

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 9:04 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hello,

Please keep the Palmdale and Lancaster city as part of the Antelope Valley an united as one!
in the La North county with Kern County and Victor Valley cities of San Bernardino in the same Senate
district.

The first draft of the Senate District was excellent , keep it that way, i work for everyone!

Thanks

1st Property Real Estate

Patrice L. Howard - Broker

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lancaster , Ca 93535

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Subject: Antelope Valley Redistricting Concerns

From: "Diane Carlton" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:09 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I have lived in the Antelope Valley my entire life and have seen it grow from a very small desert community to a larger more vibrant one throughout more than 50 years. I hope you will consider the input of someone who knows this area very well and understands the importance of keeping the high desert intact so we receive appropriate representation in the state legislature.

We, who live and work in the Antelope Valley, know that we face different challenges because of our uniqueness within Los Angeles County. We face different constraints living in a true desert, have a world class aerospace community, while at the same time hosting the most affordable housing in the state, and having the most potential for renewable energy sources both wind and solar. As we are unique, we need to combine with other areas such as Victor Valley and East Kern who also have many of these common resources and constraints. We deserve a representative who will represent these communities for their unique attributes, and I do not believe it will be possible to receive the representation we deserve if we are separated as a community of interest and combined with communities to the south of the San Gabriel mountains, into the greater Los Angeles basin.

In summary:

- I urge you to keep the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale united and intact for all representative districts.
- As you will need to combine these cities to reach your target population numbers for some representative seats, I encourage you to look to other high desert communities as having more commonality with the cities of the Antelope Valley. To this end, please consider combining the citizens of Lancaster and Palmdale with east Kern communities such as Tehachapi, Rosamond, Mojave, California City, and Ridgecrest, and/or the Victor Valley cities in San Bernardino County.
- I was supportive of your excellent first draft in keeping this community unified with other desert communities which we find ourselves having most in common with, **I encourage you to retain the district lines as presented in your first draft.**

Best Regards,

Diane Carlton

Subject: [REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Date: 7/15/2011 5:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]

It is critical that Hawthorne be moved from its current proposed district into the district which contains the South Bay/ Beach Cities.

Manuel and Herminia Balba
[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Subject: California Redistricting Commission

From: Mason Rothert <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I am writing on behalf of my family and neighbors who have informed me of a decision to redistrict Hawthorne into a new school district and this is happening rather quickly. First I don't understand why this is needed and how the decision was made to incorporate Hawthorne which is ingrained more in the South Bay and Beach Cities than it is with the Central part of Los Angeles.

I live right where all communities meet which is where Manhattan, Redondo, Lawndale and Hawthorne all converge. I have many friends who live and work in Hawthorne who use the Manhattan Beach park for their kids or to play basketball. My hairstylist is on Hawthorne at Rosecrans. My other friends who live in Hawthorne trek over to the track which is in Redondo Beach at Marine and Aviation.

We use the access points of Marine and Rosecrans to hit up the wonderful shopping in El Segundo or the beach in El Puerto. My family is much more in tune and active in the beach cities than they would ever be in Central Los Angeles. If I had wanted my children to be redistricted into Central Los Angeles I would have moved there when I purchased my home. This decision is just another reason for good hard working middle class people to begin to study offers from states such as Texas, Arizona, Utah and Missouri who are offering much better property tax payments, school choices, job opportunities and lower costs of living. If you make this choice you will force many families to "rethink" very carefully why are they living in Hawthorne, why did they choose to try and change the Hawthorne community by expanding new communities such as Fusion, South Bay 360 and all the new construction that has taken place in and around the Rosecrans 405 interchange.

Better housing, better postal communities and cleaners and fitness centers like the high-end Equinox have moved into the area. They say when you purchase a home it is all location, location, location and this is true, Hawthorne has this to offer as it is such a nice community with easy access to so many parts of Los Angeles. But another driving factor is school districts. If you make this change, and this is done quickly you will not only lose many good families who begin to jump ship to find other places to live with better school choices for their families.

You NEED to take this into consideration. This email may sound like one small pebble in the pile, but I guarantee my pebble will be dropped in the water as will others who will not stand for this and if forced will make the best choice for our families and move. As those pebbles dropped in the water can have an enormous ripple effect which can be devastating over time. That local cleaner, fitness center, sandwich shop, park and community center will be effected and lose business and have to close. Then you have empty buildings, strip malls silent --- you will make a vibrant growing area what it once was...not one.

The small pebble can have a big effect, please reconsider this decision.

My own personal view is I have a 1 year old daughter and I will not send her to this new school district so I will either sell my house, which in this economy may prove difficult and with a lessor school district it will start to bring everyone's home values down. The pebble effect.

So, I would be forced to turn it into a rental property. If I rent, it will most likely be difficult to do so to a family who knows of the new school district as most people who live in Hawthorne want the current system or beach city system. So over time more and more people who rent will most likely rent to young professionals who are not involved in the community like people who have families. The more you have of these types of people the more the area changes. The pebble effect.

Perhaps I am being overly reactive and dramatic, but I can assure you I will be watching this closely and the moment you make your decision to change is the moment that I make my decision. I am a business owner in the state of California, I also know many families in the area. I will move my business and my family to a better environment and I will not be quiet in doing so and will strongly suggest to my friends and neighbors they do the same thing.

Thank you for your time, I hope you choose wisely and leave Hawthorne alone, we are doing just fine.

Sincerely,

Mason D. Rothert


Hawthorne, CA 90250

Subject: CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 10:49 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please use common sense and don't split up Palmdale and Lancaster by placing our district (area) and representation in areas, and with representatives we have nothing to do with and/or know. Thanks you.

Subject: City of Downey Resolution

From: "Shannon DeLong" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:12 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Good morning,

Attached again for your reference is City of Downey City Council Resolution No. 11-7278, requesting that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission ensure that the City of Downey is kept whole in the new state and congressional legislative districts.

