the time to carefully consider how best to draw legislative districts so as to best represent California. It is a certainly a difficult task, and I appreciate your deliberation on this important matter.

I write to represent my opinion on the division of Long Beach into congressional districts, which I believe is also the opinion of the vast majority of my constituents. My opinion is simple: Long Beach is one community. This community should not be divided.

I was born in central Long Beach. I live in California Heights. My parents live in East Long Beach, and I frequently visit the parks in West Long Beach. I shop in North Long Beach, and visit my in-laws near the beach. I report to work on behalf of the people of the 7th District in downtown Long Beach. Long Beach is my community, and that of my residents. I know that one criterion you seek to follow is to preserve "communities of interest," and there is no better way to do this than to keep Long Beach whole.

We encourage our residents to "work, live, and play" here in Long Beach, and indeed they do. As my personal and professional life attest, residents in Long Beach share a strong, common identity. Our community should not be split up and joined with different communities miles away. There is a word for such an awkward plan: a gerrymander. Residents voted for the non-partisan commission precisely to keep communities together and to avoid such misshaped districts.

Please, do the right thing. Keep Long Beach together, as the one community that it is.

James Johnson
Councilmember, 7th District



Subject: Redistricting

From: Jason Kogan <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members:

I live in Brentwood Glen in zip code 90049. I understand that the Commission's current proposal is to divide Brentwood in half at San Vicente Boulevard so that there will be two Congressional districts. This will not be in the best interests of our community.

A key criteria for determining the boundaries of a district is that the district "reflect geographic and common sense boundaries." I have not seen any evidence that dividing Brentwood as proposed complies with this mandate. On the contrary, the interests of this community will be far better served by not dividing this district. For example, a number of issues that have arisen regarding the Veterans Administration facility apply to Brentwood and the facility should be included in the same district with Brentwood. Traffic and other community issues are common to Brentwood and drawing a line in the middle of Brentwood will make these issues more difficult to resolve.

Thank you.

Jason Kogan

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: First Draft Map Comments - Congressional - ADDENDUM

From: Glenn Bailey <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Also: Please extend the northwest boundary north along the Los Angeles/Ventura county line to the ridge line of the Santa Susana Mountains so that portion of the watershed is included as well as the unincorporated communities of Twin Lakes, etc. that have a Chatsworth community name and ZIP code.

Thank you.

Glenn Bailey, Vice-President

Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains

[REDACTED]

Chatsworth, California 91313-4831

--- On **Tue, 6/28/11**, Glenn Bailey <[REDACTED]> wrote:

From: Glenn Bailey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: First Draft Map Comments - Congressional

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 4:53 PM

Please consider the following comments on the first draft maps for districts in the San Fernando Valley area (Los Angeles County):

1. Congressional (W. San Fernando Valley - Calabasas)

Everything west of the 405 (San Diego) Freeway should be included in the West San Fernando Valley district, not the East San Fernando Valley. This would respect communities of interest for Lake Balboa (West Van Nuys), Reseda, and portion of Northridge, Winnetka, etc., all of which have ALWAYS been identified as West Valley communities. It would also keep Neighborhood Council boundary lines intact. Instead either remove area east of the 405 (Studio City, Valley Village, Valley Glen, Sherman Oaks, etc.) and include with the East San Fernando Valley district OR take Santa Clarita Valley to the north adjacent to Sylmar along the 5 (Golden State) Freeway.

Thank you.

Glenn Bailey

Encino, California 91316

Subject: Public Testimony Concerning the Recent Redistricting Maps Draft for California

From: "Hotep, Ma'at" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 4:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

COBPO

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California

June 28, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the Council of Black Political Organizations (COBPO), a coalition grouping of academics, youth, community activists and mentors, we strongly support the position advocated by the African American Redistricting Collaborative regarding the current draft of the redistricting maps, including the recommendation to return Gardena and other such areas and assets into U.S. Congressional 33, based on the principles of common contiguity and common communities of interest.

The Redistricting Commission has done a fine job to this point of keeping this an open process, and we applaud your efforts. Please continue them.

COBPO had intended a more detailed submission to you but the time constraints eliminated that possibility.

Stay strong. Stay fair. Stay focused on a California for us all.

**Forward Ever, Backwards Never,
David L. Horne, Ph.D
for COBPO**

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Fengling Zhuo <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Fengling Zhuo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Fanny, and I work for a San Fernando Valley based defense contractor.

Keep the West San Fernando Valley and the 101 Corridor intact, from Westlake Village (a Los Angeles County community) through Woodland Hills, Chatsworth, Canoga Park, Granada Hills, Northridge, et cetera.

Please don't put us with entertainment-based communities. We want our elected officials to spend their time on creating jobs for Aerospace/defense and technology industries - not with the allegedly sexier communities.

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From: John Wurtz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:55 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: West SanFernando Valley County

Message Body:

Hi CCRC. I've been working for a San Fernando Valley based defense contractor, and we would like to delete Sherman Oaks and Studio City in drawing the Congressional lines, and please keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor. We need our aerospace and technology companies. Our economy depends on a Congress member who will stand up for patent reforms, tax credit for R&D Programs, and defense and aerospace jobs. There are companies in the Westlake Village/Agoura Hills area that are devoted to aerospace and advanced technology. These include the largest employer in our area, like Baxter Healthcare, Edo Corporation Global, and MBDA Missile Systems just to name a few. I think it's important that these companies be in the same district as such Northridge companies, and other companies in the 101 corridor area. Thanks so much for reading what I have to say.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lynn Parkinson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lynn Parkinson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Keep all of SCV in the Antelope Valley-Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

ü Nest SCV with East Ventura County in a Senate seat.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Stephen Damko <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Stephen Damko <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Palos Verdes Estate - Beach Cities

Message Body:

I believe that the eastern boundary of the congressional district along with the related assembly and senate districts should be moved the the south side of the 405 freeway and the west side of the 110 freeway.

Your present design omits the northeast section of zip code 90501. It also omits the northeast section of zip code 90710.

It appears that these areas were gerrymander out of the Palos Verdes - Beach Cities for who knows why. The 405 and 110 freeways make a natural (man made) boundaries.

I my opinion there is no reason to split a zip code between districts. What ever political, economic, social issues exist in the area are usually common within the zip code. Therefore they need to be addressed as one unit. By splitting the zip code, one creates unnecessary complications of jurisdiction.

Zip code 90502 is excluded entirely.

Looking at recent maps zip code 90502 has been shown as West Carson. This is unfortunate. The majority of the residence in zip code 90502 do not consider themselves part of Carson. In fact some years ago this unincorporated area voted not to become part of the City of Carson. In my informal survey, the major of the residence shop in Torrance rather than in Carson. Also the majority would prefer that their children attend Torrance schools than Carson schools (LA Unified).

Zip codes 90501 and 90502 both refer to the Torrance California.

Having lived for 38 years in zip code 90502, I believe that we are part of the city of Torrance. Our home values are influenced by the pricing in Torrance and real estate agents make sales because o the close proximity to Torrance.

The excluded zip codes mentioned above should be included in the Palos Verdes - Beach Cites districts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Peter Chen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peter Chen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Fernando Valley Weside

Message Body:

I've been working for a Tech Company for 10 years, and we want to elect a congressman who supports tech companies, as well as aviation and other defense contractor sector. I know it's important to keep these programs alive in these areas, as they are helping our community thrive. I'd say that Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas asll be include the 101 Corridor. And also too: Agoura Hills, and Westlake. Please don't put us in the same bracket in with entertainment community. We bring a need in the economy, and enterainment brings a want.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Daniel Zhu <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:49 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Daniel Zhu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Daniel, and I work for a San Fernando based technology company.

In drawing the Congressional lines, keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor and please take out Sherman Oaks and Studio City. Please take out Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City, Beverly Hills area. We don't want our member of Congress to be distracted by the allure of the entertainment industry.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

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

Date: 6/28/2011 4:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Brian [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: W. San Fernando

Message Body:

Working for an aerospace company is great, which is why I think that we need a congress man (or woman) to help support defense contractor, aerospace company, or technology companies in the West San Fernando Valley area. Our community and economy I think, depends on a Congress person who will fight for R & D tax credit, patent reforms, and defense and aerospace jobs. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village..all in the 101 Corridor. Thanks so much.

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Subject: Proposed Redistricting Maps

From: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

I am writing regarding your proposed redistricting maps.

Proposed Maps for My Community

I am a PTA and Governing Board member of Bassett Unified School District (BUSD), which is largely an unincorporated area of the east San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles County. The proposed state senate and assembly maps of my community appear to be satisfactory but not the congressional map.

Most of Bassett is being taken out of a congressional district that includes Santa Fe Spring and other far southern cities and is being put in districts that include West Covina, Baldwin Park, Azusa etc. This is fine because the residents of Bassett actually shop, play etc in these cities, which with Bassett constitute a community of interest, rather than in the far southern cities. But the proposed congressional maps also breaks up BUSD in that Avocado Heights (a neighborhood in Bassett) is separated, cut off from Bassett, and left in a congressional district with the far southern cities. Please redraw the maps to move Avocado Heights into the proposed congressional district with the rest of BUSD. I will provide you with a map of BUSD via email.

Statewide Proposed Maps

There are problems with the other proposed state maps. The commission is required to follow the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) and keep communities of interest together but has not done so. The VRA protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. The maps released on June 10 by California's Citizens Redistricting Commission would severely diminish opportunities for future Latino political progress in the state. During the last decade, California's Latino population accounted for 90% of the state's growth. The Commission's maps fail to reflect that growth by not creating fair opportunities for increased Latino representation.

Statewide Assembly Districts

There are at least 50% Latino citizen voting age population (CVAP), there are currently ten State Assembly districts where Latinos can effectively elect the candidates of our choice. The Commission's plan fails to create any additional Latino effective assembly districts.

The Commission's plan does create new Latino effective districts in the San Fernando Valley and San Diego areas. It also eliminates a Latino effective district in the Los Angeles County area (around downtown Los Angeles), and reduces the Latino CVAP of a currently effective district in the Orange County area. Based on the current demographics of the Latino community, the Commission could have created the new San Fernando Valley and San Diego districts, and maintained the same number of or increased Latino effective districts in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas.

Los Angeles County maps

Some heavily Latino neighborhoods directly west of or in downtown Los Angeles have been placed in a district which is not a Latino effective district; the district created by the Commission also includes areas farther west of downtown. Currently, these neighborhoods

are in a Latino effective district and should be kept in one.

The Commission created districts in areas south of downtown Los Angeles, and in South Central Los Angeles which have large Latino and African American CVAP communities, thereby unnecessarily waging Latinos and African Americans against each other, two underrepresented groups that have worked for decades to earn fair political representation for their respective communities.

In the Northeast San Fernando Valley, the Latino effective district that the Commission has created (LASFE) is satisfactory. However, in the next draft maps, Sunland, Tujunga, Shadow Hills and La Tuna Canyon should be removed from the district. The neighborhoods to the west of the 405 Freeway (Northridge, Granada Hills) and/or South of Victory Blvd (North Hollywood, Van Nuys) should be added to LASFE. The communities of Tujunga, Sunland, Shadow Hills and La Tuna do not share many social and economic similarities with the communities that are in the Commission's proposed district.

Orange County

In the current Latino effective district in Orange County, the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim are together, both of which have several heavily-Latino neighborhoods. In the Commission's proposed maps, those two areas are in separate districts, and there is no Latino effective district in Orange County. These two cities should be in the same districts.

Statewide State Senate Districts

Currently, there are six State Senate districts where Latinos can effectively elect the candidates of our choice. The Commission's plan reduces the number of Latino effective districts at the Senate level to four which is unacceptable.

The Commission eliminated one Latino effective district in the Los Angeles County area (downtown Los Angeles area and area east of downtown). It also eliminated a Latino effective district in the San Diego/Imperial/Riverside County area.

Los Angeles County

The Commission placed heavily Latino neighborhoods in downtown Los Angeles, and areas directly west and northeast of downtown, in a district which is not a Latino effective district. These areas are currently in a Latino effective district, and should be kept in one.

Imperial County/Riverside County

In both the Senate and Assembly maps proposed by the Commission, Latino communities in Riverside County's Coachella area and the Imperial County area are split. These communities should be united in the same districts, because of their shared social and economic interests.

Statewide Congressional Districts

Currently, there are seven Congressional districts where Latinos can effectively elect the candidates of our choice. The Commission's plan fails to create any additional Latino effective districts, and could reduce the current number. One of the arguably effective districts in the Commission's map includes a large population of African Americans, which unnecessarily wages Latinos and African Americans against each other, two underrepresented groups that have worked for decades to earn fair political representation for their respective communities.

I trust the revised maps will be fair and just and look forward to seeing them. Thank you for your service to the people of California.

Very truly yours,

Laura Santos

[REDACTED]

Bassett, CA 91746

cell [REDACTED]



Dear California Citizens Commission Board Members,

Per our verbal testimony, we write to you in support of your first initial draft map of the following communities of interest at the Senate level; Rampart Village, Pico Union, Westlake, Koreatown, Wilshire Center, Vermont Harbor, University Park, Vermont/Main, Central Alameda, South Los Angeles and El Salvador Community Corridor (on Vermont Blvd. between Adams Blvd and 11th St.). At the Assembly level, we ask you to please strongly consider the proposed map that was submitted by the Latino Coalition of Los Angeles that is supported by the following organizations:

Latino Coalition of Los Angeles (Advocacy group; South LA/Westlake/Pico Union)
Multicultural Educational National Leadership Association (Advocacy group; South LA)
Community Harvest Foundation (Charter School and Youth Program Operators; South LA)
Hommies Unidos (Gang Intervention Specialist; Pico Union/Koreatown)
El Salvador Community Corridor (CA State Recognized Land Mark in Pico Union)
St. Thomas Church (Pico Union/Harvard Heights/Koreatown)
Members of Pico Union Neighborhood Council
United Hispanic Brotherhood Association (Business Network Association; Koreatown)
COFECA (Central American Federation who conducts 2nd largest parade in CA behind the Rose Parade; (Pico Union/Westlake)
National Central American Roundtable (nonprofit; Pico Union/Westlake)
El Salvador Chamber of Commerce –California (Pico Union/Westlake)
University Little League (South LA/Pico Union)
Members of the MLK Park Advisory Board (South LA)
Multiethnic Peace and Reconstruction Fund (Beverly/Melrose Area)
Knesset Jewish Temple (East Hollywood)
Jose Castellanos Elementary Parent Leadship Group (West Adams/Pico Union)
West Adams Preparatory High School Principal’s Roundtable Group (West Adams/ South LA)
Salvadoran American Leadership Educational Fund (West Lake/Pico Union)

These communities of interested need to be represented under one Assembly District due to their historical similarities at a multicultural and socio economic level that also includes their similarities in population, education, public safety and quality of life issues. These communities all share the same public school district (LAUSD), the same police department (LAPD) ,the same fire department (LAFD), the same utility companies (DWP), go to the same community colleges (LACC, LA Southwest, LA Trade Tech & West LA), the same two Cal States (Cal State LA & Cal State Dominguez Hills) and always strive to attend USC. Our jobs come from the same outlet, the New Downtown L.A. through local hiring.

Please keep our communities of interested together, so that we the citizens can decide who we would like to represent us in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

Best,

Latino Coalition of Los Angles, President



Subject: Hawthorne and Congressional redistricting

From: Kyle Hamilton <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:53 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your dedicated, hard work to give us the opportunity to vote for representatives who will more accurately reflect the communities they will serve. I have never been involved in this type of process before, but I have been extremely involved in my community, Hawthorne, since moving here in 1998. I would like to add my perspective to your deliberations, in the hope that my community will be better served in the next ten years. I strongly believe that Hawthorne should be included with the Beach Cities in your current redistricting, due to the following factors:

Hawthorne (currently in the 35th CD) is functionally bordered by the #105 freeway on the north, and the #405 freeway on the west. My home is in the only section of Hawthorne which lies to the west of the #405 (completely separated from the remainder of Hawthorne). This neighborhood, called HollyGlen, shares its' borders with El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach (which are currently in the 36th CD). HollyGlen originally consisted of 1100 single-family detached homes, with another community of townhouses in a separate cluster. A few years ago, (as a result of a land-swap pertaining to the Los Angeles Air Force Base) two additional large residential communities were constructed, adding an additional 1000+ residences. I am particularly familiar with these factors, as I served on the HollyGlen Homeowners Association Board for a number of years, including serving as President in 2002-2003.

Many, if not most, of my neighbors work in the aerospace industry. We are the closest residential community to the LA Air Force Base (LAAFB), and many of our residents work at Raytheon, the Aerospace Co., etc., in El Segundo. The aforementioned land swap prevented the closure of the LAAFB, which saved thousands of jobs and protected a huge economic engine for the South Bay. The bonds which made this possible were issued by Hawthorne (as a whole), and Hawthorne's citizens will be paying approx. \$42 million to retire them. Hawthorne is inextricably tied to the aerospace industry, and is also the home of Space X (a crucial new player in the aerospace industry).

Hawthorne also has significant ties to the entertainment industry; the HollyGlen neighborhood is within walking distance to both the Manhattan Beach Studios, and El Segundo Studios. Many movies and TV shows do location shooting in Hawthorne; frequently at the Hawthorne Mall and at a park which is adjacent to my home. These film permits provide significant revenue to Hawthorne, and the relationship with these studios and film companies is crucial to Hawthorne's financial well-being. These companies provide significant employment opportunities for Hawthorne residents.

