Please honor community of interest testimony and connect the Santa Clarita Valley with east Ventura County.

Our communities have similar industries and challenges.

We have also been in the same Senate District for 30 years.

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Molly Casey

From: "Chris Fall" <chrisfall@someemail.com>
To: <recipient@example.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 8:15 AM
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Chris Fall <chrisfall@someemail.com>
Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District

Message Body:
Your latest (July 8th) is NOT your greatest! This visualization does not reflect community of interest testimony nor does it reflect the direction the Commission previously gave to the line drawers.

The residents of the Santa Clarita Valley are affluent and we will continue to keep our finger on the pulse of this issue.

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Your current maps look like as bad as the gerrymander we have now. Please go back to the old draft lines you release in June and keep Palos Verdes with Torrance, Lomita the Beach Cities and El Segundo -- the rest of the South Bay. Please leave us apart from Venice, Santa Monica and Long Beach -- we have no business with them and almost never even visit those areas. We elected you to stop the gerrymandering, not make it worse. Thank you.

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Message Body:
The Silver Lake 90039 neighborhood fits much more logically into your July 3 LAGBP district. We share shopping, media, outlook, culture, and geographic continuity with the neighborhoods in the July 3 LAGBP district.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
T: California Redistricting Commission
FROM: Larry Grooms, citizen of Lancaster, CA
RE: Do Not Disenfranchise the People of the Antelope Valley

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I was just informed that your entity is on the verge of making an 11th Hour change in your previously announced boundaries for the 17th State Senate District that, if adopted, will serve to remove our desert valley region from effective representation.

Please keep the first draft plan that keeps our High Desert cities and communities together, and does not divide our representation by putting the twin cities of Lancaster and Palmdale in separate Senate district.

The new district lines you are considering represent the worst kind of gerrymandering, and will destroy any credibility your commission might have otherwise achieved. The issues we face in the High Desert cities of Lancaster, Palmdale and Victorville have little to do with the metropolitan San Fernando Valley.

Please do not dilute our representation.

I hope I can thank you in advance for doing the right thing by staying with the first announced boundaries keeping the 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.

The Senate District released in the first draft was excellent, it unified the entire High Desert community of interest. Please keep the Senate District in the first draft.
June 24, 2011

Via Email to voterfirstact@crc.ca.gov

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

Honorable Chair and Members of the Commission:

The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments would like to go on record in support of a redistricting plan that keeps our member cities (Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village) together, in the same Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts. The Las Virgenes-Malibu COG cities are geographically situated, which allows us to address shared environmental, transportation and public safety concerns.

For example, the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan, Watershed Area Master Plan, Measure R Highway Improvement Project List and numerous other plans and projects that benefit the residents, businesses and those traveling to and through the region. In addition, all of the cities contract with Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and Fire Department and work together on emergency preparedness and disaster response, which is of upmost importance due to the region’s history of wildfires and flooding.

The Las Virgenes-Malibu COG hopes you understand how important it is for our five cities to continue to be in the same legislative districts. If you need any additional information, please let us know.

Yours truly,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

cc: Agoura Hills
Calabasas
Hidden Hills
Malibu
Westlake Village
Please do not split Lancaster and Palmdale in the redistricting process.

1. We need unification up here, not separation. Palmdale has specific needs that are radically different from San Fernando valley.
2. Putting Palmdale with San Fernando will effectively eliminate representation, since the community is so much smaller in size than the rest of the district.
3. The high desert needs its own representation as a whole. It has its own very unique challenges and opportunities.

The First plan made much more sense.

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Harry Engel
Frye Chiropractic, Inc
Lancaster CA 93534
June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 1010  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE:  CONCERN WITH THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION’S FIRST DRAFT MAPS

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to share my concern with the Citizens Redistricting Commission’s First Draft maps released Friday, June 10, 2011. I am a resident of the City of Huntington Park and have lived and worked in this community for many years. The proposed draft maps severely diminish opportunities for future Latino political progress. The draft maps show that the Latino community will lose existing Latino effective districts at the State Assembly, State Senate and Congress.