Best regards,
Shannon DeLong
City of Downey

— Attachments: —

No 11-7278 Redistricting Draft Maps.pdf

14.1 KB

RESOLUTION NO. 11-7278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission has recently released maps for new Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey is a large city of 111,772 residents and has its own police and fire departments, water service, parks and recreation service, public transportation system, centers of commerce, school district and newspaper, all of which are to satisfy the Commission's definition of a Community of Interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey's community boundaries are substantially defined by municipal boundaries, the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers, and the I-5, I-710, I-605 and I-105 transportation corridors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey is a member of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, which is comprised of 28 cities in the geographically compact Southeast Los Angeles County area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey has a decades-long history of working with its Gateway Cities COG neighbors to collaboratively address mutual issues in transportation, environmental, state regulatory and federal funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey is among the largest of those cities and is an integral leader within those communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey's future will be largely impacted by transportation and environmental issues, and the City therefore must assure that its interests are being collectively represented by state and federal elected officials whose districts share a community of interests; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey has a substantially reduced community of interest with the Cities of Inglewood, Monterey Park, Arcadia, San Marino, and the like which are cities currently included within the Congressional Districts; and

WHEREAS, the current proposed district boundaries are inconsistent with the common interests and needs of the communities in Southeast Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the District lines should be redrawn to take into full and complete consideration of these commonalities and needs, of which the proposed district lines do not reflect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey is not advocating for one particular Member of Congress, State Senator or Member of the State Assembly, but for proposed boundaries that reflect the commonalities of the Gateway Cities and will maximize our ability to advocate for community and regional economic development and transportation projects.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-7278
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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby request the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission to reconsider proposed legislative districts to ensure that the City remains "One Downey."

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, which shall be effective upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2011.

LUIS H. MARQUEZ
LUIS H. MARQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

JOYCE E. DOYLE
JOYCE E. DOYLE, Interim City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Downey at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of June, 2011, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Council Members:	Brossmer, Gafin, Guerra, Vasquez, Mayor Marquez
NOES:	Council Member:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member:	None
ABSTAIN:	Council Member:	None

JOYCE E. DOYLE
JOYCE E. DOYLE, Interim City Clerk

Subject: CITY OF HAWTHORNE

From: heidi maerker [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 11:03 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Greetings,

I'm a business owner in the South Bay. I'm writing to express my dismay at your decision to move the City of Hawthorne out of the South Bay boundaries. Hawthorne *is* a South Bay city. Hawthorne is the home of the "Beach Boys" a legendary music group in Southern California's South Bay, as well as, the world.

My office is in El Segundo. As you can see below, we publish a number of newspapers in what has **always** been considered the South Bay area. Our El Segundo newspaper was established in **1911**. The Hawthorne Press Tribune was established in **1926**. The City of Hawthorne was incorporated in **1922**. In **1939** Northrop Aircraft Inc. (later Northrop Corporation and even later Northrop Grumman Corporation) moved to Hawthorne and the city never stop growing and evolving.

That's a lot of history and identity to be wiped away in a blink of an eye. Please reconsider.

Heidi Maerker
CEO, Herald Publications Inc.
[REDACTED]

Herald Publications home of the:
El Segundo Herald
Hawthorne Press Tribune
Inglewood News
Lawndale Tribune
Manhattan Beach Sun
Torrance Tribune
Website: heraldpublications.com

Subject: Encino

From: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 8:04 AM

To: [REDACTED]

July 12, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) [REDACTED]

Re: Boundaries of Encino Community and West San Fernando Valley Congressional District

Dear Members of the Commission:

On or about June 23, 2011, the Encino Neighborhood Council submitted a letter to you and reemphasized on the subject of its boundaries. As mentioned, the Encino Community Boundaries are as follows:

North:	South of Victory Boulevard
South:	North of Mulholland Drive
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West:	East of Lindley Avenue

It is extremely important for our community and neighborhood to remain unified and free of political pressures from Bel Air, Beverly Hills and Brentwood. The latest congressional map shows that these communities were added to our congressional district and that the southern boundary of Mulholland Drive has been abrogated. This takes us 10 years back where the communities in the Valley had no control over their destiny, communities and neighborhoods. If the Commission requires more population for the West District, we propose that Calabasas and Agoura Hills to be added to our congressional district.

Again, the Encino Community wishes to remain in the West San Fernando Valley Congressional District but the boundaries of this district should not extend toward south and it must not include southern communities. Encino as a community in the Valley must remain in control of its destiny and future. Please do not take our control away and hand it over to the communities such as Bel Air, Beverly Hills and Brentwood. Let Encino along with other San Fernando Valley communities show a stronger and unified presence in West San Fernando Valley Congressional District.

Sincerely,

Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Representative At-Large
Encino Neighborhood Council

Subject: Encino

From: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 8:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

--- On **Fri, 7/15/11**, Kathy Moghimi-Patterson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

From: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Fw: Re: EXTREMELY URGENT RE REDISTRICTING

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Friday, July 15, 2011, 8:05 AM

--- On **Thu, 7/14/11**, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Greater Wilshire Neighborhood should not be split

From: Leonard Hill <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 8:50 AM

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

CC: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear California Redistricting Commission --

My name is Leonard Hill. For the last 25 years, I have lived at 350 North June Street in Hancock Park (90004). As a member of Common Cause, I was an active supporter of the ballot initiatives that created the Citizens' Redistricting Commission. I strongly support your work and believe that by taking the responsibility of drawing legislative districts out of the hands of the Legislature and putting it in the hands of a Citizens' Commission we have made an important step forward in California government.

I am writing to ask that you reconsider the current draft map that would have the effect of splitting my neighborhood in half. The proposed boundary line that you have drawn at Plymouth Boulevard does not recognize the unique historic characteristics of the Hancock Park/Windsor Square neighborhood. The correct eastern boundry should be drawn at Western Avenue.

The entirety of the Greater Wilshire neighborhood, from La Brea on the west to Western on the east, should be included in one district and not split down the middle. We are clearly a 'community of interest' as defined by the initiative and I ask that the draft map be adjusted to recognize that incontrovertable fact.

Thank you for your hard work and for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

Leonard Hill

Subject: Hawthorne belongs in the South Bay District

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 11:51 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

I am a resident of Playa del Rey/Westchester which is considered under the proposed redistricting plan to be a "South Bay city". I am the Executive Director of Access Community Housing, Inc. headquartered in El Segundo, another "South Bay city". Access serves the housing and construction management needs of low to moderate families of our neighboring adjacent beach city, Hawthorne.