Many private planes used by those in both aerospace and the entertainment industries use our Hawthorne Airport as their home base. Hawthorne Airport has recently undergone a very significant renovation to attract and retain this business, and is a major redevelopment hub for the eastern sections of Hawthorne. The Hawthorne Police helicopter (based at Hawthorne Airport) patrols and assists the other Beach City Police Departments, while they pay Hawthorne for this service; a win/win for all involved. The Hawthorne Police Department recently suffered the loss of our first Officer killed in the line of duty; our Officer Andrew Garton was killed in Torrance while escorting the funeral cortege of a deceased Manhattan Beach Police Officer. Torrance and Manhattan Beach businesses held fundraisers for our Officer's family. These ties are crucial for the safety of all of our South Bay Cities.

Because of Hawthorne's location near LAX, as well as at the junction of the #405 and #105 freeways, and our own Hawthorne Airport, Hawthorne is truly the Gateway to the Beach Cities and the rest of the South Bay. Hawthorne Blvd. is a contiguously-landscaped, major traffic corridor which connects Hawthorne, Lawndale, Redondo Beach, Torrance, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Crenshaw, Prairie, and Inglewood Ave. are other major north/south traffic corridors connecting these cities. Imperial, El Segundo Blvd., Aviation, Rosecrans, and Marine are major arteries connecting Hawthorne with LAX, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach to our west. Beach City and other South Bay residents using the #405 and/or #105 freeways use entrance/exit ramps located in Hawthorne, while anyone using LAX to/from the south or east of Hawthorne passes through our borders. Travelers to/from LAX stay in Hawthorne Hotels, and many Hawthorne residents are employed by these properties. The 'bed tax' provides a significant source of

revenue to Hawthorne. Hawthorne residents are affected by any noise or other issues pertaining to LAX. Again, Hawthorne is inextricably tied to these communities.

Beach City/ South Bay residents come to Hawthorne to shop/work at our two Costco stores, Lowe's, Home Depot, Target, as well as our auto dealerships, while Hawthorne residents shop/work at Plaza El Segundo, Manhattan Beach Mall, South Bay Galleria, and Del Amo Mall (Torrance). We frequent each other's restaurants, and our residents relax on their beaches. We are members of the same service organizations; my husband and I are very active in Vietnam Veterans of America (South Bay Chapter), and run its' Scholarship program for students from El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. I also participate in a group called "Yarn Angels", which provides hand-knit items to South Bay charities. My husband and I were both involved for many years with Palos Verdes Players (as actors, director, costumer, and President of the Board). We have both been treated at Hospitals in Torrance.

While the majority of Hawthorne is served by the Hawthorne School District, our HollyGlen neighborhood is, in one major sense, separate. We are served by the Wiseburn School District, and the majority of the Wiseburn School District's tax base is from the businesses in El Segundo. A number of bond issues have been passed recently, allowing every Wiseburn school to be completely rebuilt or totally renovated. Our children attend these schools, which are inseparable from the El Segundo businesses which provide their funding and provide significant program assistance. The Wiseburn schools are academically on par with schools in the Beach Communities.

I hope this has helped you to understand the deep connections between Hawthorne and the other Beach Cities. In the thirteen years I have lived in Hawthorne, I have gone to other Beach Cities on an almost daily basis. My only connection with the other cities in the current 35th CD, or your proposed first-draft area, has been to pass through these communities while on the freeway to somewhere else entirely. Please re-consider, and place Hawthorne with the other Beach Cities, where we belong. Thank you for your consideration, and best wishes as you complete your arduous task.

Sincerely,
Kyle Hamilton Orlemann
[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA, 90250

Subject: Don't Divide Ballona

From: Mike Bonin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

PLEASE reconsider the current proposed boundaries of the Los Angeles South Bay Assembly seat. Under your current proposal, you have divided the Ballona ecosystem and torn apart important communities of interest.

The current map divides LA's South Bay and Westside at the Ballona Creek channel, effectively separating Marina del Rey from the Ballona wetlands. This is an egregious error.

Marina del Rey has always been connected in terms of water quality concerns with the areas to the south, not to the north. The Ballona Wetlands, the Ballona Creek, the Del Rey Lagoon, and Grand Canal, and the Ballona Channel are all part of the same ecosystem and need to remain united to have adequate representation that understands the unique needs of this environmental treasure.

Moreover, the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, directly to the south, affects the water quality in the Marina. The main swimming beach in the Marina has long term pollution problems and the outfall from Ballona Creek also contributes to water quality problems. It is critical that our Assemblymember and our Senator in Sacramento understand and represent the water quality issues involved in these connections.

A more appropriate northern boundary would be Washington Boulevard.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Mike Bonin
Venice, CA

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 4:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

- 1) Maintain the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar and AD West San Gabriel Valley;
- 2) Expand east the commission's proposed lines of SD Los Angeles West San Gabriel to resemble the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar, which includes Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, Chino Hills, and Walnut; and
- 3) Keep the commission's proposed boundaries for CD Palos Verdes Estates Beach Cities boundaries, bringing together the cities within the South Bay.

Maureen Sie

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Edward Pevzner <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Edward Pevzner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Edward Pevzner, and I work for a San Fernando Valley based defense contractor. In drawing the Congressional lines, please keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor. There are companies in the Westlake Village/Agoura Hills area that are devoted to aerospace and high technology. These communities belong together. Please take out of the West San Fernando Valley the communities of the southeast San Fernando Valley, which are close to Beverly Hills, Universal City, and the entertainment community. We don't want our member of Congress to be distracted by the allure of the entertainment industry.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tiffany Limtanakool <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tiffany Limtanakool <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West SFV

Message Body:

My name is Tiffany, and I work for a San Fernando Valley based technology company. Please take out of the West San Fernando Valley the communities of the southeast San Fernando Valley, which are close to Beverly Hills, Universal City, and the entertainment community (Sherman Oaks, Studio City). Please add Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village (up to the county line).

We want our member of congress to focus on job creation for the aerospace/defense and high technology industries - higher paying jobs for educated individuals.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Howard Marsden <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:25 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Howard Marsden <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Clarita Redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep Newhall in the same district as the rest of the City of Santa Clarita.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Andrew Chiang <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Andrew Chiang <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Andrew and I have, until just recently, been unemployed. I am an aerospace engineer employed by a San Fernando based defense company. The job market is tough. I know.

There are companies in the Westlake Village/Agoura Hills area that are devoted to aerospace and high technology. It is important that these companies be in the same district as other companies with similar interests and issues. Please include these communities with Granada Hills, Northridge, Chatsworth, Woodland Hills, and Calabasas.

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Subject:

From: "McGuan, Kevin (LONG BEACH, CA)" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Long Beach City should be One District Only.

Give us back our Voice!

Sincerely,

Kevin P. McGuan, CFM

Vice President

Financial Advisor

Merrill Lynch

[REDACTED]

Long Beach, CA 90802

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Cliff Numark <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:42 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cliff Numark <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Lines Congressional District Palos Verdes Est-Bch Cities

Message Body:

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your hard work in attempting to draw equitable lines to ensure adequate representation. I understand that the commission has many competing factors to balance, and I appreciate the work that has been accomplished thus far.

Under a recent visualization map, the city of Torrance is divided into two, with one portion of the city in a district aligned with coastal areas, including Palos Verdes Peninsula, the Beach Cities and El Segundo, and the majority of the city in a district in an area that moves inland and north through Inglewood.

Although part of the southwest portion of Torrance has a Redondo Beach mailing address, it is definitely a part of the city - and I believe that the city should, to the greatest extent possible and consistent with voting rights act legislation, be maintained within one congressional district.

I know first hand that enabling the City to be represented by one member of Congress has yielded significant benefits to our constituents. Therefore, I would urge that the commission draw congressional lines that allow the city to maintain its geographic integrity.

Best regards,

Cliff Numark
Councilman
City of Torrance
[REDACTED]

Torrance, CA 90503

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City of Hidden Hills

Hidden Hills, California 91302

June 28, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, California 95814

Honorable Chair and Members of the Commission:

We again thank you for your efforts in creating new districts that provide equal and fair representation for all citizens of California, and in providing us the opportunity to comment on the first draft of the maps you have prepared and presented to the public.

As stated in an earlier City of Hidden Hills letter (dated 5/23/11), we would still like to see the five cities which comprise the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (COG) – Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Westlake Village – remain together in any and all districts established. The proposed California State 23rd Senate District does keep all five COG cities together. The proposed California State 41st Assembly District encompasses four of the cities, but excludes Malibu. The California 30th Congressional District totally splits our five COG cities, placing Hidden Hills and Calabasas with portions of the West San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita.

The California Constitution defines a community of interest as a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. The five COG cities, which are all contract cities serviced by the Malibu Lost Hills Sheriff Station and the L.A. County Fire Department, certainly represent communities of interest, sharing common goals, as well as facing shared challenges and issues that we work on together for the benefit of the entire region and all of our residents. Working together in this manner is very important to smaller cities such as ours to give us one unified voice.

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

June 28, 2011

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Again, we would respectfully request that the cities of Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Westlake Village be placed together in all three of the above mentioned districts, to allow us to maintain our long existing COG and to continue to work together to best address our common interests in relation to public safety, water quality, emergency preparedness, education, transportation, traffic, and any other issues that affect our cities and our region.

Respectfully,

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Cohen" followed by a small mark that appears to be "JC".

Jim Cohen
Mayor

JC/clp

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Roy Yamamoto <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Roy Yamamoto <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Roy and I work for a San Fernando Valley based defense contractor. I believe it is important to draw the district lines so that communities with common interests are grouped together. My main interest would be to see Agoura Hills and Westlake Village (all the way to the county line) grouped with the West San Fernando Valley communities of Chatsworth, Northridge, Granada Hills, Woodland Hills and Calabasas.

I believe congressional support for the area would be heightened if the member of congress representing the area did not have to split his/her attention between Aerospace/defense and entertainment. Please remove the entertainment communities of the lower east valley (Sherman Oaks, Universal City, etc.).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are counting on you to make good decisions for California.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Joyce Brody <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:54 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joyce Brody <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 43rd assembly district concerns

Message Body:

To the members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As the President of Democrats for Neighborhood Action, whose members live primarily in Los Feliz and Silver Lake neighborhoods, I wish to place before you our concerns about the boundaries you have proposed for what might become the 43rd Assembly District. As drawn, the district includes a portion of Los Angeles that is not part of our 'community of interest'. We did try to redraw it to include some of east Hollywood instead of areas so far to our south, such as East Los Angeles. The areas down to Sunset Boulevard or even down to the 101 freeway are, also, more in our community of interest.

We understand how difficult it is to draw districts that keep within the mandated number of voters and the correct ethnic percentages. However, City Terrace and East Los Angeles are just way too far away to be in this district.

It is not that we are trying to protect any specific candidates or representatives or even any political party, but you have removed a large area of our natural 'community of interest'.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joyce Brody
President
Democrats for Neighborhood Action

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Garland Byrum <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Garland Byrum <[REDACTED]>

Subject: claremont, California

Message Body:

I wanted to congratulate all of you for doing a great job. I thought the preliminary maps met the goal that you all have been tasked with. Claremont has common interests with the foothill communities in Los Angeles County.

I recently heard and have seen your map visualizations as of June 22. I must say that the maps that are now envisioned are completely different. Claremont is a unique community with one of the highest PHD per person numbers in the country. I don't believe we have much if anything in common with the cities in San Bernadino County. Claremont would not be happy at all with this new visualization.

In addition, the district that you have in the preliminary map for an area that included Walnut, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and others would meet the requirements of the 1965 Voting Rights Act as that set of communities is heavily Asian-American. Your new visualization would have that Congressional district, drawn in the preliminary map completely disappear. This I believe would be a serious mistake. You can't please all of the people, this I realize. The fact is your preliminary maps were much better and did away with any chance of a lawsuit regarding the what would be an Asian American dominated Congressional district.

Just remember Claremont has a lot more in common with La Canada than it does with Fontana, Pomona or Ontario. Those are not foothill communities and there are huge social economic and educational differences, as well as the fact that we are in Los Angeles County, and have the 210 FWY, the Gold Line and other common interests that we would not have in a district, if the visualization would become a reality.

Thanks for giving me a chance to air my opinion.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Virgia Wade <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:22 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Virgia Wade <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles - Region 4

Message Body:

I write to you today to make the case for keeping the Port of Long Beach in the same Congressional District as the communities of Carson, Compton, and Long Beach, on the grounds that their existence as a Community of Interest in the area of transportation is even more apparent in the current map visualizations that were part of the handouts at the June 24, 2011 meeting.

The strongest commonality between Carson, Compton, and Long Beach is the Port of Long Beach and the related freeway and railway transportation corridors that connect the three cities. At the April 27 CRC Hearing in Long Beach, the mayor of both Compton and Carson came before all of you and spoke about the transportation connection among these cities.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am afraid that you may have unwittingly done precisely what Commissioner Dai wanted to avoid. While your current COMP visualization map, which combines Carson, Compton, and North Long Beach and has a population of 701,854, is a step in the right direction, it completely misses the point of your own definition of a Community of Interest by connecting the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach with beach communities who will never be impacted by port-related truck pollutants, freeway traffic, etc.

In Lancaster, COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO said regarding instructions for map drawers: "it is about contiguity, which is the third highest criteria." If so, then the Compton Mayor's testimony, plus that of so many others who talked about the 710 Freeway, 91 Freeway, Alameda Corridor, Port of Long Beach transportation corridor between the contiguous cities of Carson, Compton, and Long Beach should not - indeed CANNOT be ignored.

I urge you to reconsider the visualization maps, and redraw to keep Carson, Compton, and Long Beach - stretching to the Port of Long Beach in particular - together in one Congressional District. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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Hello,

I was recently informed that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission released its first draft of proposed boundaries for Congressional, Senate, and Assembly Districts, and that today, June 28th, is the last day to submit comments on the first draft maps.

First, I would like to say that I am in favor of keeping the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar and AD West San Gabriel Valley.

Secondly, I think the commission's proposed lines of SD Los Angeles West San Gabriel should be expanded east to resemble the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar, which includes Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, Chino Hills, and Walnut.

Lastly, I am in favor of keeping the commission's proposed boundaries for CD Palos Verdes Estates Beach Cities boundaries, bringing together the cities within the South Bay.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will take my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Li

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you so much for your concerted effort to draw district lines that reflect the borders of counties, cities, and communities of interest without regard to partisan advantage. As they stand now, the lines (and the process laid out to create them) are dramatic improvements over the overtly gerrymandered districts we've seen over the past decade.

Still, I believe these districts could be improved further, and I write in support of Alan Dymond's request from the Studio City Neighborhood Council. I believe our neighborhood would be best served by being incorporated entirely into one district, as much as is practicable, for congressional, state assembly, and state senate lines.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alastair Shearman

Studio City, CA

Subject: Fwd: Fw: Fwd: PLEASE READ! We need your help TODAY!

From: David Allgood <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marta Evry <[REDACTED]>

Date: June 28, 2011 12:03:34 PM PDT

To: diane wallace <[REDACTED]> Varo Asorian <[REDACTED]>
Jim Kennedy <[REDACTED]> Tony Salvaggio <[REDACTED]> Mike
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Marta Evry
Community Organizer

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FYI.

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: PLEASE READ! We need your help TODAY!

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 12:03:34 -0700

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Marta Evry

Community Organizer

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AIDE CASTRO
Mayor



[REDACTED] Lynwood, CA 90262
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



OFFICE OF THE
CITY COUNCIL

June 28, 2011

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

RE: PUBLIC TESTIMONY – CITY OF LYNWOOD

Commissioners of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The City of Lynwood is congenially located in Southern California, in the Southeast section of Los Angeles County. The City covers 4.89 square miles with a population of approximately 69,970 residents. Lynwood is also bordered by the cities of Compton, South Gate, and some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. There are twelve elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools in Lynwood.

Currently, the City of Lynwood is located within 39th Congressional district, the 27th Senate district, and 50th Assembly district. Under the current districting, the City of Lynwood is aligned with neighboring Southeast Los Angeles cities such as South Gate, Long Beach, and Paramount. Under the Commission's first released district map proposal, Lynwood's representative jurisdictions will be greatly impacted and our city will now be grouped with cities such as Compton, Inglewood, Carson, Gardena and other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles. We also understand that, under the Commission's current proposal, as a result of the City's placement into new districts, the City will now have new legislative representation at both the Federal and State levels.

The City of Lynwood does not have any major objections to the Commission's first released draft district maps. However, as part of the Commission's Public Testimony period, the City would like to release the following official statement as it pertains to the release of the final districting maps:

"The City of Lynwood respectfully requests the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to not divide the City boundaries into separate voting districts when the Commission considers all public comments and releases its final district maps for California."

Should you have any questions with regard to the City of Lynwood's position or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. We thank you in advance for hearing our concerns and receiving our Public Testimony.

Sincerely,

Aide Castro
Mayor, City of Lynwood

Cc: Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
Rob Wilcox, Communications Director
Daisy Pizana, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez's Office
Senator Alan Lowenthal, 27th District
Assembly Member Ricardo Lara, 50th District
Legislative Advocacy Group
Lynwood City Council & City Manager

Subject: California Congressional Redistricting

From: Andy Raymond <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:32 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,

Andy Raymond

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

South Brentwood Residents Association

Brentwood Green at Brentwood Science Magnet Elementary School

Subject: California Citizens' Redistricting Commission Hearing

From: Garrett Maynard <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:13 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission Hearing

901 P - Street, Suite 154a

Sacramento, CA 95814

June 28, 2011

I write to you today to discuss what I think is a gross oversight by this Commission as relates to Communities of Interest in the area of transportation corridors. To be specific, I want to point out the mistake of separating the cities of Carson and Compton and the northern portion of the city of Long Beach from the Port of Long Beach, given the strong transportation mode and corridor ties.