In Los Angeles, the Commission must prevent loss of districts where Latinos can effectively choose their elected leaders, and create new opportunities for fair representation that reflect the changing demographics of our state. The Latino community accounted for 90% of the state’s growth and is the second largest population group in the state. The Commission must ensure that revised maps for State Assembly, State Senate and Congress reflect our state’s new demographics.

Furthermore, I request that the Commission look closely at the Los Angeles Southeast cities region. This region has small cities with high Latino populations, and the cities share many social and economic characteristics. The residents of this region are in districts where Latinos currently have the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice, the residents understand the importance of ensuring Latinos are not “packed” into districts in a manner that would dilute their votes. Thus, the residents of this region request that the Commission balance the dual goal of creating districts where the Latino community can elect their candidates of choice and respecting that the Southeast cities be placed into districts where the communities share common social and economic characteristics.
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For example, Congressional District ELABH places the City of Huntington Park with communities that have very different social and economic characteristics such as Los Feliz, Atwater, Silver Lake, and South Pasadena. The residents of Huntington Park are low income and working class and we share more common characteristics with East LA, Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights to the north; as well as Lynwood and South Gate to the south, to name only a few communities.

We have worked hard to address many of the social and economic challenges that are unique to our community. However, there are still many challenges to overcome. It is important that the Commission give our residents a fair opportunity to continue electing candidates of our choice. We must have representation that understands our community priorities and will be our advocates in the State Assembly, State Senate and Congress.

Sincerely,

ELBA GUERRERO, COUNCIL MEMBER
City of Huntington Park

EG/Jym/62711
I'm writing to ask that you keep the district from Palos Verdes to Santa Monica (including Torrance) as one district. Anything else would be gerrymandering at this time & shame on you for trying to do that!! Thank you!
Sharon
Dear Commissioner Filkens-Webber

We are 31 year residents of the Happy Valley area of Newhall. This is to the south side of Lyons Ave. We have always enjoyed voting for local people in our elections, but now with your division of the Newhall area aligning us with the San Fernando Valley congressional district, we feel separated with the rest of the Santa Clarita Valley. Please re-consider putting us back with the rest of our neighbors in our valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

George & Carol Donohoe
Santa Clarita, Ca.

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Dear Commission: I would like to let you know that I feel that the first draft that you released for the redistricting for the Antelope Valley two weeks ago was a good draft. Please consider definitely doing with this draft.

We need to keep both Lancaster and Palmdale in the same district. By keeping Lancaster and Palmdale together with East Kern and Victor Valley in the same district you have communities with like interest.

Unifying these desert communities together is of common interest for all of them.

PLEASE KEEP THE FIRST DRAFT IN TACT AS WAS PUBLISHED.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

______________________________
Mary Anne Himlin
Himlin Realty
Palmdale, CA 93551
Office
Fax
Cell

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Hi I live in Torrance, and I am just wondering how we will be redistricted. Ideally, the south bay should be together, and we should be with Palo Verde.

Please let me know how I can get more info.

Thanks!

Vincent Tangkilisan
90503
It was brought to our attention that Cerritos' submittal was not found in your database. It was submitted on June 24 and this was the e-mail response which was received following our submittal. I am attaching our submittal once again for your information.

Thank you!

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Thank you for taking the time to share your views with the Commission. Comments will be posted as soon as practicable after processing. The Commission reserves the right not to post comments that are inflammatory, offensive or otherwise inappropriate.

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

Subject: District Maps

Dear Commission Members:

On June 23, 2011, the Cerritos City Council reviewed and considered the first draft of the District Maps proposed by the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The City Council concurred on the following findings:

1) The City of Cerritos should remain in districts with other cities in the Los Angeles County region. Since the incorporation of the City of Cerritos in 1956, the City has played an active leadership role in regional issues in the greater Los Angeles area in terms of planning, transportation, legislation, and contract services provided by the County of Los Angeles (Sheriff, Fire, Building and Safety). The City of Cerritos has no regional ties/working relationships with neighboring Orange County cities.