Speaking for myself, it would be totally inappropriate to remove the City of Hawthorne from the "beach cities" and place it in a South Central Los Angeles program area. After all, The City of Hawthorne is considered the "Gateway to the Beach."

The City Council has worked very hard to improve the infrastructure, economic development, schools and housing in Hawthorne and they've done a great job! Several years ago in a survey, it topped all South Bay cities in economic development. The Rosecrans corridor creates a common thread of high end restaurants and commercial businesses that begins in Hawthorne, and joins at El Segundo and Manhattan Beach and ends at the beach..

I am asking you to reconsider the proposed map and move the City of Hawthorne..the City of Good Neighbors... to the new South Bay District.

Herb Child

Beach city resident

Subject: Hawthorne is the South Bay

From: "Randall Waters" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 8:03 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning:

I am writing to say that Hawthorne belongs in the South Bay congressional district, along with its sister cities. I have lived in all of the South Bay cities--including Lawndale, Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and now Hawthorne--for over 40 years. They definitely form ONE community.

To include Hawthorne with the areas to the north is completely illogical. We share nothing in common, and in my 40 years here, I have never even been to Athens, Westmont, View Park, Windsor Hills or Willowbrook.

Please use the same common sense that brought the redistricting commission into existence, and keep our communities together.

Sincerely,
Randall Waters

Subject: Hawthorne should be included in the same Congressional District as the rest of the South Bay

From: susanb <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom This May Concern,

I think it is vital that our city remain in the same congressional district as other south bay cities. This is my families community. We shop at Von's in Redondo Beach, Ralphs near South Bay Galleria, I get my precriptions at CVS pharmacy on Artesia in Torrance, I get my Alkaline water in Hermosa Beach, We swim at Torrance community center on Torrance and Praire, Our personal phyican and eye doctor is in Manhattan Beach, and our Dentist is in Torrance, I have several family members that live in Hermosa and Redondo Beach. We all share in the pride we feel being part of the South Bay community.

Doing the riots the South Bay community united as one (Hawthorne, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo etc) to protect our neighborhoods. The South Bay has been home to me for over 30 years and I would not like this to change. Do not separate us from our Community and our Family that we love, trust and respect. We support each others events, store, restrauants, carnival and parades, and Farmer markets. I don't think I want to live in Hawthorne anymore if I can not be part of South Bay. We are Hawthorne 'The City of Good Neighbors of the South Bay".

Regards,

Susan Banner

[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA 90250
[REDACTED]

Subject: Hawthorne

From: Giannina Meidav <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 9:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To who it may concern;

I Have been a Hawthorne resident for almost a decade and I had a business in Hawthorne for over four years. The majority of my customers were from the Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach areas.

Most of our daily activities are spread out between Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. My kids go to camp in both Manhattan Beach and Hermosa beach, my husband plays volleyball in Hermosa Beach every weekend, we have several friends in Manhattan & Hermosa Beach that come to our house for dinner and play dates on a weekly basis. We shop at the Ralphps by the MB mall, the MB mall is our main mall, we frequent several restaurants in Hermosa beach, Manhattan Beach and Hawthorne, every activity we do on a daily basis revolves around the other beach cities and Hawthorne.

Our friends in those beach cities refer to Hawthorne as a beach city and part of the South Bay. We are only a couple of miles from the beach and all of our cities are very intertwined. Hawthorne is part of the South Bay Beach Cities.

Please reconsider and do not change the boundaries of our city. Please do not omit us from something we have always been a part of.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Giannina Meidav
Home owner and previous business owner

Subject: Please don't split Mt Baldy along the County line

From: Robbie Warner <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:29 AM

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

CC: Tange Sue Cate <[REDACTED]>

Mt Baldy is a small, unincorporated, close-knit community in the San Gabriel Mountains that straddles Los Angeles/San Bernardino County Line. We have our own school district <<http://www.mtbaldy.k12.ca.us/>>, volunteer fire department <<http://www.mtbaldyfire.com/>>, Post Office/Zip Code (91759), Town Hall, and we hold numerous annual community-wide events, such as the Pancake Breakfast and Steak Fry. The people who live here do so because they appreciate the friendly small-town atmosphere, community spirit, and beautiful natural environs. It's a place where neighbors help neighbors every day or during times of adversity when the only road out of town may be closed due to flood, fire, landslides, excessive snowfall, or some other natural or man-made disaster. As far as the community is concerned, the County line, which runs right through the heart of Mt Baldy Village, is literally and figuratively invisible.

Every draft/option of the proposed redistricting maps <<http://swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011/>> splits Mt Baldy's representation the county line at all levels (State Assembly, State Senate, Congressional, and Board of Equalization districts). These same maps show that this County line is not sacrosanct since virtually every draft/option for all representatives keeps portions of Claremont (LA County) and Upland (San Bernardino County) immediately to the south in the same district, yet these are separate cities in separate counties. We citizens of Mt Baldy would like maintain unified representation in the same way as these portions of Claremont and Upland just a few minutes away.

Currently, out of the State Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional districts, only the Senate district boundary splits Mt Baldy. We all currently share the same US Congressman (David Dreier), but that would change if any and all of the maps are adopted as proposed. We would be placed into a mega-large Congressional district extending north from here almost up to Lake Tahoe; we'd share a Congressional district with Victorville, Mammoth Lakes, and Needles, but not with Upland, Claremont, or Rancho Cucamonga, communities within which we work, shop, and much more closely identify.

Among the criteria that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission was supposed to consider was: "Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and **communities of interest**, and minimize their division, to the extent possible." Mt Baldy is clearly a "community of interest," and as such, I believe we should share the same

elected representatives.

We may be a small community of only about 500 people, but we are much more cohesive than just about any other community in California regardless of size. Please keep our representation together, and to the extent possible, draw district boundaries that maintain our affinity with communities in the foothills to the south that are only 15 minutes away, rather than with high desert and eastern Sierra communities that are hours and up to hundreds of miles away.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robbie Warner
Mt Baldy, CA 91759

Subject: Plymouth Boulevard, Los Angeles

From: Lisa Pugliese <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 9:13 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: Wendy E Savage <[REDACTED]> Scott Abrahamson

[REDACTED] 'Eric Dortch' <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the residents of Plymouth Boulevard, are aware that our street separates two LAPD districts. Using Plymouth as a boundary line makes no sense.

