Subject: Fountain Valley	
From: Alex Jimenez <	
Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:09:35 -0700 (PDT)	
То: '	

Dear Commissioners, I want to thank you for your hard work and your countless hours you have spent trying to get the Congressional district boundaries in Orange County just right. Having said that, the current map online pairs Fountain Valley with Laguna Beach and Costa Mesa. These are not communities of interest. If you have ever been to my city of Fountain Valley, you would know that we are NOT a beach city like the rich areas in Laguna Beach and Newport Beach. I realize that many people have submitted testimony to the commission, but please consider keeping like communities whole and keep Fountain Valley with Garden Grove and Santa Ana. Both communities have a central OC presence and both communities have a very diverse population. We share a common freeway in the 405 Freeway and share many same characteristics within our communities. Please don't split up our diverse communities and pair us with all those people in Newport and Laguna.

Please do not split Fountain Valley from Santa Ana and Garden Grove, please keep us together as like communities of interest.

Thank you,

Alex Jimenez

Subject: I could use your help. From: "Adriana Pena" < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:49:46 -0700 To: <

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Please keep our communities of interest whole, keep Irvine and Newport Beach together.

Thank you,

Subject: I want the "Orange Plan" From: Walter Campbell < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:29:32 -0700 (PDT) To:

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As a current resident of the City of Orange/Olive Heights, I want to let you know that I have no interest in being swallowed whole by the bureaucratic whale that is Anaheim and/or Santa Ana. We are a community that likes to keep it small and quiet, that's why we're small and quiet. We don't need someone or something coming in and fixing what isn't broke. We've already had our fair share of that.

I don't see how being part of a congressional district that seems too big to handle its own problems can possibly help us with ours.

Anaheim is a tourist town, I'm not a tourist. Santa Ana burdens their neighbors with their beast: vastly overcrowded schools - just ask Tustin.

Villa Park, Tustin Hills, Tustin and Anaheim Hills have homogeneous qualities and likes, I prefer to stick with them.

I support the Orange City Council "Orange Plan."

Thank you for your time.

I just hope someone is listening.

Sincerely,

Walter Campbell

Orange CA 92865

Subject: Info on my City	
From: Ernesto Gonzalez <	
Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 08:59:5	5 -0700 (PDT)
То: "	<

Hi I wanted to submit a comment regarding my city. Fountain Valley is a great place to live and raise a family and it is a short drive on the 405 to the 22fwy or the 5 or the 57, it allows me to get anywhere in the county easily. I work in Santa Ana and I drive there regularly, although I don't live in Santa Ana I know a lot of people to do and they say that city is nice too.

I don't like the current maps online about Fountain Valley being a coastal city like Laguna Beach, we are not like those people, and we are certainly not like the people in Newport Beach. We are a diverse city with a lot more in common with cities like Santa Ana and Garden Grove. Santa Ana and Fountain Valley have a lot in common, since I live in one city and work in the other, I spend a lot of time in both and I know that we would be a good fit for a Congressional district together.

Please keep the Latino community of interest together and don't push us north into LA County, keep Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Fountain Valley whole in one Congressional district.

Sincerely, Ernesto "Neto" Gonzalez Subject: Irvine / Newport Beach redistricting From: "Jeff Holmes" < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:39:27 -0700 To: <

Hello,

I would like to voice my opinion and urge you to keep Irvine and Newport Beach as a single voting district.

Thank you, Jeff Holmes Irvine, CA

Subject:						
From:						
Date: Wed,	20 Jul	2011	12:35	:36 -04	400 (ED	T)
То:						

July 19, 2011

California Redistricting Commission 901 P Street, Suite 154-A Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sincerely, Lacy Kelly City of Placentia Resident Subject: No Redistricting From: "Robert Lindsay" < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:30:24 -0500 To: <

Hello,

I have heard about a plan to redistrict The City of Orange into Santa Ana or Anaheim. I think this is a huge mistake.

Please consider the small town feel of Orange to Anaheim Hills, Tustin, Tustin Hills.

Thank you for hearing my input.

Rob

freedom graphic systems	Robert Lindsay senior sales executive

Subject: No to joining santa ana From: Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 04:23:49 +0000 To: Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 04:23:49 +0000

Orange has no interest with santa ana Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry Subject: Not a Fan of Santa Ana District From: Lori Grossman < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:01:51 -0700 (PDT) To:

Please preserve our lifestyle. We love the City of Orange as it is. We do not desire or need to be bunched with the City of Santa Ana. We would rather be considered a bedroom community such as Anaheim Hills and other similar cities.

Thank you for hearing our voices.

Lori and Richard Grossman

Orange, CA 92869

Subject: Objection to Redistricting into L.A. county From: James Burkett < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:22:41 -0700 (GMT-07:00) To: CC:

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am a La Habra Resident. I have lived here since 1981. It concerns me greatly that we may be placed in an L.A. county district.

