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June 24, 2011

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

Thank you for your hard work! In creating new boundaries for California's legislative districts for the Senate and Assembly, I hope you will consider keeping the entire city of Thousand Oaks united with the rest of Ventura County rather than dividing the city into multiple districts.

A bifurcation of Thousand Oaks divides a community of interest and splits half the city from its common interest with the rest of Ventura County. Splitting the city into multiple Assembly and Senate districts would create confusion and a lack of cohesion and would be a detriment to the residents of the community.

Alternatives that illustrate keeping Ventura County's cities whole have been presented to you by CAUSE, the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy. They propose that Ventura County's two largest cities, Oxnard and Thousand Oaks, remain undivided. I wholeheartedly agree and urge you not to split our County's cities.

The draft map for Congressional districts rightly retains the complete city of Thousand Oaks within one district. I hope maps for State Assembly and Senate districts will follow suit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Parks".

Linda Parks
Supervisor, 2nd District

**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY**
*Home of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library***RECEIVED**

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June 27, 2011

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

RE: Proposed Electoral District Boundary Maps

Dear Honorable Members of the Commission:

On June 27, 2011, the Simi Valley City Council adopted the enclosed resolution to convey the City of Simi Valley's position on the drawing of electoral district boundary maps currently being undertaken by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. The resolution is being hand delivered on our behalf to the Commission for your record.

Simi Valley City Council Member Barbra Williamson provided testimony during the Public Input Hearing held in Oxnard on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, requesting that the boundaries of Simi Valley, and to the extent possible Ventura County, be maintained. In response to that request, the Commission asked for a specific City recommendation for keeping Simi Valley intact in a single Congressional District, and we are therefore offering possible alternatives for your consideration. Each of these alternatives would incorporate Simi Valley into the proposed East Ventura Congressional District and respect the boundaries of Simi Valley, and, to the extent possible, Ventura County. Our proposals both use the open space mountain range separating Los Angeles County and the San Fernando Valley from Simi Valley, a clear demarcation line, to create a natural separation of "communities of interest," similar to the Commission's approach for proposed districts to the north.

Alternative Maps A and B present more detailed options providing for Simi Valley and Moorpark's inclusion in the East Ventura Congressional District. The Alternative Map A would align coastal communities of interest by incorporating areas including Ventura, Oxnard, and Port Hueneme into the proposed San Luis Obispo - Santa Barbara Congressional District. Alternative Map B would incorporate the Los Angeles County communities of Westlake, Agoura Hills, and Malibu into the West Los Angeles - Downtown Congressional District. These two proposals present opportunities to respect the boundaries of coastal communities and Los Angeles County, respectively.

In either of these alternatives, placing Simi Valley and Moorpark in the East Ventura Congressional District would allow for the inclusion of a majority of, if not all, Lancaster in the proposed Antelope Valley-Santa Clarita Congressional District by extending the line north to the Kern County line (see Map C), and therefore avoid another division of a community of interest in that area.

The Simi Valley City Council appreciates and supports the Commission's mission in drawing boundary maps to ensure fair representation across the state. However, the City Council feels obligated to voice its concern that the Commission's appearance of objectivity may be compromised by a Commissioner's statement at a recent Public Input Hearing to the effect that certain recommendations that might affect the Commissioner's city of residence would not occur "in my lifetime." Further, we are concerned with what could be a potential conflict of interest, as this Commissioner also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), which has presented its own proposal for Congressional District boundaries. The Simi Valley City Council requests that all communities' interests be equally represented and considered in the drawing of the Second Draft Maps and that the Commission recognize that the application of personal preference to any Commissioners' own communities of interest is unfair to other communities and contrary to the Commission's mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter, and for the Commission's consideration of our City's proposed alternatives.

Sincerely,



Robert O. Huber
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Manager, Government Affairs

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SIMI VALLEY CONVEYING TO THE CALIFORNIA
CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION A CITY
POSITION ON THE DRAWING OF ELECTORAL DISTRICT
BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission was formed to draw electoral district boundary maps for California's Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization seats in compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, among the criteria the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is to consider in the drawing of boundary maps are population, equal opportunity for representation, contiguity of districts, and respect for city, county, neighborhood and community of interest boundaries; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2011, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission released proposed boundary maps for California's electoral districts and is now inviting public testimony of these maps; and

WHEREAS, in oral and written testimony on June 22, 2011, the Simi Valley City Council expressed that its priorities for electoral representation are, first, the integrity of Simi Valley's borders be maintained and, second, Ventura County's community of interest, as reflected by historic geographic and social service associations between its cities, be respected by keeping the County together to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, Simi Valley is separated by an open space mountain range from Los Angeles County and the Antelope Valley, yet has contiguous boundaries of population to all of Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's proposed Congressional boundary lines affecting Simi Valley fracture the tightly-knit master planned Wood Ranch neighborhood and segregate the majority of Simi Valley residents from their County and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary maps recognize the appropriate and rational boundaries of Simi Valley and its neighbors in the proposed State Assembly, State Senate, and Board of Equalization maps, and the Simi Valley City Council seeks a similar rational alignment of boundaries for its Congressional representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

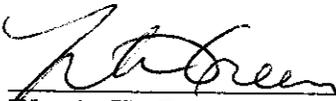
SECTION 1. The Simi Valley City Council supports the inclusion of Simi Valley, in its entirety, in the currently proposed Santa Barbara-Ventura Senate District, the East Ventura Assembly District, and the Board of Equalization District.

SECTION 2. The Simi Valley City Council, having considered Simi Valley's geographic separation from the Antelope Valley-Santa Clarita area and the greater community of interest shared with Ventura County communities, respectfully requests and urges the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to modify the proposed East Ventura and Antelope Valley-Santa Clarita Congressional District boundary maps to include Simi Valley in its entirety in the East Ventura Congressional District, as a rational modification of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's proposed maps, consistent with the mission goals, and objectives of the Commission.

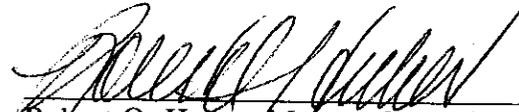
SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk, and immediately transmit said resolution to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission for its consideration.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 27th day of June 2011.

Attest:



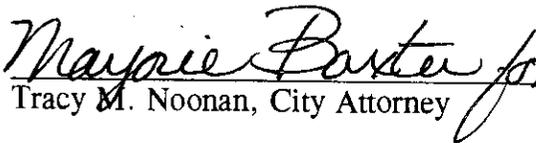
Wendy K. Green
Assistant City Clerk



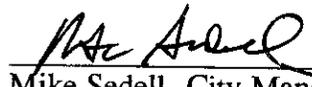
Robert O. Huber, Mayor of the City of
Simi Valley, California

Approved as to Form:

Approved as to Content:



Tracy M. Noonan, City Attorney



Mike Sedell, City Manager

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original

Date 6/27/2011



Office of the City Clerk

I, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Simi Valley, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2011-36 was regularly introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of Simi Valley, California, at a Special Meeting thereof held on the 27th day of June 2011, by the following vote of the City Council:

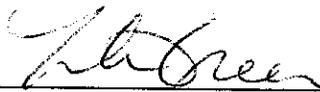
AYES: Council Members Judge, Becerra, Williamson,
and Mayor Huber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Sojka

ABSTAINED: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Simi Valley, California, this 27th day of June 2011.



Wendy K. Green
Assistant City Clerk

California Congressional - EASTVENT DETAIL

Map A