The transportation corridors mix the modes of rail, sea/boats, truck, bus, and automobile through a freeway network that includes the 710 Freeway, 91 Free-way, the 110 Freeway, as well as the Alameda (rail) Corridor, and the Port of Long Beach. None of these freeways, nor the cargo-laden trucks coming from the Port of Long Beach will ever pass through the cities of Rancho Polos Verdes, Rolling Hills, or Lomita, which have all been grouped with the Port in your newest visualization map labeled PVEBC.

In fact, the extended Port of Long Beach region, which includes Carson, Compton, and Long Beach, is uniquely coordinated so that individuals in autos, trucks carrying cargo shipped by sea, and trains mingle very close to each other, but separately and efficiently. This traffic is purposely directed north and east from the Port, and these communities have worked together for decades to produce the current "Clean Trucks" program, and other pollution and traffic mitigation measures, working through the years with members of Congress who treated such issues as a priority. These issues would NOT be a priority to a members who has 40% of his/her district in cities un-impacted by the Port.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA asked at the Northridge Hearing about the northward transportation of both the Port of Long Beach and Port of LA. COMMISSIONER PARVENU correctly identified the 710 Fwy as ONE of the main transportation routes, but as I've pointed out here, there's much more. COMMISSIONER BARABBA also said that he could see the rationale of connecting the two Ports. I would hope then all of you can see the irrationality of disconnecting these transportation communities of interest, specifically Carson, Compton, and Long Beach.

Please reconsider these two maps. Keep Carson, Compton, and Long Beach - the Port region in particular - together, and re-draw the lines to keep the transportation corridor communities of interest connected to continue the effective partnerships that help 45% of the nation's cargo move so smoothly for years. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Garrett "Gary" Maynard

[REDACTED]
Long Beach, CA 90806
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ava Spam <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ava Spam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Ferdando Valley (West)

Message Body:

I think that the companies in the Westlake Village/Agoura Hills area that are really devoted to aerospace and tech companies. It is important that these companies be in the same district as such Northridge companies as Pharmavite and Medtronic/Minimed, and with Rocketdyne, the largest private employer in the Valley, located in Chatsworth and Canoga Park. Perhaps the best illustration of this is Northrop Grumman's Navigation Systems Division, which used to be located in Agoura Hills (where most of the employees still live) but is now in Woodland Hills. Please elect a congress person who will support the fight for the R & D tax credit on a gov. level, who is against federal reform of the patent laws, and will keep aerospace and defense jobs for the West Valley and 101 area. Thanks.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Vicki Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Vicki Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Leimert Park, Crenshaw Proposed District

Message Body:

I live on the West Side of Los Angeles and have been very happy with Representative Henry Waxman for the past 25 years. Your proposed District would disenfranchise us and include us in the high crime, poverty stricken area on the East Side. Please consult any of your demographic maps to see very clearly where the lines should be drawn. If your proposal is accepted I will assume that I will no longer have to pay taxes for representation that I no longer have.

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Subject: Congressional District in California for Zip code 90049

From: Dr M [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:32:23 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

The first draft of the Congressional Districts in California are being redrawn by the State's Citizens Redistricting Commission. Brentwood 90049 has been divided 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.

We are not in favor of dividing our zip code with two separate Representatives. We work as a community. 90049 should stay as one.

Geo

George Maranon and Melanie Gullett
Los Angeles, 90049

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Subject: Fwd: Redistricting

From: Maria Bootsy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Bootsy <[REDACTED]>

To: votersfirst <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tue, Jun 28, 2011 4:29 pm

Subject: Redistricting

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission Hearing
910P - Street, Suite 154a
Sacramento, CA 95814

Region 4

June 28, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Some of the maps could divide some ethnic and cultural partnerships that have existed for many years, and are continuing to strengthen as I speak. I am talking about the cultural ties that bind the communities of Long Beach, Carson and Compton, to include the South Beach/Downtown and Port of Long Beach region in particular.

I'm sure you all remember the many members of various ethnic coalitions and cultural heritage groups that have come before you at the various hearings. These ethnic coalitions have been formed regionally, and they meet regularly to solve problems or empower themselves as a community. We saw that with some extraordinary community action and collaborations during the Samoan Islands Tsunami in September 2009 the monsoon that overtook the Philippine Islands in August 2009, and other disasters during which Carson, Compton, Long Beach, and the Port of Long Beach especially became the focal point of these ethnic communities' joint disaster relief efforts.

These communities also come together for celebrations, as well as to help one another during tragedy. Some of the richest cultural expressions and celebrations are available to this region's residents because of the strong partnership of their respective cities. Examples include the Samoan Flag Day week-long celebration in August (Carson, Compton), Cambodian New Year Parade and Cambodian New Year Celebration, usually in April in Long Beach, and others.

The strong presence of Samoans, African Americans, and Latinos from the tree communities who are longshoremans in the Port of Long Beach makes them all a uniquely strong community of interest, tied together by celebrations and many more cultural expressions that they have collaborated on together for years. I ask that you reconsider the visualization maps that were released on June 24 and keep our cultural & ethnic communities of interest, specifically Carson, Compton, and Long Beach stretching to the Port of Long Beach, together. Thank you.

Thank you,

Maria Norvell

Subject: In support of a "Santa Monica Mtns/Bay-Westside" Senate District and Keeping Santa Monica Mts in one congressional Dist

From: Lynne Haigh [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:49:32 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lynne Haigh [REDACTED]

Date: June 28, 2011 3:43:16 PM PDT

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly oppose both the Senate and Congressional Districts in which you have placed Topanga and parts of the Santa Monica Mountains. The current boundary lines drawn by the Commission violate the criteria reflected in your own Redistricting Guidelines.

In your plan our current Senate district has been taken from an east/west, cohesive, compact mountain/coastal district and seemingly "gerrymandered" into a elongated inland district from Malibu through Santa Clarita to the Kern County Line. The two of us have no shared interests in terms of transportation, schools, water, cultural heritage or conservation.

I strongly SUPPORT the Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside Senate District plan which is geographically succinct, is coastal, and is connected by major transportation corridors. This connects communities of mutual interests.

Our Congressional district has been sliced and diced, putting the Santa Monica Mtns. into 3 distinctly different districts.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT a return to a current single Congressional district which represents our mutual interests.

Thank you very much for taking this into account.

Lynne Haigh

[REDACTED]
Topanga, CA 90290

[REDACTED]

Subject: Draft Redistricting Map

From: Vincent Yu [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 16:22:23 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I support equal representation of Asian Pacific Islander Americans and request your Commission to:

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Vince Yu
Mayor Pro Tem
Temple City

Subject: Fwd: PLEASE READ! We need your help TODAY!

From: Michael Young <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marta Evry <[REDACTED]>

Date: June 28, 2011 12:03:34 PM PDT

To: diane wallace <[REDACTED]> Varo Asorian <[REDACTED]>
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Marta Evry
Community Organizer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Dirk L. Hudson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:25 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dirk L. Hudson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Basis for Drawing Lines

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

1. In order to be democratic (i.e., locally based), the lines should be drawn based on geographic communities.
 2. Ethnic categories are not "communities." An individual has many characteristics of which ethnicity is only one and does not determine point of view. Each individual is a mixture of different ancestral contributions from many different sources.
 3. Individuals form communities by interacting with their neighbors. Their locale is a major determinant of such interaction, and is the only one relating to a common geographic interest, and that can provide a practical basis for drawing district lines (as opposed to economic roles, clubs, tastes in music, sports, reading, etc.)
 4. Cities are the best reflection of geographical common interests, and should not be divided to serve any politician's interest. To divide a city and connect parts of it with parts of other cities in disparate areas is to return to undemocratic gerrymandering (where the politician picks the voter, rather than the voter the candidate).
 5. Cities in a common geographical area (e.g., San Gabriel Valley), and especially those near the Foothills have a common geographical interest (e.g., fire dangers, wild animals, water supplies, Gold Line transportation, etc.)
 6. It follows that Arcadia, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, San Marino and Pasadena all have a common geographical interest.
 7. To allow ethnicity to have any role in drawing district lines is racist and un-American. Individuals of different ethnic backgrounds who are neighbors have more in common than those of similar ethnicity from remote localities.
- Please keep these factors in mind in drawing district lines. Let us not return to the corrupt gerrymandering that determined such lines in the past.

Thank you.

Dirk L. Hudson

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Subject: Testimony of Marc Saltzberg

From: Marc Saltzberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Marc Saltzberg

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles California, 90292

June 27, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Delivered by FAX to [REDACTED] and emailed to:

[REDACTED]

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of the community of Venice in the City of Los Angeles and live in the area known as the Marina Del Rey Peninsula. I'd like to comment on several proposed maps that have been released showing proposed boundaries for our Congressional and Assembly Districts.

Thank you for performing under difficult circumstances a job that has to be done. I wanted to make a couple of comments about Draft 1 Districts, the testimony I've heard concerning them and the release of maps based on the presumption of Racially Polarized Voting (RPV) in Los Angeles.

1. District CD PVEBC from 1st Draft maps. This seems to be a reasonable district as drawn. My comments are: the map conforms to the communities of interest of those living next to Santa Monica Bay in LA County. The beaches, bike paths, retail centers and restaurants along the bay dominate both the tourist based economies of the district and the discretionary time of its residents. Our concerns with preserving the quality of life that the coastline provides are paramount to the reason we moved to this area. The only quibble I have with the district as drawn is the exclusion of Wilmington from the district. Because the Port of Los Angeles has a huge impact on residents – from jobs to transit to air and water quality, it would make sense to have the port and its surroundings represented by a single Congress person. To make up for the additional residents gained by including Wilmington, I would remove areas of Torrance east of Western Blvd,

west of the 110 freeway, making Highway 1 the northern boundary in the Harbor area.

2. District AD LAMWS from 1st Draft maps. This district has two big problems from my perspective. The first is drawing the proposed boundary down the channel of Ballona Creek. This splits the endangered Ballona wetlands in two. The wetlands must be kept as one whole to provide our Assembly person with the ability to deal with development, recreational and air and water quality impacts. The wetlands have several active restoration projects that must be monitored and maintained, at the same time that Playa Vista development continues. A single Assembly representative responsible for the wetlands is critical to completing these projects.

But I would recommend that you look further south to make the boundary of AD LAMWS and include the communities of Westchester and Playa Del Rey. These communities are currently part of LA City Council District 11 and are likely to remain so. It would be logical to combine them with other areas of the City Council District to leverage the relationship of their Assembly Representative and City Council Representative. I would also point out that the communities are also represented by a single Neighborhood Council that is part of a larger organization of Neighborhood Councils called WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) that represents regional concerns to the City of Los Angeles. Keeping these areas together in the same Assembly District makes sense. Spinning off Westchester and Playa Del Rey to a different assembly district will result in two different Assembly persons dealing with similar LA City issues and should be avoided.

I'd also point out that some of the parking problems in Venice are caused directly by the Los Angeles Airport – people avoid parking in LAX by parking in our Venice Neighborhoods and take taxis to the airport. This problem has been documented by several studies undertaken by the Venice Neighborhood Council. Problems of parking, traffic and transit, homelessness are regional problems and are most effectively dealt with by a single legislative representative.

One other point – The communities of Venice, Mar Vista and Santa Monica have been dealing with a common problem for years – the noise, air pollution and risk due to our proximity to Santa Monica Airport and its flight path. I bring this up because the solutions to these problems are directly linked to the flight patterns and traffic control policies implemented at LAX. Again, a single representative, working with both airports, would make the most sense.

I therefore suggest that the southern boundary of AD LAMWS be extended to Imperial Blvd to include the areas of the City of LA that have been excluded from the current map.

3. I heard quite a bit of testimony at your Culver City Meeting regarding the extension of an Inglewood Congressional District westward to include LAX. In fact, that suggestion was implemented in the Congressional districts drawn in 2000. The problem with that idea is that it cuts off the communities of interest that are discussed above. The communities of Playa Vista and Westchester are part of the City of LA. Splitting them off such that the City of LA on the Westside is represented by two Congress persons makes little sense for the reasons cited above.

And the response of the Commission - creating a vision map that would include Torrance and Inglewood in a single Congressional District... from a community of interest perspective – there isn't any.

Thank you,

Marc Saltzberg

Subject: Reconsider the redistricting

From: "Dianne Barker" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:33 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my grave concern with the proposed redistricting for the city of Calabasas. Our community does not have the same interests and concerns of those communities located to the Northeast of us (Santa Clarita Valley). For example, we live directly adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and share common watershed, transportation corridors and fire safety issues with our neighbors in Malibu and Santa Monica. We share community councils, LA county supervisors, fire arson watches, water and school districts etc, and commute across PCH and the 405 not the 5, 14. Our streets bisect those in Topanga. We need to representation from one person who shares the same social and geographical concerns as those of us in Calabasas, not someone representing the concerns of people living inland.

We respectfully request that you reconsider these draft guidelines, and return the original senate and congressional districts for our community.

Thank you very much,

Dianne C. Barker

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Gita Temelkova <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:40 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gita Temelkova <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Gita and I work for a San Fernando Valley based aerospace company. I would like to suggest that you include Granada Hills, Northridge, Chatsworth, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village (right up to the county line) in the same district.

There is a high concentration of technology companies in these communities, and they have similar interests. We could elect a member of congress that would focus on our needs.

It is important to keep Aerospace/defense and high technology companies in Southern California to grow the economy.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Comment On Draft Assembly District--Palos verdes E-Beach Cities ("53rd AD")

From: Bob Holmes [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:39:11 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CRC Members,

I believe that this district as proposed is excellent. There is a strong community of interest between the Beach Cities and the Palos Verdes Peninsula going back decades. These City Councils interact and coordinate frequently. There is a strong community of interest between the Beach Cites, El Segundo, and Westchester/Playa del Rey. They are united by concerns over massive Los Angeles International Airport.

I bring a bit of a unique perspective to this process. I lived in Westchester (Los Angeles 90045) during my high school and college years graduating, from Westchester High. After college and the military, I have lived in Manhattan Beach ever since (40 years). I served on the Manhattan Beach City Council from 1980-1992 and held the Mayor's gavel three terms. The beach cities are (not surprisingly) focused on the coast and serious coastal issues. It does not make sense to place any of them with Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Inglewood, Lennox, etc if it can possibly be avoided. Those cites are great cities but have significantly different issues and concerns than the Playa del Rey/Westchester to Palos Verdes Coastal strip..

Thank you for your consideration and your hard work,

Bob Holmes

[REDACTED]
Manhattan Beach 90266
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment

From: Gemma <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

During the last decade, California's Latino population accounted for 90% of the state's growth, yet the proposed maps by the CA Redistricting Commission fail to reflect that growth. Furthermore, the maps do not provide sufficient opportunities for fair Latino representation as required by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process.

The propose Assembly, Senate and Congressional Seats for Latino neighborhoods in the area west of downtown Los Angeles area (Pico-Union, Korea town, Harvard Heights, just to name a few) are in the same district as the wealthy western communities of Los Angeles County, including Pacific Palisades and Beverly Hills. These Latino areas have very different social and economic characteristics than the Westside and coastal areas in the district, and they should be placed in a Latino effective district.

I encourage the commissioners to learn more about certain communities that have been flagged by organizations as areas of concern to learn more for themselves.

Thank you for your time,

Gemma Jimenez

June 28, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sent via E-Mail to: 

Re: Proposed Long Beach Port Congressional District/City of La Palma

Dear Commissioners:

First of all, I want to thank you for your service and dedication by serving the people of the State of California with this important task ahead of you.

I respectfully ask the Commission to move the City of La Palma out of the proposed Long Beach Port Congressional district and place it into a Congressional district with the cities of Cypress, Buena Park, and Fullerton. The reason is that we share a community of interest with these three cities. One example is that we share the same school districts: Buena Park School District, Fullerton Union High School District, Centralia School District, and Cypress School District. The current proposal places the City of La Palma into a district that is predominately in Los Angeles County and is overshadowed by its larger neighbors like the City of Long Beach. Also, La Palma has very little common interests with the cities of Avalon, Signal Hill, Paramount, and Hawaiian Gardens.

Furthermore, the Commission placed the City of La Palma into primarily Orange County districts for the proposed Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization districts. We are a small city of less than 16,000 residents with a small town like community that share bonds with our neighboring Orange County cities.

I respectfully ask that you to place the City of La Palma into a Congressional district nested with Orange County and because of our small population, I hope this won't be an extreme burden to the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

JULIE H. KIM

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

La Palma, CA 90623

28 June 2011

Dear CA Redistricting Commission:

I live in Agoura Hills, CA 91301. I reviewed your proposed districts as they apply to me. My comments may be generally applicable to all the proposed districts.

I find the Board of Equalization proposed districts to be acceptable.

I find your proposed Congressional District EASTVENT and the adjacent districts to be acceptable at this time.

However, the proposed State Senate district LASCV and State Assembly district Thousand Oaks –Santa Monica Mtn are not acceptable. A sensible strategy is to have State Senate and State Assembly district boundaries that run along the same lines as the Congressional district boundaries. That is: Aggregate State Assembly districts into State Senate Districts; Aggregate State Senate Districts into Congressional Districts; Cut Congressional Districts into State Senate Districts; Cut State Senate Districts into State Assembly Districts. Make the Congressional Districts big parts of the puzzle, and then cut them into the smaller parts (State Senate and State Assembly).

Issue 1: There is a finger of Malibu coastline missing from State Assembly district Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mtn. However, this finger of Malibu coastline is included in the State Senate district LASCV and included in Congressional District EASTVENT. This finger of Malibu Coastline should also be included in State Assembly district Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mtn. Basically, the State Assembly Districts should be cut from the Congressional Districts. Ideally, State Assembly Districts are cut from State Senate Districts, which are cut from Congressional Districts.