We are now aware that the California Redistricting Commission is inclined to follow that exact same boundary line. Again, this makes no sense.

East Plymouthers and West Plymouthers belong to the same community and putting us in different Congressional districts, State Assembly districts, and State tax districts is to assert that we belong to entirely different communities.

I am 100% in favor of redistricting. I believe it will maintain community within our community and afford us the common ground in protecting ourselves that we are entitled to.

The current proposal is arbitrary and nonsensical. Western would be a much better boundary line.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lisa Dortch

[REDACTED]

La, CA 90004

Subject: Proposed Redistricting of Eastern San Fernando Valley

From: Shirley Porter <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:22 AM

To: [REDACTED]

It has come to my attention via newspaper articles and word of mouth, that the powers that be in Sacramento are contemplating redistricting some of the communities of the eastern San Fernando Valley or to be more blunt, "lumped" with the area known as the flatlands.

I cannot protest too strongly, I have lived in Sunland for over sixty (60) years and have always considered myself a "mountain person." Not only are we geographically aligned with the cities east of us, we are in the foothills, closer in the area of economic interest and to a large degree concerns of the environment and natural resources.

I want to be able to elect representatives who will have the foothill areas and the residents' interests and concerns at heart. Developers have already tried to move in and take over the mountains and hillsides. We have enough development now. Can we please have some of the land remain in pristine condition. We would like to remain a foothill community. I am against being part of the flatlands.

Yours truly,
Shirley Porter

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Laura Molina <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 7:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Laura Molina <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 22nd Congressional District - Lancaster

Message Body:

The moderately population section of West Lancaster (now part of the 22nd congressional district) should not be separated from the rest of Los Angeles County. The geographical divide should start north of Avenue A and east of Sierra Highway because locally, and economically, this area is considered part of the Antelope Valley and should stay inside of a congressional district (the 25th) with the rest of Los Angeles County.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judy Citrin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 7:33 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judy Citrin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles

Message Body:

I have lived in Westchester for 23 years. I think Westchester and Inglewood should stay in the same Congressional District. We have been working together for long time on issues such as the airport and have formed a multi-cultural community of interest, which I think should be supported in this time of divisions. Because of the airport, Westchester has more in common with Inglewood, Playa del Rey and El Segundo than the wealthy areas of Palos Verdes and Manhattan Beach.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jerry & Judy Suszczynski <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 7:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jerry & Judy Suszczynski <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

As long time Glendora residents we are very concerned about the redistricting in which Glendora along with Azusa and Duarte have been eliminated from the Foothill communities. We have always worked very closely with San Dimas, La Verne and Claremont as sister cities and respectfully request that you reconsider and add Glendora along with Azusa and Duarte to the Foothill communities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter,

Jerry & Judy Suszczynski

Glendora

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Jean Strauber, Chair of Education Committee, Encino Neighborhood Council Board Member"

<[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 7:56 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jean Strauber, Chair of Education Committee, Encino Neighborhood Council Board Member <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Encino

Message Body:

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: (916) [REDACTED]

Re: Boundaries of Encino Community and West San Fernando Valley Congressional District

Dear Members of the Commission:

On or about June 23, 2011, the Encino Neighborhood Council submitted a letter to you and reemphasized on the subject of its boundaries. As mentioned, the Encino Community Boundaries are as follows:

North:	South of Victory Boulevard
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West:	East of Lindley Avenue

It is extremely important for our community and neighborhood to remain unified and free of political pressures from Bel Air, Beverly Hills and Brentwood. The latest congressional map shows that these communities were added to our congressional district and that the southern boundary of Mulholland Drive has been abrogated. This takes us 10 years back where the communities in the Valley had no control over their destiny, communities and neighborhoods. If the Commission requires more population for the West District, we propose that Calabasas and Agoura Hills be added to our congressional district.

Again, the Encino Community wishes to remain in the West San Fernando Valley Congressional District but the boundaries of this district should not extend toward south and it must not include southern communities. Encino as a community in the Valley must remain in control of its destiny and future. Please do not take our control away and hand it over to the communities such as Bel Air, Beverly Hills and Brentwood. Let Encino along with other San Fernando Valley communities show a stronger and unified presence in West San Fernando Valley Congressional District.

I am shocked and surprised that you would even consider such a redistricting plan.

Sincerely,

Jean Strauber, Chair of Education

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Representative At-Large at Encino Neighborhood Council"

<[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 7:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Representative At-Large at Encino Neighborhood Council

<[REDACTED]>

Subject: Encino Community

Message Body:

July 12, 2011

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Kathy Moghimi-Patterson
Representative At-Large
Encino Neighborhood Council

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Victoria Paul <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 8:58 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Victoria Paul <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting lines

Message Body:

It appears that our community of Glendora along with the neighboring foothill communities of Azusa and Duarte may be carved out and redistricted with southern cities that we do not share common bonds socio-economically and our educational traditions. We are very proud of being foothill cities and should be grouped as such with our sister cities. Please reconsider. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Vlastislav Haman [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 9:32 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Vlastislav Haman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly District map

Message Body:

I respectfully request that Glendora, Azusa and Duarte are joined in an assembly district together with La Verne, San Dimas and Claremont as these cities have a lot more common and are called Fothill cities for a reason.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: diana nave <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:28 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: diana nave <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly and Congressional Lines

Message Body:

The NORTHWEST San Pedro Neighborhood Council previously commented on our strong desire to keep San Pedro together in any redistricting. Congressional option 3 sees to do that. While both of the Assembly option 1 and option 2 see to be an improvement over the prior version, we are still disturbed that Northwest San Pedro is divided into two and would request that the Western boundary follow the City Boundary or Western Avenue itself.

This would create consistency with the Neighborhood Council, School District, and City Boundaries. Our reasons remain those previously submitted.

