July 15, 2011

Members of the Commission:

As an interested resident of the city of Whittier, I have been following your proposals for my area. You seemed to be on a track to produce an Assembly district that would combine the COI that is Whittier, La Mirada, La Habra Heights, and La Habra, as well as a congressional district that at least combined a number of Southeast LA County cities in one entity.

Now, BOOM. You are suddenly producing really different lines that leave me gasping. Whittier has nothing in common with La Puente, and REALLY nothing in common with East LA! I sincerely hope these are just ideas being floated. If this is actually where you are going, you have sacrificed the needs of the communities of the southeastern part of the county to the complaints from other groups.

And, in the process, you have walled yourself off from those of us who cannot sit in front of a computer all day watching you or who are not part of an organized group that can pay someone to do that.

The commission has spent months going around the state, listening to the needs of its various communities. Then you come up with these plans. Even reading the representations of the members' comments make it clear that our part of the county is far from central to your discussions. It is very disappointing.

My advice? Trash everything you have done after July 2 and keep a focus on our communities of interest.

Barbara S. Stone, Ph.D.
To Whom it May Concern:
I have attached a letter of thanks for your response to community members input to the preliminary maps that were put out.

Sincerely,

Margaret Granado

Attachments:

Granado Redistricting letter of thanks.doc 27.0 KB
Dear 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,

Margaret Granado
to whom it may concern

Please do NOT change the district that unincorporated Hawthorne is in now to another area east of us. EVERYTHING and I mean everything that our family does we do in Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach....We live here, we work here, we shop at stores, go to movies, and doctors and dentists right in this area........There is no reasonable "reason" to change us to an area we have nothing to do with.

We have no association with the area you want to change us to....It makes absolutely no sense, which you would understand if you lived here

We all respectfully request that you forget this idea.... We like our community the way it is now

The Dawson Family
Hawthorne, California
Dear Commission:

As a resident of Hawthorne for the past 25 years, I feel that we are part of the SOUTH BAY NOT South Central. I would be very unethical of all of you, if you made my city of of South Central since we are in the South Bay area. I do not know how you came to the conclusion to put Hawthorne, which is right next door to Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, El Segundo and Lawndale. Our location is closer to all of these city, more so than with Athens, etc.

Your reconsideration of putting Hawthorne into the South Bay area makes more sense. Thank your for letting me state my opinion.

Donna Hoebink
A Registered Voter
Subject: PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA

From: Jason Levin <[redacted]>

Date: 7/15/2011 4:16 PM

To: [redacted]

I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district.

Thank you, Jason Levin
Subject: Please don't move us to south central.....
From: "Daniels, Sarah" <[email address]>
Date: 7/15/2011 1:46 PM
To: [email address]

I’m a Hawthorne home owner my name is Sarah Daniels and my husband is Odell Johnson. We are proud Hawthornian’s. Everything we do is in the Southbay area. We’re not south central. I’m African American and most of our neighbors in the community Caucasian seniors ......I feel we will lose value to our homes.... We are less than 3 miles from the beach... I don’t get it. We are south bay...and most of the stores and in Hawthorne listed as southbay. Please do your home work.............
Sarah DANIELS

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From: Larry Cooper <larry.cooper@citizensredistrictingcommission.org>
Date: 7/15/2011 1:03 PM

Subject: Congressional District 36

Message Body:
Your long, skinny corridor from Malibu to Palos Verdes Peninsula does not represent a "community of interest." You would do much better to keep the South Bay Community together as much as possible. Cities like Redondo Beach, Torrance, and El Segundo have much more in common than part of Redondo Beach and Malibu.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Rex Richardson <rexrichardson@example.com>
Date: 7/15/2011 1:38 PM
To: 

From: Rex Richardson <rexrichardson@example.com>
Subject: North Long Beach

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

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your hard work and diligence in drafting the new boundaries for our Congressional, Board of Equalization, Senate and Assembly Districts. My name is Rex Richardson. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach Community.

I support your current visualizations that place all of North Long Beach into the same Congressional and Senate Districts as neighboring Carson, Rancho Dominguez and Compton. However, your recent visualizations, entitled Assembly LA Option 1 and Option 2, propose maps that divide North Long Beach into three separate Assembly Districts.

I respectfully request that you consider placing all of North Long Beach, including everything north of San Antonio Dr. into the same Assembly District with Carson, Rancho Dominguez and Compton, instead of Lakewood and Paramount.