Issue 2: The State Senate district LASCV includes two very distinct regions: A Santa Clarita region to the north, and a southern region containing Westlake Village. This is very odd. The State Senate district that contains Westlake Village should be cut from Congressional District EASTVENT. The Santa Clarita region should be aggregated with other areas within the proposed Congressional Districts that contain them (W. San Fernando Valley-Calabasas and Antelope V-Santa Clarita for example). Basically, the State Senate Districts should be cut from the Congressional Districts.

For the entire California State Redistricting Process: Establish the Congressional Districts, then Cut Congressional Districts into State Senate Districts; and then, Cut State Senate Districts into State Assembly Districts. Make the Congressional Districts big parts of the puzzle, and then cut them into the smaller parts (State Senate and State Assembly).

Thank-you for your service to the People of California.

Best regards,

Paul H. Johnson

[REDACTED], Agoura Hills CA 91301

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: South Bay area-Los Angeles County

From: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Commission,

I'm quite disappointed that you've not stringently followed the mandate for drawing the new District boundaries through-out California. A couple of very egregious misapplications are very apparent from the first draft maps. One, Los Angeles County's population is sufficient for 14 Congressional seats to entirely reside exclusively within the County. Second, there should also be an entire Board of Equalization seat made up from the twenty Assembly seats residing entirely within Los Angeles County.

Now as to the South Bay area of Los Angeles County where I live all THREE District boundaries are way off. First off, our Assembly and Congress seats should live entirely OUTSIDE of the City of Los Angeles. In addition to Catalina Island the Assembly seat should include the following Communities: the entire Palos Verdes Peninsula, El Segundo, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance. The total population for the District is only a few hundred people short of the ideal target. For the South Bay Congress seat take this Seat add the Cities of Hawthorne and Inglewood along with some adjoining County areas like Alondra Park, Del Aire and Lennox. The State Senate would include the just added areas along with Culver City and the remaining County areas including Marina del Rey and the Westchester and other adjacent neighborhoods

of the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Charles Michel Deemer

Subject: Redistricting Long Beach's Congressional District

From: James Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for taking the time to carefully consider how best to draw legislative districts so as to best represent California. It is a certainly a difficult task, and I appreciate your deliberation on this important matter.

I write to represent my opinion on the division of Long Beach into congressional districts, which I believe is also the opinion of the vast majority of my constituents. My opinion is simple: Long Beach is one community. This community should not be divided.

I was born in central Long Beach. I live in California Heights. My parents live in East Long Beach, and I frequently visit the parks in West Long Beach. I shop in North Long Beach, and visit my in-laws near the beach. I report to work on behalf of the people of the 7th District in downtown Long Beach. Long Beach is my community, and that of my residents. I know that one criterion you seek to follow is to preserve "communities of interest," and there is no better way to do this than to keep Long Beach whole.

We encourage our residents to "work, live, and play" here in Long Beach, and indeed they do. As my personal and professional life attest, residents in Long Beach share a strong, common identity. Our community should not be split up and joined with different communities miles away. There is a word for such an awkward plan: a gerrymander. Residents voted for the non-partisan commission precisely to keep communities together and to avoid such misshaped districts.

Please, do the right thing. Keep Long Beach together, as the one community that it is.

James Johnson
Councilmember, 7th District

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting in the San Pedro area

From: Kara McLeod <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:25 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

I am a resident of San Pedro, which lies on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. After having reviewed the proposed redistricting lines, I feel compelled to contact your Commission.

It is my understanding that one of the charges your commission has is to respect the boundaries of existing municipalities. While San Pedro is technically part of the City of Los Angeles, it has its own boundaries and is a distinct community. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how much I object to the proposals that split my community down either the major thoroughfares of Gaffey Street or Pacific Avenue. San Pedro should not be divided, either from itself or the rest of the Peninsula and the Port of Los Angeles. As a community, we bear the brunt of the impacts that the POLA creates. To divide off the majority of our community from the Port is completely unacceptable.

Even more intolerable is the dividing of our city into a community of haves and have-nots. As non-residents, you are probably unaware that the East side of town is home to the housing project, Rancho San Pedro. The presence of the projects means that this area of town has a high percentage of poor and minority peoples. This division into two separate districts, particularly a division that joins the poorer population with the same political representation as Carson creates a government sanction to the idea that one side of Gaffey is the bad side of town, while the other is populated by people with more in common with those who live in Rolling Hills. I do not have the words to describe how irreparably damaging this will be to the Downtown area and to the historic district. It is demoralizing and potentially will have serious financial repercussions for those of us who are property owners in the area and working hard to restore the historic fabric of our town.

I beg you, keep San Pedro whole.

Respectfully,

Kara McLeod

Homeowner, Vinegar Hill Historic District, San Pedro

Subject: 53rd AD

From: "Kim Drobny" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:07 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I am a resident of the 53d AD. I am concerned about the northern boundary of the 53rd AD as currently proposed. As proposed, I think it is a mistake to have the northern border straddle the Ballona Creek channel, effectively separating Marina del Rey from the Ballona wetlands.

The Marina has always been connected to the Ballona Creek. We need our Assemblymember and our Senator to understand and represent the water quality issues involved with these connections. There is water quality concerns with the areas to the south, not to the north. The Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, directly to the south, affects the water quality in the Marina. The main swimming beach in the Marina has long term pollution problems and the outfall from Ballona Creek also contributes to water quality problems.

We need cohesive representation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Bodner Drobny
Mar Vista

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tim Kenny <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tim Kenny <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley area

Message Body:

I've been working for a Tech Company in the San Fern area, and I want to elect a congressman who supports tech companies, as well as aviation and other defense contractor companies. I know it's important to keep these programs alive in these areas, as they are helping our economy stay strong. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and please make sure to include the 101 Corridor, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village (right up to the county line if possible). Please don't put us with entertainment-based communities as unfortunately I've seen various elected officials choose to spend their time with that allegedly more risqué community.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alexandria Martin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alexandria Martin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: W. San Fernando Area

Message Body:

I'm a San Fernando Valley worker for an aerospace company, and aerospace and technology companies are important to our economy. West San Fernando Valley should be together with the 101 Corridor. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and please make sure to include the 101 Corridor, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village (right up to the county line). Please take out areas which are close to Beverly Hills, Universal City, and the entertainment community. We don't want our member of Congress to be distracted by the allure of the entertainment industry. We want member of Congress who will fight for the R & D tax credit at the federal level, who will fight for federal reform of the patent laws, and will fight for the aerospace and defense jobs for the West Valley and 101 Corridor.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Andrea Callanta <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Andrea Callanta <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

Hello. I work for a San Fernando Valley based defense contractor, and we would like to omit Sherman Oaks and Studio City in drawing the Congressional lines, and please keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor. We need our aerospace and technology companies. Our economy depends on a Congress member who will fight for patent reform, the R & D tax credit, and defense and aerospace jobs. There are companies in the Westlake Village/Agoura Hills area that are devoted to aerospace and high technology. These include the largest employer in our area, namely Baxter Healthcare, with Cloud Creek Systems, Appulate, Edo Corporation Global (a subsidiary of ITT), and MBDA Missile Systems. It is important that these companies be in the same district as such Northridge companies.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Sue Herbers <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sue Herbers <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 2011-22-06 - Inglewood-Gardena-

Message Body:

I have been the City Clerk in the City of Torrance for the past 17 years and I cannot imagine that the City of Torrance could be divided with the a small part of the largest City in the South Bay sliced off from itself. This will NOT allow full representation for the voters. Even the designation Inglewood -Gardena (not Gardenia)does not include the name of Torrance the largest city and largest number of registered voters in the South Bay.

DO NOT use ZIP codes for making the lines of any district as the USPS has concerns other than homogenous representation.

In a time when we strive to encourage all our voters to engage in the process it will require extra efforts on to educate these voters on how they are represented and why they are separate (perhaps not counted as equal in their eyes - how would someone representing Redondo Beach and other areas have interests of such a small portion of Torrance at heart?)

This map as presented looks as though a politician may have been very much involved. Please keep Torrance united in one congressional district. Do not dilute our strength as a community.

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk
City of Torrance

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Citizens Redistricting written Testimony/ Whittier Area June 28,2011

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 4:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

June 28, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for holding public hearing in the Whittier area, specifically at the Rio Hondo Community College on June 17, 2011.

My name is Eduardo Duran and I am a 50 year resident of Santa Fe Springs. I write today on behalf of the older adult residents of Santa Fe Springs and the unincorporated areas of Whittier.

I support the California Congressional June 10, 2011 map. I am not in support of the California State Senate – LACVN and the California State Assembly – Whittier – Norwalk.

My concern is that the communities of Santa Fe Springs, Los Nietos, Montebello and Pico Rivera and Whittier are not paired in the same Assembly and Senatorial districts.

As a long time resident, along with my neighbors and older adult friends, we moved to this area 50 plus years ago. We were the migration group from East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles that moved to this area because our families were young and the homes were within our income range. We helped establish schools, parks, libraries, multi-purpose centers and now we are working on establishing Senior Centers for the older adult and the baby boomers generation.

We worked along with our neighboring cities because we all linked with the historical facts of our district and we were proud of the history of this area from the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains to the beach. We have so much in common with Pico Rivera, Montebello, El Monte, and the San Gabriel Valley. Our history links us and we are proud our historical routes and sites.

I respectfully urge the Commission to keep our cities of historical value and common interest together as much as possible together when drawing Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly district maps. If other areas are needed to reach the required population counts, please consider other sphere-of-influence communities in my area including San Gabriel area.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Duran

[REDACTED]

Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

[REDACTED]

Subject: California Congressional Redistricting Map of Brentwood, CA 90049

From: Nancy Freedman <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Honorable Commission Members:

We have lived in Brentwood, 90049 for over 35 years. In the vast sprawl of Los Angeles, it is a neighborhood in which we feel community connection united within our zip code. To divide this area down the middle of one of our business areas would indeed divide the community in many instances. And, to have the West Los Angeles VA stay in our district would be valuable as the VA is a place that we interact with constantly as a part of our extended community. It takes years to form a relationship with them and we urge that you bundle the VA with Brentwood 90049.

Please realize that even though a line along a map solves a problem for your committee, for our community it takes away the spirit and unity we have spent years developing.

We appreciate the assignment which you have been given and hope that our request will help you keep our community from Mulholland to Wilshire and the 405 Freeway to 26th Street together. We urge you to redraw the lines so that we can continue to feel like a small community in an otherwise huge City.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Gary Freedman

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049
[REDACTED]

From: Laurence Hilliard <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:10 PM

To: [REDACTED]

June 28, 2011

I am writing you because I have a concern about the proposed district maps for the Congressional Districts that contain a portion of the city of Long Beach, the entire cities of Carson and Compton (Visualization map labeled COMP) and the adjacent map with the Port region of the city of Long Beach, grouped with the Port of Los Angeles, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and several other beach cities.

Getting right to the point, the COMP (Long Beach, Carson, Compton) area map, goes part of the way to bringing the Port related transportation corridors, and the communities of interest that lie along those corridors, into a logically aligned Congressional District. Unfortunately, portions of the two maps I mentioned before should be one map; one that includes Long Beach and its Port, coupled with the cities of Carson, Compton, and Signal Hill.

Transportation is one of the major factors connecting these cities' residents as a Community of Interest, with the Alameda Rail Corridor (based in Compton), and the Intermodal Cargo Transit Facility in Carson which connects the Ports of LA and Long Beach with the Alameda Corridor. No wonder **COMMISSIONER BLANCO** was thinking about that at the Northridge Hearing, where she asked Q2 and CRC Attorney Brown this: **COMMISSIONER BLANCO** - *"We had been going heavily on Communities Of Interest (COI), and I thought that's what we had agreed at the beginning of the session that we'd go by neighborhoods, cities, COI, and obviously population. But if you don't elevate COI, then where do you start? . . . We have testimony here - a lot of it about - that keeping one Compton, Carson -- very, very strong testimony and a lot of testimony about it being connected because of even, not just transportation, but issues having to do with employment and all of that."*

Ladies and Gentlemen, take your own colleague's advice and strongly consider a re-draw that keeps Carson and Compton with Long Beach stretching all the way to the Port region.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ophelia Hilliard

Long Beach, CA 90810

Subject:

From: "L. E. Hilliard" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:04 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission
901 P - Street, Suite 154a Sacramento, CA 95814
Los Angeles - Region 4

June 28, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to you to express my concern with the continued failure of the current mapping process, which seems to repeatedly ignore the majority opinions and preponderance of evidence from the previous hearings held in various cities over the past two months.

In short, the accuracy of some Commissioners' recollection seems to be completely off. Specifically,

COMMISSIONER DAI misstated at the Northridge hearing that "the testimony at the time of the input hearing, seems like a lot of people *want to keep Long Beach whole.*" Thankfully, testimony at previous and subsequent hearings have been recorded

Commissioners clearly have confronted the facts, which are that 41 people spoke at the Long Beach hearing and advocated for the cities of Carson, Compton, and Long Beach to remain in the same Congressional District, for a variety of reasons, while only 14 advocated for "one Long Beach".

As a result, the Commission rightly released newly drawn visualizations that would group Carson, Compton, and North Long Beach together (map title: COMP; population 701,854). Unfortunately, the same set of new visualizations and the map entitled PVEBC (population 700,930), which couples the Port of Long Beach with several otherwise unassociated cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, separates the Port from North Long Beach, Carson, and Compton areas, which have issues in common connected with Port of Long Beach truck traffic, rail traffic, and related pollutants affecting the health of the community.

I do not understand why this problem, and blatant separation of a strongly

established community of Interest, continues to be unsatisfactorily resolved. I therefore encourage Commissioners to review the transcripts and, or the videotapes from each hearing so that ALL testimony is ACCURATELY recalled and considered before final maps are drawn. I further urge you to place Carson, Compton, Signal Hill, and the Long Beach regions central and west stretching to/including the Port of Long Beach, be placed - correctly - in the same Congressional district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurence Hilliard
Long Beach, CA

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 4:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]

- 1) Maintain the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar and AD West San Gabriel Valley;
- 2) Expand east the commission's proposed lines of SD Los Angeles West San Gabriel to resemble the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar, which includes Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, Chino Hills, and Walnut; and
- 3) Keep the commission's proposed boundaries for CD Palos Verdes Estates Beach Cities boundaries, bringing together the cities within the South Bay.

Charles Sie

[REDACTED]

████████████████████ Beverly Hills, California 90212 / TEL ██████████ / FAX ██████████

June 27, 2011

Re: Redistricting Recommendations

Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in the Pacific Palisades Community for over 50 years. I am a member of the Pacific Palisades community council and also an officer of the Temescal Canyon Association, which supports the Santa Monica Mountains. Surrounding communities Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Encino, Brentwood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Venice, Playa del Rey, share interests in common as do the communities further north and east as currently within the Third District. Residents within these communities are concerned active participants in homeowner associations, community and neighborhood councils.

The Santa Monica Mountains and the State Parks are an integral part of our communities. These mountain ranges should be part of a single Senate District.

Our communities continue to face shared environmental challenges, wildfires, ocean water quality, recreational, transportation, and public safety issues. Our communities depend on working together with our elected officials to face these challenging issues.

The criteria for establishing the new district lines required that they respect the community's dependence on common institutions and services as well as other common interests. Based on the above 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 "West Side - Santa Monica" and the "Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains" as an nest for the Senate District to optimally reflect the interconnected communities.

We urge the commission to consider our common interests and shared challenges, and maintain the cohesiveness of these communities and keep them in the same district when considering redistricting.

Sincerely,



Gil Dembo

Subject: Redistricting of the 35th & 36th Congressional Districts

From: "Jerry Orlemann" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I am writing this in regard to the proposed congressional redistricting that would impact me as a resident of Hawthorne.

I live with my wife at 5237 Wiseburn St in Hawthorne in a small community known as Hollyglen. That is located just west of the 405 freeway and just south of El Segundo Blvd.

It is important to note the whereabouts of our house in relation to the 405 because that freeway is more than just a freeway. It is like a very wide river. It wouldn't be too much of an exaggeration to compare it to an ocean. I say that because there are oceans of difference between the communities on the east side of the freeway and those on the west side and the people living in those communities separated by the 405.

It's not to say that one side of the freeway is better or worse than the other. We have a few friends and go to a couple of restaurants in Hawthorne on the east side of the freeway. However, almost all of our friends and acquaintances live on the west side of the freeway in El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. At least 90% of our shopping is done in shops and businesses on the west side of the freeway. When we go to the movies, the theaters are on the west side of the freeway. When we go out to eat, most of the time it is in a restaurant on the west side of the freeway.

I am a 100% disabled Vietnam veteran. We use the LAAFB extensively. It is on the west side of the 405. We get all of our medical services at the WLA VA Medical Center on Wilshire Blvd, on the west side of the freeway.

We belong to two veterans service organizations: the Hawthorne VFW, in which we are not active, located in Hawthorne on the east side of the freeway and the Vietnam Veterans of America Southbay Chapter 53, in which we are very active, and which meets in Redondo Beach.

I keep hearing the catchphrase "Communities of Interest." We have little to nothing of common interest with those communities on the east side of the 405, with the exception of the city of Hawthorne itself. We have everything in common interest with those areas and cities located on the west side of the 405 freeway.

I ask that my small community be included in the same congressional district with the rest of those communities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

Thank you for your consideration of where my "Communities of Interest" exist.

Jerry Orlemann

[REDACTED]
Hollyglen, CA 90250

[REDACTED]

To: Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA)
Date: June 22, 2011
Re: WISPPA Comments on Initial Draft of Redistricting Maps

We understand the enormity of the task in front of you and appreciate the tremendous work each of you has devoted to the important task at hand: developing appropriate maps for fair and effective representation of California's many residents and "communities of interest." Thank you for your dedication!

