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**From:** Martin Enriquez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 03:12:55 -0700

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

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez

[REDACTED]  
Pasadena, CA 91106

July 9, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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# OPINION

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## The precedent set

Confident though he said he was during the primary, confident though he may have been during most of the campaign for the general election, Isaac Richard's unprecedented victory in Tuesday's election for the District 1 seat on the Pasadena Board of City Directors seemed stunning even to him late election night at the Pasadena Center.

Plurality in the primary or no, there just isn't any question that the election of an African-American candidate who grew up poor in the city's Northwest to represent a council seat that has been held for over 100 years by white men from the district's very tony neighborhoods has to be a stunner.

Of course, this is the first time the election wasn't stacked. Stacked by the then-legal, supposedly proper rules of the day, yes. But making out like bandits under a code of thieves is banditry nonetheless.

"Code of thieves" sounds a bit harsh, perhaps. Some people could and did make flowery arguments about the importance of the old city laws that forced candidates who didn't receive fully 60 percent of the vote in their district into a second city-wide race for all of the voters' approval. "Gives 'em a broader perspective," they said, with a smirk. For none of the several black candidates who received simple majorities over the years within District 1 ever did make it to City Hall.

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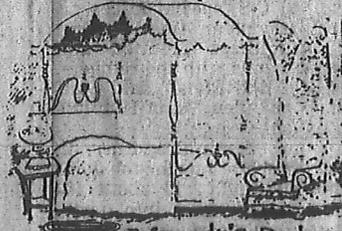
Times do change.

And as City Hall reporter Janice Luder's story filed election night noted, "The Times They Are A-Changin'" is the song Isaac Richard's car's tape deck was blaring as he pulled to the curb on Euclid Avenue to find that he'd won the race to replace retiring Director John Crowley on the city's august governing body. A city council district that is over 70 percent "minority" and 42 percent African-American will finally have a black Pasadenan representing it.

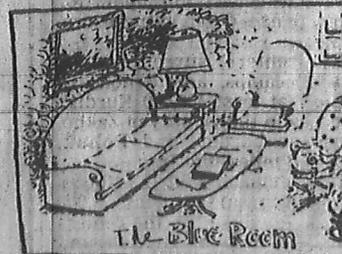
Enough with the talk of race. His election has changed Pasadena politics forever; it was an extraordinary precedent to set; but now it's down to the real business of representing District 1 for Richard. He's got a few weeks to get his priorities in order. He's got thick stacks of reading to plow through. The run-off between Richard and Conway was absolutely as down and dirty as we'd predicted it would be and hoped it would not be. By the end of last week, the slinging of mud had become intolerable. There'll be more controversy over the Richard campaign's election-day tactic of free dinners to voters with a ballot stub, perfectly legal though it may have been, open to voters who wrote in Mickey Mouse though it may have been. But that'll blow over.

And though he may roar up to a few meetings on a largish motorcycle, and though his flair is all his own, Pasadena will find out Isaac Richard belongs right there with the many august folks who have come before him to the council. He's got the smarts, the dedication to the city, the will to work. We're just awfully glad the precedents are set and the campaign over. It's time to leave politics behind and get on to the matter of governing.

Hot Steps on the



Lincoln's Bedroom



The Blue Room

## 'Unfortunate' is

"Jog my memory," Slat's Grobnik said. "Didn't we say that we didn't have no beef with the Iraqi people, that it was Saddam Hussein and his muscle guys we were out to get?"

That's right. Our commander in chief made that perfectly clear. As a kinder and gentler nation, we recognized that the ordinary Iraqi was little more than a helpless victim of Saddam's tyranny. "Why'd we say that?"

Because it is true. It was Saddam who made the decision to invade Kuwait, not some shopkeeper. It was Saddam who decided to set fire to Kuwait's oil wells, not some camel merchant. It was Saddam who fired those Scud missiles, not some street sweeper.

"Yeah, that's why I think we made a big mistake saying we were mad at Saddam and not his people."

