

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

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Thank you for your consideration.

Beverly J Hadley



Studio City, CA 91604

Subject: Request to keep in tact the current 37th Congressional District of California (Long Beach, Signal Hill, Carson, and Compton)

From: Sereivuth Prak <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 06:38:20 -0700 (PDT)

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

Thursday, June 30, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, California 95814

Send via E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: Request to keep in tact the current 37th Congressional District of California (*Long Beach, Signal Hill, Carson, and Compton*)

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to request your consideration and assistance to keep the current 37th Congressional District of California in tact, which includes Long Beach, Signal Hill, Carson, and Compton.

I have been a long-time Conservative Republican since my escape to Long Beach, California in Spring 1981 from the Communist Khmer Rouge's "Killing Fields" in Cambodia. However, my support for the above mentioned issue is not based on my political perception, but mainly on the socio-economic consideration.

This current 37th Congressional District comprises of the constituents from different ethnic background, including Whites, African-Americans, Latinos, Asians and Pacific Islanders (Philippinos, Hawaiians, Samoans, Koreans, Vietnamese, Hmongs, Laosians, and Cambodians). It is a racially diversified community which makes it look like America or a United Nations on the West Coast of this country.

During my three decades of living in this congressional district, I have seen a lot of progress in the communities in term of racial harmony, socio-economic prosperity, and public safety all of which should credit to the combined effective leadership of the government officials and elected politicians in every level from city to county, state and federal as well as by the strong efforts and active participation of the grassroot community members of every different ethnic background in the due process to make this current 37th Congressional District a better place to live.

In the 80s and the 90s, the area in central Long Beach where I have been living since my escape from Cambodia was almost a ghetto or a slum which was full of gang fightings between Blacks, Latinos and Asians. Today, I feel safer to walk in same area which is beautified by the growing

new homes, new businesses, parks and recreations, as well as many good streets and sidewalks. More important than these, I have seen the bridging of the gap of social harmony between the Asians, Blacks, Latinos, and Whites. Below are the classic examples regarding this matter:

- **During the Birthday Parade Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in mid January not only Blacks who participated in this event, but, Whites, Latinos, Cambodians, and other Asians.**
- **All of these ethnics also came to participate in the Cambodian New Year Parade in mid April along the Anaheim Street in Central Long Beach as well as during the Cambodian New Year Celebration at El Dorado Recreational Park.**
- **Other events such as the Latino's Cinco De Mayo in Central Long Beach, the Gay-Lesbian Parade along the Ocean Blvd. of Long Beach, the Veterans Parade in North Long Beach, and the Christmas Parades in West Side of Long Beach along the Daisy Avenue as well as in Belmont Shore were all equally participated and welcome with hospitality.**
- **The Cambodian Senior Citizen's Nutrition Program in Central Long Beach have been a successful project. It was born by the combined efforts and supports from the grassroot senior citizens, the community based organizations, and the elected officials from the city, county, state, and federal. This nutrition program is not solely for the Cambodian seniors, but significant numbers of the African-American seniors also participated.**
- **The Mark Twain Public Library located in the Mac Carthur Park in Central Long Beach is another excellent example. I was fortunate to be selected to represent the Cambodian community and was with a small group of the Long Beach City officials in charge of Public Libraries who were invited to Sacramento, California in late summer of 2003 to testify for the competition of a state funding for the reconstruction of this new library. There were mayors and officials from all cities in California who went to this testimony to compete for fundings. We won the selection as number 3 and was finally awarded with a grant of \$6.5 million. With another \$3.5 million funded by the City of Long Beach's Community Redevelopment Agency, this \$10 million brand new Mark Twain Public library was changed from the very tiny size and from being not well known to people living outside of Central Long Beach to become one of the best public libraries in this town. The Cambodian community members donated a lot more moneys to this library for the interior decoration. Less than ten years ago, the Mac Carthur Park and its surrounding areas, where this library was located, was one of the gang hot spots in Long Beach. Today, I am very proud to see this library always full of children and adults from different ethnic backgrounds, including**

Whites, Blacks, Latinos, Asians, and of course, Cambodians. In a couple decades from now, by competing each others in reading "books" in this library, instead of fighting against each other with "bullets", I am confident that these children will be growing up to follow the "Barrack Obama" dream--the law-abiding and productive and great citizens of this country, instead of being locked up in jails as gangs or thugs.

