June 30, 2011

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

RE: San Diego Senate District Nesting for Latino, Coastal and Jewish Communities

Members of the Commission:

I write to you as a former executive director of the American Jewish Committee in San Diego and a current commentator with the San Diego Jewish World.

As acknowledged at the June 10th meeting, there is a problem with the nesting of State Senate districts in San Diego. I was speaker 101 at the recent hearing in San Diego and spoke to this issue. I have additional thoughts since that meeting.

I would suggest the following nesting for San Diego and Imperial:

1. SSAND and ISAND – This creates a as a Voting Rights Act District which maximizes Latino/Latina voter strength. There are strong historical connections between San Diego and Imperial Counties. At one time, Imperial County was a part of San Diego County. There are clear common interests, issues and priorities in communities that line the border between the US and Mexico.

2. NCSAN and CNSAN - This creates a coastal district with strong common concerns for the coastal environment and common quality of life concerns. Additionally, the vast majority of residents in this district are in a common socio-economic stratum.

3. RCHMM plus LMSAND – This creates an inland urban district with many common concerns. It also unites the Jewish communities of Del Cerro, Carmel Valley and University City, which constitutes the majority of the community in the region. The Jewish community is not a disadvantaged community. But clearly, the community has distinct interests and concerns.

4. NESAN and MURT - Many of these communities are already contained in current senate district. While parts of the districts are urbanized, many areas contain rural communities. These two districts have many similar interests and much commonality.

Thank you for considering my proposal and for your work on behalf of the many diverse interests in our state.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Rotto

Attachment
The Gary Rotto District
Fwd: Public Comment: 1 - San Diego

From: Rick & Dan Merrill
Subject: Congress

Message Body:
The San Diego-Coronado maps for Congress are not representational of our community! Your lines cut right through Hillcrest! You are tasked with drawing maps that represent communities, according to Propositions 11 & 20. None of you must have ever been to Hillcrest in San Diego, because you are cutting the gay community in half, sticking half of Hillcrest and ALL of Mission Hills with POWAY! Poway is geographically and politically opposite of our community. PLEASE put ALL of Hillcrest and ALL of Mission Hills in the same district with each other with the rest of the gay community in North Park, South Park, Kensington, and City Heights. Thank you!!!

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June 27, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a resident of the Rancho Santa Fe Covenant in San Diego County since 1980. My wife June joined me in residence in the Covenant in 1992. Our orientation today is "North County" in the County of San Diego, and we believe that overwhelming number of residents in the Rancho Santa Fe Covenant and surrounding rural areas share our orientation.

No doubt, the residents of many city areas in the vicinity of Rancho Santa Fe also share our "North County" orientation.

This refers to proposed changes in California's State Senate and Assembly Districts (which I wonder from reading a few newspaper reports) would put Rancho Santa Fe and other areas in "North County" in new Districts extending south to the City of San Diego and even further to the border with Mexico. I am not informed of the consequences of establishing the proposed redistricting, but I surely question its impact upon existing school, fire and water districts.

I believe that the American citizens in the State of California should be first given an opportunity to be informed of the pros and cons of proposed changes before action is taken by our elected governmental offices. Please!

Sincerely,

C. Neil Ash