

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: Andrea Clark <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:43:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Andrea Clark <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Central Valley has no community interest with the coastal counties and we do not like this draft. If this proposal becomes permanent, then the Central Valley will lose our voice in Sacramento, and San Jose will be taking charge of the issues that affect our Valley.

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Subject: CA State Assembly Plans: Concern for CSTOC and SNANA boundary

From: Michael Gates <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:13:59 -0700

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

Dear Redistricting Commission:

After analyzing the draft of the district lines, it appears that Assemblyman Alan Mansoor, who was voted in predominantly by the voters in now SNANA, has been drawn outside of his home district. In fact, now he appears in the CSTOC, which essentially transplants his home to a new constituency. In order for Assemblyman Mansoor to appeal to the voters who voted for him in the last election, he would have to move back closer to Santa Ana, creating a hardship for him and his family. In addition, now SNANA (70% geographically of which Assemblyman Mansoor represented in the last election) is left "OPEN" without a candidate.

I understand that drawing new district lines is a difficult task, but to draw a current Assemblyman out of his home district, and to essentially leave it up to a new constituency to re-elect him, seems inconsistent with the goal of the Commission. I would respectfully propose a reconsideration of the CSTOC and SNANA lines such that Assemblyman Mansoor is placed geographically back in what is now called SNANA. This should be consistent with the Commission's goals, while keeping Assemblyman Mansoor in the district that elected him before.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please feel free to write back or call.

Michael E. Gates

(714) [REDACTED]

Subject: SOHA Response To Commission Question at June 16 Culver City Meeting -- Speaker #24, Robert Anderson
From: "Bob Hillside Anderson" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:49:19 -0700
To: "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>
CC: "Lonn Leitch" <[REDACTED]> "Daniel Claypool" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members,

At the June 16th public meeting in Culver City, a Commission member asked a question of Speaker #24 (Robert Anderson representing the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association, SOHA). The attached document provides SOHA's response.

Should you have any questions about our response, please contact me.

Thank you.

Bob Anderson
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

SOHA Response to Commission Question on 16 June.pdf

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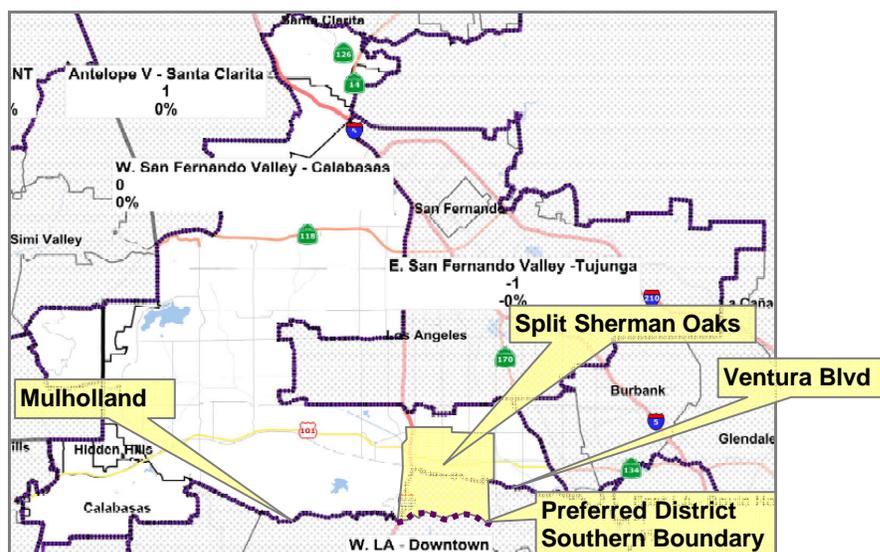
June 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814
[REDACTED]

Subject: Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) Response to Commission Question at June 16th Public Meeting in Culver City, Speaker #24, Robert Anderson

