

Subject: Ventura CountyRedistricting

From: "The Cowleys" [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:14:17 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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Same goes with the Congressional district- put Ventura with Santa Barbara and keep those coastal areas together and keep the inland areas connected to others like them. The coastal cities have a much cooler climate and get a lot of fog.

Thank you.

Jeri Cowley

[REDACTED]. Camarillo CA 93012

Subject: Ventura County Community of Interest/redrawing the lines

From: "Dianne Alexander" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 17:01:15 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I'm a fifth generation California and I have 4 generations of my family living in Ventura County. My husband and I were raised, schooled and employed in the San Fernando Valley. My 88 year old Mother-in-Law was raised in Santa Paula and she now resides in Thousand Oaks.

The interests of the people in Ventura County are not tied to the interests of people of the Antelope Valley. We moved to Ventura County to get away from the smog in the crowded greater L.A. area and start our own business in the rural atmosphere of Ventura County almost 40 years ago. Our customers came from the inland areas of Ventura County. We have cooler summers by 10 to 15 degrees leaving L.A. County by either the 101 or 118 freeways traveling into Ventura County. You can live comfortably without air-conditioning. We found smaller classrooms, safe neighborhoods, no smog alert days and an abundance of parks and sports activities close by. We have our own regional shopping malls and Civic Arts centers in Ventura County. Both Simi Valley and Moorpark are very much like Thousand Oaks and Newberry Park with excellent schools, a variety of churches and dominations, with community involvement at every level. The water, transportation, police & fire protection, economic development of these cities are all tied to Ventura County.

Please consider redrawing your Monterey district so that the coastal city of Santa Barbara can be joined to the coastal district of Ventura City and reconnect Simi Valley and Moorpark into Ventura County. If you need more coastal population, a small portion of Oxnard could be added to the City of Ventura and the coastal City of Santa Barbara. Please also notice the service area of Los Robles Hospitals' Trauma Center, located in Thousand Oaks, covers the inland cities of Ventura County over to the East County cities of Oak Park and Simi Valley (see attachment).