Thank you for your consideration

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mark Nestor <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Nestor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Burbank

Message Body:

I live in the city of Burbank and I am very concerned about our representation. For many years we were an industrial town and did a lot of business with Glendale and Pasadena (and in fact we own an airport together) and being apart from Los Angeles, people often would think of us as one unit. However that has changed dramatically in the last twenty years because in the time since Lockheed moved it's plant to Georgia we have turned ourself into an entertainment oriented city with much more in common with Studio City and Hollywood than with the other two cities. To give two quick examples of that, the LA County Transportation committee did a study showing how traffic goes in and out of Burbank and virtually none of it goes towards Glendale or Pasadena. Instead virtually all of our automobile traffic is going west towards Studio City or West into Hollywood using the Barbam pass which is the most used non-freeway in California. But it's not just about traffic. The LA Busi!

ness Journal did a study showing that more Burbank residents work in the City of Beverly Hills that work in Glendale which is next door. I think that shows how far apart our cities have grown. Another issue that congressional lines could affect is the airport. Residents of Burbank suffer from the noise as do those from Studio City and North Hollywood. But because the flights don't go over Glendale or Pasadena, both cities would like to expand the airport for business reasons. Since Burbank would be outvoted in a district with either city, you could have the sad situation of a one issue candidate being elected in a divided district. I could go on and on, but the bottom line is that I would like to see you do what you have done with some of the earlier versions and in some way pair Burbank off with North Hollywood, Studio City, Hollywood and places like that. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: RE DISTRICTING

From: Milton Condon <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 9:08 AM

To: [REDACTED]

You have an important task and I believe it would be wrong to take Marina del Rey and Venice out of the coastal district. This area has many significant issues and problems which are totally different and unique and should not be joined with inland communities which have different and significant issues of their own.

Thank you

F. Milton Condon

[REDACTED]
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Subject: Redistricting - La Habra

From: Marie Whittington <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:03 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

It makes no sense to not take La Habra out of Orange County Senate and Assembly districts. We are an Orange County city, identify with Orange County, and have issues unique to Orange County. We are NOT Los Angeles County, and LA's issues are significantly different than ours. A range of hills separates us from LA County, a geographical barrier that should be respected.

Put La Habra back into Orange County districts.

Subject: Redistricting Committee

From: Joy Bliss <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 8:10 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hello, My family has lived in Hawthorne CA, 90250 for all of our lives(I am 70). Hawthorne has always been a South Bay Community, our children live in Torrance, we shop in Redondo Beach. We do not have anything in common with the communities of Compton, Inglewood, Athens or South L.A. Please do not separate Hawthorne from our South Bay area, we deserve to be in the 36th Congressional District and the 53 Assembly District. Thank you,

Joy Bliss, [REDACTED]. Hawthorne, CA 90250 [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting error in Windsor Square

From: Andrew Murr [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 11:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Amy Forbes <[REDACTED]>

My name is Andrew Murr, and I live at 323 South Irving Boulevard in Los Angeles.

I am writing to protest the commission's plan to draw a new district boundary that slices our Hancock Park/Windsor Square neighborhood in two. The neighborhood has been a unified, coherent area since the 1910s, and it should be represented by one, not two, sets of elected officials. The proposed line of Plymouth Blvd. would also divide the Greater Wilshire community into half. This also is a mistake.

I'm told that the commission's mandate provides that, *"The geographic integrity of any city...neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions."*

Following that mandate, **please restore the eastern district boundary at Western Ave.** so we may continue to be represented by one Congressperson and one Assembly member.

I appreciate the difficult work the commission is doing for the people of California, and I hope the necessary fixes can be accomplished quickly.

Sincerely,

Andrew Murr

Andrew Murr
[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting of Hawthorne

From: Ashley Roddan <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 7:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good morning,

I live in Hawthorne and I consider myself a member of the South Bay. I would like Hawthorne to be part of the community my life is in all day long.

My doctor and my 2 children's pediatrician is in Palos Verdes. My husband and I see our dentist in Redondo Beach and my daughter's dentist is in Manhattan Beach. My daughter's preschool is in Palos Verdes. I shop at Palos Verdes, El Segundo and Manhattan Beach malls regularly. My family and I dine out in Manhattan, Redondo and Hermosa Beaches. We are frequently at Polliwog park in Manhattan Beach and El Rotero park in Redondo Beach. Please, please keep Hawthorne incorporated as a South Bay city.

THanks a lot,

Ashley Roddan and Drew Roddan (and family)

Subject: Redistricting Proposal for City of Hawthorne

From: "James O'Grady" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:12 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "Alex Vargas" <[REDACTED]>

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to you in the hopes that you would seriously consider incorporating the City of Hawthorne with the other South Bay cities we have associated ourselves with for years.

I am a resident of the City of Hawthorne as of January 2009. I have seen a dramatic shift in the demographic makeup of our city- as long-time residents find their way to easier living closer to family, the new homeowners have almost entirely been under 40, well educated, and in the beginning stages of family planning. This has been wonderful to watch, as my wife and I fall into this category (we're expecting our first in OctoberJ).

The city is in a fascinating state of change. Large lots, young families, and good schools have attracted many of those who felt priced out of Manhattan Beach and squeezed out of Hermosa and Redondo's small-for-the-money living arrangements.

I write this to you as the president of the Ramona Neighborhood Association. In fact- three of the most affluent neighborhoods in Hawthorne are now run by association Presidents under the age of 40.

Hawthorne has always associated itself with the South Bay, and serves the South Bay in many capacities.

- v 360 South Bay and Fusion are our two new, modern, and upscale housing developments slowly filling with the very demographic we have seen coming in droves.
- v Many of the upscale businesses such as the Ayres Hotel and Equinox were specifically designed and built to serve the mass-affluent South Bay community.
- v With the last Space Shuttle flight in progress, SpaceX and their presence puts us as a solid second-place to El Segundo as the aerospace capital of Los Angeles County.
- v The newly developed area surrounding SpaceX has attracted El Segundo's massive engineering community and the businesses that cater to that community, both professionally and personally.

Please include us in the district we have always associated ourselves with.

When we have achieved this victory, we would love to meet all of those involved, as I find myself writing this to an unknown person. Thank you again for your consideration and for reading this email.

Regards,

James O'Grady
President



Phone
Fax

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Subject: Redistricting proposals...