We write to bring to your attention several important and fatal flaws in the initial draft maps released June 10 regarding fair and effective representation of the residents of the City of South Pasadena.

First, a bit of background about South Pasadena so that you can better understand our concerns.

South Pasadena was incorporated in 1888 as the sixth municipality in Los Angeles County. Based on the 2010 census, we number 25,619 residents. As described on our city's website:

Centrally located in the West San Gabriel Valley, South Pasadena is known for its tree-lined streets, historic California Craftsman-style homes, unique small businesses and its outstanding public schools. This small town atmosphere makes South Pasadena one of California's most desirable locations.

South Pasadena prides itself on its small town character. Less than three and one-half square miles in area, South Pasadena lies between the far larger City of Pasadena, of which it was once part, and the metropolis of Los Angeles. Small, proud and independent, the City of South Pasadena has battled for a hundred years to preserve its status as a distinct—and distinctive—community.

We would note that our fierce independence is reflected in the operation of our own police department, fire department, school district and library, and our almost half-century fight to prevent expansion of the Long Beach Freeway which would bifurcate our town and destroy our small town character.

Congressional District

The City of South Pasadena has, since its establishment almost 125 years ago, been part of the San Gabriel Valley. The cities within the Congressional District to which it is proposed to be assigned are not. This has broad implications for a number of issues, including but not limited to water supply, water quality, and transportation. We urge the Commission to reunite South Pasadena with the San Gabriel Valley for congressional representation. WISPPA believes that including South Pasadena in the "East LA – Boyle Heights" district would be a disservice to our city and all of the others in the current proposed configuration. Frankly, we are quite pleased with our existing location within the existing 29th

Congressional District, and recommend that the Commission retain South Pasadena within it, with few if any changes to its existing boundary.

South Pasadena is currently assigned to a proposed congressional district described as “East LA – Boyle Heights” which encompasses the eastern portion of the city of Los Angeles and the cities of Vernon, Maywood, Commerce and the large unincorporated area of Los Angeles County known as East LA. WISPPA strongly opposes South Pasadena’s assignment within this congressional district. We do not believe that a “community of interest” exists within this proposed district for South Pasadena if income ethnicity, education, and commercial interests are the determinants. The communities other than South Pasadena that are assigned to the proposed “East LA Boyle Heights” congressional district have large, historically rich and coherent Hispanic/Latino populations (e.g. Maywood: 97.47%, City of Commerce: 94.47% and the City Vernon: 42.86%). With a total population of 25,619, South Pasadena’s population is more ethnically diverse. For example, the Hispanic/Latino population comprises 18.61% of our city and the Asian population accounts for 31.12% of our community.¹ Although we could not locate ethnic information for the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County known as East LA, we believe Hispanic/Latinos would easily number over 90% of the population.²

Educational levels also differ markedly between South Pasadena and the other cities comprising this proposed district.³ The same is true of income, as can be seen in the Los Angeles Almanac, Median & Per Capita Income in Cities and Unincorporated Communities.⁴

Assembly District

Notwithstanding the fact that our small, independent city consists of only 25,619 residents and comprises only three and one-half square miles, we are inexplicably split in two between the proposed Burbank-Glendale and West San Gabriel Valley Assembly Districts. This is absolutely contrary to the guidelines by which the Commission is to draw new districts and it is untenable. We respectfully recommend that South Pasadena be included with Pasadena in the Pasadena- Burbank-Glendale District with whom we share historic representation and similar demographics. The split from Pasadena that is in the proposed configuration should, we believe, be removed.

Senate District

Since South Pasadena maintains such an important relationship with Pasadena we strongly urge that our city also remain in the same Senate district as Pasadena.

¹ See Los Angeles Almanac, Racial/Ethnic Composition of Cities by Percentages, Los Angeles County, 2010 Census at <http://www.laalmanac.com/population/po38.htm>.

² See Los Angeles Almanac, Racial/Ethnic Composition of Cities by Percentages, Los Angeles County, 2010 Census at <http://www.laalmanac.com/population/po38.htm>.

³ See Los Angeles Almanac, Educational Attainment by City/Community, Persons 25 years and over ,Los Angeles County, 2000 Census at <http://www.laalmanac.com/education/ed33aa.htm>.

⁴ See Los Angeles Almanac, Median & Per Capita Income in Cities & Unincorporated Communities, Los Angeles County at <http://www.laalmanac.com/employment/em12.htm>.

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June 22, 2011

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Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We look forward to further participation in this important endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

WOMEN INVOLVED IN SOUTH PASADENA POLITICAL ACTION

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June 22, 2011

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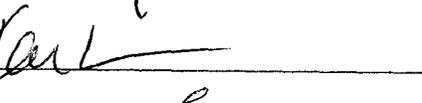
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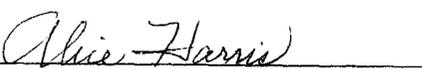
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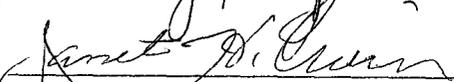
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Subject: To the Redistricting Commission

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 5:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Commission -

As longtime Studio City Residents, we object to the proposed redistricting of Studio City. Please keep Studio City whole, as it has been, connected to the other communities of interest we have been linked with for over two decades. I trust you will be hearing from many other Studio City residents and will give our view point ample consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Kenny

Subject: Studio City districting

From: Sue Vereb <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you.

I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10th maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts – LASCV and LADNT. We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LACSV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors. Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years. We commute back and forth over the mountains for schools, shopping, education, parks, religious and cultural institutions, using the 405 freeway, the Pacific Coast highway, and the mountain roads (Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Sepulveda, Topanga Canyon). We share our community in the southern SFV, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, along with the south side of Mulholland – West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Together we share transportation corridors and environmental, L.A. River, and Santa Monica Mountains priorities.

Please make our one Senate district by nesting the two proposed Assembly districts – Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side-Santa Monica districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name Susan Vereb

[REDACTED]
Studio City, Ca 91604

Subject: San Pedro

From: "Linda Alexander" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:08 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please reconsider the lines you have drawn which separate we San Pedreans (legislatively) one from another. I work on one side of your map and live on the other. All of San Pedro deserves to have it's say as a community, as we do with the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. The Port has always been our primary provider of jobs and economic development . It does not affect me less because I am on the West side of your line running down the 110 and Gaffey St.

We have so much more in common with Wilmington and Harbor City and should be with them and the Port. It seems to me that we have a good balance of racial and ethnic diversity with a majority of Hispanics so the only reason I can think of that you ran the line where you did is that you didn't understand that, although officially the City of LA we consider ourselves Sa Verdeans and want to keep it that way. Thank you

Linda Alexander
Alexander Consulting Services
Practical Solutions for Small Businesses
and Non-Profits

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting

From: Karen Cooper <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:45 PM

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

Dear Citizens Reapportionment Commission:

I am emailing with regards to the redistricting. Please keep the communities of Pasadena and Altadena together in all instances (Congressional, Assembly, and Senate)!!

Thank you,
Karen Sommers & Jared Cooper
South Pasadena residents

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Redistricting

From: E Squared [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 7:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Would like to voice my opposition to the planned redistricting which splits off a piece of Bixby Knolls along Atlantic Avenue. It just doesn't make any sense.

Erich Warkentine

[REDACTED]
Long Beach Ca

Subject: Redistricting

From: diana nave <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners:

As a 40 year resident of San Pedro, I am very concerned about the proposed redistricting maps. When I heard that the maps would be based on communities of interest I just assumed that all of San Pedro would be in the same Assembly District. No matter how you look at it, San Pedro is part of the City of Los Angeles and has more in common with Wilmington and Harbor City, both also part of the City of Los Angeles, than it does with the rest of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Although on a map we may look connected, there are not even very many roads connecting us to the rest of the peninsula and our children go to the Los Angeles public schools, not the Palos Verdes schools and pay in Los Angeles sports leagues, not those of Palos Verdes. Economically, we relate to Torrance and Carson, not to Palos Verdes.

Additionally, I am very concerned that the Port of Los Angeles, a department of the City of Los Angeles, is proposed to be placed with the City & Port of Long Beach. Although an argument can be made that the two ports share some common issues, I think an even bigger argument can be made that the Port of Los Angeles should stay with the communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, and Harbor City. The Port and community have spent the past ten years developing a good working relationship and it is vital that we encourage the continuation of those relations. Commonality of elected officials is one of the "ties that binds".

San Pedro has an exceptionally high level of community pride and it is so rooted in its identification as a single community, that efforts to build a second high school were reconsidered and we now have an annex to the existing school so that the community would not compete against itself.

Please find a way to keep us whole!

Subject: Redistricting proposal for Los Angeles Chinatown

From: Patrick Lew [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 10:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to express my disapproval of the current CAPAFR redistricting plan that will have Los Angeles Chinatown in three districts and separated from the LA City Historic Cultural Neighborhood. It should be kept intact in ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. Please exercise some common sense and cultural sensitivity to the significance of this area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lew

[REDACTED]
Alhambra CA 91801

Subject: Redistricting issue

From: Tom Buckles <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:52 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I wish to express my objection to the redistricting proposal that splits the city of Chino Hills between two separate congressional districts. This will not benefit the citizens of Chino Hills. In fact, it will negatively impact the city by:

1. Not Providing for Appropriate Representation: While some proponents of the proposed plan have suggested that CH would receive even better representation because it would be represented by two different legislators, this claim is bogus. Chino Hill's demographics, concerns, and political and social views are much more cohesive as a city (and with other cities in its present district), than they are like those of either proposed districts. To split the city further dilutes the voices of its citizens - which is precisely what these committees were set up by the voters to protect.
2. Negatively Impacting Funding: If Chino Hills is split between districts and placed with cities of larger size than itself, funding for such public services as fire and police protection and library services will likely be negatively affected, especially for the northern part of the city which would be placed in the East San Gabriel district.

Thank you for reading this email and your consideration.

Tom A. Buckles, Ph.D.

Subject: Redistricting in LA Chinatown

From: Sherwood Lee <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:49 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I'm in support of providing a unified voice for people residing within a community. Thus, I'm in favor of keeping the area encompassing LA Chinatown in a single assembly district. Splitting this area into multiple districts can only work to the detriment of those living and working in a disjointed area.

Regards,

Sherwood Lee

property owner, Los Angeles Chinatown

Subject: Redistricting and northern boundry of 53rd

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 5:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Should be much further north. Can't believe it would slice up Marina Del Rey.

Mark Haskin

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: lyn goldfarb <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: lyn goldfarb <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Region 4

Message Body:

Re: Draft Map of Region 4 Congressional Districts

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I have been a resident of Los Feliz since 1987 and I am concerned that the proposed redistricting cuts me off from my communities of interest. I live in Northeast Los Angeles and spend time, shop, have friends and common interests with the Northeast, which includes Silverlake, Atwater, Eagle Rock, Downtown, midtown and Echo Park. It is also very important to me to continue the relationships I have built in South LA in CD 33.

The new mapping cuts me off from my community, which is diverse, ethnically, racially, age, and class. That is important to me. Community is important to me. That is why I have chose to live where I live. I live in the city of Los Angeles; am politically and socially involved with the city and do not feel that my community has anything in common with the cities of Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park and Commerce, which my community has artificially been connected to.

Moreover, the proposed map cuts me off my neighborhood of Los Feliz south of Prospect Ave., Hollywood west of Western Ave., the sections of Silverlake and Echo Park south of Sunset Blvd., as well as our adjacent community of interest of mid-city Los Angeles. We are cut off from Barnsdall Park, Hollywood and Echo Park Lake. We have even been cut off from downtown Los Angeles, and joined instead at the southeastern end of the East LA-Boyle Heights Congressional district with portions of cities outside of Los Angeles.

The carving up of northeast Los Angeles into two different Congressional districts and the stringing together of one of those carved out portions with multiple, other, distant municipalities such as Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park and Commerce is unjustifiable on the basis of shared community interest, district compactness and the daily lived reality of the local residents.

I understand this is a difficult task, and after attending the Culver City redistricting meeting, I am aware of the many concerns that communities have. Our concerns are real and impact our lives, work and future. I urge the Commission to correct these problems so evident in the first draft map and redraw the Congressional boundaries, so that all of northeast Los Angeles (Hollywood, Los Feliz, Silverlake, Echo Park, Atwater and Eagle Rock) is joined with mid-city and downtown Los Angeles in one district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lyn Goldfarb


Los Angeles 90027-4655

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Douglas Epperhart <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Douglas Epperhart <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Pedro area of Los Angeles

Message Body:

I urge the commission to redraw State and Assembly districts that respect the boundaries of the San Pedro area of the city of Los Angeles. The first draft maps split San Pedro between districts. San Pedro has existed, first as a city and then as part of Los Angeles, for more than a hundred years. Dividing the area between districts also divides the community. The proposed boundaries also divide each of San Pedro's three neighborhood councils. Further, I urge the commission to include the Port of Los Angeles within the same districts as San Pedro. The Port affects all of San Pedro. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Carlo Basail <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carlo Basail <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Agua Dulce and Santa Clarita Valley WHOLE

Message Body:

Please keep our valley and nearby city of Santa Clarita as one district. The future of our community is threatened enough without the "Citizens Redistricting Commission" splitting SCV into multiple districts.

I believe that has a valley we have the same goals and respect for each other. We face the same problems, same police/fire department, share the same water, same educational system, same roads and transportation, and face the same dangerous wild fires and earthquakes that make us ONE COMMUNITY.

Splitting off Agua Dulce into the Antelope Valley district is not conforming to common sense thinking of where the whole Santa Clarita/Sierra Pelona Watershed is headed.

And splitting off Newhall and including vast areas of the San Fernando Valley instead in our Assembly District is wrong headed.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Terry Halberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Terry Halberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep South Pasadena Whole and with San Gabriel Valley

Message Body:

The first draft of State Assembly districts shows South Pasadena split almost evenly between two districts with the north half of the city in the San Gabriel Mtn Foothill District and the south half in the East San Gabriel Valley District. This goes against the Redistricting Commission's own criteria for deciding districts which says; "Districts must respect the boundaries of cities."

Having two different state elected officials representing the City on education, public safety and environmental issues, just to name a few, would divide our community and potentially create a situation where we compete against ourselves for state support on Citywide issues.

South Pasadena should also share a congressional district with other San Gabriel Cities that have similar environmental and water quality issues.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Vickie Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:46 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Vickie Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Downey, California

Message Body:

I vote no on redistricting and splitting the city of Downey. We take pride in the individuality of Downey. This shake up will violate the geographic integrity of our city. We want Downey in one district. Please keep Downey together!!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tanii Carr <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tanii Carr <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Vote

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request that these communities be included in the same California State Voting District:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank.

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - the Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - the 210 Freeway for our economic and transportation corridor - Two Nearby Colleges. Glendale and Burbank are our economic hubs for Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment.

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

Located in the County of Los Angeles are Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; Lake View Terrace - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; La Tuna Canyon and Verdugo Hills - Rural, Equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, located between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains); Glendale and Burbank - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, shopping and business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tanii Carr

[REDACTED]

Sun Valley, CA 91352

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Laurie Ekstein <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:52 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Laurie Ekstein <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood re-districting

Message Body:

I believe the best interests of our community, Brentwood, Ca., 90049 would be served if Brentwood remained as one district and was not divided. We are a small area and there should not be competing interests trying to control what is best for this community. Please reconsider your plans to divide Brentwood.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ron & Deanna Perata <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:52 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ron & Deanna Perata <[REDACTED]>

Subject: CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Message Body:

The current redistricting map has us joined with the mid-valley flatland area with which we have little in common. I agree that we must be separated from mid-valley and that we will be better served if we are joined with other like communities

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Frederick Edworthy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Frederick Edworthy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Fred, and I work for a San Fernando Valley based aerospace/defense contractor. Congressional support has always been important for the aerospace and defense industry. A number of large companies have moved out of Southern California based upon a lack of support (direct or indirect) from elected officials. It is difficult to watch as high tech employers leave the area.

Please group the following cities together in the same district; Chatsworth, Northridge, Granada Hills, Canoga Park, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Westlake Village. These communities have a number of high technology and aerospace companies that bring higher paying jobs to the Southern California area. They deserve to be represented by an elected official that will focus on their needs.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Rebecca Catterall <rebeccacatt[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rebecca Catterall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: State Senate map

Message Body:

TO: THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

As a 30-year Topanga resident I wish to express my dismay at your proposed Senate district. While your maps are almost impossible to decipher and make sense of, it is clear to me that you are proposing dividing up the Santa Monica Mountains and linked us with the Santa Clarita area. If this plan is finalized, it will be extremely difficult to develop sane environmental policies, protecting our watersheds, finding fire safety strategies and implementing public park budgets for the mountains.

I attended the Oxnard meeting and there was discontent with residents of Thousand Oaks, Malibu and Topanga over the proposed Senate lines. This must be changed.

Finding common priorities with Santa Clarita will become unnecessarily time-consuming and energy-draining for our State Senator and his/her staff.

Please review your first drafts and reconsider Senate District LASCV. It would be most beneficial to fold the Santa Monica Assembly Districts into the larger Senate District.

I realize that you are faced with an incredibly complicated job. Thank you very much for your diligent work in developing sensible districts throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Catterall

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Hironq Liang <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Hironq Liang <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Hironq, and I work for a San Fernando Valley based technology company. It is important to us to keep the technology communities in the same congressional district in order to focus the attention of our elected official on defense\technology jobs, R&D Tax Credits and other common issues.

Please combine the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills with other West Valley cities (Calabasas, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Northridge and Granada Hills) where technology companies are based.