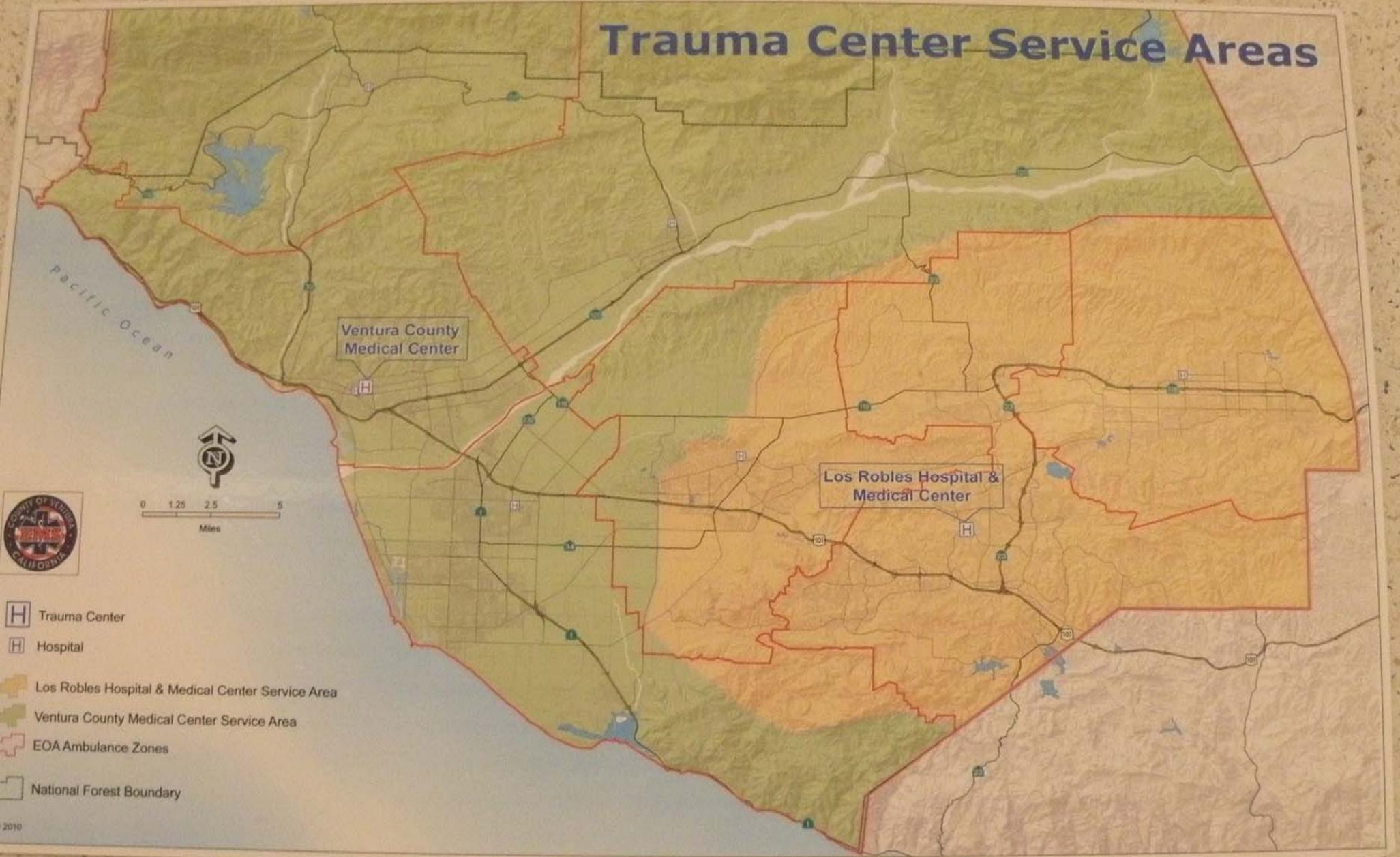
Dianne Alexander
Thousand Oaks

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Trauma Center Service Areas



Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: "Chris Lanier, CAUSE" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 29 Jun 2011 06:50:25 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chris Lanier, CAUSE <[REDACTED]>

Subject: CD: EVENT / SLOSB Ventura city

Message Body:

Commissioners,

We are writing to request a minor change to the 1st draft Congressional map in Ventura County which will have great impact on the quality of the proposed congressional district EVENT. Specifically, we ask that you do maintain the city of Ventura in it's entirety in the EVENT district and do not place several thousand Ventura City voters into the SLOSB district.

The neighborhood which is proposed to be split off is known as the Westside or "the Avenue", has a higher percentage of Hispanic voters than most of the rest of Ventura, and generally includes vulnerable, working class communities which deserve to vote with the rest of the city for congressional representation.

CAUSE, working with the city of Ventura, has focused efforts on redevelopment planning for this neighborhood and we know first hand the importance of Federal attention to these efforts. Removing affected voters from the district weakens the relationship between this neighborhood's interests and the efforts both the city of Ventura and the Federal government are making (in the form of Community Development Block Grants and other services).

We believe there are better choices for meeting the numerical requirements for the EVENT Congressional District. It would be preferable to keep the city of Ventura whole within the district. If that's not possible and some Ventura blocks must be added to SLOSB, we believe the beachfront neighborhoods of Pierrepont are a better fit .

We appreciate your re-consideration of this part of the EVENT and SLOSB Congressional Districts.

Sincerely,

Chris Lanier
Civic Engagement Organizer
CAUSE

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Subject: mixing it up...NO!

From: "lynndee [REDACTED]"

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 17:40:39 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

In response to the commission's desire to eliminate Simi Valley and Moorpark from from our district while combining Thousand Oaks with areas in LA County: **NO! NO! NO!** and **NOT AGAIN!**

We've been down this road before...mixed with cities in LA County and *MIS*represented by Brad Sherman.

Ventura County residents need to be represented by a Ventura County resident. Brad Sherman is not.

Most people who moved to Simi and Moorpark from Los Angeles County did so to get away from the problems of LA. We have the same concerns, interests and needs. To put us back into a district that will have LA County's interests at heart and not those of Simi, Moorpark, ***and*** Thousand Oaks is completely wrong, legally (according to the California Constitution) and morally.

Simi Valley and Moorpark are integral parts of Ventura County. Both cities are serviced by the same Ventura County agencies which have governance for regional planning and coordination on issues of mutual concern such as the Ventura County Transportation Commission, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, Animal Regulation, and Ventura County Departments of Education and Health.

As a resident of Thousand Oaks for the last 30 years, and one who experienced being represented by someone who is focused on LA County, I am extremely concerned (worried!) that we will not receive the attention we should. Apparently, LA County residents feel that their concerns would not be addressed either. Malibu residents have already made it clear that they do not want to be lumped in with Ventura County because their interests would be violated. And Congressman Buck McKeon of Santa Clarita stated that he doesn't want to represent Simi and Moorpark. What do the residents do then?

What happens when Ventura County residents are represented by people from LA? Example: The 23/101 freeway widening project was secured through the efforts of Elton Gallegly of Simi Valley, back when it was not even in his district, because our then "representative" Brad Sherman earmarked all his transportation funds for bicycles and handicapped trails in LA County, ignoring our needs.

I urge you to keep Simi Valley and Moorpark together with Thousand Oaks and other Ventura County cities. Informally, Simi and Moorpark are our "sister cities". Please don't break up our family!

Sincerely,

Lynn Bertucci

[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360





Fwd: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

Voter <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Jun 29, 2011 at 2:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Region 5 - Ventura
June 28 prior to 5 pm

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

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Subject: What You are Saying

From: "Harriott, Cheryl" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 8:36 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I would like to go on record in opposition to any congressional redistricting plan that would divide Ventura County.

Thank You,
Cheryl Harriott
Simi Valley

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Jeri Cowley

[REDACTED] Camarillo CA 93012

Subject: Re-visualizing Congressional Districts

From: "KATHY WHITMIRE" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:32 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

It is important that East Ventura County stay united in Assembly, Senate, and Congressional maps. Also, a Senate seat nests inland with inland and coastal with coastal, nesting east Ventura County with Santa Clarita instead of Santa Barbara. Finally, that a Congressional seat keeps like areas together- coastal Ventura with coastal Santa Barbara, and the rest of Ventura County as a whole, with East Ventura County as a united community of interest, specifically keeping Simi Valley and Moorpark with Ventura County.