La Habra is an Orange County City!!! I pay taxes for O.C. I pay O.C. property taxes and any fees and other assessments to O.C. I am Orange County!!! I think it is absurd that ANY O.C. city would be pushed off into L.A. county where we as a city becomes a minority. Where our voices will not be heard. L.A. County does not provide any advantage to us. While it is true that we no longer have a City Fire Department we Pay for that service from L.A., therefore L.A. county offers us nothing!

I implore you to reconsider placing ANY O.C. in any district outside our beloved O.C.

Thank you very much for reading this,

30 year Orange County residient.

James Burkett

## From: DAVID BARILE < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:24:01 -0700 (PDT)

#### To:

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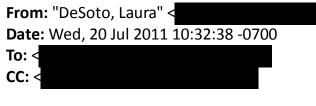
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Thank you,

David Barile

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California Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sincerely,

Laura DeSoto Newport Beach Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Miriam Anne Bertram < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:36:35 +0000 To:

From: Miriam Anne Bertram ≤ Subject: Redistricting of Irvine

Message Body: Thank you for keeping Irvine with the other south Orange County cities of Lake Forest, Tustin, Mission Viejo, etc.

I was dismayed when I first heard we would be separated and now delighted that you have changed the lines to respect the fact that we are communities of interest.

I urge you to maintain this current boundary. As a 13+ year resident of Irvine I have grown to love our community and my neighbors. Thank you for keeping us together.

# Miriam Bertram

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Emily Weingarth < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:03:59 +0000 To:

From: Emily Weingarth ≤ Subject: Re-apportionment

Message Body: Please do not re-apportion Villa Park from Ed Royce's district to Loretta Sanchez's. Thank you, Emily Weingarth

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Maria Elena Banks < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:16:10 +0000 To: From: Maria Elena Banks ≤ Subject: Redistrcting Message Body: Thank you aforementioned keeping Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano together.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Maria Elena Banks < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:24:45 +0000 To: From: Maria Elena Banks ≤ Subject: Redistricting Costa Mesa Message Body: Keep Costa Mesa together

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Mel Brodsky < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:05:05 +0000 To: From: Mel Brodsky < Subject: Redistricting of South Orange County Message Body: Thank you very much for your hard work in doing what's in the best interest of the residents of South County. Sincerely, Mel Brodsky

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Isaiah Leslie < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:12:36 +0000 To:

From: Isaiah Leslie ≤ Subject: Your change to Irvine

Message Body: To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for making the revision to your first draft map of Irvine. Having lived in Orange County and worked in and around Irvine I believe it belongs in a district that encompasses other South Orange County communities.

Thanks,

Isaiah Leslie

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange
From: Tyler Diep <
Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:08:18 +0000
То:

From: Tyler Diep ≤ Subject: Minority Rights

Message Body:

The Voting Rights Act Should Protect MINORITY Communities, like the Vietnamese in Little Saigon and San Jose, or African-American populations in Los Angeles. With 40% and 37% of the CA population white and Latino respectively, the Voting Rights Act doesn't apply to populations this large and well represented. To split Little Saigon (and several cities) to re-draw Loretta Sanchez Democrat seat would be a gross partisan violation of the Voting Rights Act and the intention of voters.

The Voting Rights Act is not a proportional representation system as some who are attempting to redraw the previous incumbent district in Orange County think it is. The act is designed to protect minority communities who have had previous district lines weaken their already small political voice. When a population like the Latino community reaches the 37% population mark in our state and Latino representation reaches 2 members of the United States Senate, 30 Latino members in the House of Representatives, 8 Latino California State Senators and 15 California State Assemblymen, while there are no Vietnamese Senators or Assemblymen in the entire state or Congress – it is clear which community the Voting Rights Act is meant to protect at this point in our history.

That is why ALL of Little Saigon should be included in any Congressional , State Senate or Assembly District lines that the Citizen Redistricting Commission draws – including West Santa Ana, Southwest Anaheim, North Fountain Valley and the entire communities of Garden Grove, Westminster and Midway City.

It may come as a surprise to find that, in terms of raw population, Santa Ana has the highest number of residents of Vietnamese decent in all of Orange County. A map of the Asian population of Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Anaheim in the current CD47 is attached. It clearly shows the concentration of Vietnamese voters in east Santa Ana and South Anaheim.

