

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

June 29, 2011

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Commissioners for Re-Districting
901 P St. Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814.

Dear Commissioners,

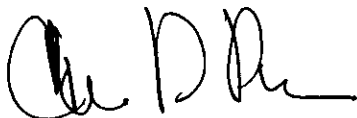
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Studio City, CA 91604

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Beverly J Hadley




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Name *Caroline & Bernard Futoran*

Address

Studio City, CA 91604

Subject: Torrance Redistricting

From: David Nelson [REDACTED]

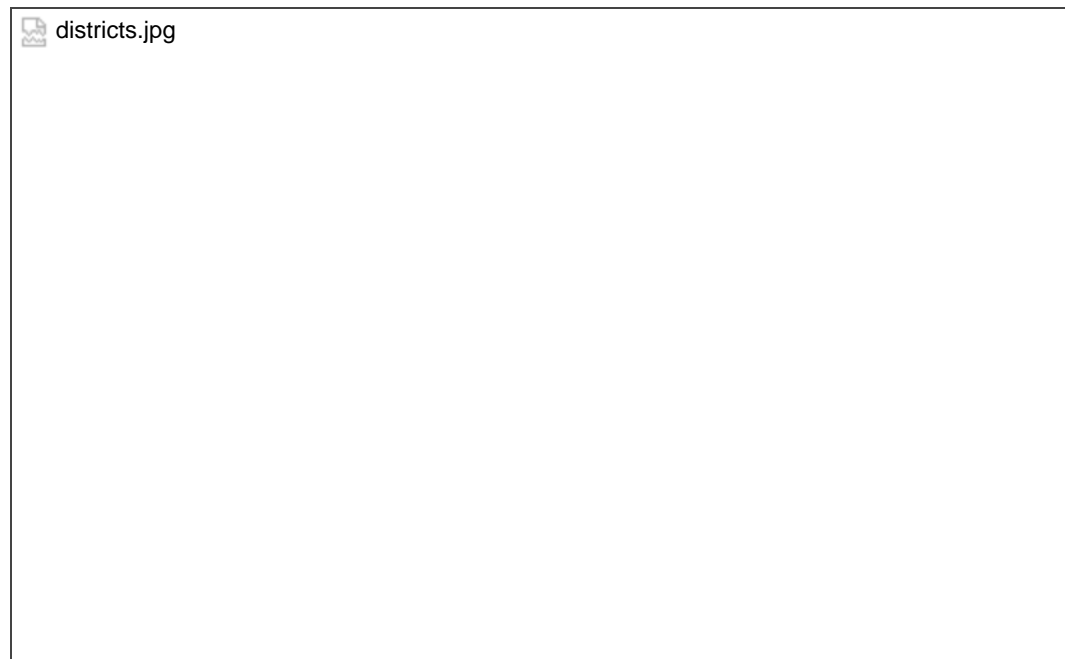
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 2011 07:53:05 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

July 6, 2011

Dear commissioners

I am a citizen of Torrance, California and have been examining what I believe to be the the most recent congressional map.



It is my understanding that your objective is to create districts with the following characteristics: "a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation." I understand also that districts must be of nearly equal population which certainly must create complexities. If you were to drive, let say on Del Amo Blvd, From the Long beach freeway to the Ocean in Redondo beach you would see that Torrance has much more in common with Redondo beach and Palos Verdes than with the area south of the Compton district.

Of course, If population were added to the yellow district it would have to be taken out somewhere else. I believe the goal of creating districts that " share common social and economic interests" would be better served by putting Torrance back in the Yellow (36th?) district and extending the Compton district south as necessary.

Best Regards and thank you for all your hard labors

David Nelson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Torrance, California 90503

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June 28, 2011

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Nancy Traina


Studio City, CA 91604



Subject: Redistricting

From: Russell Milham Jr <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 6 Jul 2011 12:47:13 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please maintain the integrity of the San Fernando Valley as a voting entity, connected from the 405 freeway to Calabasas and Woodland Hills. Patricia Milham.