It is also important to note that most people who moved to Simi Valley and Moorpark did so to remove themselves from Los Angeles County. To tie them back to Los Angeles in a district that will have Los Angeles County's interests at heart and not Simi Valley and Moorpark's violates point 4 of the criteria mandated by the California Constitution that the lines respect counties, cities, communities of interest, and neighborhoods.

Kathy Whitmire

[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA

[REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting

From: Janet R Snee <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:40 PM

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

CC: Janet R Snee <[REDACTED]>

I strongly oppose any changes in the districts. Janet Snee, voter in ventura county. [REDACTED], camarillo, ca 93012

Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 2:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

It is with hope the voices of the citizens will be heard and you will keep Simi Valley and Moorpark in with the East Ventura county.

The assembly seat of these areas would be best served keeping with the Santa Clarita Valley. East Ventura county and Santa Clarita valley are surrounded by mountains and are more suburban with master-planned communities. They are similar in business and economy and are inland sharing the same watershed.

The US congressional district of Simi Valley should not be locked in with Lancaster area as that does not serve the purposes of a Ventura County area. Instead perhaps keep the East side of Ventura with Santa Barbara county so that coastal area will be kept intact serving the needs of the people. Thank you for the opportunity to voice this very important issue. Nancy Wofford

Subject: Redistricting Maps

From: Tracie Breiter <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I am a long-time resident of Simi Valley, and I hope that you will listen to the pleas of Ventura County residents to keep East Ventura County united in Assembly, Senate and Congressional maps.

Thank You,

Tracie Breiter

June 27, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your work on behalf of every California resident to make fair and equitable legislative districts.

I would like to take a moment to comment on the proposed maps for East Ventura County and surrounding areas.

I have lived in Ventura County for over 40 years. I lived in Ventura for many years and now live in Simi Valley (Wood Ranch) so I have a good perspective on what it is like to live on both sides of this county.

The coastal communities in Ventura County, and statewide for that matter, share a great deal of common interests, environmental challenges and other land use patterns. These shared interests make it very fitting to keep coastal communities together in our legislative districts.

On the other hand, the more suburban, bedroom communities of East Ventura County, including Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark and Camarillo have a great deal in common and share their own unique transportation, housing, environmental and land use patterns.

However, in your proposed Senate and Assembly maps for East Ventura County, you have placed us with coastal communities in Ventura County and even all the way up to Santa Barbara County. I do not believe this will serve the public interest and demand for responsible representation.

You can achieve more responsible districts by placing all of the East Ventura County communities of Camarillo, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Moorpark in one Assembly District and nesting us with the Santa Clarita Assembly District to create a Senate District.

Additionally, I would very much like to see Simi Valley and Moorpark included in your Ventura County Congressional district.

Thank you again for your time and your hard work on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Golden
Simi Valley

Subject: Redistricting Maps

From: Ronald Golden <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

June 27, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

I very much wanted to be at the hearing in [Oxnard](#) but was not able to make it that evening. I know you heard from a great deal of people who feel the same way I do about your proposed legislative districts for East [Ventura County](#).

I have lived in [Simi Valley](#) for over 30 years. We are a suburban, inland, bedroom community. Many people who live in Simi Valley commute to [Los Angeles County](#) for work and play.

It would appear to me that the other surrounding communities in East Ventura County (Thousand Oaks, [Moorpark](#), Simi Valley and Camarillo) have many similar interests and issues and should be included in one Assembly District. Furthermore, I would ask that you place us with [Santa Clarita](#) to create a Senate District rather than [Santa Barbara](#). I really do not think a legislator could do a good job representing such disparate communities.

Simi Valley is over 1 ½ hours from Santa Barbara and really feels like a world away. I hope you reconsider these maps when you release the next drafts in July.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carrie Golden
Simi Valley

Subject: Public Comment: Redistricting Commission

From: "dr. bryan ryles" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Sir/Madam:

I vote by my opinion; the FIRST DRAFT LINES re:
redistricting map
wreak with Gerrymandering.

If the Redistricting Commission can not be unbiased (current lines drawn favor democratic voters) in their work, then they should DO NOTHING with the current lines which already exist. DO NOT CHANGE the existing map which has existed for 10 years.

1. Do not remove Simi Valley from the Ventura County District
2. If the Commission MUST remove any part of Ventura County (I hope this does not happen) and tie it in with Santa Clarita: make the split at the Route 126 corridor (which would make some sense)

Residents who live in my neighborhood understand that Simi Valley (where my sister resides) and Moorpark (where I shop; not Los Angeles) are integral parts of Ventura County. Both cities are serviced by the Calleguas Municipal Water District and their council members sit on these boards/agencies:

- Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
- Ventura Council of Governments (joint powers for REGIONAL planning and coordination on mutual concerns with Ventura County cities and county government)
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (Regional)
- Ventura Intercity Service Transit Authority
- Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County
- Ventura County Animal Regulation Commission

NO WHERE IN MY ABOUT TEXT DOES IT REFER TO...

LOS ANGELES COUNTY!