This will unify our communities of interest; African Americans, Latinos, Pacific Islanders, the California State University, Dominguez Hills and El Camino College - Compton Center communities and historic Dominguez Rancho communities.

This will also ensure that North Long Beach residents have appropriate representation and are connected to similar communities of interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Please Change the Latest Congressional Map Boundary Which Divides the Community of Valley Village California

Message Body:
I am President of Neighborhood Council Valley Village, a community of 25,000 persons in the southeast San Fernando Valley. The newest revision to the congressional map splits our Valley Village community into two different congressional districts. The line is currently drawn east along Burbank Boulevard to Colfax Avenue, then south to Riverside Drive, and then east to the 170 freeway.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THIS LINE BE REDRAWN ALONG THE 170 FREEWAY WHICH WILL INCORPORATE ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS INTO ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (see attached map). This very small change will make a very big difference for our community. Thank you.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Judith Mintz <judithmintz@earthlink.net>
Date: 7/15/2011 2:25 PM
To: judithmintz@earthlink.net

From: Judith Mintz <judithmintz@earthlink.net>
Subject: South Bay districts make no sense

Message Body:
Dear Commission,

Your first round draft of maps looked much better.

Your new congressional district for South Bay makes no sense! and your assembly district is physically untraversable!

Please put Torrance back into our Congressional district. It is the heart of the South Bay and should remain undivided.

Also-- please do not exclude North Redondo as you are currently doing. Your current maps are annihilating my community of interest.

We have nothing to do with Beverly Hills nor Santa Monica -- please remove that North end of the district and replace it with Torrance, San Pedro and Gardena.

From the standpoint of the assembly district, please put El Segundo (which is part of the beach cities and you can walk across the street to from Manhattan Beach) back in, as well as Westchester and PDR which are similar communities of interest with similar socio-demographics concerns to us.

Also -- you have taken out Lomita from the assembly district-- you cannot drive to the south end of the peninsula without Lomita, nor to Harbor City or San Pedro -- unless you want to drive 2 hours around the peninsula. Please put it back into the assembly district.

Thank you,

Judith Mintz
Redondo Beach

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: "Jeffrey C. Walker" <[redacted]>
Date: 7/15/2011 2:30 PM
To: [redacted]

From: Jeffrey C. Walker <[redacted]>
Subject: PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA.

Message Body:
I am an elected Board member of Neighborhood Council Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. We are very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Michael Gregory <michael.gregory@example.com>
Date: 7/15/2011 2:43 PM
To: citizens.redistricting.com

From: Michael Gregory <michael.gregory@example.com>
Subject: Recent Map the Breaks Up the Valley Village Community

Message Body:
I strongly protest the dividing line being changed from the 170 to Colfax Ave. I supported the original map but this is absurd and bad idea of redistricting and moving part of our community to another congressional district.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Christine Vinquist <christinevinquist@

Date: 7/15/2011 3:10 PM

To: public Comment 4 - Los Angeles

From: Christine Vinquist <christinevinquist@

Subject: Keep Westchester-Playa del Rey with Beach Cities

Message Body:
I am in favor of redistricting maps that keep our community of Westchester-Playa del Rey together intact and oppose the current drafts which promulgate the division by keeping us partially incorporated into an inland district. Our area has traditionally been used for gerrymandering to the point where every level of government except the City Council bisects our community making it difficult to protect our quality of life.

- Westchester and Playa del Rey have a common Neighborhood Council which 12 years ago self-identified common interests as part of a LA City Charter mandate,
- Westchester and Playa del Rey have a common business service area,
- Westchester and Playa del Rey have common schools, churches, and service organizations,
- Westchester and Playa del Rey have similar housing and infrastructure issues including transportation which is primarily a north-south issue.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Linda Burgess <lbergus@venice.org>
Date: 7/15/2011 3:17 PM
To: citizensredistrictingcommissions@gmail.com

From: Linda Burgess <lbergus@venice.org>
Subject: Redistricting Venice, CA (Los Angeles)

Message Body:
Dear CRC: I am a Venice resident (124 Park Pl Venice, CA 90291) and have lived at my residence since 1987. I am opposed to dividing Venice up into two or more districts as we are a unique community of artists, families, professionals and non professionals with a unified voice and lifestyle. I am opposed to my town having more than one Congressional Leader and implore you to explore a redistricting option that would keep Venice intact as one solid (ongoing) community! Respectfully, Linda Burgess/Teacher

