

Subject: 36th District

From: "Clay Baker" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 14:09:52 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Is it really true that your committee is re-gerrymandering the 36th Congressional District in favor of one party over another?

Clay Baker
Hermosa Beach, CA
[REDACTED]

Subject: South Bay redistricting

From: Cindy Walker <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 15:21:59 -0700 (PDT)

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

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

Subject: Santa Monica Bay Coastal Protection

From: Fran Diamond <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 14:06:47 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

July 12, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

Thanks for all the hard work and effort in the difficult job of redistricting our state. I was pleased for so long that your maps appeared to recognize the importance of coastal protection for the Santa Monica Bay. But now I am very concerned that the current maps divide the Santa Monica Bay environmental community of interest into three (3) separate Assembly districts. This will surely weaken protection of the Santa Monica Bay community of interest. I believe Marina Del Rey and Venice should be part of a coastal Assembly District and not go east to Inglewood. There is no community of interest served in doing that which is more important than the Santa Monica Bay coastal community of interest.

The Santa Monica Bay environmental community of interest shares the following common interests: a coastal dependent tourist industry that brings in about 2 billion dollars a year; coastal dependent recreation area that serves millions of people yearly; the impacts of urban runoff pollution; a fragile coastal ecosystem and impaired water quality.

As a long time environmental advocate, water quality regulator and citizen of Southern California, please, please keep the Santa Monica Bay Coastal area together.

Sincerely,

Fran Diamond

Pacific Palisades

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Redistricting

From: "rileyaren" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 14:43:08 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

**NO, NO,
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO,
NO,NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**DO NOT DISTRICT SCV WITH THE SAN
FERNANDO VALLEY.**

**Betty and Frank Arenson
SCV.**

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Kept as a Whole Unity

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 14:03:09 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Santa Clarita Valley is one Valley We are not part of the San Fernando Valley

I live in Newhall Newhall was the very first City in Santa Clarita It does not belong in the San Fernando Valley

Joan Baumann

[REDACTED]
Newhall Ca. 91321

Subject: Region 4, July 8 & 9 visualizations
From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 16:15:18 -0400 (EDT)
To: [REDACTED]

July 12, 2011

Members of the Commission:

As I am sure you know, the conspiracy theorists are out. They claim that you no longer are interested in public input but are going to have your staff in private draw unhappy and unanticipated lines. Since this is so contrary to your actions to this point, I am going to assume that timely input is still welcome. Thus, my comments on the July 8 & 9 visualizations.

I live in Whittier, which is part of a community of interest that includes the cities of La Mirada, Whittier, La Habra Heights, La Habra, and the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. My worry is that, as you deal with all the agitation in the western part of Los Angeles County, those of us in the southeastern area will become ignored stepchildren. A case in point is your July 8 version of our Assembly district. Suddenly, La Habra is gone and La Puente is included. La Puente has virtually nothing in common with the rest of us. Indeed, if they are paying attention, I am sure they will tell you that they are part of the San Gabriel Valley with ties to El Monte, Baldwin Park, etc., not Whittier and the other cities on the south side of the 60 freeway. Your July 2 visualization was an excellent representation of a cohesive district; your July 8 proposal just seems random.

Southeastern Los Angeles County comprises cities that share broad interests. They deserve as much attention as do the interests of the West Side and the San Fernando Valley. You and your staff had been proposing plans that would have served the area's interests very well. Please don't let us fall victim to the loud complaints of others.

Barbara S. Stone, Ph.D.
Emerita Professor
California State University, Fullerton
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Subject: Redistricting

From: Jackie Young <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 21:52:50 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I want West Hills to be considered a community connected to the San Fernando Valley. 1. We should not be split up. 2. We should be a part of the San Fernando Valley; not a part of a large district that extends to Kern County. Our needs are similar to those in the San Fernando Valley. We are a part of the city of LA and have our own Neighborhood Council.