That is because residents in my neighborhood DO NOT want to be involved with Los Angeles issues: It is not part of OUR Community of interest nor OUR

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Melissa Carlson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:00 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Melissa Carlson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Simi Valley Resident

Message Body:

Greetings commission. As a long time resident of Simi Valley, I know that this community shares nothing in common with the cities of Malibu, Santa Barbara or any of the other coastal cities of the Ventura County. In fact, Simi Valley is more like Thousand Oaks and those cities share more in common with the cities of Santa Clarita, Chatsworth, and Porter Ranch. Please do not break up Thousand Oaks. Instead, group the Los Angeles county portion of the Conejo Valley with Simi Valley and Santa Clarita. These communities have all too much in common, unlike the grouping of the estranged and entire Ventura County.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: "Paul H. Johnson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:40 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Paul H. Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: East Ventura and West Los Angeles

Message Body:

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

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Disgusted with the rhetoric <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Disgusted with the rhetoric <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Ventura County Draft

Message Body:

The committee's recommendation to place Simi and Moorpark into L.A. county is typical of what one might expect. If this committee were truly basing the opinions and decision on the facts, Oxnard is the city that does not fit into Ventura county and would be a far more consistent and better fit into L.A. county. Come on, get real; we are tired of the nonsense!

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Adela Oseguera <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Adela Oseguera <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Thousand Oaks Resident

Message Body:

As a lifetime resident of Thousand Oaks, I do not understand why it was broken up. Thousand Oaks is comprised entirely of bedroom and suburban communities. Even worse than its being split up is the fact that it is in a district with Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Goleta, and the other coastal and inland cities of the Santa Barbara County. All of which have not one commonality with my city of Thousand Oaks or the cities that surround it. Though it is only the mountains that separate us, these cities are entirely incomparable. I strongly recommend the shifting of the southern part of the Santa Clarita Senate map to the West. Instead of grouping in the cities that run along the coast and San Fernando Valley's portion of the 101, add the cities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, and the Conejo Valley to Santa Clarita. These cities are so very similar. From the suburban desires of the residents to the safety each city offers, they are perfect cities to raise a family and that's what !

seems to encourage people to move here. The same cannot be said for the southern cities of the San Fernando Valley or even of the coastal cities. But within the eastern Ventura County and Santa Clarita Valley you have the perfect mixture of similar residents. Please, don't break off thousand oaks into two separate assembly maps.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: nick Sarian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:06 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: nick Sarian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Hello commission. I came out to speak to you when you had the hearing in the city of Norco and spoke specifically about not including my city of Simi Valley with the coastal cities. Having recently looked at the assembly map I strongly suggest the removal of Oxnard and including Thousand Oaks in its entirety. Putting Oxnard with its other beach communities makes more sense than including it with Simi or any other inland city. As well as including Thousand Oaks the surrounding cities of the Conejo Valley should be included as well. Though some are in the Los Angeles County they have much more in common with the Ventura County cities than they do those of the LA County. Please make a senate map that includes the assembly map of Santa Clarita and group it with the assembly that I have suggested of the Conejo Valley and other cities of the Ventura County east of the Conejo Grade.

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From: Carole Sarian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:09 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carole Sarian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Ventura County

Message Body:

My family and I have lived in Simi Valley for about a decade now. I just discovered the maps that were released as a first draft. They group together cities that have nothing in common. Having grown up in the city of Chatsworth and later moving to Simi Valley, I find a lot of similarities in these two cities and the surrounding ones. Santa Clarita, Thousand Oaks, Porter Ranch have much more in common with Simi Valley, Chatsworth and Moorpark than Oxnard and the other coastal cities ever could. I urge you to reconsider drawing the lines regrouping the cities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Oak Park, Agoura Hills, Chatsworth, Porter Ranch and Santa Clarita into an Senate map. Keep the coastal cities together and the inland cities together. The two types of cities have nothing in common.

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From: Kathy Whitmire <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:22 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Whitmire <[REDACTED]>

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

Message Body:

Commissioners:

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Being a Ventura County, specifically Thousand Oaks resident for the entirety of my life, I am writing this letter to illuminate the negligence behind the decision to redistrict Simi Valley and Moorpark into Los Angeles County. Simply stated, to redistrict these areas into Los Angeles County would ultimately eliminate any chance of their true interests being heard or considered because of the overwhelming differences between Ventura and Los Angeles County. My parents moved out of Los Angeles County more than twenty years in order to raise myself and my siblings in Ventura County, which was a decision that shaped my upbringing, an upbringing that I would not change. With that, throughout my life, I noticed and can personally attest to the fact that there are a variety of differences between these counties. The interests of Simi Valley and Moorpark clearly align with the remainder of Ventura County and it would be a horrible injustice to dissipate their interests by including them into Los Angeles County, which also violates point 4 of the criteria mandated by the California Constitution that the lines respect counties, cities, communities of interest, and neighborhood. As a Ventura County resident, citizen, constituent and student I challenge the Redistricting Commission to reevaluate their decision, which would neglect the interests of many people.

Michael Valentino

[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

[REDACTED]

Subject: East Ventura County Concerns

From: Trisha Monesi <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:50 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hello commission and thank you so much for all that you have done. I just looked at the draft maps and have a few suggestions to better them for the residents of my city of Simi Valley; the city I have resided in for the last ten years, and those adjacent. Simi Valley is located next door to Thousand Oaks and we have a great deal in common. I feel that these cities should be included, in their entirety, in one assembly district with the connecting cities. The cities of the coast should be excluded entirely from an assembly district with Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark and other inland communities. The cities of the Conejo Valley are a better fit for Simi and Moorpark than the city of Oxnard. For the senate map, I feel that we would fit better in the senate map that is titled "Santa Clarita". Including the cities of Malibu and those in the south of the San Fernando Valley does not work, as those cities have very little in common. It would be a much better fit to group the Santa Clarita assembly map with the cities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, Camarillo and those in the Conejo Valley.