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Message Body:
I am an elected Board member of Valley Village Homeowners Association, located in Los Angeles, California. We are very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: J L Neal <jlaneal@citizensredistricting.com>
Date: 7/15/2011 3:53 PM
To: citizensredistricting.com

From: J L Neal <jlaneal@citizensredistricting.com>
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:
I have been looking, with great anticipation, for the second posting of the updated maps. Much to my dismay I find out that you have decided not to publish the second draft and go to the final draft without hearing any feedback from the public. I have had a lot of reservation over what has taken place to date and this only solidifies my misgivings. What do you have to hide? What are you trying to hide? The San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills have always been united with Duarte, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne and Claremont. For you to divide them and separate cities that have worked together and helped each other for decades is inconceivable. Stop playing politics and start doing your job, without prejudice. Draw the lines fairly.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Keeping the Coastal Communities of Los Angeles together

Message Body:
July 15, 2011

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

RE: Keeping the Coastal Communities of Los Angeles together

Dear Commission members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting for our area and thank you for the work you have done to date.

As a resident of the South Bay for over twenty years, I am writing to register my concerns and ask the Commissioners to reconsider cutting the coast of the Santa Monica Bay into three districts. By introducing a large portion of the inland areas to the focus of the Los Angeles coast, I believe you will greatly dilute the coastal priorities which are critical to their health and success. The environment remains a top priority for people who live and work in this community and because so much of our overall success relies on the beauty and vitality that is the California Coast, I ask that you keep our coast whole.

Geographically, it makes no sense to add Inglewood to an all coastal district.

Please consider the commonalities these communities share on issues of planning and zoning. By keeping the coast aligned, our business and community leaders will be able to concentrate our efforts and taxpayer dollars on issues of importance to a coastal district with wide-ranging issues like clean water and beach maintenance, tsunami and earthquake preparedness as well as the various recreational activities which truly make Los Angeles a destination city for travelers.

We encourage Commissioners to reconnect citizens and planners with their community by keeping coastal representation unified.

Thank you,

Ofelia Gomez
Redondo Beach

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Hi,

I just heard about the new map lines proposed for Valley Village (91607). It seems that the latest drawing has removed a portion of our already very small community. There is a natural boundary line by the 170 freeway which has always been the boundary line for our community. It seems silly to have that freeway run through the middle of another area with a small portion of Valley Village cut on and put into the other area.

Please reconsider this and move the boundary back to the 170 freeway. We are a tight knit community and would really appreciate staying all together.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Message Body:
On your Congressional Map, you have the NoHo Arts District (Norther boundary is Hatteras) combined into countering neighborhoods such as Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley, etc, while Valley Village, Toluca Lake, Studio City (all parts of North Hollywood) are split off into a different district.

Please keep North Hollywood with it's sister neighborhoods. For simplification purposes, please keep zip code: 91601 with 91602, 91607 and 91604.

Thank you,

Long time North Hollywood resident
James

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Hello,

As a long time North Hollywood resident, I am pleading that you keep the 91601 zip code together with 91602 and 91607. We are all apart of North Hollywood's core and to separate us would do more harm than good. 91602 and 91607 are NOT apart of the West Valley.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Message Body:
North Hollywood has closer ties to Toluca Lake and should not be separated. The same goes for Valley Village.

I noticed you're labeling Valley Village and Toluca Lake as West Valley when Toluca Lake is East of North Hollywood. Please keep these 3 communities together.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Message Body:
I will once again note that the drawing of a Congressional district that seems to be drawn according to USPS ZIP code boundaries seems to defy any logic that could be used. That Torrance, the largest city in this geographic area, is divided. With a small southern portion lopped off seemingly because of beach access and it was easier to make a line not about the voters interests.
It serves to create voter confusion when a small portion of a city is divided off.
This could leave the small area underserved as a representative in the adjoining district answers more to the larger number of cities of the district. Whose voices will be heard?
This map requires serious rethinking.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Vanessa Safoyan <vsafoyan@citizensredistricting.com>
Date: 7/15/2011 7:07 PM
To: citizensredistricting.com

From: Vanessa Safoyan <vsafoyan@citizensredistricting.com>
Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

Message Body:
On July 9th, the CRC directed Q2 to create a visualization of an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district.