2) City Council members and staff have been active in the following associations and projects:
   a) League of California Cities – Los Angeles Division
   b) California Contract Cities Association
   c) Gateway Cities Council of Governments
   d) American Planning Association – Los Angeles Region
   e) Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Los Angeles Region
   f) Orangeline Development Authority
   g) 91/605 Corridor Cities Committee
   h) 1-5 Expansion

3) Cerritos students attend schools within the ABC Unified School District. The District provides elementary, secondary, and adult education for the following cities:
   • Artesia
   • Cerritos
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- Hawaiian Gardens  
- Portions of Lakewood, Long Beach and Norwalk

Families of our students are committed to the educational programs provided by the ABC Unified School District and support activities to further the academic achievements of the schools.

The City works in partnership with the ABC Unified School District Board on many projects through the development of shared facilities and joint use agreements (gymnasiums, swim center, tennis courts).

4) The City of Cerritos provides water to the community and is active in the management and production of water with other cities in Los Angeles County. We are pro-active members in the following water organizations:

   a) Central Basin Municipal Water District  
   b) Water Replenishment District  
   c) Southeast Water Coalition  
   d) Integrated Regional Water Management Plant Authority

There are no connections to any cities in Orange County in providing of water to their communities.

The City Council of the City of Cerritos unanimously recommends to the Citizens Redistricting Commission that the District Maps for the City of Cerritos should be composed of the following Los Angeles County cities:

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On behalf of the Cerritos City Council, we urge you to reconsider the first draft of the District Maps and give consideration to amending the maps as recommended in this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Carol K. Chen
MAYOR

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Citizens Redistricting Commission Members:

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Ronald C. Faas
Santa Maria, CA 3455-7520
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Ronald C. Faas

Santa Maria, CA 93455-7520

Save the Earth, one page at a time. Please consider the environment before printing this email.
As a new California voter, recently relocated from the Boston area, I’ve been delighted to be part of the Topanga community and very pleased with our state Senator Fran Pavley. My husband and I have decided to make Topanga our permanent home because of its small town feel, community spirit and the access to the Santa Monica Mountains and the large amount of conservation land on both the east and west sides of Topanga boulevard.

It does not make sense politically, socially, or environmentally to split the Topanga community in two nor does it make sense to combine it with Santa Clarita which is quite a distance away and may have very different needs and views on state issues. Voters in Topanga are heavily Democratic and would not consider themselves to be well represented unless their Senator was of the same party.

Please consider the cohesiveness of the Topanga community and keep it all in one district with our neighbors in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Sincerely,

Isabel Freeman
Topanga, CA 90290
From: "Stewart Kahn" <stewart__kahnc@gmail.com>
To: <redondo3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 1:43 PM
Subject: Southbay

Please do not gerrymander the Southbay of California including Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. + Marina del Rey.

Keep the district lines straight. No more gerrymandering!

Stewart Kahn
Redondo Beach, Ca. 90278

Sent from my iPad=
Keep the South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula, including Torrance, with straight lines!
I am not even on your redistricting for Diamond Bar. The 1st map appears to have been designed to nullify Republican votes and stack the deck in favor of Democrats and create an Asian super majority voting bloc at the expense of the other 60% of citizens in the new district. Also, canceling the 2nd draft lacks transparency and looks like you are trying to hide something. At first blush, it smells of political bias or naiveté on the part of the commission on either their choice of consulting firms or their interpretation of the results and recommendations or conclusions. Redistricting should fairly represent all citizens within a defined community and empower those citizens with the ability to elect representatives that can articulate their heart, soul, and needs.

Can you please explain how you drew the proposed, new district? What do all the cities East of Diamond Bar have in common given all the differences in housing densities, industries, transportation corridors, income levels, and social service needs. A0

We are fed up with California politics, the taxes, and the idiot politicians that continually make the wrong choices. The political machine in California has destroyed jobs, destroyed businesses, and hopefully isn’t going to destroy political choice and fair representation. If redistricting stacks the deck for the Democrats, we are seriously considering pulling up stakes and moving to another state where they haven’t lost their collective mind.