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

June 30, 2011

State Re-districting Commission
901 P St., Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Commissionrs,

I want to commend you for the many long hours you have spent for the political benefit of the people of California. It was a major contribution to the people of this state.

I am a longtime resident and active citizen of Studio City and the greater San Fernando Valley. Because of this I look critically at the map which splits Studio City into parts of two State Senate districts. I respectfully suggest this is a mistake.

For many years Studio City --as the name indicates -- has had a storied history of being a unified center of the motion picture industry. Studio City has no common community interests with either of the two Senate districts into which is has been placed.

In the strongest possible terms, I urge you to leave Studio City as a unified community of shared interests in one Senate district with two assembly districts within its boundaries. In this way we will be best able to continue to spread our considerable talents over a wide area of the Valley for the common good.

Respectfully,


Saul Halpert


Studio City, CA 91604

Subject: redistricting

From: "Susan D'Amico" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 6 Jul 2011 12:31:05 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

Today I was looking at our local paper and noticed that once again Tujunga has been redistricted with the San Fernando Valley. Tujunga is not part of the valley. Tujunga is a foothill community with concerns similar to La Crescenta and La Canada. I know that this is probably a done deal but in the future please look at the characteristics of our community.

Sincerely,

Susan D'Amico

[REDACTED]

Tujunga, CA 91042

[REDACTED]

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

Via U.S. Mail and E-mail (votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)

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June 29, 2011

JUL 06 2011

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

Per _____

Re: Comments on the First Draft Maps for the Proposed West Side-Santa Monica Assembly and LASCV Senate Districts

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council and our 1.3 million members and activists, thousands of whom live and work in southern California and care deeply about protecting and conserving open space, parkland and wild places.

We appreciate the Commission's efforts to consider geographical factors such as rivers, mountains, coastal and inland areas, and watersheds when defining the "communities of interest" that the proposed district lines will respect. We agree that environmental features such as these and others are important ecological and recreational assets that help define communities and keep them healthy and vibrant. However, we respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider how it has applied these factors to the environmental "communities of interest" that comprise certain proposed districts in western Los Angeles County.

First, we recommend that the Commission adjust the proposed West Side-Santa Monica Assembly District to include a greater portion of the Santa Monica Mountains and Las Virgenes Canyons, and to exclude Marina Del Rey and adjacent areas south of Washington Boulevard. Such an adjustment would respect the "community of interest" that includes the City of Santa Monica, adjacent coastal communities, the Santa Monica Mountains and the watersheds of the North Santa Monica Bay. These critical natural and recreational resources are essential to the health and well-being of the residents of these communities.

Marina Del Rey, on the other hand, belongs in the same "community of interest" as Ballona Creek, the Ballona Wetlands, Playa Vista and Playa Del Rey – *i.e.*, in the proposed Palos Verdes E.-Beach Cities District. These geographically connected communities share important ecological and hydrological features and resources that readily distinguish them from other nearby areas.

Subject: Integrity of Pasadena & Altadena in Congressional seat --Cracking of Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway"

From: Martin Enriquez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 6 Jul 2011 20:59:10 -0700

To: "[REDACTED] we draw the lines" <[REDACTED]>

Dear CRC,

I realize it takes time to post public comments on the website. The letter below was sent originally one June 28, 2011 at about 12: 45 pm; well before the 5pm deadline.

Since it has not been posted as of July 6, 2011 I am re-submitting the info regarding the "Cracking of Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway" and 2) the " Integrity of Pasadena & Altadena in Congressional seat" and/or Assembly seat.

Visualizations from late June and early July indicate that Pasadena might be split again. I urge that careful examination is need because of past Voter Polarization in city, school district and community college district elections.

