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From: "Daren Nigsarian" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 11:44 AM
Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange
From: Daren Nigsarian <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Draft AD/SD Boundaries for La Habra

Message Body:

As a former council candidate and former Chairman of the La Habra Planning Commission, I do not share the concerns of La Habra Council incumbents with regard to the new proposed boundaries. Mayor Gomez' top priority is maintaining political alliances with current State Assembly and Senate representatives. Rather, I heartily endorse and support the current draft, creating districts which La Habra would share with Los Angeles County cities.

I believe it is an ideal way of addressing the numerical concerns, as well as creating districts that are more homogenous and therefore more effectively served by an elected representative. The "mixed-county" argument against such districts is disingenuous.

Thanks for the fine work!

Daren Nigsarian

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From: "Carol Nigsarian" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:09 PM
Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange
From: Carol Nigsarian <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agree with map placing La Habra with Whittier and Pico Rivera

Message Body:
Commissioners:

I am in agreement with the proposed lines drawn to put the city of La Habra into the same district as Whittier and Pico Rivera. I feel our city's makeup is much more aligned with the aforementioned communities than those of Brea, Fullerton or the other Orange County cities we are currently lumped with. We have a large population of Hispanics and blue-collar, working-class people here in La Habra, the same as Whittier and Pico Rivera, and our needs are more closely aligned with those cities. I am aware that our current city council members are not in favor of this change, but for political reasons. For example, Councilman Tim Shaw works for Senator Bob Huff and their political futures are tied together. The council's opposition does not reflect what is best for La Habra.

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From: "Michael Patino" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:02 PM
Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Michael Patino <[REDACTED]>

Subject: The latest 7-8-11 active maps regardin Northern tip of Orange County.

Message Body:

I would like to copmmend teh Comission on your efforts and the fact that you do listemto in the concerns of the community. I find that the three main maps for Congressional, State senate and State assembly are very liveabe.

I do not believe that Chino will be best served inour congressional district,; but do understand how it ended up there, based on other boudaries tht were set.

In Assembly, I wish that La HAbra couls be part of the Crea YL Placentia District. but I also understand the reasoning there. From A safety and infrastructure point. Yo have done a great job and I respect your decisions. Thank you from a Brea resident in the northern tip of Orange County. Your planning shows an awareness of future planned developemnt and allows local legislatures to be active in the developement in concert.

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July 8, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear California Redistricting Commission Members:

As you may have read, California's recently adopted state budget contains a provision to divert \$48 Million annually from Orange County that had been previously pledged to us by the State. This money was set aside in the mid-nineties to pay off debt associated with the Orange County bankruptcy – at that time an equivalent amount of Orange County revenue was traded to the State to make it a revenue neutral solution. Now the state has grabbed that money as part of their budget "fix". This will have a profound negative consequence for residents of Orange County. Our public safety, park system, and economic vitality are now at additional risk.

I bring this to your attention because this action helps demonstrate why local governments like Orange County are themselves a community of interest. I have been disappointed that past gerrymanders have utilized Orange County residents to bolster the populations of districts based in adjoining counties all to the detriment of Orange County's fair share of political representation. While Orange County's coffers are raided, we have to look to non-Orange County resident legislators for help. I hope that this new process will cure this injustice, but I keep reading and hearing of proposals from this commission that seems to repeat this mistake.

I trust that by the end of this process the residents of Orange County will not once again feel cheated. However, I am concerned of reports that La Habra is combined with a Los Angeles County district and Los Alamitos and Rossmore are put into a different Los Angeles County based district. Our county's northeastern tier of cities is at risk of being placed into a district that would include other city's representing three counties.

In order to help you protect the political integrity of Orange County, I would like to respectfully make several suggestions which could assist you in this endeavor.

1. Population dictates that there should be a minimum of four Orange County based Congressional Districts, three Orange County based State Senate Districts and either six or seven Orange County based Assembly seats.

2. To the extent possible, multiple county border crossings should be avoided. Any more than two border crossings will continue the practice of undermining Orange Countians faith in this process.
3. The Cleveland National Forest serves as a natural, physical barrier between counties and if it is crossed it creates districts that are nearly impossible to effectively represent.
4. The Chino Hill Park serves a natural, physical barrier between counties as well. One would never hear of a "Chino Hills Park Community of Interest." There simply is no close connection between the residents of Yorba Linda and Diamond Bar or the residents of Placentia and Chino Hills.

Recently, in our Board of Supervisors redistricting process, a new plan was tentatively approved. This plan recognizes the Community of Interest of Northeast Orange County by once again placing Brea, Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, Orange, Villa Park and North Tustin in the same Supervisor District. These cities have similar demographics and lifestyle and are linked by proximity and a network of freeways and highways including the 57, 55 and 91 freeways along with Imperial Highway and Cannon Road.

Similarly, our redistricting process appropriately combines the cities of Fullerton and Placentia. These two cities are separated by the 57 freeway which, along with Chapman Avenue is the main arterial for commerce and socio-political activity. At the border of these two cities is California State University, Fullerton – a place of distinction for both cities. Placentia and Fullerton are two of the cities in the North Orange County Community College District and Chapman Avenue links the campus of Fullerton Community College to Placentia – even the City Halls of each city are linked by Chapman Avenue (Placentia's on Chapman and Fullerton's one block south of Chapman). These cities are tied together through their common interests in higher education, youth sports, commerce and cultural activities.

For larger Senate and Congressional Districts it would make sense to combine all of the aforementioned cities.

I thank you for your tireless efforts and hope that my comments may be of some assistance as you address the redistricting process in Orange County.

Sincerely,



Bill Campbell
Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, Third District