From: Letitia Quinn [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 8:39 AM

To: [REDACTED]

We like our Venice and Marina del rey districts just the way they are thank you and oppose redistricting in any form. Thank you. Letitia Quinn

Subject: redistricting Venice

From: Laura Silagi <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 10:26 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Voters First;

I want Venice and the beach cities to be represented by one congressperson. Venice (as a whole) shares concerns with the Santa Monica Bay communities. It would be a big mistake to split it up. Also, Venice as a whole works on issues through our Neighborhood Council and it would be very difficult for our community to be represented in Congress by more than one representative.

Thanks.

Laura Silagi

[REDACTED]

Venice, CA 90291

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting

From: tom haney <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Keep up the good work. I grew up and still live along Santa Monica bay and I believe that the state senate district and state assembly district must remain with all the coastal communities The issues of the coast are distinctly different from the inland cities. Thanks for caring for our coast. Tom

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Bookman, Robert" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:28 PM

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

Dear California Redistricting Commission --

I am writing on behalf of Greater Wilshire, a century-old community in Los Angeles of 50,000 residents.

Your draft maps propose to split us in half. The proposed boundary line that you have drawn of Plymouth Boulevard cannot stand. Please keep us intact by conforming to our eastern boundary, which is Western Avenue, in your mapping.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Bookman

[REDACTED]
LA 90004 (Hancock Park)

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Subject: Redistricting/Windsor Square/Hancock Park

From: "Forbes, Amy R." <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 9:30 AM

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

CC: "Andrew Murr" <[REDACTED]>

I am a resident of Windsor Square, and I reside at 323 South Irving Blvd. I am extremely opposed to drawing a district boundary that would split the historic Windsor Square and Hancock park neighborhoods in two. The two neighborhoods, together with the remaining Greater Wilshire neighborhoods should be represented by the same people. The boundary should be at Western. Drawing it at Plymouth simply splits a neighborhood that has been a cohesive, identifiable place for more than a century. I understand the redistricting mandate provides: "*The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions*" That mandate would require that Windsor Square and Hancock Park and the other Greater Wilshire neighborhoods constitute one district. Thanks, Amy Forbes

Amy R. Forbes

Tel [REDACTED] • Fax [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Subject: REDSITRICTING

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 10:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

"As President of Mashdots College in Glendale, California I wish to support the new Congressional visualization you released on July 14, 2011. I would urge you to favor option two which keeps the Armenian communities in Glendale as well as in larger parts of Altadena and Pasadena as one voting block".

The Congressional visualization options one and three tend to divide the Armenian vote in highly populated Armenian cities. It is of utmost importance that the City of Glendale is kept in one Congressional District, including the large Armenian populations in its vicinity: Burbank, the Foothill mountains, of Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, and La Canada, as well as the western portions of Pasadena and Altadena.

Gratefully,

Garbis Der-Yeghiayan

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Subject: SD LAEVENT 02 July 14 visualization

From: "Joe Halper" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:23 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

On reviewing the visualization provided on July 14th SD LAEVENT 02, The Pacific Palisades , Brentwood, Malibu, as well as the Topanga, Agoura Hills, and Calabasas have a deep community of interest with the City of Santa Monica. That city provides the primary commercial, health and hospital, and entertainment services for our communities as well as the travel gateway to the greater LA area. Santa Monica is essentially the economic and service linchpin for the community of interest for that area and needs to be included. I noted that Brentwood and ¾ of Santa Monica were excluded from the earlier visualization. Please consider there inclusion.

As a suggested population exchange, I would propose that you consider the removal of Simi Valley population (approximately 110,500) and Moore Park population(1600) Stevenson Ranch population 11,000 for Santa Monica (89,735) and Brentwood LA (39,000) for Simi Valley, Stevenson Ranch and Moore Park have no community of interest with the communities described above in the visualized SD LAEVENT 02 .

Please consider including the entire City of Santa Monica, population 89,735 and Brentwood LA population 39,000 These communities have extensive communities of interest with the Pacific Palisades and should share the same SD. CRC designation SD LAEVENT 02 visualization July 14 The following communities currently included have no affinities with the Pacific Palisades and should be excluded from the SD

Joe Halper

Pacific Palisades

Subject: Venice Voting Districts

From: "Patrick Frank" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 10:34 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Folks

I just looked at the proposed new Assembly district electoral maps, and here is my response:

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS SMOKING OVER THERE?

I live in Venice. And the maps have Venice split in two at California Street. And you have opposite sides of Abbott Kinney, near my house, represented by different Assembly members. This makes no sense.

Please take another look at this. Keep Venice Whole.

Patrick Frank

Registered Voter

[REDACTED] Venice 90291

Subject: Version 1, southern california visualization (congressional)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/15/2011 11:17 AM

To: [REDACTED]

The version 1 map is much better from the perspective of Pasadena area residents. It keeps Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre together, and includes communities with similar interests.

Please work from Version 1 for this area!

Marge Nichols

Subject: Voting

From: Karine Armen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 9:27 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

"As a member of the Armenian community of Glendale, I wish to support the new Congressional visualization you released on July 14, 2011.

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[Karine](#)

From: Al mendoza <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 3:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

letter please read attached letter
alfred Mendoza

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July 14, 2011

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission Members:

Let me start off by thanking you for taking into account our comments regarding the Senate District identified as LAPRW on your map. Your visualizations prepared for the July 8 meeting demonstrate that you listened to us and our concerns regarding representation for our communities and having the entire district in Los Angeles County.

I would like to request one further amendment however. The City of Montebello seems to more properly belong in the district directly north of LAPRW. I have always thought of Montebello as part of the San Gabriel Valley rather than the Gateway Cities or Southeast cities. Montebello is a part of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. If you search the term San Gabriel Valley, Montebello will show up as a part of the definition or listing of cities.

I rarely go to Montebello for entertainment, to shop, to dine or for recreational opportunities. I consider Lynwood, South Gate and Huntington Park to be much more similar to my communities and the other communities depicted in the visualization on your website. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Proposed 27th Senatorial Districts Alternative Plan/Map also makes this distinction. I believe the proposed Alternative Plan/Map for the 27th District prepared by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance does a better job in grouping our cities based on the similarities of our communities and geography.