I wrote a long letter explaining this, why wasn't it posted? Jacquie Young WHNC

Subject: Redistricting

From: fanya baruti <fanya.baruti@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 14:48:01 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

My name is Fanya Baruti and I live in the West Adams/Crenshaw area, which is a highly concentrated percentage of African American people and it is an outrage that the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission has plans to completely cut out a long-time African American stronghold of political power by reducing the 33rd Congressional seat of Congresswoman Karen Bass. There are key assets and landmarks, which shall also be torn away and ripped from their current district and thrown into coastal districts or areas which include South Gate and Maywood.

Critical institutions i.e., the California African American Museum, First AME Church and even the Los Angeles International Airport will be removed. Our Leaders, community activist, lay people and grassroots organizations are outraged at your redistricting components. Your sudden impulse to be in secret to develop the next round of maps while using data that we cannot access is totally a disregard to who we are as a people and what we represent as community. To unfairly cut out political representation, dividing the African American population in the 33rd, 35th, and 37th district should not happen and I am recommending that the CRC dismantle their efforts in transferring our community assets. Not at any level should our representing be tampered with.

The tactics of redistricting does discriminate, has the tone of racism, and definitely undermines the hard work established over the years of the citizens in their respective communities. Our voting rights are actually being violated, yet there seems to be a remedy to distract this fact. What is the purpose, if other than what has been stipulated that would cause for such a disastrous scheme? I'd like to know.

I believe that in the heart of this matter that each one of you know that this is wrong and unjust. Shame on you. We hope that you will keep us together in the same legislative districts so that we can continue to represent and speak with a unified voice and have the ability to elect people who shall represent us and not ignore who we are.

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Steve Donell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 14:35:03 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

-The current Assembly maps divides the Santa Monica Bay environmental community of interest into 3 separate districts.

-This will weaken protection of this community of interest.

-The Santa Monica Bay environmental community of interest shares the following common interests:

- Coastal dependent tourist industry
- Coastal dependent recreation
- Impacts of urban run-off
- Fragile coastal ecosystem
- Impaired water quality

-I Urge the Commission to keep Marina del Rey and surrounding area within the coastal assembly district

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Subject: Redistricting

From: "Terry Fredrickson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 07:16:48 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

It is important when redistricting to keep the South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula, including Torrance, with straight lines. Do not cut us up anymore.

Thank you.

Terry Fredrickson
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Subject: Redistricting the 36th CD

From: Investment Practice <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 08:57:06 -0700 (PDT)

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

The Palos Verdes Peninsula should be a part of the coastal strip and excluding it is evidence of departure from ethics

for political motives. Don't try to fool us. Just do a decent, sensible job. John May, citizen

Subject: Redistricting - Antelope Valley

From: "Villarreal, Rosalin P Civ USAF AFMC 412 MXG/MXF" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 08:13:15 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Redistricting Committee,

I live in Lancaster and am so upset that you are wanting to break up the Antelope Valley. Lancaster and Palmdale have always been considered the major cities of the Antelope Valley. Your consideration for not splitting them but keeping Lancaster and Palmdale united and together, would be greatly appreciated. It also doesn't make any sense to have us not part of the northern LA County together with East Kern as most of us are employed at the base. We consider that part of the extended Antelope Valley since most of us make our livelihood in Kern County.

The first draft first released was excellent, it kept the entire High Desert community together, please keep the Senate District as you had first proposed in your first draft.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please listen to the average person as we live here.

Rosalin P. Villarreal (Patty)

412 MXG/MXF
[REDACTED]



Los Angeles Urban League

July 12, 2011

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

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am the President and CEO of the Los Angeles Urban League (LAUL). Headquartered in South Los Angeles and with offices throughout urban LA, over the past 90 years LAUL has become one of the largest and most venerable institutions in the African American community. Today we serve more than 125,000 of the region's most underserved residents each year.

