

**Subject:** Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

**From:** Mickey Jones [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/25/2011 4:56 PM

**To:** votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Mickey Jones [REDACTED]

Subject: No redistricting. We want to stay in Ventura Co.

Message Body:

"I believe you are doing serious harm to the voters of Simi Valley and Moorpark by taking us out of Ventura County and instead placing us within the Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita District. You are not respecting city and county boundaries or considering the natural communities of interest. We are separated by mountains from Los Angeles County. Our taxes go to Ventura County for roads, improvements, schools and quality of life. How can a representative who is largely responsible for Los Angeles County voters give equal representation to a small number of voters in Ventura County. I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposed congressional district and keep Simi Valley and Moorpark within a Ventura County District."

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**From:** Jayne Staley [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/25/2011 11:58 AM

**To:** votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Jayne Staley [REDACTED]

Subject: Bell Canyon, CA

Message Body:

I strongly believe it would be detrimental to our community's interest if we were assigned to any district other than our current one with Elton Gallegly and Jeff Gorell. Bell Canyon is a unique community because we are an unincorporated part of Ventura County and yet are landlocked away from direct access to our county by virtue of the Ahmanson/Las Virgenes open space that separates us from other Ventura Communities such as Oak Park. Because of distance, we often have practical challenges in commanding first rate access to the Ventura County services that we pay for with our tax dollars. Should redistricting reassign us to a geographically closer San Fernando Valley district it would only further alienate us from having any political voice within the county that is financially and legally responsible for our governmental services. This would really exacerbate our current issues of having an already limited political voice. It would become such a grave problem that!

I think we would be forced to seek incorporation as a city which would be very costly for our community and the county. Bell Canyon has equestrian trails and a minimum of 1 acre lots in a low density community with a lot of undeveloped open space, we are surrounded by protected state parkland.. Although we are at an urban interface on the east,, we do not share the same concerns as the San Fernando but share the concerns of more rural Ventura County sister communities a bit further from freeways and services such as Moorpark, Filmore and Santa Paula. Separating us from Ventura County in a geographically more local district would make it harder for our County Supervisor to represent our interests adequately to the elected officials representing us in a newly drawn district. The only alternative to incorporation might be succession from Ventura County altogether which would get very costly and contentious for everyone but would be an action I would have no choice but !

to support to insure adequate services and representation of !  
our community.

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**From:** Beverly Cullum [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/25/2011 10:42 AM

**To:** votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Beverly Cullum [REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

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**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/25/2011 3:32 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

We are puzzled as to why the Redistricting Commission has drawn Congressional District lines that remove Simi Valley and Moorpark from Ventura County and will place them in a Los Angeles district.

It is our understanding that the California Constitution mandates that the district lines respect counties, cities, neighborhoods and communities of interest. Changing the existing lines would certainly violate the interests of Simi Valley and Moorpark.

As long time Simi Valley residents we have been pleased with our representation as it has always reflected the local interests of Simi Valley, Moorpark and our surrounding communities. Anyone representing Los Angeles County is not going to have our Ventura County interests at heart. Surely there is a better solution that will maintain our Ventura Co. interests.

Sincerely,

Don and Beverly Zeller

[REDACTED]  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Nancy K Kilbolurn [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/25/2011 8:26 PM

**To:** votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Nancy K Kilbolurn [REDACTED]

Subject: splitting cities

Message Body:

I cannot understand the reasoning for splitting some parts of cities in Ventura County and placing them with locations in Los Angeles County. I have a masters degree so I am not slow.

Cities of Ventura have very different concerns and outlooks than those of Los Angeles. A representative would put Ventura county citizens after those of Los Angeles, or vice versa, depending on his/her background.

As for concern about minorities, many minorities have been hurt by your proposal, my own ethnic background has been ignored. I am part of a minority in this State, my voice is seldom heard.

Your proposed districts disenfranchises many in order to give a stronger voice to others.

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**From:** Karen Chong [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/25/2011 8:07 AM

**To:** votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Karen Chong [REDACTED]

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

Message Body:

Keep our Suburban Communities Together

To submit this petition, please go to the Commission Website and put the following into their comment form:

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

Message:

Commissioners:

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

Karen Chong

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