Recent media reports explain how Democrats have sent their operatives in to the Citizen Redistricting Commission meetings to pretend that these maps hurt Latino voting, when they actually only hurt DEMOCRAT voting. Specifically they "find the proposed realignment of Sanchez's district particularly troubling. The draft maps call for the veteran congresswoman to lose some heavily Hispanic parts of Anaheim and see her district expanded into a heavily Vietnamese-American area known as Little Saigon…"

"...Experts watching the redistricting process unfold said concerns among Hispanic voters might be unwarranted. The Hispanic electorate is no longer the endangered group it once was, and the commission is likely taking into account less well-represented ethnic groups as it tried to even the political playing field, said James V. Lacy, who co-owns a law firm specializing in election law The draft maps don't appear to violate the Voting Rights Act, and any challenges would be unlikely to withstand court scrutiny, said Lacy." [Hispanic groups dispute new Calif. political maps, Times-Standard,

"....An AP story points out that the debate is important in California, where no racial or ethnic group has a majority of the population. Thirty-seven percent of the state's 37 million residents are Hispanic, according to the 2010 Census, while Asians account 13 percent and blacks just over 6 percent. About 40 percent of Californians identify themselves as non-Hispanic whites. Thirty-two percent of the state's population was Hispanic in 2000. It is precisely these numbers that show the growth of the Hispanic population that might make it difficult to claim discrimination under the 1965 Voting Rights Law. Hispanics are no longer an endangered minority in California. James V. Lacy, who co-owns a law firm specializing in election law, told AP that the commission is likely taking into account less well-represented ethnic groups as it tried to even the political playing field. The draft maps don't appear to violate the Voting Rights Act, and any challenges would be unli!

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Presently, the Vietnamese community has divided representation in Sacramento and Washington. Their voices are unable to be heard based on the districts drawn in the past. The Latino community within Orange County is considerably represented, while the Vietnamese community is continuously split into separate districts and therefore, separate voices. It is important in this time to recognize that the California Senate has 8 Latino Senators and the California Assembly has 15 assemblymen, while there are no Vietnamese Senators or Assemblymen in the entire state.

This statistic becomes problematic considering that Garden Grove has a 21.4% Vietnamese population, Westminster has a 30.7% Vietnamese Population and Fountain Valley has a 12.9% Vietnamese Population. On the local level, the Vietnamese community is represented by elected officials. These officials include: Fountain Valley Councilman Michael Vo, Garden Grove Council Member Dina Nguyen, Garden Grove Councilman Andrew Do, Westminster Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Diep, and Westminster City Councilmen Andy Quach and Tri Ta. Locally, the Vietnamese have been elected into school boards such as Buena Park Board Vice President Jerry Kong, Buena Park Board President Robert Gong, Garden Grove Board Member KimOanh Nguyen-Lam and Garden Grove Board President Lan Quoc Nguyen, OC Board of Education Member Long Pham, and Westminster School Board Member Andrew Nguyen. Former Garden Grove school board member Trung Nguyen, Former Westminster Councilman Tony Lam, and Tan Nguyen, former candidate for the!

47th distinct, Hoa Van Tran, Candidate for 1st district supervisor, and Westminster Mayor Candidate Bruce Tran are all representative of the impact the Vietnamese community has on a local level.

Unfortunately this impact is not represented at the state or federal levels. Vietnamese is the 5th most spoken language in the state yet there are no representatives on the statewide level. Likewise, there are 2 Latino members of the United States Senate along with 30 Latino members in the House of Representatives, however, there are no Vietnamese represented. Undeniably, the right of all citizens to exercise their political franchises is a cherished one that must be protected. The Voting Rights Act, as amended by Congress in 1982, gives minority and ethnic citizens a realistic opportunity to challenge at large election systems by showing a racial discriminatory effect has resulted from this scheme. Because of the districting lines that have been drawn in the past, the Vietnamese are not being represented completely; therefore Little Saigon needs to be kept in its entirety, in a single district. Little Saigon holds the largest Vietnamese Community outside of the U.S. and are!

a politically cohesive body, thus makes their vote a collective one, one which should be protected.

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: shawna brakefield < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:10:06 +0000 To: From: shawna brakefield ≤

Subject: Valley Village

Message Body:

We do not want or need to have 2 separate congressional areas for Valley Village. We have built a strong community here. we all know each other, we are raising our children together we are active in each other's lives and we are all financially supportive of this area including ALL of it's community members. please re-considering messing with a good thing.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Michael Patino <pati Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:24:29 +0000 To:

From: Michael Patino ≤ Subject: Congratulations and State Senate socal

Message Body:

Congratulations on great formulations for the congressional and assembly districts. I am very pleased with your drawings and they indeed make sense.

On the state senate options, option one or option three make the most sense for North Orange County. They take into consideration many of the concerns of ethnic groups while at the same time considering geographial relationships. I believe that option two does not maintain a fair economic presentation of the Brea Fullerton Anaheim relationship. Anaheim Hills makes sense, down twon would not. Thnak you for all your efforst and hard work.

# From: Monica Ortega < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:08:22 -0700 (PDT)

To:

#### Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am writing to you today based on this most recent set of map visualizations that I found on your website. I am referring to "Option One." I noticed a difference between this map and past versions and one of those changes was the splitting of a community of interest of central, coastal OC. I am referring specifically to Irvine and Newport Beach. I noticed that they are in two seperate Congressional Districts. I feel this does a great disservice to the residents of both Irvine and Newport Beach.