Please remove the entertainment communities of Sherman Oaks, Universal City, Studio City and the Beverly Hills area. Although these areas may make it easier for the elected official to raise funds, they would also pull attention away from the technology sector which is very important for the recovery of California.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lin Liao <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lin Liao <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Lin Liao, and I am an Aerospace engineer working for a San Fernando Valley based defense company. It is important for us to have congressional support to maintain job growth in the technology sector. The large defense contractors still in the San Fernando Valley and the companies that support them with goods and services deserve the focus of a single member of congress.

In drawing the Congressional lines, keep the West San Fernando Valley (Granada Hills, Northridge, Chatsworth, Canoga Park, and Woodland Hills) together with the 101 Corridor (Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Westlake Village - to the county line).

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Dina Pasternak <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dina Pasternak <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Dina. and I live and work in the San Fernando Valley. I have been involved in politics since I was in college. I know first hand what goes on in an elected official's office.

I believe that it would be beneficial to group the Aerospace and defense companies in one district. This would give them more attention from their representative member of congress. These areas include, Westlake Village (from the county line), Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Northridge and Granada Hills.

Please remove Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City, and the Beverly Hills area. Members of Congress representing these areas have a tendency to focus on fundraising and may neglect the West San Fernando Valley.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jeffrey Rush <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeffrey Rush <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Westlake and Agoura

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.

Please take out of the West San Fernando Valley the communities of the southeast San Fernando Valley, which are close to Beverly Hills, Universal City, and the entertainment community. We don't want our member of Congress to be distracted by the allure of the entertainment industry. If you include in the district any portion of the Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City, Beverly Hills area, our member of Congress will have a tendency to focus on these fashionable industries and neglect the nuts and bolts aerospace and technology jobs in the West San Fernando Valley.

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.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Matt Rush [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 5:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matt Rush <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills / Westlake Village

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.

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Please take out of the West San Fernando Valley the communities of the southeast San Fernando Valley, which are close to Beverly Hills, Universal City, and the entertainment community. We don't want our member of Congress to be distracted by the allure of the entertainment industry. If you include in the district any portion of the Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City, Beverly Hills area, our member of Congress will have a tendency to focus on these fashionable industries and neglect the nuts and bolts aerospace and technology jobs in the West San Fernando Valley.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Micheal Ayres <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Micheal Ayres <[REDACTED]>

Subject: W. San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

Some of the best companies are located in various area's in the valley. Westlake Village/Agoura Hills have many aerospace and high tech companies like: Baxter Healthcare, with Cloud Creek Systems, Appulate, Edo Corporation Global, and MBDA Missile Systems. It is important that these companies be in the same district as such Northridge companies as Pharmavite and Medtronic/Minimed, and with Rocketdyne, the largest private employer in the Valley, located in Chatsworth and Canoga Park and Northrop in Woodland Hills area is great too. I am a big supporter in keeping these types of companies and programs alive and thriving in this area/county.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mary Ann Rush <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary Ann Rush <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills / Westlake Village

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Dane Carr <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dane Carr <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Ferdando Westside

Message Body:

In drawing the Congressional lines, I would like to keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor and please take out Sherman Oaks and Studio City. Working as a defense contractor, I would like to see a congressman in office who support programs like mine. Anyhting defense or aerospace releated would be great. the largest private employer in the Valley, located in Chatsworth and Canoga Park. Perhaps the best illustration of this is Northrop Grumman's Navigation Systems Division, which used to be located in Agoura Hills (where most of the employees still live) but is now in Woodland Hills.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Belen Anda <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:15 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Belen Anda <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Wst. San Fern. County

Message Body:

I think that we need a congress official that supports defense contractor, aerospace companies and technology companies in the West San Fernando Valley area. I know our community will thrive better if we have a Congress person who supports R & D programs and defense and aerospace jobs, and even tech companies too. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village...all included in the 101 Corridor. Thanks so much, have a great day!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Al Sokhanvari <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Al Sokhanvari <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Area

Message Body:

I've been working for a Tech Company in the San Fern area for 20 years, and I want to elect a congressman who supports tech companies in our area. Our programs are pivitol to the communités. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and please make sure to include the 101 Corridor, Agoura Hills, and any other cities that I forgot to mention that are located in the San Fernando area. The entertainment-based communities already have too much \$, and only bring enterainment to our communités, not value. I hope you agree. Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "M. Armando Guerra" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:10 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: M. Armando Guerra <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

My name is Armando and I work for a San Fernando based aerospace/defense company.

In drawing the Congressional lines, keep the West San Fernando Valley (Northridge, Granada Hills, Chatworth, and Woodland Hills) together with the 101 Corridor (Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Westlake Village - to the county line) and please take out Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City and other entertainment based communities. The interests of the entertainment community are not aligned with the Aerospace/defense industry, and we want our elected officials to be focused.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lewis Pu <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lewis Pu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

Please elect a member of Congress who will fight for the R & D tax credit at the fed level, who will stand up to for fed reform of the patent laws, and will support for the aerospace and defense jobs for the West Valley and 101 Corridor. Keep the West San Fernando Valley and the 101 Corridor intact, from Westlake Village (a Los Angeles County community) through Woodland Hills, Chatsworth, Canoga Park, Granada Hills, Northridge, etc. I work for an aerospace company, and my sister works for a tech company in the San Ferdando area. I need continoual support for our programs please. Thanks!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Melissa Gomez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Melissa Gomez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills / Westlake Village

Message Body:

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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 reexamining the communities of Sherman Oaks and Studio City, as both of them have much more in common with an entertainment industry-based community of interest, like studios in Burbank and Universal City, than with a West Valley district which revolves around our high-tech sector.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Armando Gomez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:02 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Armando Gomez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills and Westlake Village

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Peter Jurik <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peter Jurik <[REDACTED]>

Subject: W. San Fernando County area

Message Body:

We want member of Congress who will fight for the R & D tax credit at the federal level, who will fight for federal reform of the patent laws, and will fight for the aerospace and defense jobs for the West Valley and 101 Corridor. The aerospace company I work for is crucial to our area and way of life. Our programs are imporant to me and the people that I work with. West San Fernando Valley should be included with the 101 Corridor, as well as Granada Hills, Northridge, Chatsworth, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Westlake Village. But not cities that are in the movie industry like: Beverly Hills, Universal City, and others around there. Thanks. Hope you have a nice day.

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Neighbors for Change, local action group, formerly in CA CD33

Attached is our map proposal that includes only areas that fall within the city limits of Los Angeles. The redistricting data panel is shown for our population count and racial distribution.

We have pushed out on the west to the border of West Hollywood, south to Wilshire on the west end and 6th on east. We have included all of our immediate neighborhood of Los Feliz, Hollywood, Silverlake, Echo Park and Mid-City LA - all of which are spot-on our "community of interest". We have eliminated East LA, City Terrace, South Pasadena, Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park and Commerce which are not. The northern boundaries of the draft map have been retained.

In the draft map for East-LA-Boyle Heights we lose our local art center at Barnsdall, Echo Park Lake, the theatre rich area in Hollywood, and museums which are important to artists like many in our group.

We object to pieces of distant, discrete cities being added as small, balkanized elements where communities already had acceptable integration ethnically, and alternatives could be found.

We do not shop, recreate, assemble, politic (locally or nationally), attend church, nor have family in the new and larger portion of the new district area - Boyle Heights-East LA. Conversely, we do have deep roots in all of those categories in the Hollywood neighborhoods now cut off in the first draft maps.

Our best hope is that the Commission can tweak the boundaries - and since the process was set up to permit us to participate - we are looking for what's possible that affords us a better "community of interest".

We understand that the commission is working under a specific mandate. The issue for us is how to balance the interest to enfranchise minority voting power without making race/ethnicity the only factor in defining a community of interest. Doing the latter separates rather than unifies, and both distorts and reduces the multicultural reality of LA that we all live everyday. Given the terms of the Voting Rights Act, racial, ethnic, and linguistic communities seem to have been elevated to most important.

For perspective, we had forged a very strong connection to other like-minded voters in the old district (CA CD33). The strength of our CD was that we were challenged to reach across realities that divide and to find allies. Our group can do this again - but in our case we're going to be cut off from our true community of interest - fellow residents of the city area we inhabit, Hollywood - in favor of joining us to the ethnic majority of the new district to which we have been assigned. Our principal objection is particular to our true community of interest.

Neighbors for Change
Carol Newton
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90027-3010

State of California

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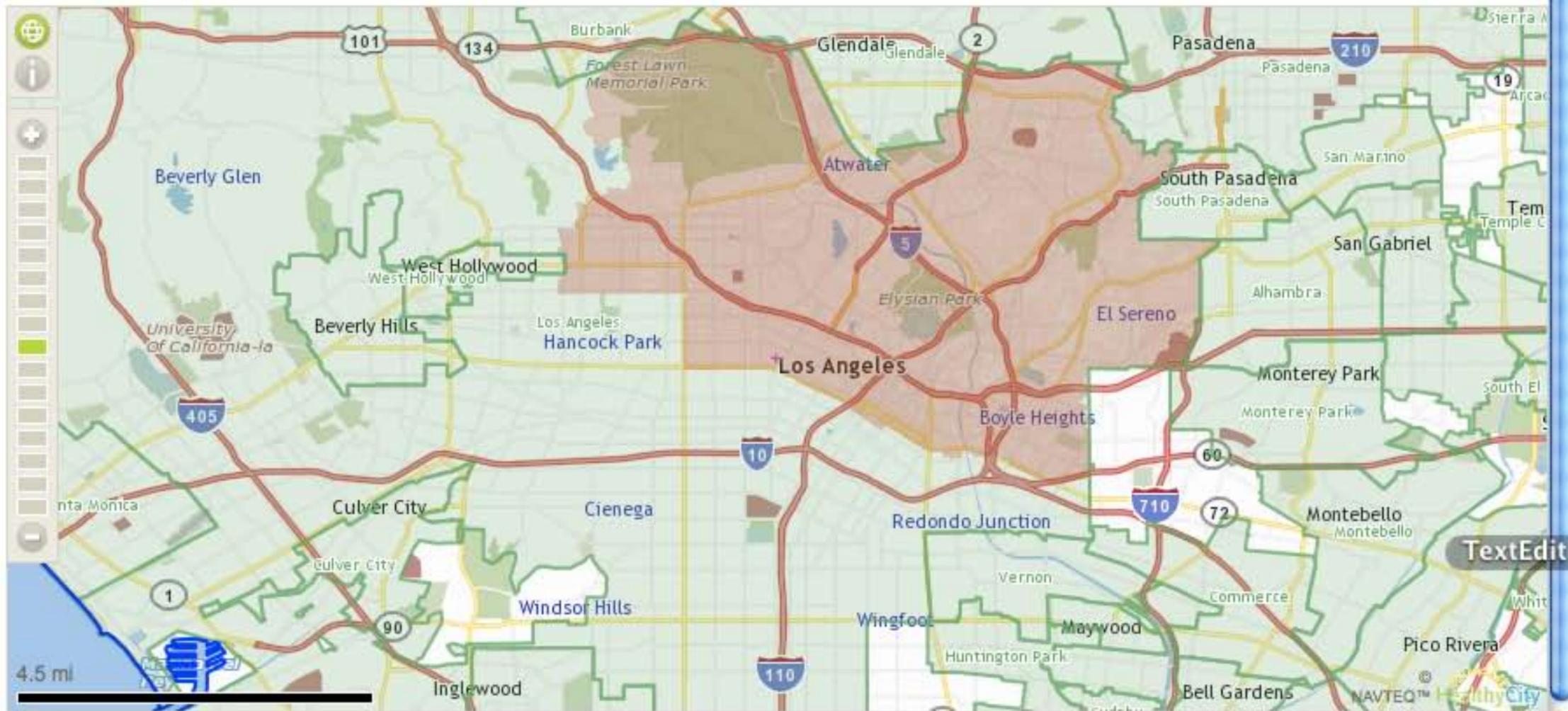
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My Congressional District ELABH

Redistricting Data

This data panel presents key redistricting data calculated for the district or area you've selected above.

View as: [Charts](#) | [Table](#)

Compare your area to:
Original District = |

Population ⓘ

Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement?

Total Population: 703,327
0.06% variance from ideal population

Ideal Population	Original District
702,905	702,904

Citizen Voting Age Population ⓘ

Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.

42.10%	Hispanic or Latino
18.40%	Asian
0.88%	American Indian/Alaska Native
6.96%	Black or African American
0.28%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone

Ethnicity / Race ⓘ

56.93%	Hispanic or Latino
19.49%	White alone
3.80%	Black or African American alone
17.81%	Asian
0.46%	Some Other Race
1.52%	Two or More Races

Subject: My prior email

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

Date: 6/28/2011 5:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission

In my prior email the second paragraph says the proposed state senate and assembly maps are satisfactory. The third paragraph describes the problems with the congressional map.

Please be advised that I mistated. It is my assembly map that has a problem. The problem described in the third paragraphs is the problem with the assembly map, not the congressional map. I will fax you a copy of the letter and a map of my school district which will not have the error.

Laura Santos

[REDACTED]

Bassett, CA 91746

[REDACTED]

Subject: Long Beach

From: Joshua Lowenthal <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:41 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hello,

I wish to voice my opinion regarding the Congressional district boundaries. I believe strongly that Long Beach should not be divided up into multiple Congressional Districts. It is very important to have a strong voice in US Congress for our city.

Sincerely,

Josh Lowenthal

[REDACTED]
Long Beach, CA 90814

Subject: Long Beach City

From: diana lejins <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Diana Lejins <[REDACTED]>

Long Beach needs to be re-united. We have been fractured long enough. You had it right the first time--who got to you??

Working to make the World a better place,
diana 😊

Subject: Letter

From: Ahmed Saafir <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:25 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

California Citizens' Redistricting Commission

901 P - Street, Suite

Sacramento, CA 95814

Hearing

June 28, 2011

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I want to go on record with my Voting Rights Act concerns related to the proposed district maps for the Congressional Districts that include the cities of Carson, Compton, North, Central, and West Long Beach, all of which are separated from the Port of Long Beach (map title: COMP; population 701,854) and the map entitled PVEBC (population 700,930) adjacent to COMP that includes South Long Beach, the Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles, and the beach cities of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Commissioners, it took a long time to get this region and district to a place where the representation in Congress reflects the people in the district, and is localized to understand and help resolve these communities' common issues. From the early 70's when the region was represented by five (5) different Members of Congress, to the 80's when the representation began to be more reflective of it's citizens in terms of both ethnicity and Party affiliation. That trend continued in the 90's and 2000's, when the district's minority communities voted for representation who understood the relationship between the Port of

Long Beach and its impact on neighboring minority communities of Carson and Compton.

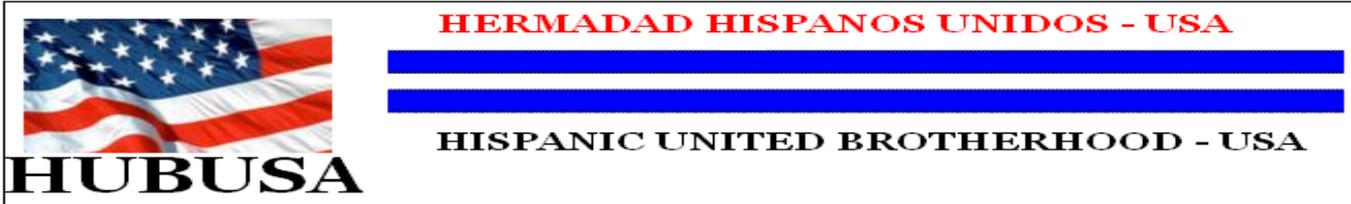
The mayors of three Port impacted cities have testified before you about the importance of the Ports to their cities, as well as the need to split the City of Long Beach. Mayor Bob Foster said this at your April 27 hearing in Long Beach: Reapportionment is extremely important process, please take it seriously. . . I don't have a "dog in this hunt" per se. But I will say that Long Beach, in my opinion, is better served by more representation than less; more representatives than fewer." Compton Mayor Eric Perrodin discussed the Ports' impact on his community, from their children's health to traffic along the Alameda Corridor. And Signal Hill Vice Mayor Larry Forrester said "I sit on EIR commission for 710 Fwy expansion, and LA River Advisory. In both cases I have to appeal to an Orange County Congressman for our issues. It makes no sense.

That could also be construed as disenfranchisement. I urge you therefore to be mindful of the VRA concerns that I have raised here, and please re-draw, keeping Compton, Carson, and the North, Central, West Long Beach region, and the Port of Long Beach connected - not disenfranchised.

Ahmed Saafir

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Long Beach, CA. 90806



[REDACTED], LOS ANGELES, CA 90211
[REDACTED]

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I would like to express my support in keeping the communities of Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles together in the new assembly district.

Central American Community of Interest –A Shared History

Central Americans are the second-largest Latino-immigrant group in Los Angeles after Mexicans, our community has become a remarkable presence in city neighborhoods. The people from Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama living in Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles share many cultural and historical commonalities, such as language, politics, religion, and perilous migratory paths

We are part of a new Latino generation in Los Angeles. During the 1980s and 1990s, an unprecedented number of new Central Americans arrived in this cosmopolitan city, many for economic reasons while others were escaping political turmoil in their native countries. Today they are part of the ethnic layers that shape the local population. Central Americans have embraced the communities of Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles as home and, in doing so, transported their rich heritage and customs to the streets of this multicultural metropolis. Today, those neighborhoods continue to be home to the newest immigrants from Central America.

The demography of Los Angeles had been changing rapidly throughout the 20th Century. By the end of the 1980s, Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles had an increasing amount of Latinos, but it was not until the 1990s when Latino immigrants from Central America began arriving in substantial numbers to buy or rent apartments and houses, some of which were vacated by African American renters. The region's black population halved between 1990 and 2010.

It is my hope the Commission recognizes the importance of keeping our communities together and not separated.

