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Subject: Assembly and Senate District Maps-REVISE
On behalf of the Citizens, Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, please see attached letter regarding the Assembly and Senate District maps.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Fabian Villenas, Principal Management Analyst at [REDACTED] ext. 2006 or via e-mail at [REDACTED]

Thank you,

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: REVISE Assembly and Senate District Maps to keep Rancho Cucamonga whole and within San Bernardino County

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the 168,000 citizens of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, I strongly urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) to reconsider its proposed Assembly and Senate District Maps and maintain the City of Rancho Cucamonga entirely under one Assembly and one Senate District, within San Bernardino County.

At its July 6, 2011 meeting, the Rancho Cucamonga City Council took action to *strongly OPPOSE* the current Assembly and Senate District maps (as released on June 10th) and *urge that Assembly District Map SBCUCA and Senate District Map SBBAN be revised to include the entire City of Rancho Cucamonga.*

The proposed maps released by the Commission on June 10, 2011, show that a portion of Rancho Cucamonga will be under the SBCUCA Assembly District and the SBBAN Senate District, respectively. Unfortunately, the entire Northwest portion of Rancho Cucamonga (bordered by Haven Avenue and the 210 freeway) which includes approximately 33,000 residents or 20 percent of the Rancho Cucamonga's population, is disenfranchised from effective representation with the rest of Rancho Cucamonga by being lumped into separate Senate and Assembly districts that are almost totally in Los Angeles County.

The proposed LASGF Assembly District just west of Rancho Cucamonga which contains the Northwest section of Rancho Cucamonga and neighboring Upland (both in San Bernardino County), also includes the Los Angeles County communities of La Verne, San Dimas, Glendora, Azusa, Duarte, Sierra Madre, La Canada Flintridge and even touches the San Fernando Valley. The proposed LASGF Senate District west of Rancho Cucamonga which also includes the Northwest corner of Rancho Cucamonga, includes the aforementioned cities plus Pasadena, South Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale and again stretches out to touch the San Fernando Valley. Some of these communities are more than 50 miles from Rancho Cucamonga and have virtually no commonality or shared interests with the City.

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Clearly, the proposed Draft Maps do not meet the Commission's stated criteria to "respect counties, cities, communities of interest, and neighborhoods, where possible." In fact, the proposed Draft Maps bifurcate a substantial and well-established portion of our community and place it into obscurity with over a half-dozen prominent L.A. County communities. The voices of our 33,000 residents that live in the Northwest area will be completely drowned out by the 465,804 voices in the proposed Assembly District and 929,398 voices in the proposed Senate District that overwhelmingly reside in Los Angeles County.

The residents of Northwest Rancho Cucamonga share no community interests with these Los Angeles County communities. All municipal services for this area, including library, community services, community development, animal control, and others are provided by the City of Rancho Cucamonga. Law enforcement services are provided through a contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and fire and emergency response is provided by the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District, a subsidiary district of the City. On a regional basis, transportation issues are addressed through the San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG) and CalTrans District 8. Public transit services for the San Bernardino Valley are provided by OmniTrans. The representation and services that these entities provide in no way overlap or have any connection or relationship with Los Angeles County and the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valley communities that are identified in the proposed District Maps.

The residents of Northwest Rancho Cucamonga have strong ties and a strong sense of identity with the rest of the Rancho Cucamonga community, San Bernardino County, and the Inland Empire. There are no commonalities between our residents and Los Angeles County, and the proposed Assembly and Senate District Maps needlessly split our community and our neighborhoods, effectively nullifying their voices and opportunity for strong representation.

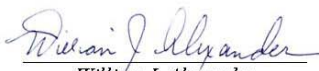
For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Commission keep Rancho Cucamonga whole and entirely within San Bernardino County and REVISE Proposed Assembly District Map SBCUCA and Senate District Map SBBAN to include the ENTIRE City of Rancho Cucamonga.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to call [REDACTED] ext. 2006 if you require any further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,


L. Dennis Michael
Mayor


Sam Spagnolo
Mayor Pro Tem


William J. Alexander
Council Member


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Council Member


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Council Member