

From: Debbi Vanatta [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 15:38:36 -0700 (PDT)
To: [REDACTED]

Please stop playing around with our rights. We should remain in our own valley!!

Debra Vanatta
Newhall

Subject: Redistricting Hearing

From: "hattie cox" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 21:21:17 -0700 (PDT)

To: <[REDACTED]>

June 28, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I spoke at the Redistricting Hearing in Culver City on June 16, 2011, and was one of several whose speaking allotment decreased from two minutes to just one minute. I was [present at this hearing from 5:15 pm to 11:30 pm; and witnessed an overwhelming majority of individuals speak with much dissatisfaction over your first draft of the redistricting process. It appears that something went very very wrong with your initial hearings receiving input directly from the residents being impacted.

I would like to document my concerns with the hearing process itself, and the way that testimony from the hearings has - or in some cases clearly has NOT - been incorporated into the map drawing for the Congressional Districts.

Following testimony from literally dozens of citizens calling for the cities of Carson, Compton, and Long Beach - in particular the section of Central and West Long Beach running all the way to the Port of Long Beach - to remain together, for a variety of C.O.I. reasons that were very soundly detailed and supported by facts and data, commissioners and map drawers still failed to recognize the validity of arguments for this proposed district.

At the April 28 LA Hearing, **COMMISSIONER DAI** said that *“as part of our initial instruction in looking at some of our insightful alternatives, then we could actually take all that into consideration with the public input that we’ve heard. . .”*

After which **COMMISSIONER BARABBA** added that *“you’re identifying a process to get started, and that the initial maps are not the maps you’re going to go with but they really give us insight into what other questions and ideas to bring forward.”*

The question I would like to bring forward is this: If so much testimony has been given between the Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Culver City hearings that Commissioner Blanco described it as *“very, very strong testimony and a lot of testimony about it (Carson, Compton, Long Beach and the Port) being connected because of even, not just transportation, but issues having to do with employment and all of that,”* how is it that the newest visualizations separate the Port from North Long Beach, Carson, and Compton areas, which have issues in common connected with Port of Long Beach truck traffic, rail traffic, and related pollutants affecting the health of the community?

I further ask that the map entitled COMP (population 701,854) and the map entitled PVEBC (population 700,930), which couples the Port of Long Beach with several otherwise unassociated cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, be redrawn to correct this persistently blatant error. This time around, and hold our communities of interest together, giving us the objective consideration due.

Thank you,

Hattie Herring


Long Beach, CA 90805

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Subject: Redistricting - Westchester CA

From: Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 13:47:53 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

The Commission just made a big mistake by not putting Westchester in with the Beach Cities where we belong and where we have asked you to put us.

I am the president and active leader of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (which includes Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista) and we are shocked at your putting us in the wrong district and dividing our community by separating us from Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. This is the worst possible outcome for us.

Now that you are reconsidering what to do with the West Side, LAX, and the Beach Cities we would ask you to fix your mistake and put us (Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista) in with the South Bay cities. Our community has much more in common every day with the South Bay/Beach Cities in Los Angeles county (coastal issues, LAX, transportation issues, etc) than it does with the cities to the east of Westchester, where we have been included by the politicians in the past.

I respectfully ask that you fix this decision and stick to it - as it is THE RIGHT ONE.

Sincerely,
Cyndi Hench

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: mary Galpin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 3 Jul 2011 06:22:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: mary Galpin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Please use the plan proposed by the VICA and keeping the valley together.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Denny Schneider <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 23:06:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Denny Schneider <[REDACTED]>

Subject: KEEP WESTCHESTER-PLAYA TOGETHER!

Message Body:

Your first draft indicated you were listening. The Commission released map, however is a camel--a horse designed by committee. IT'S THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS. NOT ONLY DID YOU DIVIDE US FROM WITHIN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. We are one community of interest. TO MAKE THINGS WORSE, YOU'RE TAKING OUT THE MAJOR IMPACTER, LAX, THAT IS PART OF WESTCHESTER FROM OUR AREA AS WELL! Please, stop the madness that we've had to endure for the past 10 years and do it right this time.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Bill Fagerbakke <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 23:00:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bill Fagerbakke <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Topanga

Message Body:

I object to the proposed redistricting of Topanga to join santa clarita. I and most of my neighbors are closely involved with Santa Monica, the Palisades, Calabasas, and Woodland Hills in respect to schools, shopping, and/or work. What is the rational for this? Please reconsider. Thank you, Bill Fagerbakke

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: janet shigekawa <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 22:44:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: janet shigekawa <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting boundries

Message Body:

I live at 25078 Avenida Rotella, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. I do not believe it is correct to be separated from my city when congressional districts are redrawn

Thank you,

janet Shigekawa

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Phil Hench <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 21:26:33 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Phil Hench <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting WESTCHESTER

Message Body:

I just learned of the big mistake made by the Commission, i.e., by not putting the community of Westchester in with the Beach Cities - where we belong - and separating LAX from Westchester when it is in fact IN THE SAME ZIP CODE.