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Please keep our communities of interest whole, keep Irvine and Newport Beach together.

Thank you,

**Monica Ortega** 

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Jeff Weber < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:23:19 +0000 To:

From: Jeff Weber ≤ Subject: District Lines

Message Body: Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been a resident of Irvine for 23+ years. As a resident, I support your latest Congressional map that puts Irvine with our neighboring South County cities of Tustin, Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, etc.

Thank you for considering our comments and respecting these traditional south Orange County communities of interest.

As you move forward and finalize these district lines, please continue to keep our city whole and with South County.

Sincerely,

Jeff Weber

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Chris Gollnick < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:15:31 +0000 To:

From: Chris Gollnick ≤ Subject: redistricting

Message Body: Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

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Sincerely,

Chris Gollnick

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From: Jane Wang ≤ Subject: redistricting

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Sincerely,

Jane Wang

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: CHERYL ANKENEY < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:48:57 +0000 To:

From: CHERYL ANKENEY ≤ Subject: .

Message Body:

What happens to cities like La Mirada and Santa Ana partly LA Co and Orange Co? and that are partly unincorporated? and why aren't they? Senate and Assembly maps look like night and day. Are Anaheim and SantaAna divided? good luck, thank you

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Loretta Molino <lorett Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 23:41:00 +0000 To: From: Loretta Molino Subject: Congressional District Message Body: As a resident of Huntington Beach, I strongly support your latest Congressional Map Visualization. Thank you for recongizing the needs of our community and not placing us with Long Beach or Irvine. Sincerely, Loretta Molino

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: John Molino < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 23:44:55 +0000 To: From: John Molino ≤ Subject: Districting

Message Body: I support your latest congressional map visualization and am happy that you are keeping us together with Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa and not with Irvine or Long Beach. Thank you John Molino

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: REGINA POWERS < Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:05:13 +0000 To:

From: REGINA POWERS ≤ Subject: Redistricting of Orange

Message Body: Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your service and your attention to the needs of local communities.

I have lived in Orange (within the same zip code, no less!) for 47 years. I have always appreciated this close-knit community comprised of quiet neighborhoods and small businesses.

I am concerned that Orange might be mistakenly placed in a congressional district with larger cities like Santa Ana and Anaheim. This, I believe, would minimize my city's voice and its residents' ability to receive attentive representation.

Please consider linking Orange with similar, SMALLER neighborhoods such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills and Tustin. Doing so will allow Orange residents to work with communities of similar interests. I don't want to risk being dominated by much larger/influential cities like Santa Ana and Anaheim.

When analyzing where to draw the district lines, I would encourage you to consider the "Orange Plan" as submitted by members of the Orange City Council today.

Thank you again for your service. Sincerely,

Regina Powers City of Orange Resident

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Jerry Muszynski ⊲ Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:27:05 +0000 To: From: Jerry Muszynski ⊲ Subject: Can not view maps? Message Body: Have a MAC and can not open maps. Get error message "File not formatted correctly" --This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Pamela Jung < Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:26:23 +0000 To: From: Pamela Jung ≤ Subject: Do not wnt our area to be redistricted to Loretta Sanchez, Message Body: Ed Royce has served us well and we want to keep him for our area.

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: John Braunschweiger < Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 03:40:00 +0000 To:

From: John Braunschweiger ≤ Subject: La Habra 90631 Considered to be under LA Count

Message Body: It is my understanding that La Habra could be redistricted under LA County. When I bought my house many years ago I did so because I wanted to be part of Orange County as it is more aligned with my political thinking. I DO NOT want to be switched to another county !!!

Please figure out another way to the necessary realignment. I DO NOT want to be considered or associated with LA County in any way. Period.

Thank You.

Subject: BOE Districting Plan. From: "bill shepherd" < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:12:24 -0700 To: <

To: Citizen's Redistricting Commission

From: William C. Shepherd, II

San Clemente, CA

As you consider your responsibilities and examine the facts, figures and feedback from voters in California, I want to submit my preference for the area of the state where I live.

I have been a resident/voter/property owner/businessperson in Southern Orange County since 1975. I have done all of the proceeding in San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point and San Clemente.

It is from that perspective that I strongly request that you adopt the 1st draft of the maps for the BOE. It is imperative to the City of Dana Point (lived there 22 years) not to be split into two districts. It is also important to the general "community" of contiguous cities of SJC,DP and SC that they have the representation from singular elected to best express the voice of residents across common and unifying issues.

Again, please vote to keep these communities united under a unified and focused representative for each office.