Why? We weren't mad at his people. "Then how come his people got all the lumps and Saddam is still alive and kicking?"

Look, you don't understand the pragmatism of geopolitics. If you did, you wouldn't ask so silly a question. You have no appreciation of the need for stability in the volatile Mideast.

"I guess not. But we're saying we won the war, right?"

Of course. And there can be no arguing with that fact. We fulfilled the U.N. mandate to get Saddam out of Kuwait. And we protected American interests.

"OK, what about those dead kids?" "What dead kids?" "The ones I'm seeing on my TV set every night."

You mean the Kurdish refugees? Yes, very unfortunate.

"What ya mean, unfortunate? You sound like one of those State Department guys."

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**Subject:** Your Horrible Mistake

**From:** Kay Austen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 13:08:26 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens:

You have cleft in two the Santa Monica Mountains community of Topanga, a community that prides itself on its liberalism and environmentalism. The Northern half of Topanga is then attached to Santa Clarita, 40 miles away. This would be a bad joke if you weren't serious. You have taken a hatchet to Topanga and Malibu and severed most of them from the Westside, only ten miles away, to make up bogus, conservative districts where our voices will count for naught. Not even the worst gerrymandering has accomplished this! Congratulations--and please change everything back so that we can continue to elect representatives who share our collective vision for the Santa Monica Mountains and beyond. Sincerely, Kay Austen

**Subject:** STOP JERRYMANDERING

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 19:25:02 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Rancho Palos Verdes has no problems in common with areas north of the Los Angeles airport. Transportation, environment, schooling, crime fighting, civic relations go essentially west from the PalosVerdes - El Segundo line. It makes no sense to have a new redistricting method if the strange shaped district areas are produced instead of compact contiguous areas.

I sincerely hope we will not have to have a state wide initiative to revise the new method and invalidate the results of the present commission.

Rolandf Ilse  
Rancho Palso Verdes

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Southbay Redistricting

**From:** "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 07:54:07 -0700

**To:** "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

As a California voter, I am requesting that the South Bay be kept together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula with straight lines. This issue is being watched very closely and the right thing to do is complete the redistricting as it should logically be done, KEEP SOUTHBAY TOGETHER.



**Tom Penland**

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**Subject:** South Bay

**From:** "Joe G." <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 10:56:18 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please keep the South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula with straight lines.

Thank you,

Joseph Gazal

Amy Gazal

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** "Louise Meehan" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 21:22:51 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

STOP THE POLITICS. keep the South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula with straight lines

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "Brett A. Nelson, Sr." [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 21:22:22 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

1. Keep Lancaster and Palmdale united and together.
2. Keep the High Desert communities of Lancaster/Palmdale in northern LA County together with East Kern and the Victor Valley cities in San Bernardino in the same Senate District.
3. The Senate District released in the first draft was excellent, it unified the entire High Desert community of interest together, please keep the Senate District in the first draft.

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Gerry Stark <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 16:19:16 -0700

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Please keep the south bay as is, together. Please do not change the lines.  
Please give us some reason to believe there is still integrity in our politicians  
I am losing faith in my leaders very quickly  
Sincerely,  
Gerry stark

Sent from my iPad

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Michael Malgeri [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 09 Jul 2011 16:04:07 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to say that you should keep the South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula with straight lines.

Best Regards,

Michael Malgeri  
Redondo Beach, CA

**Subject:** Redistricting of Lancaster & Palmdale

**From:** natur lover <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 20:22:59 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission,

I'm writing to you regarding redistricting and to let you know I would like to see you keep the communities of Lancaster and Palmdale represented together. Additionally, since they have the same interests keep Lancaster/Palmdale in northern LA County together with East Kern and the Victor Valley Cities in San Bernardino in the same Senate District.

Please use the first Senate District draft which was quite well drawn out. The other choice doesn't make any sense and is a big mistake.

Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tami S. French

**Subject:** redistricting lines

**From:** michael mullen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 17:37:01 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Kepp the southbay district lines from Marina del rey to Palos Verdes straight.