America is not a perfect country or a perfect society as far as I am concerned. But it is far better than most other nations on earth in term of freedom, democracy, and golden opportunities.

Just like America, the current 37th Congressional District, including Long Beach and its surrounding Signal Hill, Carson, and Compton, is not the perfect or the best District in the United States of America.

But it is better than many other Congressional Districts in the country and it is moving in the right direction in term of social and racial harmony, economic prosperity, and public safety.

Of course, during the current recession, everyone at everywhere in this country is facing with the similar socio-economic crisis. And the current 37th Congressional District is no exception.

The Cambodian community and myself are sastified with the current boundaries of this current Congressional District and its leadership who works very hard and tirelessly to represent everyone through the constituency assistance and legislation, as well as to bring more fundings, job developments to the communities.

Therefore, I would greatly appreciate your consideration and assistance in keeping in tact the current 37th Congressional District, which includes Long Beach, Signal Hill, Carson, and Compton.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

Sereivuth Prak

**[REDACTED]
Long Beach, California 90813**

[REDACTED] (Cellular Phone)

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: Drawing Legislative lines.
From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 15:15:11 EDT
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioner Jodie Filkins-Webber Would you please change your line that the Commission has drawn for the Congressional District that you have picked for some of us in the Santa Clarita valley. We dont want to be included in the San Fernando Valley Congressional District as that takes us away from voting with our friends and neighbors here in the Santa Clarita Valley as we have always done. We would like to keep our community here in the valley intact. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

George and Carol DeMott

[REDACTED]
Newhall, Ca. 91321
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: RELEASE: Unity Map released by Asian Americans, Latinos, and African Americans
From: Eugene Lee <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 18:16:45 -0700
To: Daniel Claypool <[REDACTED]> Rob Wilcox <[REDACTED]> Voters First Act <[REDACTED]>

Hi Dan and Rob,

FYI, I wanted to pass along the press release below... would it be possible to make sure that Q2 and Mr. George Brown know about the unity plan?

Best regards,
Eugene

Eugene Lee
Voting Rights Project Director

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From: Asian Pacific American Legal Center [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 1:25 PM
Subject: RELEASE: Unity Map released by Asian Americans, Latinos, and African Americans

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CONTACT:

JUNE 30, 2011

Rachanee Srisavasdi, Communications
Director



ASIAN AMERICANS, LATINOS, AND AFRICAN AMERICANS SUBMIT JOINT MAPPING PROPOSAL TO CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

"Unity" plan provides strong, collective voice for fair redistricting

LOS ANGELES -- The Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), a member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, announced Thursday the completion of a joint mapping proposal prepared by three leading voices in the California redistricting process – APALC and the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR), the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), and the African American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC). The proposal represents a unified vision of new districts that provide fair representation for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI), Latino and African American communities.

The “unity” plan was submitted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on June 28 at the commission’s hearing in Sacramento. APALC staff testified at the hearing on behalf of CAPAFR, a statewide network of AAPI community members that APALC anchors. Representatives of MALDEF and AARC also testified at the hearing.

The unity proposal is a response to draft maps released by the commission on June 10, representing the commission’s first attempt to redraw legislative and congressional districts based on Census 2010 data. Incorporating the feedback of AAPI, Latino and African American community members on the commission’s drafts, the unity proposal provides a collective rebuttal to proposed boundaries that split communities while retaining district configurations that do a reasonable job of keeping communities intact.

CAPAFR, MALDEF and AARC’s joint proposal includes a statewide plan for State Assembly districts. CAPAFR, MALDEF and AARC also developed a common set of State Senate districts for Southern California that CAPAFR included in its overall statewide Senate plan submitted on June 28.

