Good Afternoon Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

On behalf of the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County, please accept the attached letter reflecting the same comments posted below.

“Our group of Western Riverside County community leaders very much appreciates how your current draft district boundaries would improve our representation at the state and national level. We understand the difficulty of balancing population numbers, government boundaries and communities of interest and know the pressures you are under to make changes.

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Whatever you do, please do not include portions of our area in Los Angeles and Orange County-based districts. Our interests are very different from those of these coastal counties. We have much more in common, if you must cross county lines, with the San Bernardino-Redlands area, which share our transportation, water and air concerns.”
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Nicholas Adcock  
Governmental Affairs Manager  
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce  
Staff Liaison  
Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County

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Thank you for all your hard work.

FOR THE MONDAY MORNING GROUP,

Richard D. Roth
President
June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Congressional Redistricting Boundary Adjustment Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

As local elected officials, we understand the challenges involved in determining the appropriate redistricting boundaries for our State and we would like to commend the Citizens Redistricting Commission’s efforts to date.

Although the City of Temecula agrees with the draft Assembly and Senate maps, the City is opposed to the Commission’s recommendation to divide the City of Temecula into two separate congressional election boundaries. The area that ultimately became the City of Temecula has been a part of Riverside County since the County was formed in 1893. While the draft Assembly and Senate district maps place the City of Temecula within one district within Riverside County, the draft congressional map severs a large portion of the City of Temecula into a San Diego County Congressional District.

It is the City of Temecula’s contention that, while this area has been well served by Congressman Darrell Issa, an important goal for the Commission is to keep communities together. Therefore, all of Temecula logically and politically should remain a part of Riverside County’s congressional delegation, much like the draft Senate and Assembly maps.

We urge you to reconsider your recommendation to divide the congressional election boundaries within the City of Temecula and to revise the draft congressional map to include all of the City of Temecula within the new PRS/I-15 Corridor Congressional District within Riverside County.

Sincerely,

Ron Roberts
Mayor

cc: City Council
RESOLUTION NO. 11-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO DIVIDE THE CITY OF TEMECULA INTO TWO SEPARATE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION BOUNDARIES AND REQUESTING THAT ALL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW PRS/I-15 CORRIDOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

WHEREAS, California citizens, via a State Initiative, required that an independent commission redraw State Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional boundaries in accordance with data received from the 2010 U.S. Census.

WHEREAS, the goal for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission was to stop State legislature gerrymandering and to set up districts that made logical sense, and to balance communities. Additionally, an important goal for the Commission was to keep communities together.

WHEREAS, the area that ultimately became the City of Temecula has been a part of Riverside County since the County was formed in 1893. The draft Assembly and Senate maps include all of Temecula within one district. However, the Redistricting Commission has determined in its initial draft analysis to sever a large portion of the City of Temecula into a San Diego County Congressional District.

WHEREAS, consistent with the goal of keeping communities together, all of Temecula logically and politically should remain a part of Riverside County's congressional delegation, much like the draft Senate and Assembly maps.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA that the City of Temecula formally opposes the proposed California Citizens Redistricting Commission’s recommendation to divide the City of Temecula into two separate congressional election boundaries and requests that the Redistricting Commission revise the boundary map to include all of the City of Temecula in the new PRS/I-15 Corridor Congressional District within Riverside County.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA that the City of Temecula authorizes its Council and city staff to communicate its opposition to the proposed California Citizens Redistricting Commission’s recommendation to divide the City of Temecula into two separate congressional election boundaries and to request that all of the City of Temecula be included in the new PRS/I-15 Corridor Congressional District within Riverside County.

[Signature]

I hereby aver, under the penalty of perjury that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an original on deposit within the records of the City of Temecula, this 25th day of May, 2011.

SUSAN W. JONES, M.M.C., City Clerk
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 28th day of June, 2011.

Ron Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan W. Jones, MMC
City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
CITY OF TEMECULA  

I, Susan W. Jones, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 11-49 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 28th day of July, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:  5  COUNCIL MEMBERS:  Comerchero, Edwards, Naggar, Washington, Roberts

NOES:  0  COUNCIL MEMBERS:  None

ABSENT:  0  COUNCIL MEMBERS:  None

ABSTAIN:  0  COUNCIL MEMBERS:  None

Susan W. Jones, MMC  
City Clerk

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SUSAN W. JONES, MMC, CITY CLERK