Thank you,

Trisha

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Trisha K. Monesi

Loyola Law School

Juris Doctorate Candidate

Class of 2014

[REDACTED]

Subject: Districting

From: "Doug Wieben" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:00 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

I ask that you keep Simi Valley and Moorpark together with Ventura County and NOT put us with communities in the San Fernando Valley or Palmdale.

Thank you,

Douglas J. Wieben

Doris Wieben

Subject: Congressional Redistricting Comment

From: Ken Breitag <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:44 PM

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

CC: John Dickenson <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission,

We appreciate the extensive work that the CCR Commission has done to bring reasonableness back to the Congressional, Assembly and State Senate boundaries of California. However, we must point out a tremendous area of concern for a large share of Ventura County. We at United Water Conservation District are responsible for managing the water resources of the Santa Clara River for the benefit of people and the environment. As such, the interests and concerns of the populated areas of the Santa Clara River Valley are closely tied to the watershed of the Santa Clara River, which overwhelmingly lies north of the river in the Sespe Mountains.

We are concerned that the proposed new dividing line between the two congressional districts designated as East Ventura and San Luis Obispo-Santa Barbara separates the Santa Clara River Valley from its watershed. We understand that the Commission has the difficult task of balancing the population sizes of the different Congressional districts; however, the area of the river's watershed which lies north of the proposed new district boundary is almost completely unpopulated; it is overwhelmingly National Forest and wilderness area.

More specifically of concern for our water agency, the proposed new boundary splits our principal water supply reservoir, Lake Piru, in two. This would mean that a large portion of the lake would lay within the district of a member of Congress with no accountability to *all* of the people who depend upon Lake Piru for their water supply, since the north part of the lake is unpopulated.

We believe that a more appropriate boundary between the East Ventura and San Luis Obispo-Santa Barbara Congressional districts would run along the northern border of Ventura County, to where it meets Kern County. Not only would this keep intact the water shed of the Santa Clara River but also correspond better to a well-established political boundary. We understand that such a boundary shift would shift the small populations of the Lockwood Valley from one district to another. Should this population shift make a significant change to the population balance of the two districts, we would support a congressional boundary that is not so far north. The important thing is that the watershed of the Santa Clara River as much as possible be politically connected to the populated areas near the main stem of the Santa Clara River.

If we can help in any way to provide an understanding of this issue or provide more information about our concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ken Breitag
Executive Coordinator
United Water Conservation District

[REDACTED]
Santa Paula, CA 93060
[REDACTED]

Subject: Comments on State Assembly District Region IV -Thousand Oaks (San Fernando Valley)

From: Nancy Eisenhart <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Attached are my comments with respect to the State Assembly district you created as a First Draft. (see Subject line)

Bottom line, the San Fernando Valley has the population and population density to have 2, possibly even 3 Assembly districts, and does not need to be diced and sliced and combined with other regions where we have no commonalities of interest.

Sincerely,

Nancy Eisenhart, Woodland Hills resident

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State Assembly District IV Letter to Commissioners.pdf

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StateAssembly Thousand Oaks Region IV.pdf

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Date: June 28, 2011

To: The California Citizen's Redistricting Commission, members and staff

From: Nancy Eisenhart, Woodland Hills resident

Re: State Assembly District Region IV – called Thousand Oaks!!