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Tonya Wieck <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sun, 10 Jul 2011 04:25:41 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Tonya Wieck <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Antelope Valley District Lines

Message Body:

Dear commission,

In regards to the Senate district lines in the Antelope Valley:

I feel that the first draft that the Senate District released, it unified the entire High Desert community of interest together, please keep the Senate District in the first draft. Lancaster and Palmdale should remain together. Please keep the High Desert communities of Lancaster/Palmdale in northern LA County together with East Kern and the Victor Valley cities in San Bernardino in the same Senate District. Linking us to Pacoima, San Fernando, and Sylmar is not in the best interest of your community

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** James Michael Wieck <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sun, 10 Jul 2011 04:02:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Lancaster

Message Body:

Dear Commission,

Your previous preliminary release of district lines for the Antelope Valley was not perfect in my opinion, but it did make sense. This new idea of linking us in Lancaster with San Fernando, pacoima, and Sylmar makes no sense at all. I beg you to reconsider this ill conceived plan to re-draw our district lines.

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**From:** Trevor Jones <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sun, 10 Jul 2011 02:58:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Message Body:

The Antelope Valley has proven to be a strong  
Community of visionaries. With a Population of over 400,000( out lining areas) we  
definitely need  
Elected local voices Speaking on our behalf!

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**To:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** KF & KM Poehlmann [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 09 Jul 2011 20:13:24 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

We believe it is vitally important to keep South Bay districts together from Marina Del Rey to the PV Peninsula. Residents live, work, shop, and play in these districts. We like the idea of patronizing stores owned and operated by fellow residents. We like worshipping in churches where we see our friends from neighboring districts. Schools within a connected set of districts are better matched for sporting events and social programs.

A cohesive community reflects the traditional American spirit. In an emergency, we know we can depend on each other because we have shared values as neighbors.

Please don't split up the South Bay!

Thank you.

Katherine and Karl Poehlmann  
Torrance 90504

**Subject:** Keep the South Bay together

**From:** Terry Pitiak <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 09 Jul 2011 07:56:03 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To the Commission:

Keep the South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula with straight lines.

Thank you,

Theresa Pitiak  
Torrance, CA

**From:** barbara burgess <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 09:33:29 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please keep the South Bay 36th district in tact from Marina Del Ray to Palos Verdes. This straight line needs to be kept.

Thanks

**Subject:** Agoura /Calabasas

**From:** susan abato <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 12:46:59 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you for all you are doing on behalf to draw the lines in a fair manner.

Once again we will ask you to review the testimony from the City Councils of both these cities.

Calabasas and Agoura have more in common with the SFV than they do Beverly Hills, West LA, West Hollywood and Malibu. They have shopping, sports dinner and schools in common, job connections in the West San Fernando Valley not Beverly Hills.

The demographics of the two are different, housing type professions and culture centers and schools are vastly different.

These are the only two Valley communities left connected to the Westside and BH so they will more than likely not see any elected officials and due to the cost of staff and office are not likely to locate constituent services in these two cities. It will take hours to travel to a Legislator's office located on the Westside.

You have heard testimony from the residents of Agoura and Calabasas. You have seated Calabasas in the Assembly map of the West San Fernando Valley Please place these two cities in the West SFV CD also.

These two cities have more in common with Conejo Valley and the SFV than the West side. Again, Sherman Oaks, and Studio City are not communities that have common interests with the West San Fernando Valley. These two cities belong on the East side of the 405.

Again, thank you for including Calabasas in the AD map, we ask you to keep these two cities within the West SFV maps.

Susan Abato

**Subject:** 36th Congressional District

**From:** "Walt Stoufer" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 16:24:28 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs,

I urge you to keep the South Bay together with straight lines that reflect the demographics of the area stretching from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes. It's my understanding that in your redrawing of state congressional districts you have essentially left the 36th district where I live with the same gerrymandered convoluted borders which renders the philosophy and convictions of a large percentage of we residents null and void.

Thank You,

Walt Stoufer

[REDACTED]

Torrance, CA 90503