

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Pat Kubach <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/26/2011 2:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please, please. Do NOT put Simi into Los Angeles county. We are SO far away from L.A. we would not be properly represented. Topologically, we are pretty much cut off from most everything, that is what makes us unique and bunching us into LA county would make us disappear. Simi has a personality all its own and more of a laid back feel like that of Ventura county and cities further west to the ocean, not the rushed feel of L.A. and the San Fernando Valley. Please, please, let us keep our distinction, being part of Ventura County, not disappear as part of L.A. Thank you for this consideration. Pat Kubach [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] .. 31 year resident of Simi Valley, CA.

**Subject:** Eastern Ventura County

**From:** ANN LINDEEN <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/26/2011 10:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

June 26, 2011

Redistricting Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen:

When I voted for the Proposition I believed that the committee would keep areas together within a county, with their neighbors, and in assembly, state senate and congressional districts.

What a surprise it was to see the maps you have drawn. Simi Valley and Moorpark have been carved out to be stuck into the Palmdale Congressional District. We are mostly separated from the city we have most in common with, Thousand Oaks.

One can only wonder what the motive is for such gerrymandering. As a resident of Simi Valley since 1958 I should not be separated from my neighbors and from all the County agencies I have worked with all these years.

Ann Lindeen

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**Subject:** Open Letter to the Redistricting Commission:

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

**Date:** 6/26/2011 6:20 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Open Letter to the Redistricting Commission:

The voters of California thought they were doing a good thing when they voted to put the task of redrawing legislative lines into the hands of an impartial citizens commission. This commission has the task of drawing new districts for Assembly, State Senate and Congress. The criteria are very specific. The districts are to be contiguous and respect counties, cities, communities of interest and neighborhoods where possible. They are also to be geographically compact.

The citizens of Simi Valley and Moorpark were appalled when the first drawings were published on June 10. Simi Valley and Moorpark were placed in a congressional district that cuts them out of Ventura County and puts them in a district that runs through Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley all the way to Victorville. This crosses two mountain ranges and the high desert. Given the criteria approved by the voters, there is no way to justify such a move.

Ventura County is relatively small compared to other counties in Southern California. We are a close-knit county. Our cities are involved with one another in many ways. Our council members serve on such boards as the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County; the Ventura County Transportation Authority; the Ventura County Association of Governments and the Ventura County Animal Regulation Commission, to name a few. We have a countywide newspaper that keeps us in touch with our neighboring cities. Our young people attend community colleges and universities here. We have no ties or community of interest with Victorville and Lake Los Angeles, nor do they with us. Indeed, a congressman who represents that area announced this week that he has no interest in representing Simi Valley or Moorpark. What kind of representation would that give us?

Yes, Ventura County is a little too large to be in one congressional district—about 40,000 people too many. So the Commission cut out some 160,000 people, and then had to add in bits and pieces from other counties to make up the shortfall, thus putting Ventura County into four congressional districts instead of the two that we have had the past ten years. How does this meet the criteria approved by the voters?

It pains us to think of any of Ventura County being split off, but if it has to happen, it would make more sense to tie the Route 126 corridor that directly connects Ventura County to Santa Clarita. That eastern area would be about the right number of people and you would not have to chop up the rest of the county. I was dismayed to be told from two sources that at one of the commission meetings where this was suggested, Commissioner Gabino Aguirre, who lives in Santa Paula and is an outspoken Democrat activist, is reported to have said, "Not in my life time" or words to that effect. Impartial? I don't think so.

The Commission has spent long hours and weeks traveling the state and listening to its citizens. I sincerely hope they are not tired of listening, and will hear our voice. Please do not consign the cities of Simi Valley and Moorpark to the high desert. Keep them in Ventura County where they belong.

Peggy Jane Sadler  
Simi Valley, California

**Subject:** VC voting rep 11

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

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

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

June 25, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

We moved to Ventura County in 1957, when we purchased a small business in Moorpark. We moved to Simi Valley in 1959 and have lived in the same home for 52 years this month. We raised our children and now entertain two more generations here on special occasions.

We fit right into the basic pioneer spirit we found here all those years ago, and many people from the Los Angeles area have since moved into the county to enjoy them with us. We want to maintain those basic values that have allowed Ventura County to grow and prosper, being supportive of its residents' family values.

Los Angeles City and County are vastly different from Ventura County. Its population has lifestyles and goals that counter many of ours. Placing our destiny in the hands of their representatives would likely diminish our power to maintain the quality of life we have nurtured for so many years.

Please don't gerrymander away the destiny and lifestyle we have so carefully guarded all these years. Keep Ventura County's voting power in the hands of its own residents.

Diantha Ain

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

**From:** Jim Rogers <buxstf [REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/26/2011 10:52 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jim Rogers < [REDACTED]>

Subject: Changes in Congressional District 24

Message Body:

I reviewed the draft re-districting of Ventura County last weekend as reported in the Ventura County Star. I do not agree with the realignment of Moorpark and Simi Valley with Santa Clarita's district. Nothing against Santa Clarita, but Moorpark and Simi Valley are much more closely aligned with Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park than with Santa Clarita in both the physical and community sense. And, to be honest, my first impression after viewing the map in the paper - the Commission was gerrymandering everything!!

Gerrymandering is totally unacceptable. Recommend that you make Ventura County, including its coastline which is currently in another district, all Congressional District 24.

Regarding the coastline, do not make the coastline (e.g., from Oxnard to San Luis Obispo) a single district. Rather, include the coastline with the adjacent interior land area. Otherwise, it looks like gerrymandering to me again!

Thank you for your service. You are doing an important job. Let's make sure the re-districting is fair and balanced without any hint or suggestion of gerrymandering.

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**Subject:** Redistricting

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

**Date:** 6/26/2011 10:46 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

June 26, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Propositions creating and empowering your commission was intended to place people in districts which recognize their common interests and give them a real voice in their government.

When I saw the maps for Ventura County, I wondered if the Commissioners understood their job. Simi Valley, Moorpark and Thousand Oaks are a regional community. People work, shop and have their recreation in this larger community. Although I live in Simi Valley I enjoy recreational and organizational ties to Moorpark and Thousand Oaks. For medical care I find myself going to Thousand Oaks as often as Simi Valley. People in all three cities think of themselves as part of this region.

I, and nearly everyone else in this area has absolutely nothing in common with Malibu, Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster. The only times I have been in those areas in the past 10 years have been when I drove through them on the way to other places.

Whether you consider geography or governmental units or shopping, medical or recreational factors there is no logical reason for dividing Thousand Oaks into parts and placing Simi Valley and Moorpark into Los Angeles Districts.

Please honor the goals of the propositions and the trust which has been placed in your efforts.

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