Reviewing your recent maps, I must inform you that I am extremely concerned. The maps unnecessarily divide our community, splitting up traditional neighborhoods between several districts. This is simply incongruent with the urgent needs of our constituents and with your own mission. And it places yet another undue stress on an already over-extended community.

Also, you have unnecessarily combined communities that could not be more distinct and different. By inexplicably moving against the submissions and recommendations of the African American Redistricting Coalition and the Unity Map (which was submitted by the leading African American, Latino and Asian organizations representing our respective communities) and by unreasonably shifting and expanding boundaries, the proposed maps will be simply disastrous for our communities – making it nearly impossible in some instances for residents to even reasonably participate in community meetings (given the geographic boundaries), and impeding the fundamental elements of building healthy, functioning communities.

With the full weight of the Los Angeles Urban League and our Board of Directors, I am asking you to immediately reconsider and to respect the traditional boundaries of South Los Angeles and our historic communities. Traditionally our communities in South LA have included areas between Central Avenue and La Cienega, between Olympic and the 105 Freeway. We request that you do not put these neighborhoods in districts with vastly different interests, histories and living conditions.

You have my thanks in advance for your careful reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Blair H. Taylor
President & CEO

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Randy Ryan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 05:09:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Randy Ryan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: US Senate District

Message Body:

[REDACTED]

Keep Santa Clarita Valley with East Ventura County. These communities are similar and have been together in a State Senate district since 1982.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Inez M Carlson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 03:18:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Inez M Carlson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 37th Congressional District

Message Body:

I'm very much opposed to the newest proposal to split Long Beach (again!) solely for what appear to be racial reasons. I am a female Hispanic Independent and want to have lines drawn that reflect my being a resident of Long Beach, not another hideously gerrymandered district carved out solely to get a minority majority district and dilute the representation of my city?

Also, as an independent voter, why will we get over 60% Democratic congressional seats when less than half the state's voters belong to that party? Where are the independent majority districts?

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Marcia Hanscom <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 02:20:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marcia Hanscom <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Ballona Wetlands

Message Body:

I am concerned, after viewing the latest version of maps that our comments about not splitting up the greater Ballona Wetlands ecosystem were not understood. The boundaries which need to be respected include Washington Blvd. on the north, the 90 freeway to the east and Imperial Highway to the south. All of this area needs to be included in one district for Assembly, Senate and Congress for the ecosystem to be properly represented. Not everyone understands where the actual boundaries of the various parts of Ballona exist. Please feel free to call Ballona Institute at [REDACTED] for additional information, should you need it. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Sandra Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 01:34:23 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sandra Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Palos Verdes Peninsula

Message Body:

The Palos Verdes Peninsula belongs in a map with Hawthorne, Lawndale and Lennox along with the beach communities. We have nothing in common with Venice and Santa Monica where you are currently planning to place us. Unfortunately the peninsula has been disenfranchised for so long that what may be viewed as apathy is merely resignation.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Eugene McCarthy <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 00:14:23 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Eugene McCarthy <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting 36th Congressional District

Message Body:

Keep the South Bay together from Marina del Rey to the Palos Verdes Peninsula with STRAIGHT LINES!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Margo L. Thomas" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 22:36:40 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Margo L. Thomas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Southern CA

Message Body:

To the CA Redistricting Commission,

For the sake of honest intent, please release ALL studies that are being considered when drawing the lines for redistricting.

I ask that you be true to the process that YOU laid out. With general transparency, seriously consider community testimony as its been presented to you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Marisela Cervantes <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 18:18:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marisela Cervantes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Norwalk Area Maps

Message Body:

The current draft maps of the Assembly and Senate do not show nested Assembly districts within the Senate.

This would be a mistake. It undermines the purpose of the commission to keep together communities of interest.

In this draft I see absolutely no demographic evidence to support not having compact districts around the downtown Los Angeles area. Having a district that includes downtown Los Angeles and Norwalk hardly represents a community of interest.

I will further add that the communities surrounding Norwalk share a local economy and make more sense to keep them together. Specifically, Santa Fe Springs, Artesia, and Cerritos.

