

**Subject:** Please Extend San Bernardino Congressional District North to Include the San Gabriel Mountains

**From:** Jasmin Vargas <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:08:18 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

July 19, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]

Sacramento, California 95814

## **Please Extend San Bernardino Congressional District North to Include the San Gabriel Mountains**

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am fortunate to have the San Gabriel Mountains so near; I could call it my backyard. Being that it is my backyard, I would like to be able to have a say in how it is managed. I am very concerned about the future of the San Gabriel Mountains where my friends and family are frequent visitors.

Recreational conditions in many areas in the San Gabriel's are substandard, especially areas frequented by people of color. How Congressional Districts that include the San Gabriel's are designed will influence the people's ability to improve these conditions. We are pleased that the Commission has generally placed the federal public land in the San Gabriel Mountains in the same Congressional Districts as the foothill and San Gabriel River watershed communities to the south of the range, which form a community of interest. The Redistricting Commission has admirably united foothill residents with their federal public lands in the San Gabriel Mountains as reflected in all three of the Los Angeles County Congressional Districts visualizations. It is a impressive feat to have organized the districts to satisfy the Voting Rights Act, and communities of interest comments and create boundaries that are contiguous from the San Gabriel Valley and up to the mountains. I commend your work.

Like the Pasadena area to the west, Rancho has a very intimate relationship with the San Gabriel Mountains. It is also the most heavily populated foothill city adjacent to the San Gabriel's. If The Eastern San Gabriel Mountains is place in the same district as Death Valley, Rancho Cucamonga would no longer in the same Congressional District as its backyard mountain range. **We urge the Commission add the San Gabriel Mountains to the north of Rancho Cucamonga to the San Bernardino Congressional District, which**

**includes Rancho Cucamonga, and to reflect this change in its visualizations of the district.** This will also better link Rancho Cucamonga with the remainder of the district to the east by expanding the linkage in the San Gabriel Mountains. I believe that this design will look much more logical to the public and it fits well with what the Commission has done to the west in Los Angeles County.

I strongly recommend that the San Bernardino Congressional District be expanded to the north above Rancho Cucamonga to include the section of the San Gabriel Mountains in San Bernardino County that is located west of the I-15, and extend the district north from Rancho Cucamonga to the northern national forest boundary. The western district boundary in the San Gabriel Mountains would be the LA County line and the eastern boundary I-15. With this boundary adjustment the entire San Gabriel range and the citizens who have the strongest relationship with the mountains will be located in a series of well-designed Congressional Districts which recognize the community of interest of foothill communities in both Los Angeles and western San Bernardino Counties.

Sincerely,

Jasmin Vargas

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90043

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**Subject:** Please Include San Gabriel Mountains in the San Bernardino Congressional District

**From:** jmtorres <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:26:40 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am a long time user of the San Gabriel Mountains. I use the mountains mostly for spiritual purposes, leading meditative hikes, walks and retreats with my faith community. Thank you for your recent work to protect the mountains by uniting them to the users to south in the same congressional district!

However, I am concerned that the eastern section of the San Gabriel Mountains (in San Bernardino County) is no longer connected to the communities to the south of it. I strongly recommend that the San Bernardino Congressional District be expanded to the north above Rancho Cucamonga to include the section of the San Gabriel Mountains in San Bernardino County that is located west of the I-15. Adjusting the proposed San Bernardino Congressional District can be done by extending the district north from Rancho Cucamonga to the northern national forest boundary. The western district boundary in the San Gabriel Mountains would be the LA County line and the eastern boundary I-15. With this boundary adjustment the entire San Gabriel range and the citizens who have the strongest relationship with the mountains will be located in the same Congressional Districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,  
Juana Torres

[REDACTED]  
Reseda, CA 91335

**Subject:** Please put the San Gabriel Mountains in the Same Congressional District as Rancho Cucamonga!

**From:** David Griffith [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 21:21:25 -0500 (CDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Jul 18, 2011

California Redistricting Commission

Dear CA Redistricting Commissioners Redistricting Commission,

The San Gabriel Mountains are an important amenity to the citizens of Rancho Cucamonga. As a local resident I urge you to maintain our ability to influence the management of our public lands in the San Gabriel Mtns by making sure our city is in the same congressional district as the mountains to our north. This can readily be accomplished by extending the proposed San Bernardino Congressional District, which includes Rancho Cucamonga, to the north to include the section of the San Gabriel Mountains in San Bernardino County.

Being a gateway city to the mountains, Rancho Cucamonga residents have extensive geographic, economic and recreational connections to the range and have the highest stake in the management of the San Gabriels, including issues such as fire and floods prevention.

Residents of Rancho Cucamonga look north into the San Gabriel Mountains every day. The range provides a striking scenic backdrop to our city with often snow-covered Ontario and Cucamonga Peaks. We even have a park and trail system that leads north into the San Gabriels. For all these reasons and more please keep our city united with our backyard mountain range!

Thank you for all your work!

Sincerely,

Mr. David Griffith

[REDACTED]  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737-3017

**Subject:** Please put the San Gabriel Mountains in the Same Congressional District as Rancho Cucamonga!

**From:** Dean Shimek <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:47:46 -0500 (CDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Jul 19, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mr. Dean Shimek

[REDACTED]  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739-1528  
[REDACTED]

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

**From:** Fabian Paredes <fb[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:55:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Fabian Paredes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City Officials misrepresentation

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

It is very concerning that City Officials from Upland and Rancho Cucamonga are misrepresenting information. The letters submitted by both of these cities indicate they are speaking on behalf of all the citizens in their city. This is not true the city Officials did not confer with all the citizens in their districts regarding a position on the CRC or COI.

The City of Upland stated a letter on behalf of all the citizens. However, when they were contacted the representative stated this was an error. The City of Rancho Cucamonga indicated that the verbiage on behalf of all the citizens was in error. However, the City of Rancho Cucamonga posted on their website encouraging citizens to post comments but they are advising citizens to use the verbiage on their website supporting their position. I thought the point of the CRC was for voters/constituents to voice their own opinions and not be influenced by city officials or legislative Analyst working behind the scenes to influence voter opinions. Prop. 11 The Voters First Act says it all. Just a thought and point of clarification.

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

**From:** Mirella Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:23:29 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Mirella Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Rialto

Message Body:

I have submitted testimony before and it has not been included in any of your public documents. I am reiterating my position and the position of many in Rialto.

Do not split up the mid-valley area of Rialto, Fontana, Bloomington, and San Bernardino. We share too much of our economy and our infrastructure to be split across Congressional districts.

Gerrymandering to appease residents in Redlands should not be taken out on Rialto. I currently live in the middle of a Latino Congressional District and it shows that one can be created without having overarching arms throughout the county.

Please go back to the First Draft of San Bernardino County. Your visualizations since then have lost you much credibility from local residents.

Mirella Trujillo

[REDACTED], Rialto, CA 92376  
[REDACTED] cell

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