Sincerely,

Bernie Haller
Diamond Bar

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Hi: I live in the south bay, in PVE and do not share anything in common with Santa Monica and Venice when it comes to political views. I for one do not want to be included in the SM and Venice district. We are more part of Hawthorne, Lenox and Lawndale, part of the South Bay cities... Thanks for hearing me. = Joe Cannizzaro
You cannot ignore the law. Californians assed it and you must obey the law. We will be watching closely. The law is clear. Stop with the politics. Keep the South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula, including Torrance, with straight lines.

Marcus E. Pierce

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Hello,

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

Thank you,
Donna Takaki
Regarding your redistricting for California, I would like to put in my two cents worth as follows:

1. Please 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 since we have a lot more in common with each other than with the San Fernando Valley.
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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Since ely,
Betty Limpus

Lancaster, CA 93535-3228
Message Body:
Please follow the Commission's visualization and adopt a Senate District which includes the
Santa Clarita Valley and Eastern Ventura County. These areas have a strong and long-standing
community of interest.

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Message Body:
Plese continue to keep the Santa Clarita Valley together as well as well as including the similar communities in East Ventura County area, of which it's been a part for almost 30 years. Thank you for your consideration.

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To: <pamela.a.horvath@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 7:07 PM
Subject: Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: pamela a horvath <pamela.a.horvath@gmail.com>
Subject: santa clarita

Message Body:
Don't want to become part of Los Angeles
Leave Santa Clarita whole
Pamela and Jeno Horvath

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Message Body:
Please connect Santa Clarita Valley with East Ventura County. These communities are similar and have been together in a State Senate District for over 20 years! Thank you!

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Message Body:
KEEP THE HIGH DESERT CITIES OF PALMDALE AND LANCASTER TOGETHER..
YOUR CHANGES ARE FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT AND YOU KNOW IT . THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS LITTLE, IF ANY, RELATION TO SAN FERNANDO, PACOIMA ETC. STOP YOUR MICRO MANAGEMENT.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to you to strongly request that you return to the proposed plan that kept Lancaster and Palmdale together, along with the cities of East Kern and Victor Valley in San Bernardino. The high desert is a geographic community. We have needs and strengths and weaknesses that are endemic to our area. If our community is cut up and assigned to other outlying urban areas, our needs will not be effectively served. If you are not a denizen of the high desert, you really don't understand the needs of this area. It is imperative that our community has local representation to assure that the health and well being of our citizens are maintained. Frankly, decisions made for the high desert by people who do not live in the high desert could be life threatening. The high desert is an extreme environment that is not understood by those who live in milder climates. Water conservation, electrical usage, sewage handling, and other health and safety issues are all affected by the extremes of the high desert; very high and very low temperatures, high altitude, and scarcity of water affect our lives on a daily basis. People who are not in our area do not truly understand our needs.

To cut the high desert into a number of smaller pieces is blatant gerrymandering at its worst. Please do what is right for the people of the high desert -- not what is politically expedient. Please let us stay one people. Once again, please return to your first draft of your plan for our Senate District.

Thank you for your kind attention this very important matter.

Sincerely,
Joyce and Joseph Pincetich

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Dear Commission:

I was at the June 16th Culver City meeting so I know the pressure you are under to draw lines which favor certain minorities and political parties. At that meeting the draft maps were under heavy attack by those interests.

Please keep the South Bay (LAX to Palos Verdes, etc.) together as a community of interest. I work and shop in the South Bay and live on the outskirts. This area has many common interests which need representation at the state and federal levels.

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Martin  
registered voter in Hawthorne, CA 90250

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Message Body:
Please keep Palmdale/Lancaster in the same district as E. Kern and Victor Valley. The recently proposal of putting Palmdale/Lancaster with Pacoima is OUTRAGEOUS and NOT ACCEPTABLE

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Having been a resident of Santa Clarita Valley since 1971 and knowing that our valley has been connected to east Ventura Co since 1982, I would like for our district to remain as such.

If the Redistricting Comm. members would take a little drive up the freeway to Lancaster/Palmdale, they would perhaps be surprised at the distance from SCV! Ventura Co.is much closer.

Also, if there is any consideration of linking us with the San Fernando Valley, there is a MOUNTAIN RANGE separating the two valleys. Please, keep us within sensible boundaries.

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