Sincerely,

Oscar Guzman , Executive Director
Hispanic United Brotherhood USA



SALVADORAN BUSINESS CORRIDOR
CORREDOR DE NEGOCIOS SALVADOREÑOS



Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

The large wave of refugees from Central America that arrived two decades ago has transformed more than neighborhoods of Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles, but has also help infuse a workforce through economic development.

Home to thousands of Central American immigrants, Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles has become a bustling center for ethnic small businesses serving the tastes of residents. In Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles Central Americans can buy fried bananas, mangoes on sticks, greeting cards in Spanish and table-top arrangements of roses handcrafted from ribbons. The signs are in Spanish and the music in the shops is Latino.

In fact, this is because of a cultural richness of Central American businesses that have opened in the past decade to provide residents with courier services to send money home, food and beverages from their native countries, notary services and a plethora of restaurants. But because of the 1st draft of commission maps our communities are being separated and the shops and services located in Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles in are facing a threat to their prosperity.

Our communities must remain connected for the viability and long term sustainability of our businesses and cultural heritage. I respectfully request that you keep the communities of Pico Union, Westlake and South Los Angeles together. We don't want to lose what we have fought for many years to obtain.

Thank you,

Oscar Dominguez, President

Los Angeles, CA 90006

Subject: keep Pomona with Chino, Montclair and Ontario/create more opportunities for Latino political representation

From: Vanessa Wiarco <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:10 PM

To: Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

Dear California Redistricting Commission (CRC),

While I am pleased to hear that the cities of Chino, Montclair, Ontario and Pomona have been kept together in the first draft of maps I am concerned that the city of Pomona may be removed. As I indicated in my first submitted testimony I believe that it is important to keep all of these cities together as they make for a dynamic network of communities that are geographically compact and generally bounded by four freeways, I-10 on the north, I-15 on the east, SR 60 on the south and SR 71 on the west. I do hope that the CRC maintains the composition of these naturally bound cities for the assembly, senate and congressional districts.

On a different note, it has been brought to my attention that the CRC failed to increase the number of congressional seats that Latinos may be able to competitively compete for by not creating districts mindful of the Voting Rights Act. I urge the CRC to be sensitive to the democratic values and principles that this country was founded upon by creating opportunities for Latinos to elect members of congress who will best represent their interests in Washington D.C. for the next 10 years.

Thank you,

Vanessa Wiarco

[REDACTED]
Chino, CA
[REDACTED]

Subject: Good afternoon.

From: Gabriel <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear committee,

The following maps have were made with the requirements needed.

- 1) Keeping a city whole
- 2) Keeping a county whole
- 3) taking school districts into account
- 4) maintaining economic of interest whole
- 5) taking the minority section close to each other
- 6) Putting two assembly districts into one senate district

As you will notice with the maps, i have spoken at the long beach meeting and these are the maps that correspond to the information i have provided. I respectfully request that you take these maps into account when drawing up your maps for the second draft. I notices that the committee mentioned this area when the committee was deliberating and had mentioned possible changing it and i believe that this takes into account all the information as a whole and would make most parties pleased. Thank you for your time.

v/r

Gabriel

—Attachments:—

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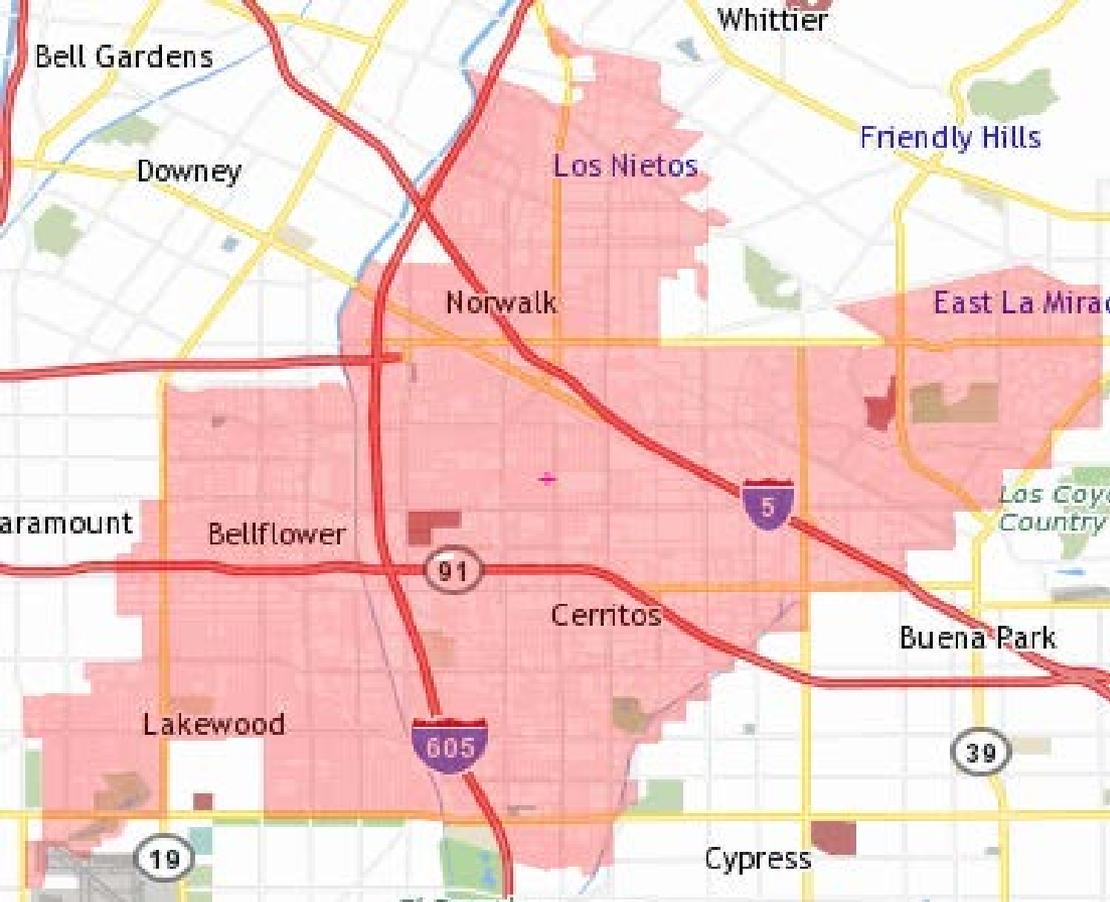
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Assembly District

Bellflower
Lakewood

Cerritos
Artesia
Hawaiian Gardens

East La Mirada
La Mirada
Norwalk
Santa Fe Springs



Population
Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement?

Total Population: 417,110

Assembly: 465,674

ⓘ Citizen Voting Age Population
Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.

- 37.46% Hispanic or Latino
- 19.45% Asian
- 0.93% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 7.32% Black or African American
- 0.39% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
- 34.16% White Alone
- 0.29% Two or More Races

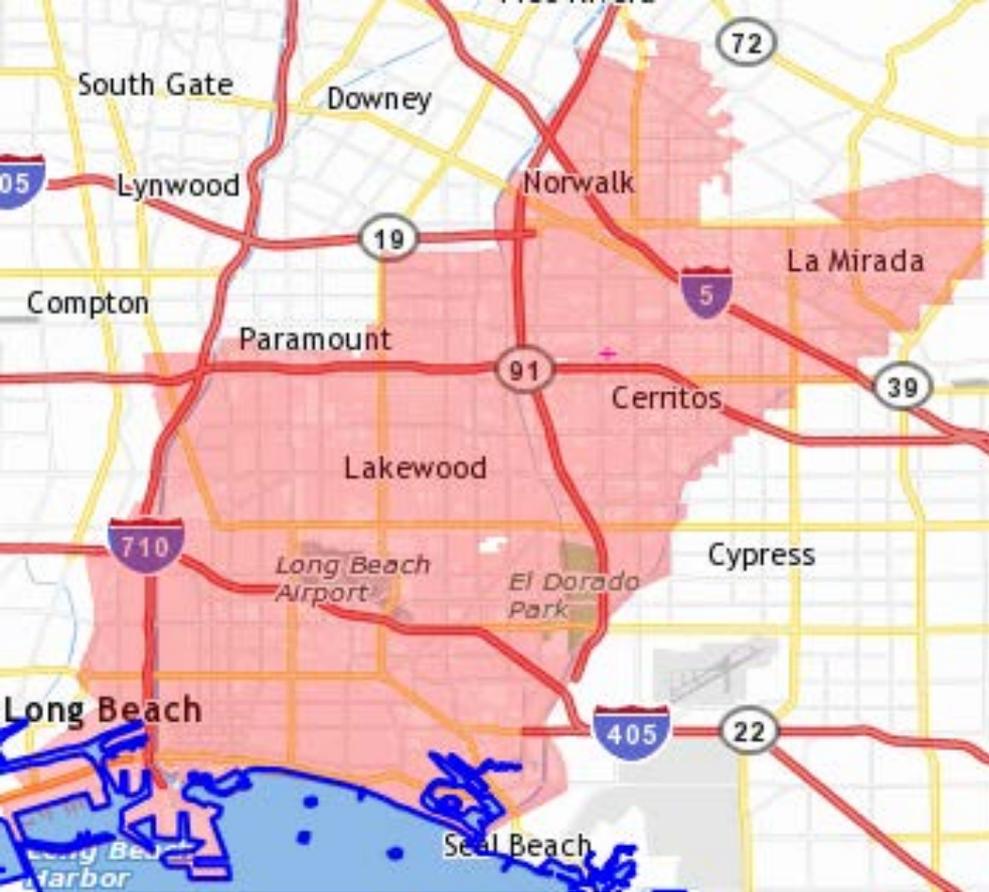
ⓘ Ethnicity / Race

- 47.65% Hispanic or Latino
- 23.47% White alone
- 6.48% Black or African American alone
- 19.96% Asian
- 0.47% Some Other Race
- 1.97% Two or More Races

Senate District

Bellflower
Lakewood
Cerritos
Artesia
Hawaiian Gardens
East La Mirada
La Mirada
Norwalk
Santa Fe Springs

Long Beach
Signal Hill



Population

Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement?

Total Population: 890,383

Senate: 931,349

i Citizen Voting Age Population

Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.

- 30.33% Hispanic or Latino
- 16.11% Asian
- 1.15% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 11.95% Black or African American
- 0.60% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
- 39.49% White Alone
- 0.37% Two or More Races

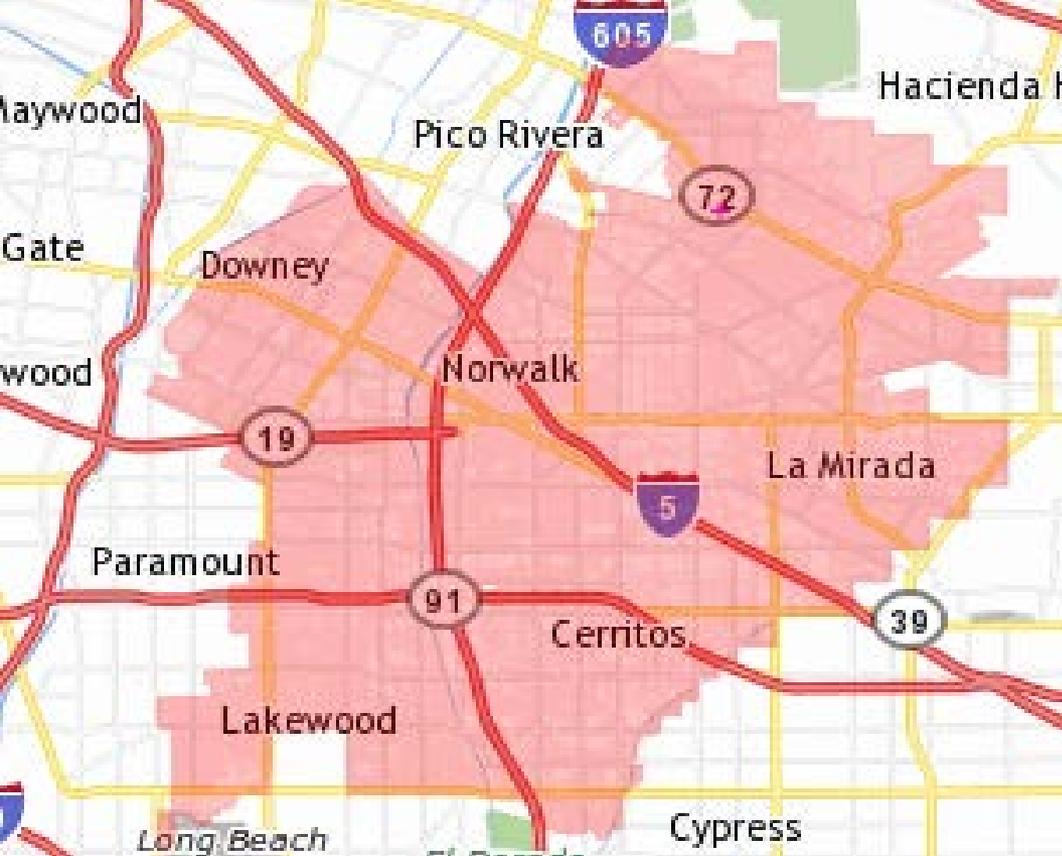
i Ethnicity / Race

- 43.87% Hispanic or Latino
- 26.61% White alone
- 9.93% Black or African American alone
- 16.71% Asian
- 0.50% Some Other Race
- 2.38% Two or More Races

Congressional District

Bellflower
Lakewood
Cerritos
Artesia
Hawaiian Gardens
East La Mirada
La Mirada
Norwalk
Santa Fe Springs

South Whittier
Whittier



Population Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement? Total Population: 661,039	ⓘ Citizen Voting Age Population Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act. 45.10% Hispanic or Latino 14.70% Asian 0.81% American Indian/Alaska Native 5.58% Black or African American 0.29% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone 33.30% White Alone 0.23% Two or More Races	ⓘ Ethnicity / Race 56.37% Hispanic or Latino 22.27% White alone 4.84% Black or African American alone 14.48% Asian 0.44% Some Other Race 1.59% Two or More Races
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Congress: 702,905

Subject: Fwd: URGENT: Redistricting - Please Take Action Before MIDNIGHT- PS

From: Louise Lubetkin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:25 PM

To: [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Jun 28, 2011 at 6:39 PM

Subject: URGENT: Redistricting - Please Take Action Before MIDNIGHT- PS

To:

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request that these communities be included in the same California State Voting District:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank.

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - the Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - the 210 Freeway for our economic and transportation corridor - Two Nearby Colleges. Glendale and Burbank are our economic hubs for **Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment.**

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

Located in the County of Los Angeles are **Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; Lake View Terrace - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; La Tuna Canyon and Verdugo Hills - Rural, Equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, located between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains); Glendale and Burbank - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, shopping and business.**

Attached is a map with the explanation of the commonality and inter-relationship of these areas that cannot be diminished and must be reconsidered.

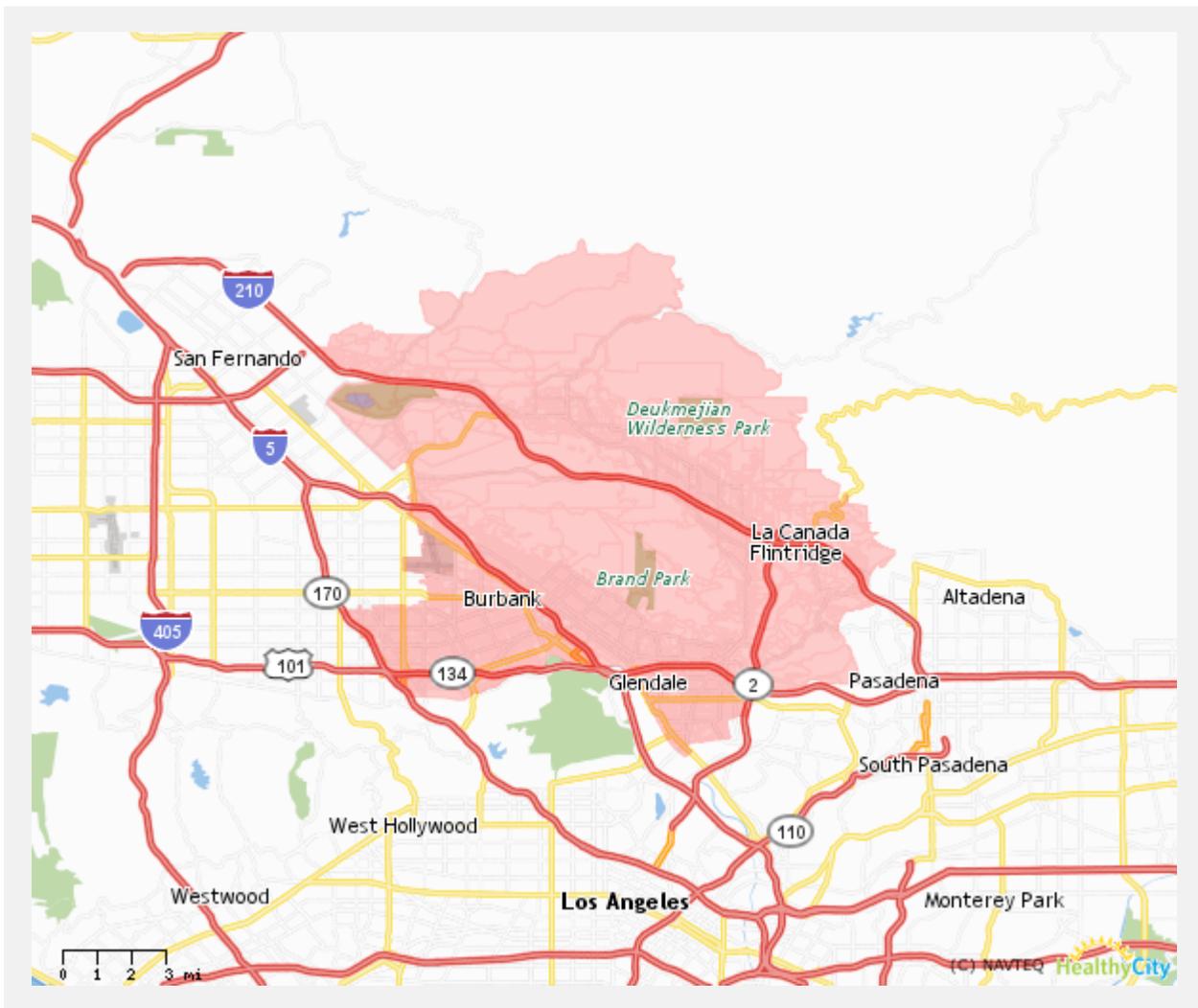
Thank you for your consideration.

