

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

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To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Minority Representation in Orange County

Message Body:

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I would once again like to thank you for your time with the issue of redistricting.

However, I would like to build on the concerns I expressed last time I submitted a comment.

Congressional Concerns

The highest Vietnamese population in America is in Orange County. They deserve a common representative to voice their community of interest. It is completely unfair to split the Vietnamese populations of Fountain Valley, West Garden Grove, Westminster, and Stanton into two separate congressional districts (47 and 48). The very heart of the Vietnamese community is centered around West Garden Grove and Little Saigon in Westminster. However, with your current boundaries, Little Saigon is in 48, while West Garden Grove is in 47. To be honest, Little Saigon has absolutely nothing to do with the heavily Caucasian populated Newport Beach area in 48; they are not communities of interest. Also with your current maps, 47 has a 21% API population, and 48 has a 17% API population. These numbers could be combined to make a much higher and representational district with my proposals. Please take this into consideration for the good of the Vietnamese community of interest. I propose that !

you add Little Saigon and as much of Fountain Valley as possible to 47, and then take Lakewood out of the picture of district 47. I understand that you are trying to connect the Cambodian community in Long Beach and the Vietnamese community in Orange County, however, these two communities are not communities of interest like you may believe. It is much better for the sake of the Vietnamese community to be represented in one, rather than to be split so that some may be represented with the Cambodian population. Please use future Assembly District 72 as the best possible example.

In addition, as I mentioned last time I contacted you, I am pleased with the Latino centered district of 46. However, there is room for improvement. Currently it maintains an astounding 67% percent Latino population. These numbers can be even higher and more representational of the Orange County Latino population with some minor changes. First of all, I propose that you center 47 to be less Latino and more API, and add some of the Latino communities of interest to 46. This will bring more of a single, strong Latino representation rather than two districts, one of which wouldn't have enough Latinos to be considered a primary Latino district (47). Thus I say that you would add some highly Latino communities of interest in Stanton and Garden Grove to 46. Also, it would make sense for some of the areas of South Fullerton and South Placentia, which are highly Latino concentrated, and communities of interest with the Anaheim part of 46, to be removed from 39, a primarily caucasian!

-centered district. However, if numbers do not permit, it is understandable.

Senate Concerns

The main concerns with the State Senate in terms of minority representation in Orange County are with Districts 29 and 34. In terms of 29, the cities of Stanton, Cypress, and La Palma, compared to Yorba Linda and Diamond Bar are not communities of interest at all. I encourage you to take a drive through Yorba Linda and then a drive to Stanton to see how they are so different. Please take this into consideration. Also, in terms of 34, you are finally combining much of the Vietnamese community (Excluding Stanton), however, you are mistakenly combining it with a large Latino community (Santa Ana). In addition, you are adding Seal Beach to this district, a highly caucasian area. These three are most definitely not communities of interest, and I please encourage you to split these communities to different districts. Please try to figure out some way that this can be possible. It is also a wise idea to add Stanton to the Latino and Vietnamese communities, as it makes more sense there.

Assembly Concerns

AD 72 is your best representation of the Vietnamese community out of your three districts so far. The only possible suggestions are to add heavy Vietnamese parts of Stanton to this district, and to take away as much of Sunset and Seal Beaches as possible. However, if that is not possible then so be it.

Please consider these suggestions for better Latino and Vietnamese representation in Orange County. Thank you!

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Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 17:18:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Leslie Gilson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: divide h.b.

Message Body:

Please do not divide H.B. We are a city not part of costa mesa or westminster. All our needs will not match either of these cities.

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