The plans illustrate how the commission can draw districts that comply with the requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act. This includes the drawing of new Asian American-majority and Latino-majority districts that provide voters with an opportunity to elect preferred candidates in the face of racially polarized voting patterns that persist even today. The plans also avoid the dismantling of districts that currently provide African Americans with an effective opportunity to elect preferred candidates, and maintain these opportunities by preserving traditional levels of African American population in those districts.

“Importantly, the unity plans are intended to help the commission meet the difficult challenge of balancing testimony from thousands of Californians about their neighborhoods and communities of interest. AAPIs are part of these neighborhoods and communities of interest, some of which are kept together in the commission’s draft, and some of which are fragmented into multiple districts. The plans provide the commission with options for how to revise its draft districts to better respect the interests of AAPI and other underserved communities while also accommodating the interests of all Californians,” stated Eugene Lee, APALC’s voting rights project director, during his testimony before the commission.

The unity Assembly plan is available at www.capafr.org/mapping-proposals, along with CAPAFR's Senate plan which includes the unity districts for Southern California.

Over the next several weeks, the commission will revise its draft maps and is expected to release a second round of drafts on July 14. Final maps are expected to be adopted by mid-August. The commission's maps will be posted on its website, www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov

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Founded in 1983, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for civil rights, providing legal services and education, and building coalitions to positively influence and impact Asian Pacific Americans and to create a more equitable and harmonious society. APALC is a member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, which also includes Asian American Institute (Chicago, IL), Asian American Justice Center (Washington, DC) and Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco, CA).

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Subject: CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING PLAN

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 22:01:21 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners:

I am shocked to learn at the very last minute that your proposed redistricting plan would have our north Valley, semi-rural, hilly community joined with a mid-valley flatland area with which we have little if anything in common. Please use your oversight powers to correct this misalignment.

The northeast San Fernando Valley and adjacent communities to the east would be much better served if they shared the same California State Voting District. This request includes these communities:

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.

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.

Your consideration of this request will be much appreciated.

Betty Pumpian

[REDACTED]

Sunland, CA 91040-1255

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Matt Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 23:31:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matt Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

June 30, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for keeping the San Fernando Valley together (1st Draft District Map). I have lived in the Valley for nearly 30 years. The Commission, early in the process, talked about splitting off the northwest San Fernando Valley and putting it with an Antelope Valley seat. Your first maps nicely preserve the West Valley community of interest. Thank you.

Your website now puts the communities that make up the San Fernando Valley up on your visualization map. Our communities are as important to us as city lines are to people who live in medium and small-sized cities. Could you please not split Reseda.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Matt Rosenberg & family

West Hills & resident of the San Fernando Valley nearly 30 years.

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REGION 4: LOS ANGELES**FAE HOFFMAN****Studio City,
CA 91604-1304**

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Thank you for your consideration.*Fae Hoffman*

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(sent via FAX to: [REDACTED])

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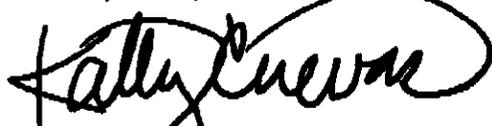
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KATHY CUEVAS
[REDACTED]

Studio City, CA 91604-3948

Subject: Incorrect Information

From: Don Pierce <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 15:59:25 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Your website incorrectly notes that we (my wife and I) are in state senate district 17, represented by Sharon Runner. THAT IS INCORRECT. We are a part, unfortunately, of state senate district 29 - and the senator lives in and mostly represents the area south of the San Gabriel Mountains (Gardena area). That was the whole "gist" of the comments to your Committee - get ALL of Juniper Hills into the same state senate district - not split as it is today.

Type in our address [REDACTED] and see what information you get. For the senator, it is simply incorrect. Representation for the Assembly and congressional is correct.

Don and Ella Carol Pierce
[REDACTED]

Subject: June 10, 2011 Draft Map re. Topanga

From: Dubin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 14:57:49 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

The June 10, 2011 Draft Plan splits Topanga into two different districts. This violates criteria 4 and 5 described under "How did the Commission decide where to draw the lines?" :

4. Respect cities, counties, communities of interest and neighborhoods.....

5. Draw districts to be compact, where practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria.

We hope the revised plan will correct this error.

