

**Subject:** Latest Districting Maps for SoCal

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**To:** [REDACTED]

I just took a look at the current maps of the SoCal area and compared them with the current districts. All I see is gerrymandering in the Democrat direction. Just take a look at the narrow strip that connects Rancho Cucamonga with San Bernardino and you will see what I mean. It looks like the voters got duped again! How about creating districts based on population centers and then letting areas of low population density create natural district boundaries to start. That would seem the most fair. Alas, I fear this reasoning is falling on deaf ears, though I hope not.

**Subject:** Public Comment: 2 - San Bernardino

**From:** Alicia Smith <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 02:07:06 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alicia Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed Redistricting of Rancho Cucamonga

Message Body:

As a resident of Rancho Cucamonga, I urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to approve Assembly and Senate District maps that keep the City of Rancho Cucamonga entirely under one Assembly and one Senate District within San Bernardino County.

I am very concerned that the northwest portion of our city is currently included in a proposed Assembly District that stretches out to the San Fernando Valley and places it with a half-dozen LA County communities that do not resemble Rancho Cucamonga.

Residents of Northwest Rancho Cucamonga have strong ties and a strong sense of identity with the rest of the Rancho Cucamonga community, with San Bernardino County, and with the Inland Empire. Rancho Cucamonga needs to maintain its ties to the local area.

Also, the proposed Assembly District map does not meet the Commission's stated criteria to "respect counties, cities, communities of interest, and neighborhoods where possible."

For these reasons, I request that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission keep Rancho Cucamonga whole and within San Bernardino County Assembly and Senate Districts.

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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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**RE: Maintain the City of Rancho Cucamonga whole and within San Bernardino County Assembly and Senate Districts**

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

We were encouraged to see the latest Senate visualization maps (released on July 14<sup>th</sup>) include the entire City of Rancho Cucamonga in one Senate district within San Bernardino County. Unfortunately, however, the latest Assembly District visualization map continues to split the Rancho Cucamonga community between one district in San Bernardino County and one district in Los Angeles County.

On behalf of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, we strongly urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) to **approve Assembly and Senate District Maps that keep the City of Rancho Cucamonga entirely under one Assembly and one Senate District, within San Bernardino County.**

The proposed maps originally released by the Commission on June 10, 2011, identified a portion of Rancho Cucamonga to be under the SBCUCA Assembly District and the SBAN Senate District, respectively. However, 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, would be 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. While it appears that the latest version of the Senate District Map has been corrected and includes the entire City in one Senate District within San Bernardino County, the latest Assembly District Map continues to include this unfair split.

The proposed 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. Some of these communities are more than 40 miles from Rancho Cucamonga and have virtually no commonality or shared interests with the City.



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Clearly, the proposed Assembly Draft Map does not meet the Commission's stated criteria to "respect counties, cities, communities of interest, and neighborhoods, where possible." In fact, the proposed Assembly Draft Map bifurcates a substantial and well-established portion of our community and places it into obscurity with a half-dozen L.A. County communities. The voices of our 33,000 residents that live in the Northwest area will be completely drowned out by the 465,000 voices in the proposed Assembly 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 latest Assembly District Map.

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 District Map needlessly splits our community and our neighborhoods, effectively nullifying their voices and opportunity for strong representation.

**For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Commission approve Assembly and Senate District Maps that keep the City of Rancho Cucamonga whole and entirely under one Assembly and one Senate District, within San Bernardino County.**

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

Sincerely,

  
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