If the commission finds it necessary to have districts straddle the Orange - Los Angeles county line, I suggest that the communities in each county be similar in size. Otherwise the smaller community in one county will hardly have representation. The current senate draft has Artesia and Cerritos in an Orange County district. This is not a grouping of communities of interest in any way. The initial draft had better districts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jose Cornejo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 17:52:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jose Cornejo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I am a resident of Panorama City (San Fernando Valley). I am concerned with the recent visualizations that put Panorama City in the same Assembly District with Studio City and Valley Village. Panorama City is a working poor community and has much more in common with Winnetka, Canoga Park, and Reseda that it does with Studio City.

One simple example is home values. The median price for a home in Studio City is \$1 million. Median home price for Panorama City is \$275,000, for Winnetka it is \$350,000 and for Canoga Park it is \$340,000.

In the State Senate the San Fernando Valley deserves its own Senate seat. One that is total encompassed within the San Fernando Valley.

Your first draft maps for the Assembly and Senate in the San Fernando Valley had it almost right. Please don't disenfranchise my community.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Marc Mitchell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 17:40:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marc Mitchell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Monica and the Beach Cities South TOGETHER

Message Body:

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been a resident of Mar Vista and the South Bay since the spring of 2003.

Similar as well as economic interests should keep these cities together in the same district. Its logical. It makes sense.

I implore you not to break up these cities. Lets make representation the way it out to be. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marc Mitchell

[REDACTED]
Redondo Beach, CA

90278

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Logical district lines please

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 00:24:30 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

We wish to maintain the sense of community in our area.
Keep our South Bay together from Marina Del Rey to Palos Verdes Peninsula, including
Torrance, and with straight lines.

Subject: Keep the SM Bay communities together

From: "Book, Jan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 16:18:39 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to first thank the Commission for the hard work which you have completed to date.

However, I have reviewed the proposed Assembly and Senate redistricting maps and I notice that the communities of Santa Monica, Venice and Marina del Rey will be separated even though we all share the common concerns of the Santa Monica Bay.

For the following reasons, I oppose separating the communities of Santa Monica, Venice and Marina del Rey which all share the Santa Monica Bay for the following reasons:

- (1) Shared common tourist industry
- (2) Shared coastal dependent recreation
- (3) Shared impact of urban run-off
- (4) Shared fragile coastal ecosystem
- (5) Shared water quality concerns

And the biggest concern is that by splitting up these communities you will weaken their ability to protect their mutual interests.

The communities of the Santa Monica Bay have very little in common with the inland communities, and vice versa.

Sincerely,

Jan Book Meyers

[REDACTED]
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: URGENT -CA redistricting will separate SM from Venice & MdR

From: Ernestine Elster <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 22:59:48 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

As a Marina Del Rey/Venice resident since 1973, I believe that it is ridiculous to separate us from Santa Monica into separate Assembly and Senate districts. . These contiguous beach communities have multiple issues in common (see list) and it is reasonable for us to be in the same districts.

- Coastal dependent tourist industry
- Coastal dependent recreation
- Impacts of urban run-off
- Fragile coastal ecosystem
- Impaired water quality

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Ernestine S. Elster, Ph.D.
Research Fellow
The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology UCLA
Fowler Museum Building
UCLA
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1510
[REDACTED]

Subject: Citizens' Redistricting Committee

From: PAM EDMINISTER <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 06:17:01 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear /Sir or Madam,

Please keep Lancaster and Palmdale united and 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.

I agree with the Senate District released in the first draft and it was excellent, it unified the entire High Desert community of interest together, **please keep the Senate District in the first draft.**

I am a very concerned citizen of the Antelope Valley.

Thank you,

Pamela M Edminister

Subject: California Redistricting Commission

From: "Diana Mateos" [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2011 12:13:21 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: "Joe Vinatieri" [REDACTED]

Attached please find correspondence from Joe Vinatieri. The original is being sent via mail. Thank you.