Thank you for your consideration. Regards,

Bill Shepherd

San Clemente, CA 92673

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange	
From: Lee Lemke <	
<b>Date:</b> Thu, 21 Jul 2011 04:21:39 +0000	
То:	
From: Lee Lemke <b>≤</b> Subject: Irvine placement in new congressional distr	ict
Message Body:	

Please have Irvine in the same Orange County congressional district as Tustin, Mission Viejo and Laguna Niguel. Irvine has more in common with these cities than with the coastal cities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Rosalia Pinon

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:38:17 +0000

To:

From: Rosalia Pinon ≤

Subject: State Senate

Message Body:

I respectfully ask you to keep the Assembly Districts SNANA and ANAFUL the way they are

and merge them into the same Senate District. We asked for that in June, please respect

our wishes.

Rosalia Pinon
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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Francisco Barragan Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:43:23 +0000 To:

From: Francisco Barragan ≤ Subject: Central Orange County Senate District

Message Body:

Your newest maps look horrible. Huntington Beach and Santa Ana have nothing in common. You had the perfect map made. It is what we demanded on June 18th. Please listen to us, approve the Senate District WSTAN that is nested with the two AD's SNANA and ANAFUL.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange
From: Laura Pantoja <
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:45:01 +0000
To:
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From: Laura Pantoja <u>≺</u> Subject: State Senate

Message Body: Nest proposed AD's SNANA and ANAFUL with the Senate District WSTAN. Listen to the voice of the Latino community.

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Maria Sanchez < Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:46:31 +0000 To:

From: Maria Sanchez < Subject: Redistricting

Message Body: DO NOT APPROVE THE NEW SENATE PROPOSALS! THEY IGNORE THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. APPROV WSTAN SENATE DISTICT YOU MADE LAST WEEK. IT UNITES OUR COMMUNITY.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Jessica Madrigal < Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:48:25 +0000 To: From: Jessica Madrigal < Subject: State Senate Message Body: Keep the Assembly districts ANAFUL and SNANA just as they are. On State Senate, merge that the provide the provident seater wave proposals are termible. Keep

those two asembly seats into the new Senate seat. your new proposals are terrible. Keep what you made on July 14th.

Jessica

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Lidia Diezmo < Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:49:35 +0000 To:

From: Lidia Diezmo ≤ Subject: Senate

Message Body: We do not belong with Huntington Beach. Santa Ana belgons with Anaheim and Buena Park. Why do you ignore what we asked for. WSTAN Senate district made on July 14th should be approved.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Oran	ge			
From: Lucia Islas <				
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:51:25 +0000				
То:				
From: Lucia Islas <u>&lt;</u>				

Subject: Senate Message Body: Approve senate district you proposed last week. Do not appriove new plans, they hurt our community. WSTAN that nest two Assembly districts work.

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange From: Bryan Fazio < Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 06:33:08 +0000 To: From: Bryan Fazio ≤

Subject: Congressional map keeping Irvine with So. County Cities

Message Body: Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been a resident of Irvine for 20 years. As a resident, I support your latest Congressional map that puts Irvine with our neighboring South County cities of Tustin, Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, etc.

Thank you for considering our comments and respecting these traditional south Orange County communities of interest. As you move forward and finalize these district lines, please continue to keep our city whole and with South County.

Sincerely,

Bryan Fazio (OS3 Fazio, USN)

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From: "Gary" <
Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:05:45 -0700
То: <

I am sure, if you take the time to drive out to our local, somewhat rural community, you will find a very nice and different environment from anywhere in the Santa Ana and south area. Where else locally do you have property zoned for animals and where else do you find dozens of people riding horseback and particating in equestrian events each weekend. The eastern part of Orange, V.P. and Orange Park Acres is a one of a kind place. I want to suggest that you come out to see us before making any final decisions on who should represent us going forward. The representative needs to be able to relate and take an active role in community activites. As a final note the City of Orange is the only city in Orange County and possibly the state that maintains a circle in the center of the city and that is another unique core value to what makes out area different. We don't need or want to be any part of Santa Ana and south Sincerely,

Gary Wright

Subject: Citizens Redistricting Commission From: Diann Smith Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:01:19 -0700 (PDT) To: CC: JILL MCCAULEY <

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I live in the City of Orange and interested in this family orientated community and not in being included with Santa Ana Community.

Villa Park is a tiny city and it will be ignored if added to Anaheim and Santa Ana.

I want to stay in Orange Community where I live

I support the Orange Plan as Submitted by the Orange City Councilmembers

Thank you, Aubrey and Diann Smith

Orange, Ca. 92869

Subject: Redistricint of Orange and Villa Park From: "Susan K. Drobish" < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:21:01 -0700 To: <

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As a resident of the City of Villa Park, I want to thank you for your service and your attention to the needs of local communities. I have watched you struggle with how to handle our city and our desire to be kept whole inside a single congressional district.