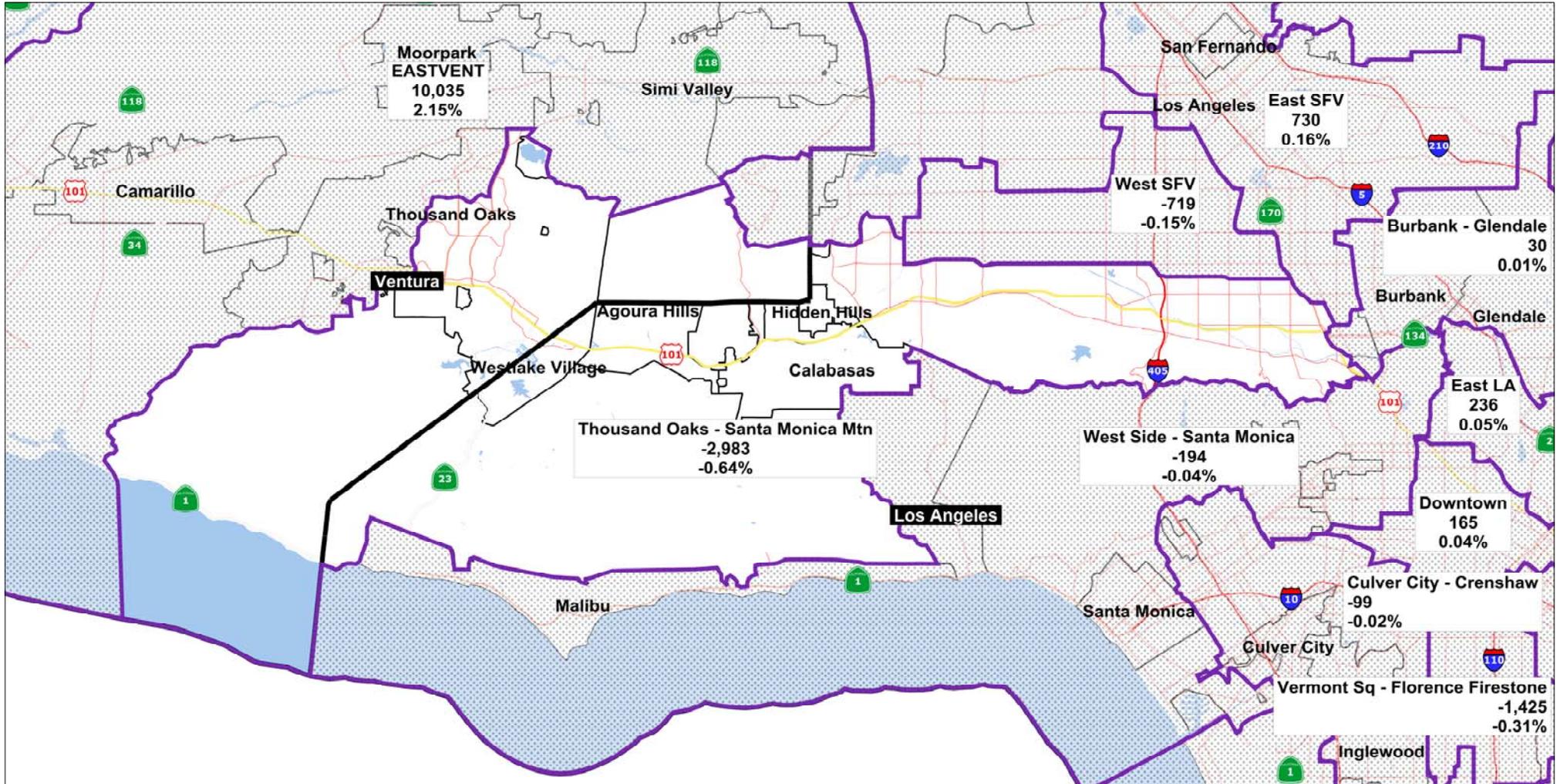
ALERT: DO YOU REALIZE THAT THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT CALLED WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DOES NOT EVEN INCLUDE THE WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY? (West Hills and Woodland Hills and Hidden Hills for instance)?

- Shockingly, the first draft **State Assembly district** map (Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mountains) goes from Toluca Lake/North Hollywood/Studio City/Los Angeles all the way out to Thousand Oaks, a distance of 30 miles. What does Toluca Lake (East Valley) have in common with Thousand Oaks (closer to Ventura County? A major part of the San Fernando Valley which should be included is left out entirely. That is the West San Fernando Valley. What on earth are you thinking?
 - We've asked you to respect and be guided by the Neighborhood Council boundaries.
 - The true southern boundary of the San Fernando Valley is the ridge line of the Santa Monica Mountains, or Mulholland Hwy. West and East Valleys are divided by the 405 Freeway.
 - We have major topographical considerations. We are an inland hot valley, and have little if anything in common with Malibu. Toluca Lake/North Hollywood (East Valley) and nothing in common with Thousand Oaks/Newbury Park. Get real!
 - The population of the San Fernando Valley alone can accommodate 2 or 3 separate Assembly Districts.

No part of the Valley belongs with a Beach City (Malibu). We don't belong with Thousand Oaks. We want our own Valley residents to have the same representative, not be cut into pieces, sliced and diced. If you need population to fulfill part of an Assembly District in the West Valley, we have more in common with Simi Valley than Canyon Country (Santa Clarita) or a beach community (Malibu).

All this needs fixing before the concrete sets. Remember, these communities are comprised of PEOPLE who simply want fair representation based on COI. These maps scare us to death.

California State Assembly - Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mtn



Subject: Comments on Draft Maps

From: Nancy Lindholm <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I would like to commend the Commission for its diligent work on a monumental task. Thank you for your service.

The Oxnard Chamber of Commerce is quite pleased with the draft maps for Congress, State Senate and Assembly. Our city is split for Assembly representation, which we are accustomed to. Knowing that we would be split somehow, we are happy to be aligned with the eastern portion of Ventura County. For the past 10 years we have been split, with a portion of Oxnard represented by a Santa Monica Assembly District. We believe we will have better representation as the draft maps are now drawn.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lindholm
President/CEO
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
[REDACTED]

Oxnard, CA 93036

REDISTRICTING PLAN MUST BE REVISED

By Gregory D. Totten, District Attorney
County of Ventura

The Citizens Redistricting Commission must revise its latest congressional district proposal for Ventura County. California's voter-approved redistricting initiatives expressly require the creation of districts that respect "the geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, local neighborhood, or local community of interest..." Unfortunately, most residents of Moorpark and Simi Valley have been carved out of the Ventura County congressional district in the first draft maps presented by the Citizens Redistricting Commission. The Commission's plan would place these communities of interest into a congressional district that primarily represents Los Angeles residents.