However, the visualizations that will be presented tomorrow by Q2 divides Santa Clarita Valley into two Senate seats.

The Commission needs to take control of the process and demand that the consultants follow their directions.

Reject the Q2 visualizations and follow COI testimony and, once again, direct Q2 to present the Commission an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district that keeps SCV whole.

Thank you.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Scott Wilk <scott.wilk@calegislature.ca.gov>
Date: 7/15/2011 7:13 PM
To: [redacted]

From: Scott Wilk <scott.wilk@calegislature.ca.gov>
Subject: SCV Senate District

Message Body:
Tomorrow please reject the Senate visualizations that Q2 will present as it relates to Santa Clarita Valley.

On July 9th, the CRC directed Q2 to create a visualization of an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district.

Instead the visualizations divides SCV into two Senate seats. One goes all the way to Victorville!

Please seize control of this process and require Q2 to submit a visualization that reflects COI testimony - An undivided SCV linked to East Ventura County.

Thank you for your consideration.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Connie Hafner Edwards <connie@citizenredistricting.org>
Date: 7/15/2011 8:14 PM
To: citizenerdistricting@redistrict.ca.gov

From: Connie Hafner Edwards <connie@citizenredistricting.org>
Subject: district lines

Message Body:
Please don't divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so it follow the 170 freeway. That way the area has one representative.
Thank you,
Connie Hafner-Edwards

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tim Goodrich

Date: 7/15/2011 9:34 PM

To: [Redacted]

From: Tim Goodrich

Subject: July 13th maps - South Bay Los Angeles

Message Body:
The maps released on July 13th for the South Bay area of Los Angeles are a step backward from drafts that were previously released. As a resident of Torrance, my observations are that the Beach Cities (Manhattan, Redondo, Hermosa) share much more in common than the Cities of Hawthorne and Inglewood. Please keep Torrance with the Beach Cities, as they are similar in many ways.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Joe Messina <jmmessina@gmail.com>
Date: 7/15/2011 10:00 PM
To: [Redacted]

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Subject: Santa Clarita Senate Seat

Message Body:
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Please follow community of interest testimony and, once again, direct Q2 to present the Commission an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district that keeps SCV whole.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Alice Khosravy <alice.khosravy@gmail.com>
Date: 7/15/2011 10:00 PM
To:   

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Laura Craig <laura@craigelectrical.com>
Date: 7/15/2011 11:06 PM
To: divider@redistricting.com

From: Laura Craig <laura@craigelectrical.com>
Subject: Division of Valley Village in East Valley

Message Body:
I do not support dividing Valley Village into two districts. The eastern border should stay as originally purposed at the 170 Freeway.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
As a voting resident of the city of Hawthorne and a tax payer, I do not agree with Hawthorne being lumped in with south LA and other areas of the city of Los Angeles in that congressional district. Hawthorne is most closely aligned with the South Bay as is Lawndale as we are an independent city not associated with the city of LA. I feel that Hawthorne should be aligned congressionally with the South Bay in the redistricting efforts coming up. Most of the things my family does are in the South Bay and not in the other areas being considered to align Hawthorne with and my child goes to a school in the Weisburn district which is right next to El Segundo which is in the South Bay congressional district and not anywhere near the other area being considered to have Hawthorne connected to.

Ron Atlas
Subject: Re: [LaBreaHancock] Fw: Important: Prevent Marginalization of GWNC, Hancock Park and Windsor Square

From: jonathan5 <jonathanj@jonathanjoseph.com>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:32 PM

To: 

CC: 

I live at

I support the requested changes to the Redistricting Draft Maps by the Greater Wilshire Neighbors. It is imperative that our neighborhoods remain intact and integrity of our community be respected. Please reconsider dividing us in half. Shifting the boarders east to Western Ave. or west to La Brea Avenue would keep our neighborhood boundaries complete and prevent fractionation.

Thank You.

Jonathan Joseph Hanousek
JONATHAN JOSEPH INC.

