

Subject: Attn: Redistricting Commission

From: lgstarr <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 04 Jul 2011 16:22:27 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I'm very glad to hear about the progress you have made so far on the West San Fernando Valley Assembly and Congressional Districts, however it is very important that you also add Agoura and Calabasas to the West Valley Assembly and Congressional Districts (which you have already discussed, but seem to have thrown this baby out with the bath water when you--correctly--removed Thousand Oaks which is in Ventura County).

Beverly Hills really has nothing at all in common with Calabasas and Agoura and it seems counter-intuitive to force them into the same district.

Of course, please also keep those districts that are west of the 405.

Thank you,

Linda & Gary Starr

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Chatsworth, CA 91311

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Subject: West San Fernando Valley Boundary

From: susan abato <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2011 20:48:40 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a resident of the San Fernando Valley since 1948. I live in the West San Fernando Valley

Calabasas and Agoura have long been a part of what the West San Fernando Valley. Calabasas and Agoura stop at the Mulholland Ridge and not Mulholland Drive. These cities have nothing in common with Beverly Hills or the Westside.

These should be included in the West San Fernando Valley Assembly and CD.

Sherman Oaks has always been considered East San Fernando Valley, although some of Sherman Oaks is west of the 405, the majority of Sherman Oaks is East of the 405.

I ask you to reconsider and add these two cities to the West Valley. You have received testimony from the Calabasas City Council and from the Mayor of Agoura.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan J. Abato

West San Fernando Valley Resident

Subject: SD-23 re-districting -- oppose June 22 proposal

From: Marilyn Judson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 04 Jul 2011 12:43:10 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission ,

If you are attempting to reduce the Gerrymandering of legislative districts, you are making a very poor start with your proposed re-drawing of district SD-23, per your June 22 hearing in Oxnard. You might as well combine the Santa Monica Mountains with Lincoln, NE rather than with the Santa Clarity Valley! The Santa Monica Mountains have been defended and used primarily by the people in close proximity thererto: the Westside of LA (i.e., Venice, West LA) and the Cities of Santa Monica, Malibu, Beverly Hills, Agoura Hills and Thousand Oaks. Does the membership of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy include a significant percentage from other cities or areas? What percentage of patronage at the State Parks within the Santa Monica Mountains area is from Santa Clarity Valley?

What can you possibly be thinking?

Marilyn Judson

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Joseph Luis Piñon <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2011 21:16:40 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joseph Luis Piñon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: The gerrymandering of Carson

Message Body:

My name is Joseph Luis Piñon and I am the Chairman of the Environmental Commission in Carson, California. As an appointed public official for over three years I have had the opportunity to travel throughout the South Bay and represent my city. After viewing your first draft maps I was pleased to see that you placed Carson in a Congressional District with our immediate neighbors, which are also mid-sized cities with similar interests. However your new Congressional Visualizations maps are gerrymandered worse than the districts that are currently in place, especially for Carson.

Your new maps are saying that you are basing your Congressional District lines on some statistics and ignores what the city of Carson is as a whole. Carson is a very diverse city in terms of ethnicity, religion, income levels and political parties. We are not homogenous in these regards but beyond this statistical information we are one city. The residents of Carson are very civic minded and outspoken whether it is election day, there is a City Hall meeting or a budget workshop. If you go to our schools, parks or city events (which are sponsored by business throughout Carson) you will see that we are indeed one united city, not two cities with the same name.

Carson has a population just under 100,000 and should not be split into more than one piece like a large sized city. By halving Carson's voter base your proposed maps also greatly diminish the possibility that someone from Carson would be elected to the House of Representatives. Additionally the two districts that Carson will fall under will have less influence on their Representative.

Carson as a whole has more common interests with Torrance, Gardena or Wilmington than the beach cities or Florence-Firestone. Nevertheless your maps would have Carson divided up and placed with those areas. Whether you are redistricting the Congressional lines or the state legislative lines I ask that you keep the city of Carson intact. To not do so would betray the "fair representation" motto of you Commission.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: James Wu <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2011 15:44:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: James Wu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Silverlake Neighborhood

Message Body:

Silverlake and Los Feliz belong together in whatever district you draw. The two neighborhoods are heavily dependent on one another and mutually indistinguishable at many points.

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