Dear Honorable Commission Members,

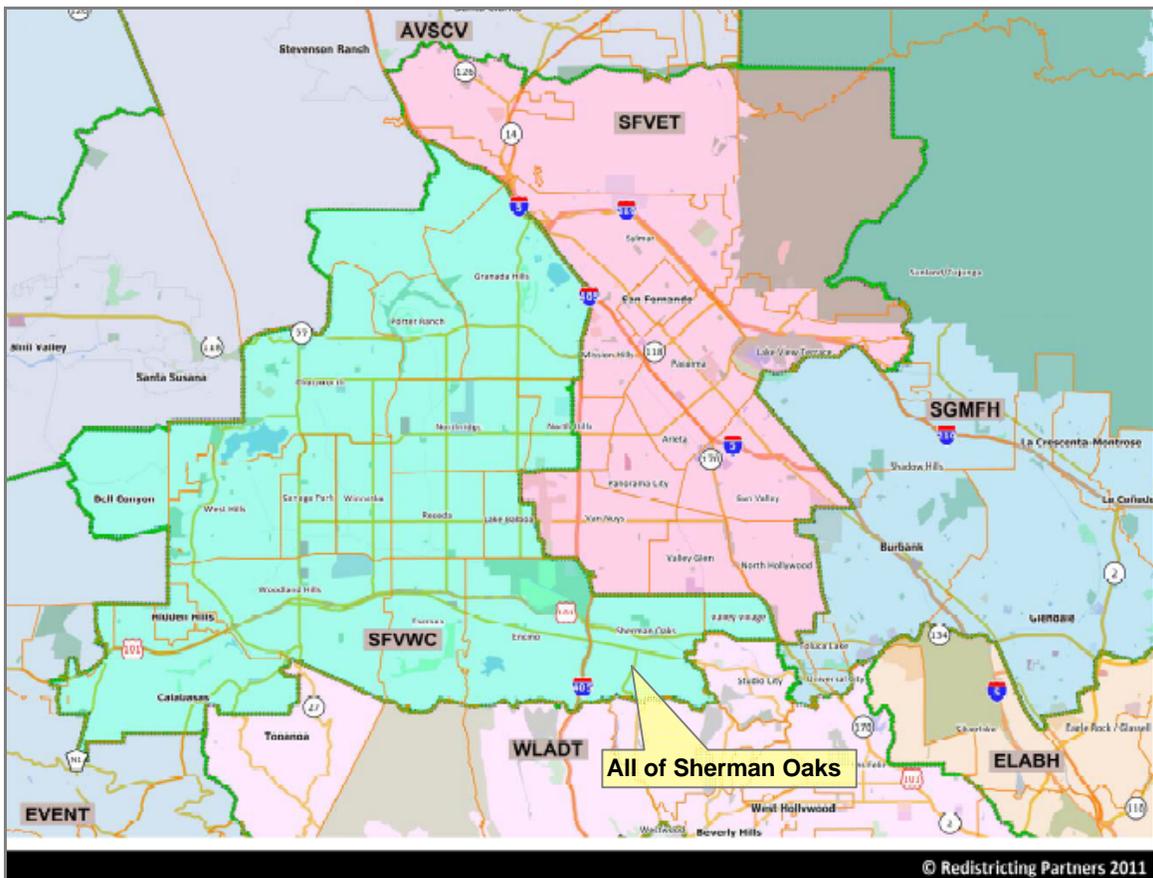
At your June 16th public meeting in Culver City, Speaker #24, Robert Anderson, represented the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) and presented our concerns about splitting Sherman Oaks across two proposed Congressional districts (as shown in the figure below). SOHA recommended moving the southern boundary of the “West San Fernando Valley – Calabasas” Congressional District from Ventura Boulevard to Mulholland Drive (as shown by the purple dotted line). A commissioner asked Mr. Anderson if SOHA could recommend how this might be accomplished, given the strict population balance required across districts. This letter provides our response which comprises two viable options.



Sherman Oaks Split By Proposed “West San Fernando Valley – Calabasas” Congressional District

SOHA Response to Citizens Redistricting Commission Question

SOHA talked with several organizations to help us understand the population balances resulting from various changes to the West San Fernando – Calabasas Congressional District. We also reviewed several potential boundary changes, and one made a lot of common sense – removing the Santa Clarita Valley northeast of Interstate 5 (at the northern tip of the proposed district). The San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita Valley do not share a common community of interest. We both call ourselves the “valley” and we feel that the Santa Clarita Valley would much prefer district boundaries that kept it with its own community of interest to the north. We do understand that removing this section of the district by itself may not remove sufficient population to add back all of Sherman Oaks. However, we worked with the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) whose thinking was along our same lines. VICA developed a revised West San Fernando – Calabasas Congressional District (see map below) that removes the Santa Clarita Valley and adds all of Sherman Oaks. We understand that this district includes other changes needed to meet the legal population balance. SOHA feels this is a viable and doable option.



VICA-Developed Revised “West San Fernando Valley – Calabasas” District

We also looked at another option which retains the Santa Clarita Valley in the district but instead removes high-population-density areas in the southwest edge of the San Fernando Valley. Moving Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and some adjacent portions of Woodland Hills into the West Los Angeles – Downtown Congressional District would appear to remove sufficient population to add back both Sherman Oaks and Studio City to the West San Fernando – Calabasas District. Alternately, moving Topanga, Malibu, Agoura, and Westlake from the East Ventura District to the West Los Angeles District, moving Hidden Hills, Calabasas, some adjacent portions of Woodland Hills, and moving some portions of Ventura County from the West San Fernando – Calabasas District to the East Ventura District would also remove sufficient population to add back both Sherman Oaks and Studio City to the West San Fernando – Calabasas District.