Thank you.

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Sandra Balam <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 18:18:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sandra Balam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: division of the Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

I am a 25 year resident of the Santa Clarita Valley and have observed the growth and maturation of this community from mindless growth to careful planning for our future. The rending of the area into separate districts is a horrible idea. Santa Clarita is a very insular community, many of us never even leaving the valley for long stretches of time. We have everything we need here and rarely visit south of the Newhall Pass into the San Fernando Valley. We know nothing of them and their needs, neither do we particularly care. Likewise, we are an unfamiliar entity to them. How often does a resident of San Fernando decide to come up north to Santa Clarita except to go to Magic Mountain? We have NOTHING in common! Our schools are different districts, our water comes from a different district as well. To many Santa Claritan's, the San Fernando Valley is just a place they pass through on their way to work...on the freeway, never stopping to shop there, worry about the crime l!

evels, or even whether the school districts are adequately funded. We are completely separate and to put us into the same voting district, rather in letting us remain with those people in our community who share or concerns and needs, to me is merely playing around with ethnic neighborhoods. Granted, the Newhall area has a larger Hispanic population than other parts of Santa Clarita, but that is a good thing. They need their voices heard HERE, where THEIR children go to school and where THEY live. Not redistricted to give a greater ethnic voice as a whole, but to give them a greater voice in their OWN community. This is how America is supposed to be, integrated and blind to ethnic difference. We are Santa Claritans, not San Fernandans. Our home, our hopes and our futures lie here, with our fellow community members. Please let us remain as a cohesive community, not torn apart by divisive voting districts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: LINDA DUBIN <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 21:31:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: LINDA DUBIN <[REDACTED]>

Subject: TOPANGA community redistricting split

Message Body:

Why was Topanga 90290 split in the plan recently published in the Topanga Messenger, our community newspaper? It seems inexplicable and unconscionable that a small community which has just one post office and one school would be split by the redistricting plan. This must be a mistake or needs some explanation to our community. We hope that the committee will reconsider this bizarre redistricting plan.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Charles F. Anna" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 23:37:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Charles F. Anna <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split Downey. . .

Message Body:

For a half a century I have lived in Downey and have seen us grow and prosper. I feel the reason for that is that Downey has been One group; One entity, working together on mighty projects. . Minueman Missile, Apollo, Space shuttle. We're not done yet, so please don't split us up. It's urgent that Downey be kept together in only one Congressional district.

Thank you
Charles F. Anna

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Subject: Redistricting plan for Topanga

From: Linda Dubin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 14:38:00 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

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Linda Dubin
Topanga, CA 90290
[REDACTED]

Subject: From the Mayor of City of Santa Clarita

From: Carol French <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 30 Jun 2011 22:00:16 +0000

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

Please see the attached letter from Mayor Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita.

Thank you ~
Carol French

Carol French

Secretary, City Manager's Office
[REDACTED]

City of Santa Clarita
[REDACTED]

Santa Clarita, CA 91355

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June 23, 2011

Marsha McLean
Mayor

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurie Ender
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Members of the Commission:

Frank Ferry
Councilmember

On June 20, 2011, a letter was sent outlining the concerns of the Santa Clarita City Council relative to the division of the City of Santa Clarita among two proposed congressional districts. Since a significant number of individuals and groups have provided testimony to the Citizens Redistricting Commission in which they provided maps, I thought it might be helpful to also provide a map visually illustrating how the congressional district that includes Santa Clarita might be drawn. Enclosed, please find a copy of the June 20 correspondence to you and a recommended congressional district boundary map which illustrates the narrative contained in the letter.

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

The City Council, on behalf of our residents, believes it is critical to place the entire City of Santa Clarita within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district. There are approximately 31,340 people residing in the portion of Santa Clarita that is presently proposed to be placed within the West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas congressional district. The population balance could occur by removing the City of Moorpark and adjacent unincorporated area from the Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district; place all of the City of Santa Clarita within that district, and also include the entire City of Simi Valley within the district.