Our city is unique. Unlike Santa Ana, which is the government seat for Orange County, or Anaheim, which has become a 24 hour tourist destination, Orange is mostly a community of quiet neighborhoods and small businesses. Putting Orange and Villa Park into a congressional district with Santa Ana and Anaheim would serve to minimize our voice and our ability to receive attentive representation. Therefore, it is our desire to be linked with other similar neighborhoods and smaller communities, such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills and Tustin. This will allow us to work with communities of similar interests and not be dominated by much larger or more influential cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim.

When looking at where to draw the district lines I would encourage you to consider the "Orange Plan" as submitted by members of the Orange City Council today.

Thank you again for your service.

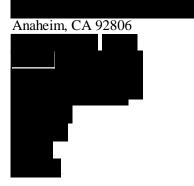
Sincerely, Susan Drobish, Villa Park, CA 92861

Subject: Redistricting - Orange/Villa Park	
From: "Gary Hall, Jr." <	>
Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 10:27:27 -0700	-
То: <	

Please except this electronic mail as a vote NOT to include our cities into the same congressional districts as Santa Ana and Anaheim. These cities are nothing like ours and their population demographics echo this point. This proposed redistricting unfairly takes away any representation for our rights and governmental concerns regarding our communities. As a business owner in the city of Anaheim, I am very familiar with the current political environment and agendas of these larger cities.

# Gary Hall

Hall, Mahar & Associates



Subject: Redistricting and splitting up City of Orange From: Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:27:41 EDT To: Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:27:41 EDT

I would like to address the splitting up of the City of Orange and grouping the eastern portion with Santa Ana where it had nothing in common. Orange needs to be kept together and stay with Villa Park (that Orange surrounds) and Anaheim that is on our northeastern side. Our interests are more in comon with that area as well as Tustin area. So please reconsider your boundaries lines that are being drawn that split this town.

Thank you for your Service. Ruth Calvert, Orange, California

Subject: Redistricting Comission From: Mario Cornejo < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 08:43:29 -0700 To:

#### To Whom It May Concern,

I'm not sure if anyone reads these but just in case they do I wanted to submit my comments. I was looking at your recent maps for Congressional Visualizations for Orange County and I wanted to say that Orange and Santa Ana have nothing in common. I have spent a lot of time in Santa Ana and went to school in Fullerton so I know a lot of the Hispanic communities there and I think that the best thing for that district would be to go South. I think that you did a good job keeping Garden Grove with Santa Ana, I have a lot of friends who live in GG and we all work in Santa Ana, those communities are very closely linked. My suggested change is this: shift this district south and pick up (if you need to) the City of Fountain Valley. I know that they are a smaller city than Santa Ana, but I also know that they have a lot in common with Garden Grove. I think keeping Fountain Valley with Garden Grove and Santa Ana would solve the problem and NOT shift this district farther north, farther away from the communities of interest that it needs to represent. This district, the way I suggested it would create a nice district with a solid ethnic minority population that would finally have a fair chance at electing a real representative.

Please keep these communitites of interest together and link Garden Grove, Santa Ana and Fountain Valley.

Thank you, Mario Cornejo

### Subject: Redistricting Commission and Orange/VP From: terry clingan < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:23:24 -0700 To: <

As long time residents of the City of Villa Park, we have been alerted to the possibility that Villa Park and Orange which surrounds VP, are being considered to be re-districted with the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim. Those cities have nothing in common with Villa Park and Orange. We would much prefer to be linked with communities of similar interests such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills and Tustin.

So when considering where to draw the new district lines, we would encourage you to consider the "Orange Plan" as submitted by the members of the Orange City Council.

Thank you for your service in this endeavor and for your consideration of our opinion and preference in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gloria & Terence Clingan

#### Subject: Redistricting Commission and Orange and Villa Park

From: mejacques <
Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:01:40 -0700
То: <

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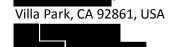
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When looking at where to draw the district lines I would encourage you to consider the "Orange Plan" as submitted by members of the Orange City Council today.

Thank you again for your service.

Sincerely

Maurice E. Jacques Kathleen N. Jacques



Subject: Redistricting for La Habra From: Marsha Sherwood < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:43:27 -0700 (PDT) To:

I am a resident of La Habra & am very concerned that we are going to be the only city in Orange County to be put in with LA county cities. As you know, we pay taxes to Orange County, as well as have our water/ trash/ and many other residential services provided by Orange County, not LA County. That scares me, since it seems like we wouldn't have any say so in our county government. I hope that I have the wrong information, but I do believe that we should be redistricted with all of the Orange County cities, not LA county.

Thank you for your time,

Marsha Sherwood

La Habra, California 90631

Subject: redistricting irvine From: Kriste Bennett Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 07:33:55 -0700 To:

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been a resident of Irvine for 21 years. As a resident, I support your latest Congressional map that puts Irvine with our neighboring South County cities of Tustin, Mission Viejo, Lake Forest and other neighboring cities.