Again, I appreciate your responsiveness to our concerns and comments and am pleased that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has done what the voters who passed the Voters First Act asked for. You listened to Californians. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Subject: City of Hawthorne and proposed Congressional Redistricting

From: Tony Ruiz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 5:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Tony Ruiz Jr <[REDACTED]>

California Redistricting Commission,

As a homeowner in Hawthorne, CA, I am writing to strongly recommend that City of Hawthorne be included in South Bay Cities district with other South Bay cities.

My family lives in Hawthorne and my wife works in aerospace industry in El Segundo. We also frequent shopping centers and restaurants in Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and El Segundo. Our doctors are in Manhattan Beach and Torrance, as well.

We strongly request that the Commission recognize the vital community relationships by keeping City of Hawthorne in the same Congressional District as other South Bay cities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Tony Ruiz

[REDACTED]

Subject: City of Santa Monica State Senate map protest

From: Joseph Lawrence <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 4:32 PM

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

Dear Commission Members,

Please see the attached protest letter by Richard Bloom, Mayor of the City of Santa Monica, concerning the July 14, 2011 visualization of the State Senate maps for the City of Santa Monica.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lawrence
Assistant City Attorney
City of Santa Monica

[REDACTED]
Santa Monica, CA. 90064

[REDACTED]

— Attachments: —

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Mayor Richard Bloom
Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis
Councilmembers

Robert Holbrook
Kevin McKeown
Pam O'Connor
Terry O'Day
Bobby Shriver

Via e-mail to: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

July 15, 2011

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

RE: City of Santa Monica State Senate District

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

As Mayor of the City of Santa Monica and on behalf of the City of Santa Monica City Council, I write in opposition to the July 14, 2011 visualization of the Commission's State Senate District maps for the City of Santa Monica. Under this latest visualization the City of Santa Monica is split into multiple State Senate Districts. This is not acceptable to the City of Santa Monica. I believe that such a scheme violates the basic tenets of the Commission's mission – namely, to respect the geographic integrity and community of interests of the City as required by Article XXI, Section 2(d)(4), of the California Constitution.

The City of Santa Monica's population is approximately 90,000 persons. The City is very compact, only 8.2 square miles in size. The City is governed by a City Council which has seven members, all elected at large. The City has drawn no political districts for its City Council elections. As you know, the City is located at the very western edge of Los Angeles County. And apart from the Pacific Ocean, the City is entirely bordered by the western neighborhoods of the City of Los Angeles.

Yet, despite its modest size the City is also a significant employment, entertainment and social hub for Los Angeles County, the state and the world. Nearly 250,000 people work or visit the City daily and many more do so on a weekend. The City is home to "think tanks" such as RAND and to many well known firms in the entertainment and in the technology industries. Millions of people enjoy Santa Monica State Beach each year, making it the most popular beach in the state. The Santa Monica Pier and the Third Street Promenade are world famous attractions as are many of the City's restaurants, hotels and shopping areas. In short, the City of Santa Monica is well known and respected the world over.

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Given this, it is paramount that the City as a whole be represented as a whole in the State Senate. There are too many issues that impact the entire City to allow for anything else. Dividing the City into multiple State Senate Districts that stretch far to the north and also far to the south dilutes the geographic as well as the political integrity of the City. The City does not break itself into districts for its local City Council elections and for no other purpose does the City divide itself in the way that the Commission's actions contemplate. Practically speaking, dividing the City into separate Senate Districts will only lead to confusion among voters and to pointless political balkanization. If the City is divided, the City's voice both within its own borders and within the state's borders will be diluted and effectively lost. Such outcomes make no sense. Simply put, splitting the City harms the citizens of the City.

Moreover, the July 14th visualization ignores the genuine community of interests that the City has historically enjoyed with voters in the west side of the City of Los Angeles, including the Pacific Palisades and Brentwood areas of Los Angeles. It does the same to the common interests that the City has historically shared with the citizens of the City of Malibu and the citizens of the other cities and communities within the Santa Monica Mountains. The City has long partnered with these voters. For instance, the City's school district includes the City of Malibu and the school district is itself named the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Beyond this the City is an active member of associations that politically and socially bind these areas. Together, we have worked to solve the significant pollution issues that have for generations harmed Santa Monica Bay and its watershed within the Santa Monica Mountains. We have worked together to try to solve the traffic issues that affect the Pacific Coast Highway and the west side of Los Angeles County. We have worked together on other mass transit issues, helping to finally bring light rail to the region. The City's award winning and affordable Big Blue Bus Company mostly serves the communities to our east and north. Additionally, we work on infrastructure issues together. Even waste water lines from the Pacific Palisades traverse the City of Santa Monica.

In contrast to this, the City enjoys virtually no similar connections with the communities to its south. As with the City of Santa Monica, each of these communities borders the Pacific Ocean, but with this the similarities and the historic working relationships all but end.

As you no doubt appreciate, often the City's numerous activities require state legislative support. The Exposition Metro Line Light Rail Construction Authority, which will soon bring light rail transit to the west side of Los Angeles County, was created by state

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legislation, actively championed by the City. Numerous statewide environmental laws that protect everyone in the state were too enacted through the extraordinary efforts of the City and its state representatives. In the future none of that may be possible, and it certainly will be made much more difficult, if the City is split into multiple districts and politically separated, both within itself and from those other communities with whom it shares like concerns. Frankly, as successful as the City has been, as residents of a small city the citizens of the City of Santa Monica already struggle mightily to have their voices heard in corridors of the State Capitol. Under the Commission's proposal, their struggle will only get more difficult. The citizens of Santa Monica deserve better than that.

In the end any proposed State Senate District for the City of Santa Monica needs to be logically compact. So too, any proposed State Senate District needs to respect the City of Santa Monica's geographic integrity. It also needs to honor the historic institutions, common interests and services that have bound the City to its northern and eastern neighbors for generations.

The current proposal does not do this. Splitting the City of Santa Monica into multiple State Senate Districts is untenable. Nothing in the City's political history suggests that it is appropriate. Equally untenable is combining the City of Santa Monica with communities with whom it historically shares little in common. The Commission should not artificially attempt to split the City for any state or federal election.