The enclosed recommended map illustrates how the new district could be configured. I hope you will agree that this proposal is in keeping with your stated goals of keeping communities of interest together and being respectful of municipal boundaries.

On a related issue regarding the proposed Senate district, while the City Council is appreciative that the Commission sought to honor our request to have the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Clarita Valley placed into single districts, we also feel that it is appropriate for the Commission to revisit the nesting of districts.



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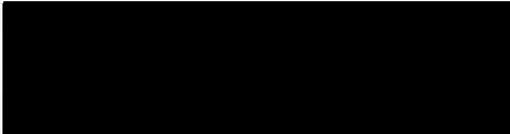
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In the City's original testimony, presented in the spring of this year, we recommended that the Senate district be drawn to include Santa Clarita with portions of Ventura County. The City Council would be most appreciative if the Commission would revisit the nesting of Assembly districts to pair the proposed Santa Clarita district with the Assembly district located to the west in Ventura County to form a Senate district that joins communities of interest. The issues of concern to coastal communities in the presently proposed Senate district are substantially different than those within inland communities. It appears most appropriate to pair coastal districts together and inland districts together to retain existing communities of interest.

Thank you for your consideration of clarifying comments and the submission of the map to graphically illustrate our earlier correspondence to you.

Sincerely,



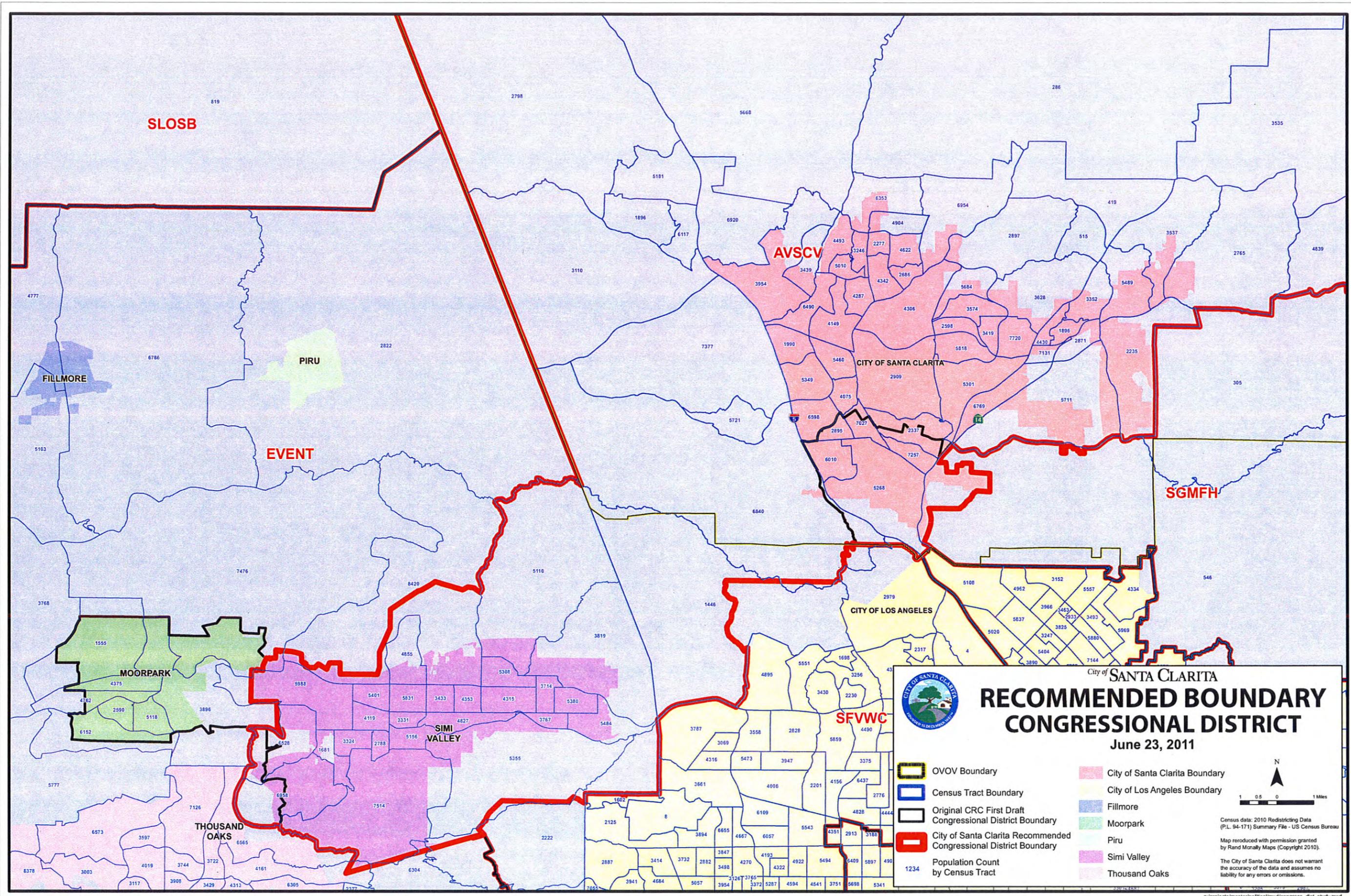
Marsha McLean
Mayor

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Enclosures (2)

cc: Members of the City Council
Ken Pulskamp, City Manager
Ken Striplin, Assistant City Manager
Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Officer
Casey Bingham, Administrative Analyst



City of SANTA CLARITA

RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

June 23, 2011

OVOV Boundary

Census Tract Boundary

Original CRC First Draft Congressional District Boundary

City of Santa Clarita Recommended Congressional District Boundary

Population Count by Census Tract

City of Santa Clarita Boundary

City of Los Angeles Boundary

Fillmore

Moorpark

Piru

Simi Valley

Thousand Oaks

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Dear California Redistricting Commission:

Frank Ferry
Councilmember

I am writing to you regarding the first draft of legislative district maps the California Redistricting Commission released on Friday, June 10, 2011. First and foremost, on behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I want to thank the Commissioners for acting favorably on the testimony that we previously provided to you in person on April 30 and May 1, and again through additional written testimony on May 23. The Santa Clarita City Council, on behalf of our 