Ideally, our congressional representatives should be responsive to the needs of all their constituents. However, in Washington D.C. numbers matter; the 500,000+ Los Angeles residents that make up the balance of the proposed district will inevitably receive greater attention in policy-making and resource decisions. In fact, the congressional member who represents the affected Los Angeles County district urged the Commission to keep his entire district in Los Angeles County, implicitly acknowledging that he does not want the added burden of representing Moorpark and Simi Valley.

It makes no sense to move suburban communities like Moorpark and Simi Valley into the congressional district of a large urban center like Los Angeles where communities of interest are profoundly different. The Commission further compounds the problem by placing Malibu into the Ventura County district – again disregarding communities of interest – to make up what they took out. Malibu officials have also expressed concerns about how well they would be represented. Malibu's communities of interest include Santa Monica and Pacific Palisades, not Ventura County.

Communities of interest are also exceedingly important to effective law enforcement, particularly during times of tight local and state budgets. Our congressional representative often addressed the public safety needs of Ventura County's residents and brought major benefits to Ventura County including:

- Essential resources for funding of the Ventura County Integrated Justice Information System;
- Grants to investigate and prosecute "cold cases" where a suspect has been identified in a previously unsolved crime through a DNA match;
- Signal repeater stations and upgrades to eliminate blackout areas for sheriff's deputies in the field;

- Upgrades for the communications center in the East County Sheriff's Station;
- Added resources for the Ventura County Sheriff's Forensic Science Laboratory to reduce backlogs of cases awaiting DNA analysis;
- Enhanced jail screening resources to appropriately identify and transfer criminal aliens to federal custody; and
- Added resources to implement the Sheriff's Emotionally Challenged Juvenile Offender Intervention Program (ECJOIP) to effectively provide treatment and rehabilitation for emotionally challenged juvenile offenders.

These examples underscore the need for congressional leadership that is focused on a community of interest. I strongly believe removing Ventura County's third largest city and 20 percent of Ventura County's population from a contiguous congressional district would be detrimental to the interests of the entire county.

The ballot initiatives that created the Citizens Redistricting Commission were presented to the public as a change that would, once and for all, put an end the divisive practice of political gerrymandering. Unfortunately, even if its motives were entirely pure, the Commission's current plan creates the appearance that political gerrymandering is alive and well. Therefore, I urge the members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission to revise the redistricting plan to retain Simi Valley and Moorpark in a Ventura County district.

Subject: BOE District Lines

From: "Brad Golden" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 3:00 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