Be well,
Martin
July 6, 2011

PS The May 23, 2011 was posted and is now NO LONGER post as:
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RESUBMISSION: July 6, 2011, Originally sent June 28, 2011 at about 12:45 pm

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez
[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91106

June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Integrity of Pasadena & Altadena in Congressional seat
Cracking of Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway"

Region IV, Los Angeles County
[San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills](#)
[E. San Gabriel Valley – Diamond Bar](#)

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

First of all, thank you for accepting input from ordinary Californian residents in guiding your decisions. Secondly, although some shaving and reformulation of districts will be need, you are to be congratulated for presenting a statewide view of the configuration of congressional districts that balances all concerns. Thirdly, this letter deals with the cracking of Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway"

I have lived in Pasadena for over four decades and understand the area well. My early education occurred in Pasadena and went to high school in La Canada-Flintridge. Pasadena has been bisected into two congressional districts which have caused some anxiety. I like many of my neighbors would prefer to have Pasadena in one congressional district. I am unable to determine from the maps on your website which congressional district I am located in. However, it does seem that Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway" has been cracked from the heavier concentrations of Pasadena's Mexican American neighborhoods in the Northwest Pasadena and western Altadena.

In previous correspondence May 4, 2011 and May 23, 2011 (entirety duplicated below), I have emphasized that the census tracts below form a "Community of Interest":

Pasadena: 4609, 4615, 4616, 4619, 4620, 4621, 4622, 4623, and 4627
Altadena: 4602, 4603.01, 4603.02, 4610 and 4611

http://www.lapl.org/resources/guides/tract_maps/ct06037_d08.pdf

These census tracts are contiguous and compact. They are ethnically diverse and have the greatest concentration of Mexican Americans and African American in the area. With others they form a homogenous social economic enclave within the Pasadena/Altadena area.

From the May 23, 2011, I wrote under the heading of the Greater Pasadena Area:

As explained above, community interests can differ within city boundaries because of various cultural, social, and economic factors, even in cities the size of Pasadena. As the Commissioners you are empowered to draw the lines as the people's agents. Do not despair in harsh critiques: it is **alright to bisect** a city if commonalities with adjoining areas represent a better mix that increases the opportunity for the not so prosperous to have parity with those who are economical dominant.

I do not believe that the spilt of Pasadena between [San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills](#) and [E. San Gabriel Valley – Diamond Bar](#) congressional districts “represent a better mix” because the census tracts cited above have been fractured. Nonetheless, I am fascinated by division and would like to be given a rationale for the spilt. I personally think that Pasadena should be joined with the rest of the San Gabriel Valley as oppose to going westward.

Pasadena and Altadena are intricately woven together by family ties. We share many congregations, schools and civic organizations. I urge the Commission to reconsider preserving Pasadena's “Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway” with Northwest Pasadena and Western Altadena.

Respectfully,

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez

CRC Applicant 6216
Tuesday, June 28, 2011

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Attached:

May 23, 2011 letter (no longer available on the website for June 1, 2011)

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez



Pasadena, CA 91106

May 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

1130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Pasadena & Altadena together by Census Tracts in Assembly District

After reviewing almost all the Public Comments for Region IV Los Angeles County and most of the general comments for May 2011, I am struck by the many innovative approaches offered by the public. I realize the electoral laws have been developed over the last three decades. However, the district lines of the 1980's for Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional seats in the greater Pasadena area are worth noting. I know that those lines cannot be duplicated, but they offer interesting methods for preserving and recognizing "community interests" beyond those offered by officialdom.

Assembly Districts 41 and 55 from 1980's

The source material came from:

1. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/ad82maps/1982ad55.pdf>
2. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/ad82maps/1982ad41.pdf>

Please observe the treatment for the Assembly Districts 41 and 55. The latter district AD 55 grouped Western Pasadena (West of Lake Avenue and North of Colorado Blvd) with Los Angeles along the 110 Freeway. This made sense in commonality of socio-economic status with a diverse ethnic mix.

The rest of Pasadena was in Assembly District 41 linked with more affluent communities. They too shared commonalities of similar socio-economic factors. In no way did this set up diminish the importance of Pasadena's various communities. In fact, it gave a strong voice to Northwest Pasadenans whose needs were often overlooked compared to the more prosperous sectors of Pasadena.