I am a 30-year resident of Westchester and increasingly frustrated by the political alignments that we have been dealt. I was shocked to learn of the change in direction and that you are even considering putting Westchester in the wrong district again. I am further shocked that you would consider separating our community that includes Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. This is the worst possible outcome.

Now that you are reconsidering what to do with the Westside communities, LAX, and the Beach Cities, I ask and urge you to fix your mistake and put us (Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista) in with the Beach area/South Bay cities. The community of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista has much more in common with the LA County South Bay/Beach Cities (LAX, transportation and coastal issues, etc.) than it does with the cities to the east of Westchester, where we have historically been included by politicians.

I ask that you make the right decision and include Westchester and LAX and Playa del Rey and Playa Vista in with the South Bay cities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 19:26:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

Subject: feedback

Message Body:

Thank you to the Commission for drawing the lines to include my community - Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista - in with the South Bay cities. Our community has much more in common every day with the South Bay/Beach Cities in Los Angeles county (coastal issues, LAX, transportation issues, etc) than it does with the cities to the east of Westchester, where we have been included in the past.

I respectfully ask that your stick to this redistricting decision as it is THE RIGHT ONE.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Objection to proposed Congressional redistricting

From: maggie maier <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 20:28:33 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Brentwood Glen family, we strongly object to the proposed redistricting of our community to join Westwood and a change of Congressional representation. We support the Brentwood Glen Association's position that the change is not good for the Brentwood Glen community since our identity is with Brentwood, not Westwood. The 405 Freeway is more than a physical divider. The issues facing Brentwood and Westwood are very different, particularly given the sizable presence of UCLA and related matters. We urge you to consider these issues and not change our district.

Sincerely,

Margaret Day Maier

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

Subject: FIX (RESTORE) CONSISTENCY FOR WESTCHESTER-PLAYA IN L.A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA

From: Denny Schneider <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 15:46:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I sent an immediate response to what I saw earlier today stating that I am shocked and appalled by the deviation from the draft map first released. Now I wish to elaborate. PLEASE DON'T PROMULGATE THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE ENDURED FROM PAST REDISTRICTING.

If the objective of the Commission is to create political chaos for us, you will have succeeded with this new map release. Your new map continues to segregate portions of Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and Playa Vista and then compounds the impacts on us by calling for moving control of LAX outside of the rest of the community as well. The "coastal district" that you HAD created makes the most sense.

Our area is primarily a self contained small town, bedroom community with some service and light industrial enterprises (plus LAX). We survive within the megalopolis while being THE major north-south coastal thoroughfare (there are very few north-south routes and all are congested). We connect points south such as the South Bay cities and even further south with the Westside LA / Santa Monica areas and into the San Fernando Valley.

The first draft map initially released successfully recognized the similarity of our issues with the South Bay coastal cities. We are plagued by excessive, constrained traffic flow, environmental issues, and development and economic issues more than almost any other area in the region. Creating coalitions to deal with these issues over the years has been made far more complicated because there is no jurisdiction level (County, State, Federal, or even special districts) which encompasses our entire community except for our City Council member! It takes two of almost any level of office holder to achieve consensus on anything.

I have worked for years to mitigate the impacts and hold several key community leadership positions. Under normal circumstances it is difficult enough to deal with our issues because our boundaries have been so gerrymandered. PLEASE CHANGE THAT back to what you had initially released. Your initial map gave us hope for relief from the local area politics (and conflicting political egos) and would allow us to concentrate on real problems...

I will list some of my community positions so that you can understand my perspective comes from having dealt with people of all viewpoints, working for many years to protect our quality of life.

Local positions

Neighborhood Council Board Member (past Treasurer, regional Westside rep for budgets, Airport Affairs Chair) - I've been an elected member for 12 years (since inception) on this LA Chartered Organization which self defines community of interest.

LAX-Community Noise Roundtable (Chair) - membership consists of all surrounding communities'

elected officials, community organizations, FAA, airlines, and electeds for surrounding areas at all other levels working together to address the impacts of LAX.

Westchester Neighbors Association- (Board member, Past Chair) - encompasses all of the 90045 (Westchester) to help establish policy and to recommend actions impacting quality of life.

Member of the Community Plan Update Committee - Includes areas of Westchester, Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista which established planning guidelines for growth in the area.

LAX-Coastal Chamber of Commerce- active participator in events

Some area wider area positions

Integrated Resource Planning for Water, also Recycling Water Advisory Board (LADWP)

Crenshaw-LAX MTA Train Council

Valley Vote - Exec Committee, which is dedicated to betterment of the San Fernando Valley residents and the City of LA as a whole.

Alliance for A Regional Solution to Airport Congestion (ARSAC) - President, dedicated to developing a network of airports throughout So. Cal. to protect our economic interests by ensuring adequate capacity remains available and protects this economic generator resource. One element includes constraining LAX to current capacity because it already serves over 75% of the regional activity and the sky above LAX was shown to be gridlocked during peak hours at levels below its current theoretical capacity.

Thanks for listening and for your initial observations of what our districts should look like.

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Denny Schneider [REDACTED]