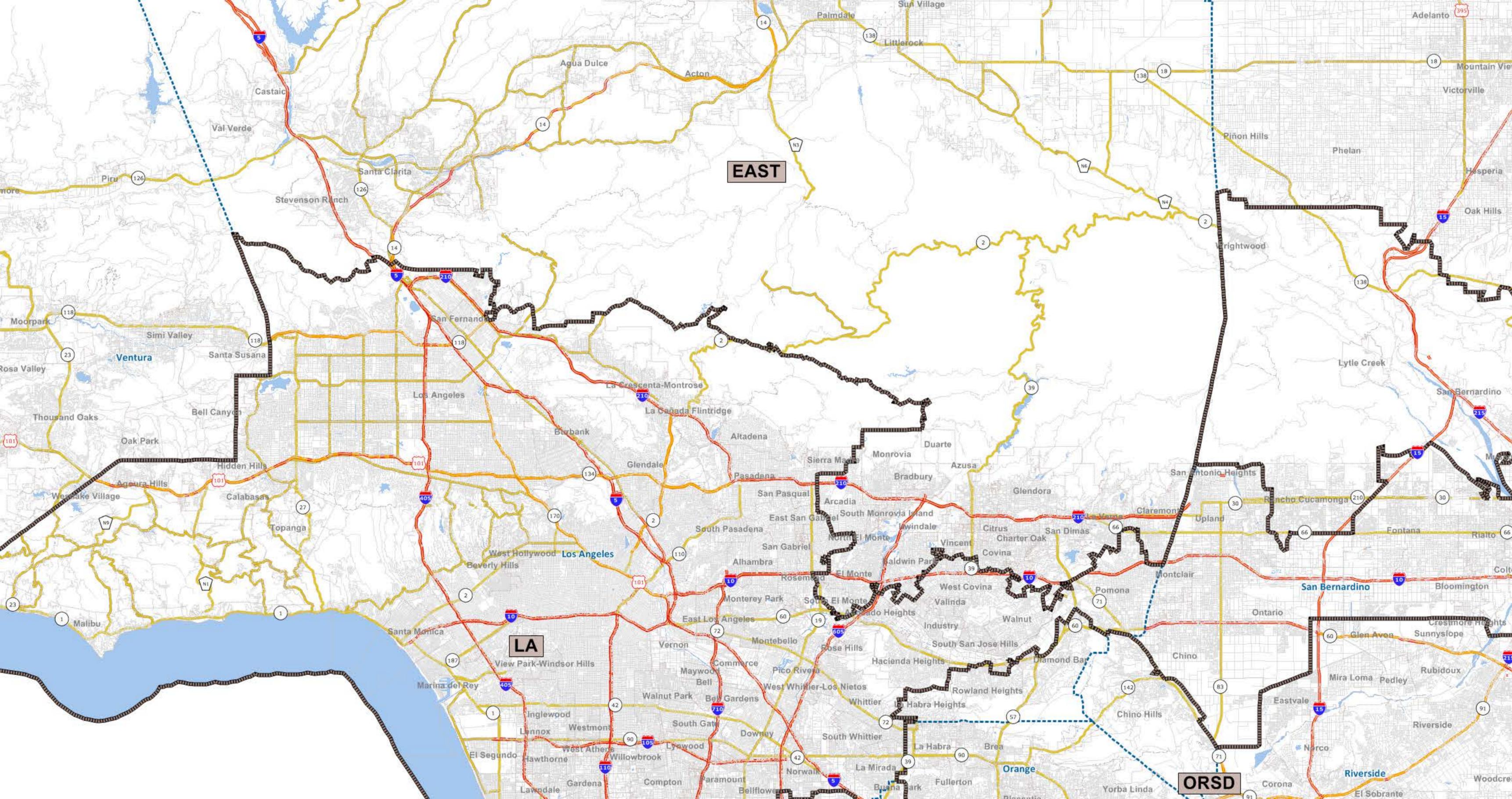
Brad Golden

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Ventura, CA 93004
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Subject: Board of Equalization

From: PaulJHeron <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:30 PM

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

Dear Commissioners,

As a retired senior naval officer and federal agent and a current federal law enforcement consultant as well as a resident of Ventura, I am very concerned regarding the recent proposals from the Board of Equalization.

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

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Regards,

Paul J. Heron





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June 28, 2011

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RE: Board of Equalization Districts

Dear Commissioners:

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments through the redistricting process. We respectfully request your reconsideration of two Board of Equalization districts based upon communities of interest.

As currently drawn, Ventura County has been included in the "Los Angeles" district, pairing a more rural, agriculturally based county with a very urban portion of Los Angeles County that includes the bulk of the City of Los Angeles.

When looking at demographics, Ventura County shares more of the same concerns as those in the "East" district. The two areas share common industries including agriculture, as well as common rural and suburban lifestyles. Many do not realize the agricultural base in Ventura even though they rank eighth in agricultural value statewide with \$1,621,584,000 in agricultural production.

A better option, with more ideal communities of interest, would be swapping Ventura County out of the "Los Angeles" district and trading for the San Fernando Valley currently drawn in the "East" district. This would exchange fairly similar populations that match rural/suburban and urban communities together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Wenger".

PAUL WENGER
President

From: Sarah Hankowski <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:48 PM

To: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

My name is Sarah Sarian and I have been following this process. Ventura County is a county made up of cities that are all to different form each other. Even though every city of the Ventura County is connected, they have nothing in common. I disagree with the assembly map for Ventura County and I would much rather see Thousand Oaks together and Oxnard taken out, along with any other coastal city. Please include the cities east of the Conejo Grade in the Ventura County and Los Angeles County for one assembly district. The senate district should include the assembly map that you have for Santa Clarita and not include all of Santa Barbara County. A senate district composed of this area of the Ventura County, the Conejo Valley, Santa Clarita Valley and the Northwest San Fernando Valley. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Brad Sarian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:30 PM

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

My wife and I, Bradley Sarian, just recently tied the knot and moved to Simi Valley together. Having lived in this city for many years now, I can't wait to raise a family out here. I recently noticed that in the assembly drafts you have my city, a portion of Thousand Oaks, and Oxnard all together. I have a better suggestion. Please exclude Oxnard and any other coastal city and group the city of Thousand Oaks wholly with the cities of the Ventura County. These cities all have so much in common, they need to be together and separated from Oxnard or the coast. I would like the senate map that my city is in to be changed drastically. I think including us with the coastal cities of the Santa Barbara County is a mistake. I also think it a mistake that Santa Clarita is grouped in with Malibu. Please, move the lines to include the eastern portion of Ventura County and the surrounding cities in the Conejo Valley for the senate district. The inclusion of Santa Clarita and cities of the Northwest San Fernando Valley would be a greater senate district if added to those cities of the Ventura County.

-Bradley Sarian

From: Elizabeth Priedkalns <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:02 AM

To: [REDACTED]

My name is Elizabeth and I am a resident of Thousand Oaks.

I want to thank the Commission for your work so far. This has been an incredible amount of work you've put in to hear our voice across the state.

I have some comments on the draft maps:

- Keep Thousand Oaks together in one Assembly district. Consider removing Oxnard from the East Ventura County District and add the area that is split, including myself, to our East Ventura County seat.
- Keep East Ventura County nested to Santa Clarita in a Senate seat. It is important to keep inland valleys with inland areas and coastal areas with coastal areas. Keep Malibu with Santa Monica and Ventura/ Santa Barbara with the Central Coast. Keep Simi and Moorpark in our Congressional seat. Again, keep inland areas together and let coastal areas like Ventura go up the coast to Santa Barbara in a Congressional seat. If this means taking another look at the Monterey district, I encourage you to do so.

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for redistricting in Ventura County. I respectfully urge you to keep the Santa Clara River watershed from the Ventura County line west intact, specifically Piru, Fillmore, Santa Paula, Saticoy, Oxnard as these communities along the river have more in common than with the communities of Santa Barbara County. All are chiefly agricultural therefore have common challenges and economies, and generally common values.

Thank you for your work. I was in attendance at the hearing in Oxnard last Thurs eve and am in awe of the work before you.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Vincent



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