State Senate Districts 16 and 21 in the 1980's

The source material came from:

3. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/sd82maps/1982sd21.pdf>
4. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/sd82maps/1982sd16.pdf>

Again the prized area for democratic voters was Northwest Pasadena and Western Altadena which was connected to State Senator Walter Stern (State Senate District 16). This time the most easterly line was Hill Avenue instead of Lake Avenue, then shifting north. This area along the 210 Freeway is also known as Pasadena's Hispanic Corridor.

These lines keep the bulk of Pasadena's Mexican American community together with almost all of Pasadena's African Americans in the same State Senate seat 16. They were given consideration by Senator Stern with a district office opened in the area. Also represented were the people of Altadena, west of Lake Avenue.

Republicans too were able to elect a representative of their choice in State Senate District 21. This district grouped wealthy neighborhoods of Linda Vista and San Rafael with easterly Hastings Ranch and all the area south of Colorado Blvd.

Census Tracts having the greatest commonality

All of the peoples of Pasadena and Altadena are great. They should be united in the same Assembly district. But if not, there can be a reasonable solution as presented in the above. Recognition that within the City of Pasadena there are differing community interests which are present.

Thus as much as possible keep the following census tracts together:

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Congressional Districts 25 (Edward Roybal) and 22 from the 1980's

The source material came from:

6. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/cd80maps/1980cd25.pdf>
7. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/cd80maps/1980cd22.pdf>

The Great Edward Roybal represented Pasadena in the 25th Congressional District. The Honorable Roybal's district was based in Los Angeles yet it extended to Pasadena and Altadena to the north. It included almost all the area north of Colorado Blvd with Altadena Drive as its most east boundary. Again this demonstrated the existence of the Pasadena's Hispanic Corridor running on both sides of the 210 Freeway. It included almost all of Pasadena's and Altadena's African American communities as well.

In the 22nd District Representative Carlos Moorhead represented well the rest of Pasadena. He was the dean of the California Republicans in the House of Representatives. He had his office in Pasadena. If these great men could represent the interests of Pasadena without difficulty, surely lines could be established that give equal voice to all Pasadena and Altadena.

Dedication of CRC and its Responsibilities

The CRC has as its mission to honor the community interests of all Californians in a fair manner. I have read with amusement the public commentary. Some comments were woefully unaware of election law and judicial decisions. Others ignored historical circumstance and housing patterns that reflect past discriminatory practices.

Humans can correct past instances of inelegant behavior. You are now charged with that monumental endeavor. The transparency demonstrated so far it admirable. Keep up the good work.

Greater Pasadena Area

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I would prefer a Pasadena based Assembly district in the San Gabriel Valley in union with western Altadena. The other portions of Pasadena and Altadena could be an adjacent Assembly district within a Senatorial District. That would make the probable Republican and Democratic Assembly members compete for elevation to the Senatorial District.

The Congressional district should be oriented east to the San Gabriel Valley. Pasadena is the cultural and educational capital of the San Gabriel Valley. Pasadena has commonality with its Verdugo Hills neighbors (Burbank, Glendale and La Canada-Flintridge) but it is the leader in San Gabriel Valley, that should be reflected in the Congressional seat.

Respectfully,

Martin A.C. EnriquezMarquez

CRC Applicant 6216

Monday, May 23, 2011

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CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA 91733



July 7, 2011

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

Chairman and members of the Commission:

This letter is to inform you that the City of South El Monte is adamantly opposed to the first draft redistricting maps released on June 10, 2011. Although we understand there have been some revisions since the first draft, we must ensure that our concerns are addressed in future versions of the redistricting maps. Our discontent stems from several adverse effects that the redistricting would have on our City and the representation of our citizens. Some of the issues include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The first draft maps released on June 10 by California's Citizens Redistricting Commission would severely diminish opportunities for future Latino political progress in the state.
- During the last decade, California's Latino population accounted for 90% of the state's growth. The Commission's maps fail to reflect that growth by not creating fair opportunities for increased Latino representation.
- California's maps must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. Under state law, strict adherence to the VRA is the second highest priority that the Commission must apply when drawing the state's new districts.
- The Commission's First Draft Maps do not provide sufficient opportunities for fair Latino representation as required by the VRA. The Commission must ensure that it addresses this issue when it revises its draft maps.
- The City of South El Monte would be split into two separate State Assembly Districts thereby reducing our ability to be represented. The City of South El Monte must remain a whole to ensure we are protected from discrimination in the electoral

process. We strongly advocate being placed in the East San Gabriel Valley-Covina Assembly District.

- The new maps would place the City of South El Monte into districts that have very little in common as it relates to demographics, economics, and political tendencies. The City of South El Monte would like to maintain its current Congressional neighbors in the East San Gabriel Valley – Diamond Bar Congressional District.
- The new maps would place the City of South El Monte with larger, more affluent cities that are aligned with Gateway Cities and not the San Gabriel Valley.

It is imperative that South El Monte have equal right to representation in the electoral process. The new maps adversely affect our ability to both advocate for our City and greatly silences our voice at all levels of government.

If you would like additional comments or would like to meet to discuss the matter in further detail, please do not hesitate to call me at 626-579-6540. Thank you for your time and for contemplating the detrimental affects your maps would have on our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luis Aguiñaga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "A".

Luis "Louie" A. Aguiñaga
Mayor
City of South El Monte

CC: South El Monte City Council

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

RECEIVED JUL 06 REC'D

From: Jill Thraves [REDACTED]

Subject:

Date: June 29, 2011 9:41:40 PM PDT

[REDACTED]
Studio City Ca 91604

June 29th 2011

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I thank you for your consideration.

Name
Address

Jill Thraves

[REDACTED]
Studio City, CA 91604

Subject: ATTN: M. Andre Parvenu Dilution of African American voters in Altadena-Pasadena

From: Martin Enriquez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 6 Jul 2011 08:17:35 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioner M. Andre Parvenu:

I hope that you have the sensitivity to shield the notable gains achieved by San Gabriel Valley's African American communities and emerging Chicano, Hispanic & Latino (CHL) Voters.

New visualization indicates that Western Altadena and Northwestern Pasadena residents will be subsumed by more prosperous voters in La Canada-Flintridge (I attended High School there), Burbank and Glendale. I have lived in Pasadena for over four decades.

Here is the full text of my July 6, 2011 letter to the CRC.

Sincerely,
Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez
[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91106

July 6, 2011
Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Dilution of African American and Chicano, Hispanic & Latino (CHL) Voters if Altadena and Pasadena is joined with La Canada-Flintridge in Congressional seat and/or Assembly seat. Voter Polarization evident in local elections: Pasadena Area Community College District: Trustee Area 1 and 3.

Region IV, Los Angeles County: Altadena & Pasadena

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Continue on the good path to giving all Californians the ability to elect representatives of their choosing. I have followed the proceedings of the Commission and have reviewed all public commentary in Region IV particularly in regards to Pasadena and Altadena. You have an arduous duty to balance the various needs of the state, Los Angeles County and the Pasadena Area. I am gratified that the staff has created different options for Pasadena and Altadena.

The integrity of Pasadena and Altadena is unquestioned. Altadena is an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County north of Pasadena. Altadena is surrounded on the three sides by Pasadena: on the west a sliver of land separates Altadena from La Canada-Flintridge, on the south Altadena sharing a long border with Pasadena, on the east another sliver of land completes Altadena's eastern boundary. For county purposes Altadena is within the sphere of influence of the City of Pasadena.

Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) and Pasadena Area Community College District (Pasadena City College-PCC)

Pasadena Unified School District is composed of Altadena, Sierra Madre and Pasadena, so all school age children and loving parents in the area share elementary, junior high, and high schools. Many opt for the many fine private school of the area. Additionally, the Pasadena Area Community College District unites Altadena and Pasadena intricately. Thus, cementing the early ties of childhood at PUSD to young adulthood at Pasadena City College.

Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) Board of Trustees has done a disservice by bisecting the African American communities of Altadena and Pasadena into two Trustee Districts Area #1 (La Canada-Flintridge, Western Altadena (area west of Lake Avenue), with Pasadena's prosperous Linda Vista and San Rafael Estates.

(<http://www.pasadena.edu/board/paccd2.pdf>)

Western Altadena is heavily African American and Chicano, Hispanic & Latino (CHL) populated. Eastern Altadena (East of Lake Avenue) is predominately non-Hispanic Euro-American with in Area #2 in league with predominately non-Hispanic Euro-American Pasadena (mostly east of Lake Avenue) and Sierra Madre.

Trustee Area #3 includes all of Northwest Pasadena (east of the Rose Bowl, north of Colorado Boulevard, and west of Wilson Avenue [between Hill Avenue and Lake Avenue]). Pasadena City council districts #1, #3, and #5 make-up the bulk of PACCD Trustee Area #3. (<http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/Council/>) Pasadena City Council #1 is represented by Jacque Robinson (African American) (<http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/District1>), Pasadena City Council #3 is represented by Chris Holden (African American), a 15 year plus veteran

Councilmember and announce candidate of the Assembly seat #44.

(<http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/District3/>). Vice-Mayor Victor M. Gordo, Esq. is the Councilmember for the Pasadena City Council #5. Mr. Gordo is of Mexican heritage. [<http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/District5/>] The City of Pasadena has been more responsive to the needs of all its residents by creating districts in tune with the populace.

Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) Board of Trustees have restrained the natural development of local leadership by creating an unhealthy situation which pits two underrepresented groups 1) African-American and 2) Chicano, Hispanic & Latino (CHL) Voters in Trustee area #3. Racial polarization has already occurred in Trustee Area 1 (La Canada-Flintridge and Altadena) NH Euro-American and NH African American and Trustee Area 3 Northwestern Pasadena (African American and Hispanic American Candidates).

<http://alumni.pasadena.edu/news/32579/News-Two-trustees-unseated-in-election-Baum-retains-seat.htm>

Dilution of African American Voter by City

NH African American

Altadena	10,136		23.70%
Pasadena	14,650		10.70%
Duarte	1,587		7.40%
Monrovia	2,500		6.80%
Burbank	2,600		2.50%
Sierra Madre	201		1.80%
Glendale	2,573		1.30%

LCF	109	0.50%
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altadena,_California
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burbank,_California
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra_Madre,_Ca

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Ca%C3%B1ada_Flintridge,_California
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glendale,_California

<http://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Pasadena-AA.jpg>

Although www.wikipedia.org is cited above for the African American communities of the Pasadena adjacent area, the numbers appear to be consistent with the reliable Redistricting Partners at <http://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Pasadena-AA.jpg> (African American).

In descending order listed above, Altadena has the highest percentage of African Americans at 23.7% followed by Pasadena 10.7%. Voter Polarization has already occurred in Trustee Area #3 in the 2009 and 2005 elections which links La Canada-Flintridge with western Altadena. Those two communities are incongruous culturally and in socio-economic factors. Western Altadena has high poverty rates while La Canada-Flintridge is one of the most prosperous cities in the whole of Los Angeles County. Additionally, La Canada-Flintridge has only 109 African Americans or about 0.50%, the lowest percentage of the eight (8) surrounding communities.

To place La Canada-Flintridge with Altadena in a Congressional district and/or Assembly district is to automatically dilute the ability of Western Altadena residents to effectuate the election of a candidate of their choice. Likewise with Burbank (2.5%), Sierra Madre (1.80%), Glendale (1.30%), each of those cities have less than 3% of their population which is NH African American. While joining Altadena with Duarte (7.4%) and Monrovia (6.8%) would strengthen both the African American and Chicano, Hispanic & Latino (CHL) Voters of Pasadena and Altadena.