Louise Lubetkin
9969 Wheatland Ave

[Kagel Canyon – Lake View Terrace – Shadow Hills – La Tuna Canyon – Sunland-Tujunga – La Crescenta – Montrose – La Canada-Flintridge – Glendale - Burbank]

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These communities share the same watershed, the 210 Freeway for our economic and transportation corridor. Glendale and Burbank are our economic hubs for shopping,, jobs and entertainment.



Redistricting Data: My COI

We believe the information we are supplying supports our position that Sunland-Tujunga should be in a district with our neighbors that have a common interest with us.

Population

Total Population: 464,301

-0.30% variance from ideal population

Ideal Population: 465,675

Original District: 465,704

Universe: Total Population

Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census

Data Year: 2010

Data Level: Census Block

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Additional Information

Currently we are sliced and diced between many representatives that do not live close to our area and can readily participate in our concerns or events. We seek to change this by proposing this new map. This entire area that we propose is diverse in all aspects and cultures. The people live here because they enjoy the rural lifestyle. We, and our neighbors, seek to protect open space, advocate sustainable and responsible development and enhance our neighborhood character. Sunland-Tujunga also shares many historical sites with our Foothills neighbors. We are all working to save our watershed, protect the Rim of the Valley, our wildlife, our native trees and plants. 15% of LA's water comes from the Foothills area. We share equestrian and hiking trails too. as well as help to protect the Verdugo Mountains. We share the transportation corridor of Foothill Blvd. and the 210 Freeway and are working to discourage the 710 tunnel because of the environment and financial drain on the State. We share schools both public and private. Because of our ruralness, we depend on Glendale and Burbank for our shopping.

Conclusion

Our main goal is to be in the same district as our rural neighbors with whom we already share common interests and to be separated from the Valley who have no interest in our goals.

Subject: First Draft Map of Region 4 Congressional Districts

From: "Lim, Cheng-Sim" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 5:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am writing as a concerned longtime resident of Los Feliz in Los Angeles to express my distress over the way the boundaries of the first draft Congressional map have chopped up without seemingly any rhyme or reason the area that we, locals, call northeast Los Angeles.

Northeast Los Angeles is commonly understood to encompass the following areas of the city: eastern Hollywood (from about La Brea Ave. on the west to Normandie Ave. on the east), Los Feliz, Silverlake, Echo Park, Atwater and Eagle Rock. The first draft Congressional map, however, has arbitrarily broken this northeast Los Angeles community into two different Congressional districts: East LA-Boyle Heights and West LA-Downtown.

Those of us mapped into the East LA-Boyle Heights Congressional district have been cut off from our own neighborhood of Los Feliz south of Prospect Ave., Hollywood west of Western Ave., the sections of Silverlake and Echo Park south of Sunset Blvd., as well as our adjacent community of mid-city Los Angeles. We have even been cut off from downtown Los Angeles, and joined instead at the southeastern end of the East LA-Boyle Heights Congressional district to portions of the cities of Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park and Commerce, which are simply not our communities of interest.

To illustrate:

(1) The draft Congressional map separates Los Feliz residents in the East LA-Boyle Heights district from our local municipal art center, the Barnsdall Art Park, and the Sunset-Vermont Metro station, which is not only our closest Metro stop but which advertises itself as the gateway to Los Feliz by sporting at its entrance a facsimile of an iconic Los Feliz institution, the Griffith Observatory. Both of these neighborhood landmarks are in the West LA-Downtown Congressional district, whereas the rest of the Los Feliz-eastern Hollywood community is, as mentioned, in the separate East LA-Boyle Heights district.

(2) Echo Park Lake, which gives the neighborhood of Echo Park its name, is severed from the rest of Echo Park north of Sunset Blvd. The neighborhood north of Sunset is in the East LA-Boyle Heights Congressional district, whereas the same neighborhood south of Sunset, including Echo Park Lake, is in the West LA-Downtown Congressional district.

(3) In my 15 years of living in Los Feliz, I have worked, volunteered, exercised and played sports, shopped, gone to movies, museums and restaurants, attended concerts and otherwise recreated and conducted business all over Los Angeles, but most especially in northeast, mid-city and downtown Los Angeles. These latter communities are my communities of interest. Nevertheless, the draft

Congressional map has cut off the majority of Los Feliz residents like me from large swaths of our communities of interest. We have been designated as belonging to the East LA-Boyle Heights Congressional district, whereas the southern sliver of Los Feliz, Hollywood, mid-city and downtown Los Angeles have been designated as West LA-Downtown.

(4) In my 15 years of living in Los Feliz, I have had **no** reason to conduct business or recreate in any of the cities outside of Los Angeles that have been drawn into the East LA-Boyle Heights Congressional district, i.e. Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park and Commerce. None. Furthermore, to reach those aforementioned cities from Los Feliz, I must take the 5 Freeway. How could I, as a resident of northeast Los Angeles, share community interest with cities that I have had no reason to go to in 15 years and can reach (though not easily due to constant bad traffic) principally via an interstate freeway?

The carving up of northeast Los Angeles into two different Congressional districts and the stringing together of one of those carved out portions with multiple, other, distant municipalities such as Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park and Commerce is unjustifiable on the basis of shared community interest, district compactness and the daily lived reality of the local residents.

I strongly urge the Commission to correct this mistake in the first draft map and redraw the Congressional boundaries, so that all of northeast Los Angeles (i.e. Hollywood, Los Feliz, Silverlake, Echo Park, Atwater and Eagle Rock) is joined with mid-city and downtown Los Angeles in one district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cheng-Sim Lim
Los Angeles
CA 90027-2209

Subject: Correction of Error on COBPO Letter of Public Testimony

From: "Hotep, Ma'at" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 5:07 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Officials:

The COBPO letter just sent to the Redistricting Commission referenced U.S. Congressional District 33, as an example of its advocacy for contiguous and common interest areas. The letter meant to refer U.S. Congressional District 35 regarding Gardena.

Please add this to our submission.

Thank you.

DLH

Subject: Comments on Redistricting Map

From: "O.C. Lee" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:02 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: CACA Collin Lai <[REDACTED]> Munson <[REDACTED]>

I hereby offer my following comments be incorporated:

- 1) Keep Los Angeles Chinatown whole;
- 2) Maintain the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar and AD West San Gabriel Valley;
- 3) Expand east the commission's proposed lines of SD Los Angeles West San Gabriel to resemble the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar, which includes Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, Chino Hills, and Walnut;
- 4) Keep the commission's proposed boundaries for CD Palos Verdes Estates Beach Cities boundaries, bringing together the cities within the South Bay.

Subject: Comment on the 53D AD Redistricting Lines

From: Hello [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 11:55 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I live in Manhattan Beach, a resident of the 53d AD.

I have a concern regarding the northern boundary of the 53D AD as currently proposed. As proposed, the northern border straddles the Ballona Creek channel, effectively separating Marina del Rey from the Ballona wetlands.

This is a terrible mistake.

Marina del Rey has always been connected in terms of water quality concerns with the areas to the south, not to the north. The Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, directly to the south, affects the water quality in the Marina. The main swimming beach in the Marina has long term pollution problems and the outfall from Ballona Creek also contributes to water quality problems. It is critical that our Assemblymember and our Senator in Sacramento understand and represent the water quality issues involved in these connections.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Warmest, **April**

April Halprin Wayland

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Subject: Chinatown Redistricting

From: joe huey <[REDACTED]>

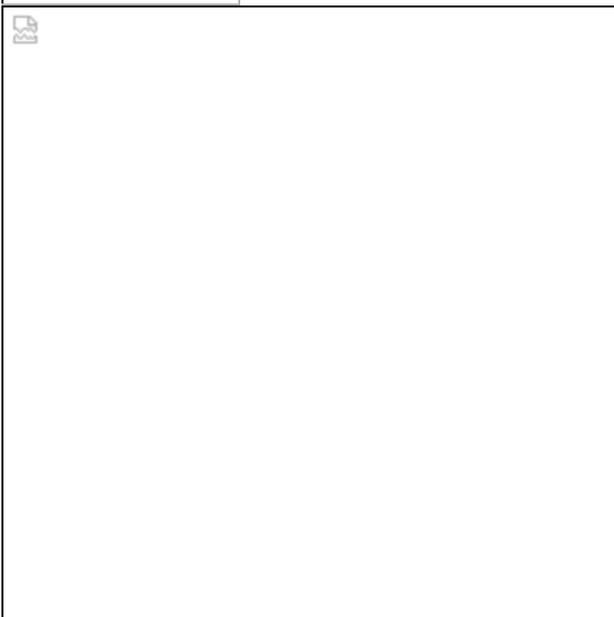
Date: 6/28/2011 9:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]



It is my belief that the citizens in and around the traditional community of Los Angeles City Chinatown and their abiding interests are better served, as a whole, in one Assembly District as proposed by CaPaFra, rather than be fractionated, as proposed by the Commission.

Sincerely,
Joe Huey



Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jeff Beal [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 10:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeff Beal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agoura Hills Redistricting

Message Body:

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Date: 6/28/2011 10:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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From: James Bukowski <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: James Bukowski <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills / Westlake Village

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INTRODUCTION

My name is Gary Lasky and I live at 4677 N. Safford Ave. in the community of Fresno, California.

Working with a dozen community activists in Fresno, we organized this summer the Fresno Redistricting Coalition and, with the support of Troy Mattson, staff to the UC-Berkeley Redistricting Data Center in Fresno, as well as the California staff of NALEO and MALDEF, we have produced a proposed improved map of the “Kings” State Senate District. I submitted this map to you in hard copy form and as an “equivalency” file at the Fresno hearing on June 23. I have attached these maps again (although note that our map lacks a title).

My qualifications for this work include a Bachelors degree from Cornell University, a Masters degree in Social Ecology from the University of California–Irvine, and four additional years of doctoral study in Sociology at the University of California Santa Cruz. My academic work includes five years of graduate coursework in Statistics, data analysis and research methods, including spatial analysis. I also have 18 months of hands-on GIS experience at Caltrans and the NOAA Fisheries Research lab in Santa Cruz.

SUMMARY

I wish to offer the following brief critique of the proposed districts involving Fresno, Merced, Madera, Kings and Kern counties in the San Joaquin Valley. I will focus, in particular, on the proposed draft Senate districts in this region (FOOTH, KINGS, MERCD, and TULKE) although this analysis is applicable to the Assembly and Congressional maps as well. My statement will support and elaborate on points that I made in my testimony at the Fresno hearing on June 23.

Overall, I believe the Citizens Redistricting Commission and the Commission staff have done an admirable job under very difficult circumstances: a contentious arena, the glare of publicity, with high stakes and very limited time. I am reminded of a truism in the Legal profession, uttered by a judge: “if opposing attorneys are both unhappy with my decision, then I probably did something right”.

That said, I cannot help but feel that the bulk of the Commission’s time and attention was focused on the major metropolitan areas and that the San Joaquin Valley was left until the last minute. Certainly, having five Congressional representatives within Fresno county (three-quarter of a million residents) is not ideal. For this reason, I

am optimistic that the maps can be adjusted to meet two competing needs—compact districts and compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Each falls short of our the Commission’s stated goals, as expressed in the existing Draft maps.

COMPACTNESS

1. The Foothill (Foothill) Senate district extends from Auburn, in Placer County, a four-hour drive to the north of Fresno, all the way to Fresno. Where this district encompasses the rural foothill communities, this makes sense from a Community Of Interest (COI) perspective. But it makes no sense to include urban Fresno within this district. The existing boundary of this district, marking the boundary with the Kings district, is now drawn at McKinley on the north side of Fresno. This is practically downtown (for comparison, the existing boundary is now between Shields and Ashlan, one to two miles north of McKinley). “Urban” Fresno—loosely defined, but including those portions of Fresno settled through the 1960s—extends at least to Shields. This is distinguished from the “suburban” and “exurban” Fresno, the sprawl of the past 20-40 years.

2. The Foothill district also, in what is nearly a non-contiguous redrawing of the district lines, takes in a portion of southeast Fresno, including the core Latino region of, and to the west of, the Sunnyside district. Core Latino neighborhoods are a COI that have nothing in common with the rural, nearly-exclusively Anglo populations of the Foothill district.

3. Solution: Include Lake Tahoe and other areas northeast of Sacramento within the Foothill district. Please do not extend this, or other districts, south of the San Joaquin River (the boundary between Fresno and Madera counties).

VOTING RIGHTS ACT

1. The proposed Kings Senate district maintains its status as a VRA Majority-Minority district with a 51% Latino CVAP statistic. This is good.

2. Unfortunately, the proposed Assembly districts have just one such district (FSEC2 = 51%) whereas three now exist (AD-30, AD-31 and one in Merced county). Please improve the Latino CVAP of the Kings Assembly district from 47% to 50+% in order to avoid a lawsuit for the dilution of the Hispanic community.

3. Similarly, the Congressional districts have gone from two VRA MM districts (CD-18, CD-20) to none. Please increase the Latino CVAP of the Kings Congressional district from 49% to 50+%.

PROPOSED SENATE DISTRICT

Attached to this email is an Equivalency file for our Fresno Redistricting Coalition's proposed Senate District. Also attached are two maps for the district: one at a regional scale for the San Joaquin Valley and one for the City of Fresno.

HOW TO READ THE MAPS: These maps are easy to read. The solid Green region is in the Kings district and it was in the Kings district of your draft map. The crosshatched region was formerly in a different draft map district, but we have moved it into the Kings district. The former "home" for these regions is identified in the label on the map. For example, "FOOT2KINGS" was formerly in the FOOTH district and we now have it in KINGS. Therefore, the new KINGS district on our map is the sum of the solid green and the cross-hatched green regions. Likewise, the yellow shading is the FOOTH district and the blue is the TULKE district.

The total population in the KINGS, FOOTH (Foothill) and TULKE (Tulare) districts in our new map closely corresponds to the draft Senate maps from the CRC. See the attached spreadsheet. There are 934,802 in the new FOOTH district, 929,848 in the new KINGS district and 928,619 in the new TULKE district.

Assessment of the %VAP populations of the districts were conducted. They show a slight decline, by 4% of the % Latino VAP in our proposed Kings district in comparison with the benchmark SD-16 Senate District.

Gary Lasky



Senate Change Numbers

Districts	Population	Hispanic		
1st Draft Foothills				
Foothills	716524	187726		
Kings to Foothills	58763	47164		
Tulare to Foothills	159515	13509		
Total Foothills	934802	248399	931,349	-3,453
1st Draft Kings				
Kings	691366	478097		
Foothills to Kings	237365	126401		
Tulare to Kings	1117	377		
Total Kings	929848	604875	931,349	1,501
1st Draft Tulare				
Tulare	760950	299631		
Kings to Tulare	167669	133756		
Foothills to Tulare				
Tulare Total	928619	433387	931,349	2,730

**santa monica mountains
task force/sierra club
angeles chapter**



Woodland Hills, California 91365-0344

Re: Legislative and congressional draft maps of the Redistricting Commission

June 28, 2011

DEAR COMMISSION Members,

The Santa Monica Mountains are important to the Sierra Club and to the millions of residents of Los Angeles who depend on the Mountains for fresh air, exercise, and open space. To provide maximum protection, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation (SMMNRA) Area should be kept together as much as possible in one or two legislative or congressional districts and not be split up into several districts as is seen from your draft maps. It's important that areas with a large number of park users in the population (West LA, Santa Monica, Malibu, West San Fernando Valley, etc.) should be included in districts containing their parks to create a constituency that that will protect the parks.

The draft Assembly District includes the western half the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area from Topanga to Point Mugu, but it leaves out of the district the 20-mile coastline of the City of Malibu that includes several major beach and park areas along the ocean. Inclusion of both the Malibu beach areas and inland beach user areas in this district will help beach users who do not live in Malibu to counter the ability of Malibu residents to limit their access to the beach.

The proposed Assembly District will give political weight to many park and beach users in the southern San Fernando Valley and Thousand Oaks area, helping to ensure greater protection of the Santa Monica Mountain parks and the Coast.

The proposed State Senate District (LASCV) does cover the western half of the Santa Monica Mountains and the City of Malibu, but then, instead of taking in larger populations of beach and park users, it extends northward all the way to Kern County. Santa Clarita has no relationship to the Santa Monica Mountains or Malibu Coast. Its residents are likely to be indifferent to the protection of those places. Because the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is a unit of the National Park System, it requires federal funding. Residents need to elect representatives who will support protection of the park and funding for its completion. Congressional districts that make up the SMMNRA should be designed so that they include a significant constituency of park users and supporters. That would include Santa Monica, Malibu, West Los Angeles and the southern and western San Fernando Valley and Thousand Oaks Area.

Thank you for giving consideration to our input.

Mary Ann Webster, CHAIR

Mary Ann Webster, Chair, Santa Monica Mountains Task Force, Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club