SOHA Response to Citizens Redistricting Commission Question

Before closing, we want to clarify one point. In our June 16th letter, SOHA noted that Sherman Oaks was essentially bounded by Mulholland Drive on the south, the I-405 freeway on the west, Oxnard Street and Burbank Boulevard on the north, and Coldwater Canyon Boulevard on the east. At the Culver City meeting, we heard that the Commission had some challenges determining exact boundaries for areas such as Sherman Oaks. Therefore, we wanted to provide more exact boundaries. Sherman Oaks southern boundary is Mulholland Drive. The western boundary is Firmament north of Valley Vista Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard south of Valley Vista to Mulholland Drive (this entire boundary is actually west of Interstate 405). The northern boundary is Oxnard Street on the western side of Sherman Oaks and Burbank Boulevard on the eastern side. The eastern boundary is Coldwater Canyon Avenue from Burbank Boulevard south to Magnolia where it jogs west to Fulton Avenue at Ventura Boulevard, and the boundary then follows Longridge Avenue south to Mulholland Drive. You can see that it is a complex boundary. We hope this description helps.

Thank you again for your consideration.

You can contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Bob Anderson
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Chair, Redistricting Committee

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: Dan Hultgren <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:34:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dan Hultgren <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 12th Senate District redraw lines

Message Body:

I am appalled at the way these lines are being redrawn. We have nothing in common with the people in Santa Clara County or San Benito Countu. The issues they face are unrelated to the high unemployment, agricultural needs and requirements and water issues faced in our area. We will be lost in this district plan and our very real needs will be ignored by the big business interests in the valley and the completely different issues in the coastal area. No! No! No!

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3	05	ESAC	47.3%	O
4	03	ECONT	57.1%	E
5	09	OAKRI	8.9%	O
6	04	SAC	66.7%	E
7	07	EALAM	7.4%	O
8	06	FOOTH	75.8%	E
9	08	STANJ	44.5%	O
10	10	HAYWD	80.1%	E
11	11	SF	52.0%	O
12	14	MERCD	80.0%	E
13	12	MATEO	40.8%	O
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21	19	EVENT	0.0%	O
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23	23	LASCV	7.0%	O
24	25	LAWSG	79.6%	E
25	21	LASGF	10.1%	O
26	22	LACVN	89.5%	E
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28	26	POMSB	88.3%	E
29	29	LAWBC	30.8%	O
30	28	LAWSC	88.7%	E
31	31	LALBS	13.7%	O
32	34	WSTAN	56.9%	E
33	32	DBYLA	37.6%	O
34	36	SANOC	60.3%	E
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36	37	CCHTM	58.9%	E
37	35	CSTIV	0.0%	O
38	38	NESAN	76.7%	E
39	39	CSAND	54.5%	O
40	40	ISAND	72.6%	E

Subject: United Latinos Vote submission - Senate District numbering

From: "Robert J. Apodaca" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:47:30 -0700

To: CRC <[REDACTED]>

The attached chart will be of help in your numbering of Senate Districts in a way to minimize deferral.

The spreadsheet with the odd-even minimize advance deferral calculations.

The first sheet has the districts sorted by % of population currently in even numbered district. The 20 districts with the lowest %Even, highest %Odd are assigned as Odd and the remaining 20 are assigned even.

The second sheet gives north to south numbers within the odd even categories. It also shows the number that I gave each one originally.

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Robert J. Apodaca

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Subject: CA Congressional Plans: Feedback for WESTG

From: Michael Gates <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:33:02 -0700

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

Dear Commission:

After reviewing the district lines for WESTG and OCCST, I think that the WESTG move "west" is a good direction, and I appreciate everything that this Commission is doing, so thank you.

I would like to request a reconsideration of the western-most boundary of WESTG. I believe that in keeping with what appears to be the Commission's intent in redrawing Rep. Sanchez's westward, it would only make sense to move the WESTG western boundary near the 405 Freeway, and at the intersection of Goldenwest and Edinger, further west. Here is why. I live near this area and I can tell you that in that particular area of south Westminster and north Huntington Beach, the demographic matches that of what is presently in Rep. Sanchez's district, namely, high density population of lower, to middle income earners, of an ethnically diverse background. If the western boundary of Beach Blvd., especially near McFadden, Edinger, and Heil Avenues were moved a bit more west, like to Springdale St., I think those district lines will allow Rep. Sanchez to represent more similarly situated people, and give her district a greater number of similar population. Doing this would also capture Golden West College, which has a huge number of college-aged voters who are also very diverse ethnically.

Thank you and I hope this insight is helpful.

Michael Gates

Subject: gerrymandering at its best!

From: Sue Martin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:10:25 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Wish they would actually do something about able bodies welfare leeches and all the freebies given to both welfare and illegals!

Yet they keep cutting benefits to people that EARNED social security, pensions, benefits and Medicare!