Los Angeles, CA 90036
Subject: Redistricting of Windsor Square

From: mjmiller <...>

Date: 7/15/2011 12:31 PM

To: California Redistricting Commission

We oppose the separation of a portion of Windsor Square beginning at Plymouth Blvd and going east. This historic neighborhood, which also includes the mayor's residence, belongs to the GWNC (for over 100 years) and should not be redistricted into an area with which there is no community connection. We have lived here for over 26 years and truly appreciate the historical significance of this unique area of Los Angeles -- it should remain intact as originally planned. This must be taken into consideration when planning redistricting. Please see the comments below.

Sincerely,

Marjorie J. Miller
Clifford L. Howell
Los Angeles, CA 90020

1. Who We Are. We are voters who live in the community known as Greater Wilshire in Los Angeles. Our community includes 15 residential associations with histories dating back nearly 100 years. Our two largest and best known neighborhoods are Hancock Park and Windsor Square. Our eastern boundary is Western Avenue. Our western boundary is La Brea Avenue. You have proposed to split us in half at Plymouth Boulevard in your redistricting maps.

2. The Redistricting Mission. You are obliged to keep our century-old neighborhood intact in your redistricting effort, pursuant to the following governing rule: "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. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

3. Required Corrections to Draft Maps:

a. State Board of Equalization. Please return us to the LA district for the State Board of Equalization. We lie at the midpoint of Los Angeles, but you have inexplicably removed us and placed us in a district called East, where we claim no community of interest.
b. Congressional Districts. In each of the 3 options, you have divided us in half at Plymouth Boulevard. We belong with WLADT. The westernmost boundary of ELABH should not begin until Western Avenue.

c. Assembly Districts. In both of the 2 options, you have divided us in half at Plymouth Boulevard. We belong with LAMWS or with LADNT, but the entirety of Greater Wilshire from La Brea Avenue to Western Avenue must be included in one or the other, not both.

Signed, Your Greater Wilshire Neighbors
John Welborne, Jane Usher, Liz Fuller, Jack Humphreville, Owen Smith, Wendy Savage, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, John Gresham
Hawthorne has been my home for almost 20 years. We purchase our house in Bodger Park, because of it being in the SOUTH BAY!!! It's proximity to the beach gave us an affordable home with all of the amenities of a beach community.

It is unfathomable that our city would be removed from the SOUTH BAY community. Please do not take away our identity!!!

As a proud Hawthorne resident, tax payer and registered voter I urge you keep us in the SOUTH BAY!

Thank you!!

Paul Balaschak,
Hawthorne, CA
Cell#:
July 14, 2011

Via electronic mail
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814
RE: MALDEF Congressional Plan, Submitted on June 28, 2011
Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:
On behalf of MALDEF, we submit the following explanation of changes from the May 26, 2011 MALDEF Congressional plan to the revised June 28, 2011 MALDEF Congressional Plan.
The revised MALDEF Congressional Plan presented to the Commission on June 28, 2011 is an update from the original May 26 plan. The revisions were made with significant input from our Unity Map drawing partners, including the African-American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC) and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC).

The revised MALDEF Congressional Plan also includes additional community input provided during a second round of community workshops conducted June 12 to June 22. Furthermore, considerable time was spent on Southern California, and South Los Angeles County which is a highly complex area for voting rights, as this body has also experienced. The Southern California and South Los Angeles County region requires balancing many important needs, including compliance with Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act for the Latino community, trying to preserve the effective number of districts for the African-American community, and preserving a new Asian-American community effective district in the San Gabriel Valley.

It is important to note that while significant input was taken to create this enhanced Congressional product, there is no official endorsement from AARC, APALC, and CAPAFR of the Revised MALDEF Congressional Plan submitted on June 28, 2011.
Finally, we acknowledge Gibson-Dunn's correct interpretation of Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) and its recommendation that the Commission create "several Latino-majority districts in Los Angeles County" based on its preliminary analysis inferring racially polarized voting among Latino voters. MALDEF respectfully urges the Commission to utilize the Revised MALDEF Congressional Plan as a reasonable solution that respects Latino voting rights as well as African-American and Asian-American
effectiveness on the Congressional level. The Revised MALDEF Congressional plan is an option that respects all of California's communities and accurately reflects California's latest demographics. We thank the Commission for consideration of our views. Please do not hesitate to contact at [redacted] or by phone at [redacted] should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Ochoa
National Redistricting Coordinator
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

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Steven A. Ochoa
National Redistricting Coordinator
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

Los Angeles, CA 90014
Office: [redacted]
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[1] APALC giving input on behalf of CAPAFR


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Prepared by MALDEF