Thank you for considering our comments and respecting these traditional south Orange County communities of interest. As you move forward and finalize these district lines, please continue to keep our city whole and with South County.

Sincerely,

Kriste Bennett

Irvine, CA

Subject: REDISTRICTING MATTER REGARDING ORANGE From: "April Allegro" < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:42:42 -0700 To: <

Hello:

I am a resident of Orange for 22 years. I have just heard of some possible thought about combining Orange with the District of Santa Ana and Garden Grove.

Please consider and please be advised:

Orange is not a community similar to or of relevance to Santa Ana. We are totally different!

If any changes are to be made, I would request to be with District 4 only.

I have learned about the Orange Plan and this is what I am in total agreement with, as per Orange City Councilmembers.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns and my wishes as an Orange resident and homeowner.

Phyllis Allegro

Orange, CA 92865

Subject: Redistricting of La Habra 90631 from Orange County to LA County From: John Braunschweiger < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:04:47 -0700 (PDT) To: CC:

I have lived in La Habra (90631) in Orange County for many years. I DO NOT want to be part of a redistricting plan that makes La Habra part of LA County. Period !!! When I bought my house I purposely bought it in Orange County because I did not want to be part of LA County.

Please find another way to make the necessary adjustments.

Please advise if there is anything further I can do to stop this from happening.

Thank You,

John Braunschweiger

Cc: Jim Gomez La Habra City Council Subject: City of La Habra s/be in an Orange County District From: Daniel Kaump Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:35:32 -0700

Dear Commission,

The City of La Habra is located in Orange County and therefore should remain in a North Orange County District.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Kaump

La Habra, Ca

Subject: redistricting of newport beach/irvine From: karen holmes < Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:58:23 -0700 (PDT) To:

To whom it may concern,

as a long time Irvine resident, it is my opinion that Irvine and Newport beach should remain in the same district.

Thank you, Karen Holmes Subject: comments on redisirting Orange county From: Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:04:36 EDT

Dear Sirs:

Please see my attache comments.

Thank You.

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## Comment for Citizens Redistricting Commission

#### July 19, 2011

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Frank Lopez. I a concerned citizen and business owner in the in county of Orange.

Thank you for your efforts to keep neighborhoods with similarities together. You'll recall that an overwhelming number of speakers at the June 18 public input hearing requested that you keep all of Santa Ana and the "flatlands" of Anaheim together whenever possible. Many speakers also suggested inclusion of south Fullerton, east Garden Grove, and/or southwest Orange within these same districts.

#### Congress

Thank you for listening to our comments and keeping Santa Ana and the "flatlands" of Anaheim together within the 'WESTG' congressional district. It seems the Commission plans to remove some portion of Orange and Villa Park from the WESTG district. I respectfully recommend adding south Fullerton (south of Chapman) and Garden Grove (East of Euclid if not Brookhurst) to compensate for the loss of population resulting from the extraction of Orange neighborhoods and Villa Park. This makes sense as the resulting district shares residents with a common community of interest as explained at the June 18 hearing. Common Sense needs to prevail and the common communities need to be kept together with Similar demographics.

#### **State Senate**

I oppose any proposal that would link working class Santa Ana with the much wealthier communities of Villa Park, the Orange hills, or beach cities. Instead, please pair the 'SNANA' and 'ANAFL' assembly districts to nest them within a senate district that encompasses the similar communities of Santa Ana, Anaheim, Fullerton, Buena Park and Stanton. Such a district is compact, preserves city boundaries, is wholly enclosed within Orange County, and respects communities of interest. This makes sense for many reasons. <u>Nesting SNANA and ANAFL districts makes sense from a historical perspective</u>. According to retired U.C. Irvine Professor Gilbert Gonzalez, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century Orange County was home to over 75,000 acres of orange groves in <u>Anaheim, Fullerton</u> and beyond. The historical evolution of these communities mirrors that of <u>Santa Ana</u>'s core where, for example, the Delhi Center was established 41 years ago to support the unique needs of Mexican and Mexican American agricultural workers. These neighborhoods with similar low-income and working class roots share cultural connections and also similar linguistic isolation challenges, similar family income statistics, and similar housing, job training, small business development, and health and human service needs.

- <u>Nesting SNANA and ANAFL districts makes sense when considering the needs of children</u>. According to the 2009 American Communities Survey and the Orange County Health Care Agency, <u>Santa Ana</u> and <u>Fullerton</u> are the two cities in all of Orange County with the highest percentages of uninsured children, 20.1% and 17.5% respectively. There are 34 jurisdictions in Orange County.
- <u>Nesting SNANA and ANAFL districts makes sense when considering income disparities and the financial stability challenges of families</u>. For example, <u>Santa Ana</u> and <u>Stanton</u> are the two Orange County cities that have the highest percentage of individuals in poverty, 17.27% and 15.23% respectively (according to the 2005-2009 American Community Survey, income of individuals in the last 12 months below poverty).
- <u>Nesting SNANA and ANAFL makes sense when considering household sizes which has</u> <u>implications for specific housing and transportation needs</u>. <u>Santa Ana, Buena Park, Stanton</u>, and <u>Anaheim</u> have 4 of the 5 highest household sizes in the county. The county's average household

size is 3.0 persons, while these cities have higher household sizes of 4.5, 3.6, 3.4, and 3.4 respectively. (source: 2011 Orange County Indicators Project – an effort sponsored by the Orange County Business Council, the Children and Families Commission, the County of Orange, and the Urban Land Institute).