Diana Mateos

Secretary to Joseph A. Vinatieri, Esq.

BEWLEY, LASSLEBEN & MILLER, LLP

[REDACTED]
Whittier, California 90602-1797

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JOSEPH A. VINATIERI
City of Whittier, Councilmember

[REDACTED]
Whittier, California 90601

July 12, 2011

Sent Via Email ([REDACTED]) and US Mail
California Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Whittier Area – July 8 & 9 Visualizations

Dear Members of the Commission:

Thank you for the continued opportunity to speak with you regarding the redistricting process. I have written to you previously as well as spoken twice both at San Gabriel and at Whittier (Rio Hondo College). Candidly, I am getting confused with the various “visualizations” and the way things seem to be changing week by week. I am concerned that as you continue to “fine tune” you also continue to remember “communities of interest.” With respect to Whittier and the communities of Southeast Los Angeles County/Northwest Orange County and the Whittier/Puente Hills, this is our community of interest. With this in mind, I’d like to speak to the visualizations and my concerns.

Assembly District: In the July 2nd visualizations you put together a very tight and comprehensive community of interest which included Southeast Los Angeles County/Northwest Orange County and the Whittier/Puente Hills by including La Habra, La Habra Heights and HaciendaHeights. However, in the July 8th iteration, you delete La Habra (part of the Whittier/Puente Hills) and add La Puente which is not connected to Southeast Los Angeles County/Northwest Orange County nor connected to the Whittier/Puente Hills. It is difficult to see where La Habra has gone other than a district that includes three counties which is very dispersed (what is the community of interest among Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, and La Habra?) As a practical matter, many people in Whittier shop La Habra due to the wonderful cluster of retail at Beach Boulevard and Imperial Highway, within 1 mile of La Mirada and 2 miles of Whittier.

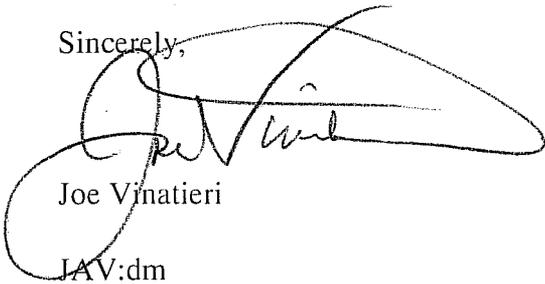
Senatorial District: In the July 1st visualization you included La Habra, La Habra Heights, and Hacienda Heights. However, Cerritos was missing. In the July 9th visualization, La Habra is gone as well as Hacienda Heights. Positively, Cerritos is included. For the reasons articulated above, the community of interest continues to be La Habra, La Habra Heights and Hacienda Heights. I request that La Habra and Hacienda Heights be put back in the Senatorial District to keep together the community of Southeast Los Angeles County/Northwest Orange County, and the Whittier/Puente Hills.

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Congressional District: In the July 1st visualization, you drew a more compact district although you deleted La Habra, La Habra Heights and Hacienda Heights, and I requested that those three communities, like the Assembly District which have much in common with the Southeast Los Angeles County/Northwest Orange County area, be included. I also requested that you add in Cerritos as part of the Southeast Los Angeles County Congressional District. In the July 9th visualization, I note that you have included Cerritos. However, the community of interest of La Habra, La Habra Heights and Hacienda Heights is dispersed. For instance, La Habra is now in a district, apparently, that includes Long Beach. I once again request that the community of interest of Southeast LA/Northwest Orange County and Whittier/Puente Hills be kept together. Thank you for including Cerritos.

I continue to appreciate the Commission's efforts. Thank you for keeping the Whittier and the Southeast Los Angeles County together, however, the latest "tweaks" spread apart the core community of interest of Whittier, La Habra, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights and La Mirada. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Vinatieri", is written over a large, loopy scribble. The signature is positioned above the typed name "Joe Vinatieri".

Joe Vinatieri

JAV:dm