The ignoble past of housing discrimination and house covenants restricting purchase by qualified buyers point to the paucity of African Americans in Burbank, Sierra Madre, Glendale and La Canada-Flintridge. Socio-economic factors as well cultural dictates make it unwise for Altadena-Pasadena to be joined westwardly with Burbank, Glendale and La Canada-

Flintridge. Pardon for bring up the not so distant past in which the western HQ of the American Nazi Party was found in Glendale, California till the 1980's. http://www.kcet.org/shows/socal_connected/content/culture/california-activists-reformers-and-radicals-a-timeline.html

Those three cities maintain their own Unified School Districts. It is unfair to link Western Altadena to those prosperous suburbs. It is consistent with the Voting Rights Act to have Western Altadena and Northwest Pasadena in conjunction with Duarte and Monrovia.

I urge the CRC and staff to consider that voter polarization exists in Pasadena and Altadena. PACCD Board of Trustees has sliced the Pasadena Hispanic-210 Freeway Corridor into three trustee districts. Additionally, it has bisected Altadena along Lake Avenue to create an east west divided and linked Western Altadena with La Canada-Flintridge which has demonstrated voter polarization along socio-economic lines.

For the CRC to have Western Altadena with La Canada-Flintridge or Burbank and/or Glendale is to repeat the grievous error that PACCD Board of Trustees have done in Trustee Area #1 writ large.

Specifically,

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is unworkable knowing that voter polarization exists in Northwest Pasadena and Western Altadena and animus towards African Americans.

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unworkable for same cause cited above

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Workable: Continuity of local representation

This area encompasses the Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) sans La Canada-Flintridge. This would be most representative since it includes Arcadia, South Pasadena, San Marino, Altadena, Pasadena, San Gabriel and Temple City. See <http://www.pasadena.edu/board/paccd2.pdf> to observe the overlay with Congressional and Assemble districts. Relatively prosperous with pocket of poverty.

Cordially,

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez

CRC Applicant 6216
Wednesday, July 6, 2011

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Per _____

A. ROSS McCANSE

Studio City, CA 91604

June 29, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you.

I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10th maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts - LASCV and LADNT. We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LASCV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors. Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years. We commute back and forth over the mountains for schools, shopping, education, parks, religious and cultural institutions, using the 405 freeway, the Pacific Coast highway, and the mountain roads (Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Sepulveda, and Topanga Canyon). We share our community in the southern SFV, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Agoura Hills, along with the south side of Mulholland - West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Together we share transportation corridors and environmental, L.A. River, and Santa Monica Mountains priorities.

Please make Studio City one Senate district and nest the two proposed Assembly districts - Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side-Santa Monica districts into the Senate District.

Thank you for your consideration.



Subject: : Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 6 Jul 2011 15:38:42 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

As I watch the progress of redistricting, I am pleased that the committee has moved along with the job. I would, however, like to remind you all that Calabasas and Agoura are north and south of the 101 Freeway, and west of the 405 Freeway. These cities are no where near Beverly Hills. The residents of these cities

live in the San Fernando Valley, not the city or the beach. The interests of residents of the San Fernando Valley are very different from the interests of residents of Beverly Hills and Malibu. It was wrong to remove

Agoura and Calabasas from the Valley when Thousand Oaks was removed. You must return Agoura and Calabasas to the district that goes west from the 405 along the 101 Freeway. The San Fernando Valley is a solid community with common goals. We need to be able to vote for representatives who have these same goals for our community. It has been virtually impossible to elect representatives who can monitor and fill the needs of a beach community, a community with its' own police and fire, and the San Fernando Valley. Somehow we in the Valley have always gotten the short end of the stick. Give us back a solid base from which to elect representatives that indeed do represent us.

I live in West Hills which is north of Woodland Hills for those unfamiliar with the West Valley.

Gail DeMario
[REDACTED]