#### State Assembly

You responded affirmatively with Visualization Maps for the State Assembly that, generally speaking, align with our June 18<sup>th</sup> requests. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 19, 2011

Frank Lopez, CPA

Subject: Comments on Redistricting Maps From: "Lacy Kelly" Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:32:17 -0700 To:

July 20, 2011

California Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

#### **RE: Orange County Legislative Boundaries**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC), I am pleased to submit the following comments regarding the latest iterations of the California Redistricting Commission's draft legislative maps.

The ACC-OC has remained steadfastly committed to two fundamental objectives during this process: 1) that cities should be contiguously represented to the maximum extent practicable and 2) that communities of interest – cities with similar civic challenges and opportunities – should be grouped as much as possible. Today, we remain focused on achieving these objectives and submit the following recommendations for the Commission's consideration:

- Senate City of Lake Forest: Lake Forest has long been a part of the fabric of South Orange
  County. It is one of the most densely populated cities in the region and its civic issues and challenges
  largely mirror that of its South County neighbors. As currently, drafted, Lake Forest's senate district
  would include cities as far away both by geography and commonalities as the City of Walnut.
  Therefore, all of Lake Forest should be included in the Senate District immediately to its south, as
  recommended by Commissioner Michael Ward.
- Congressional Coto de Caza: The small, unincorporated neighborhood of Coto de Caza should not be split in two congressional districts. As currently drafted, the southernmost tip of the community encompassing only a small number of homes is drawn into a congressional district that stretches south to La Jolla. This would effectively eliminate any voice this small neighborhood would have. Therefore, the boundary should be adjusted to ensure that the community is represented by one congressional district.
- **Congressional City of Orange**: The City of Orange should only be represented by one congressional district. It's communities of interest are Tustin and Villa Park, not Santa Ana. Should splitting a small portion of the city in two be required as part of VRA requirements, the boundary should be the 57 freeway.

- **Assembly City of Fountain Valley**: The Communities of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley have long been joined aligned in their civic pursuits, challenges and opportunities. The two share a variety of common interests and benefit from contiguous representation. In short, they are the definition of "communities of interest." Therefore, the Assembly District currently drawn to include Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa and Irvine (among other areas) should be redrawn to include the entire city of Fountain Valley.
- **Board of Equalization County of Orange**: We submit to the Commission that the BOE boundaries follow more logical geographic boundaries instead of their current vertical orientation. In fact, it is our understanding that a driving criterion in the current BOE boundaries was the location of BOE district offices. We believe that a more logical and representative grouping would be the counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and Orange in one district with Los Angeles encompassed in another.

The ACC-OC shares the Commission's goal to create the most representative boundaries possible. While we appreciate the Commission's efforts to ensure logical and fair boundaries in Orange County, we respectfully ask that the above recommendations are incorporated in the final draft of legislative maps.

Sincerely,

Lacy Kelly



Subject: current revised Redistricting map From: James Grady Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 08:18:01 -0700 To: conservative GOP

Mike Martin

July 20, 2011

**Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:** 

As a 30 year resident of Irvine, I support your latest Congressional map that puts Irvine with our neighboring South County cities of Tustin, Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Woods etc.

Thank you for considering our comments and respecting these traditional south Orange County communities of interest. As you move forward and finalize these district lines, please continue to keep our city whole and with South County.

Sincerely,

**Jim Grady** 

Subject: Fountain Valley From: Julie Thompson Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 08:32:05 -0700

Dear Commissioners, I want to thank you for your public service, I'm sure this has not been an easy task. I have heard a lot of comments about my city and where it should be placed. Huntington Beach residents, for example, seem to think we are nothing but an annex of their city. I assure you this is not the case. I haven't heard anyone from Fountain Valley speak, so maybe I missed it if they did-- but I did hear a lot of people representing the Asian American community correctly site that Fountain Valley had a great deal in common with Garden Grove and Santa Ana. I know many people think of these cities as having a predominantly Hispanic population, but I assure you that there are a lot of Asians especially in West Santa Ana.

I ask the commission to please take us out of a district with coastal cities where we have nothing in common, as we are not a coastal city and keep us with our fellow cities along the 405 North corridor. Please link us with Garden Grove and Santa Ana and do not split our community of interest.

Sincerely, Julie