176,320 residents, requested that the City of Santa Clarita not be divided among two or more legislative districts. The first round of maps demonstrates that you honored our request by placing the City of Santa Clarita and the majority of the surrounding Santa Clarita Valley within single Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization Districts. We appreciate the commission's efforts in retaining the integrity of our City's borders and communities of interest.

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

We are, however, concerned about the first draft of congressional district maps that were created for our area. The City of Santa Clarita currently finds itself contained within two different congressional districts. The majority of our community is contained within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita district. However, approximately 18% of our residents find themselves separated from their neighbors, having been placed in the proposed West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas congressional district. We are extremely concerned that neighborhoods within the City of Santa Clarita are being divided. There is a strong sense of community among all the residents of Santa Clarita and we believe it is appropriate that the entire City of Santa Clarita be placed within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district.

We estimate that approximately 31,340 people in Santa Clarita are currently part of the proposed West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas Congressional District. We strongly urge that these residents be placed into the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita district and commensurate population adjustments are made to the proposed districts in Ventura County and the San Fernando Valley.



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We know the residents of the San Fernando Valley are concerned about having their communities divided and an opportunity certainly exists, with some minor modifications to the proposed maps, to keep neighborhoods in the City of Santa Clarita and the San Fernando Valley in single districts that are reflective of their communities of interest.

Since the Santa Clarita Valley is a self-contained geographic area, the residents of the incorporated and unincorporated areas share many unifying conditions, including geographic, economic, social, climatic, watershed, and political boundaries. Again, by placing the entire Santa Clarita Valley community within a single congressional district, the Commission will be able to successfully meet one of its key criteria, and preserve important neighborhood connections that have already been formed and will last for years to come.

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, thank you very much for your consideration of our comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Marsha McLean
Mayor

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