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: Dawn Brown <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 22:23:29 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dawn Brown <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate District 12

Message Body:

The proposed lines for Senate District 12 violate Community Interests. Therefore, I request that you redraw the proposed lines to portray adequately the rural interests of the Central Valley. Agriculture, water, and air quality issues are vastly different from that of the urban Silicone Valley. Because we are a rural community, the scope and sequence of educational and vocational needs of Valley children are different from their urban peers. The interests of the Central Valley are better served if you keep valley communities together. I submit that Merced County is better served if you extended the borders to the south vice to the east. I would use the Costal Ranges as a natural boundary line for the 12th Senate District. I recommend keeping the following rural Central Valley county communities together (from north to south: Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kern Counties). If the numbers don't add up, I would include one of the following counties who !

appear to have interests commensurate with the Central Valley: San Benito County because of the Agricultural interest or Mariposa County because historically, Merced County was once part of Mariposa County. In conclusion, as a rule of thumb, remember urbanized Coastal areas have absolutely nothing in common with the rural Central Valley. The coast is where we vacation or take day trips but we don't live there! Please reflect that reality in the Senate 12 District lines.

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: Dorothy Kielty <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:20:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dorothy Kielty <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting - Senate District 12

Message Body:

I lived in the Bay area for 19 years and worked in Santa Clara and have a sister living in Monterey. I have lived and worked in Merced County for 9 years. The issues faced in Merced are very different from the ones faced in Monterey and Santa Clara counties. Having these districts jumbled together will mean that Merced and west Stanislaus counties districts will be overshadowed by the more densely populated Santa Clara and San Benito areas and our needs will continue to be overlooked. Merced County is one of the poorest counties in the state - our issues of unemployment, high school dropout rates need a senator who is aware of the issues and cares. The agricultural and water issues are more similar to other Central Valley communities. We need to be in the same district so our issues can be faced squarely and so we have good representation.

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: Andree Soares <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:14:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Andree Soares <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-districting

Message Body:

I am adamantly opposed to incorporating the coastal community into the Valley Region 6.

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: Linn Carlson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:15:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Linn Carlson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Citizen's Redistricting

Message Body:

The Valley has no community interest with the coastal counties and we do NOT like this draft.

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Subject: Merced Testimony

From: Kelly Flores <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:18:54 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I've lived in [Merced](#) my whole life. Currently I work in Atwater. I wanted to write you a quick note to let you know that I agree with your first draft map decision to place [Turlock](#) in an Assembly district separate from [Merced County](#) and the southern Modesto area in Stanislaus County.

You see, my wife and I have a 9-year-old autistic son who is attending elementary school in Merced. We've often thought about moving our family to the more affluent Turlock area because we know that there would be more funds available for special educational programs for our son. But, we'd lose on our home investment and we don't want to give up on my hometown. So, we've been working instead to get more special ed funding right here in Merced.

Thank you for pairing us with other diverse, less affluent cities in western Stanislaus who share similar struggles to get the funds necessary to give our children the lives they deserve. Please do not pair us with the more affluent areas of Stanislaus County like Turlock and the cities east of Highway 99 who do not share these challenges: our little town's needs will be lost and my son's education will suffer.

Sincerely,

Tommy Flores

[REDACTED]

[Merced, CA](#)

Subject: Redistricting

From: Henry Xiong <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 09:13:43 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

As one of local residents of Merced County, I need to let the Commission know that the Valley has no community interest with the coastal counties and that we don't like this draft.

Thanks,

Henry Xiong

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: "John M. Derby" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:15:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John M. Derby <[REDACTED]>
Subject: New Lines for the 12th District

Message Body:

As publisher of six weekly newspapers in Merced and Stanislaus counties I find it unbelievable that our new district will be even more unrepresentative of the valley agricultural interests. We have so little representation now; we can't afford to have even more of our district moved to the coastal counties of Santa Cruz and reaching up into San Jose. I know this is not a political issue but common sense would allow all of Merced and Stanislaus counties to stay together Shifting 100,000 voters from the valley to the coast would not be in the best interests of good representative government.

Sincerely,

John M. Derby, publiser for 47 years.

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Tony Bowling <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:10:31 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I would say the most important (logical) aspect of this is that the area is all in one lump! Now immediately there appears to be a problem of wording here. You are asking for comment but I cannot find a word that describes what I (and probably others) want to say. The area should be as close to a circle or rectangle as possible -- not just contiguous but shaped such that IT IS OBVIOUS if you are in a certain region or not. What is NOT wanted is that it looks like LA City itself with San Pedro existing many miles further south than "South LA". Were they drunk at the time! It needs to be set up with what is best for the people and not the politician.

Someone put together the attached map. I would say this is a pretty good representation of what I would want.

Best,

Tony Bowling
Sunland home owner

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