I strongly urge the Commission to chart a different map for the City of Santa Monica. The entire City of Santa Monica, together with the City of Malibu, the adjacent cities and communities within the Santa Monica Mountains and the areas comprising the Brentwood and Pacific Palisades sections of the City of Los Angeles should all be included within the same State Senate District.

Very truly yours,



RICHARD BLOOM, Mayor
City of Santa Monica

Subject: COMMENTS TO THE CRC RE 48TH AD CURRENT LINES

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:17 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Bobbiejean Anderson, a resident of the 48th AD for over 40 years. I am very concerned about the way the current lines are drawn.

We need to also let them know about the concerns of going east in the 48th AD. The same thing is being done with no consideration for the Los Angeles Community. We have a multi-cultural district and it has been reduced to a bi-culturally less influential community. It really upsets us to be overlooked and gerrymandered in the 48th AD. We have USC as our hub and now we are being drawn into the County of Los Angeles as if the various communities in our region are not worthy of being together. We share football games at USC, we go to the movies in the 32nd Street Mall. We have several parks where we picnic including Jesse Owens Park. We have been split from the Southern tip of our community as well as the Northern tip of our community . There seems to be a cultural cleansing with every new map of the 48th District, carrying us out of the City of Los Angeles to the county unincorporated area while denying that the southern part of the district in the western part of the city exists.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbiejean Anderson

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90044

Subject: CURRENTLY DRAWN LINES FOR 35TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 11:12 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of the 35th CD residing in the Vermont Knolls area. I have lived in the District for 40 plus years. I am very concerned about the currently drawn lines. Torrance has never been connected to Inglewood and should be connected to the beach cities.

The recent map of the 35th Congressional District has Torrance coupled with Inglewood. These two communities have nothing in common. Certainly Torrance is always coupled with more of the beach cities than with Inglewood. I am confident that Torrance does not wish to be paired with Inglewood either. I am unclear as to how this happened, but it appears to be an oversight because there are no common interests that the two communities share. There appears to be a dilution of the influence of the Inglewood region inherent in the recent map drawings. There is a clear effort to not include the regional culture of community. If the goal is to keep communities of interests together, then the CRC has absolutely missed the mark and I would ask that the Commission honor our testimony and draw the lines that reflect the community interests of the 35th CD.

Further, "Redistricting plans currently under consideration would effectively and completely cut out long-time African American Strongholds of political power-unfairly dividing the African American population in the 33rd,35th and 37th Congressional Districts. The net result is only one African American seat."

—AARC-quote

Respectfully submitted,

Ms Bobbiejean Anderson

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Subject: Emailing: To the California Redistricting Commission

From: "Rafael Aguirre" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 4:21 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

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To the California Redistricting Commission

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To the California Redistricting Commission,

U.S. Tow Inc. disapproves any redistricting that removes the City of Hawthorne out of the South Bay Community. U.S. Tow Inc. is the Official Police Garage for the Hawthorne Police Department. We service the Hawthorne Police, Los Angeles Sheriff, and the West Los Angeles California Highway Patrol.

We are proud contributors to the community as a whole. We provide Barbeque lunches for the community to help fundraiser for any formidable cause that revolves in the South Bay community such as parks and recreation events, fallen officers for all surrounding South Bay first responders, assist with additional equipment if needed by any other South Bay Official Police Garages.

By Redistricting the City of Hawthorne, the family hood that is shared throughout our South Bay community will be torn apart. Being in the City of Hawthorne, we know we can count on the City of El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Gardena, or any other South Bay communities to help us out in our time of need. The South Bay is our home.

Taking the South Bay commitment away from the City of Hawthorne, South Central may not treat Hawthorne with such likeability. South Central may shun the City of Hawthorne due to the fact that we are new to the district. South Central having been struggling for the last years may not have the ability to help us if they needed to get involved. The rules and regulation that govern South Central may not even allow us to help contribute to the community which inevitably would not allow Hawthorne to prove that it is providing valuable resources to South Central.

Having been in the South Bay district, the City of Hawthorne is a proud member of the South Bay Community. The City of Hawthorne's blood runs deep with the South Bay District. If the California Redistricting Commission asked the City of Hawthorne, Hawthorne would stand up together loudly and say that we want to stay put in the South Bay.

Sincerely,

Rafael "ralph" Aguirre

U.S. Tow Inc.



Hawthorne, CA 90250

Subject: gerrymandering Santa Ana

From: "Ben Alvillar" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 3:55 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Apparently you chose to ignore all the massive input of June 18 in which at least 50 people from the Santa Ana and Anaheim testified with solid reasons why Santa Ana and the flatlands of Anaheim should remain in on congressional district. Your ignoring this input will put you in violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act. If you proceed with your current plan you can expect a great deal of opposition and a lawsuit. Please avoid the confrontation and leave the two areas together.

Subject: Hawthorne Boundaries

From: Debbie Wastling <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 7:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Congressional members:

I am disturbed that you think you can move boundaries for the City of Hawthorne. On the map it may look easy - as a business and house owner in the area - its not a smart move.

This community belongs to the South Bay not central LA. We enter the freeways via the South Bay (Rosecrans 405) - we shop in Torrance, work in schools in Torrance, use banks and business in Redondo Beach never north. We do not want to be re-districted.

I will move my business and home of 5 years if this goes through congress. I choose Hawthorne for its many pluses and pay my taxes to this district - this would not be a plus.

Debbie Wastling, Home and Business owner - Hawthorne

Subject: Hawthorne redistricting consideration...

From: odell johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 2:08 PM

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

The South Bay is strictly a community that is held together by families, businesses and individuals seeking a better life. I happen to live in Hawthorne and work several days a week in El Segundo. I do much of my shopping at the Galleria in Torrance also considered the South Bay. For years we have enjoyed our neighborhood and contribute as often as possible to it's many festivals and activities. It would be an unnatural impact upon our citizenry to now be considered part of the area know as south central. I have not gone to, nor do I frequent the south central area in any respect. Not that there is anything wrong with south central. However, I see this redistricting as a move that could eventually cause a rift in our community by pushing our citizens to request to further divide Hawthorne into Northern and Southern sections. For the sake of our neighborhood and families please weigh your decisions heavily and carefully. Thank You!

[O'Dell Johnson](#)

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