

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

FRANKLIN N. HANOCK, JD

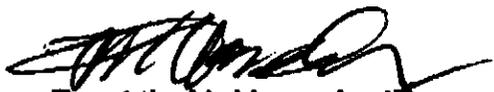
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July 17, 2011

TO: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

FAX 916 651-5711

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 2 parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keep the 25,000 stake holders in Valley Village in one Congressional District!



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VALLEY VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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We only have a few days to get our point across. THIS MAP BECOMES PERMANENT BY AUGUST 1. PLEASE HELP US CALL IN OUR CONCERN.

Here are three things we need you to do:

- 1. Go to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov and send an email that says:**

SUBJECT: PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA.

COMMENT:

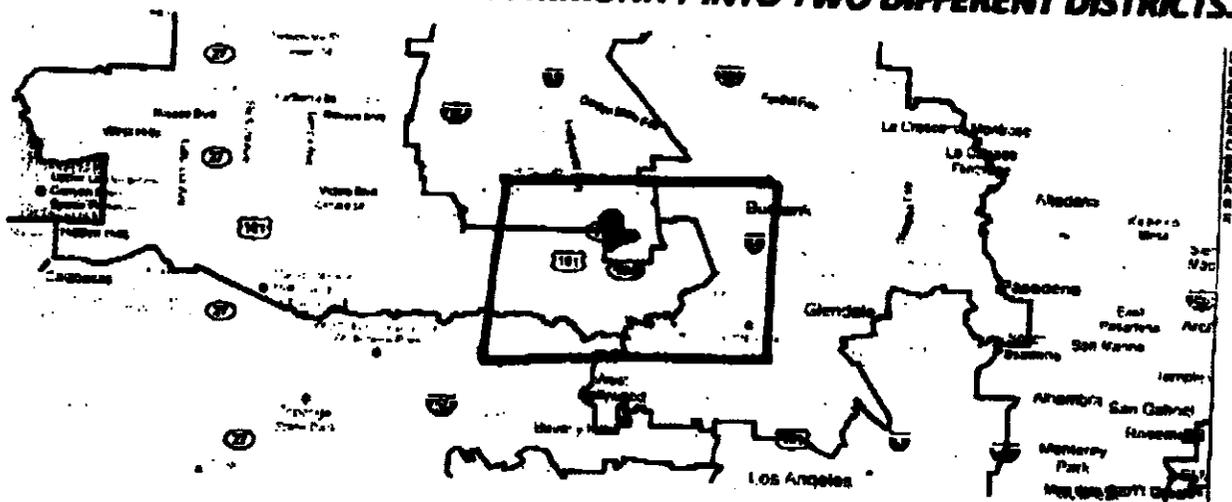
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- 2. Also FAX this message along with the map on the back of this page to The Citizens Redistricting Commission – 916-651-5711**
- 3. Tell everyone you can to please do this too – neighbors, friends, family members. We need to get our message across.**

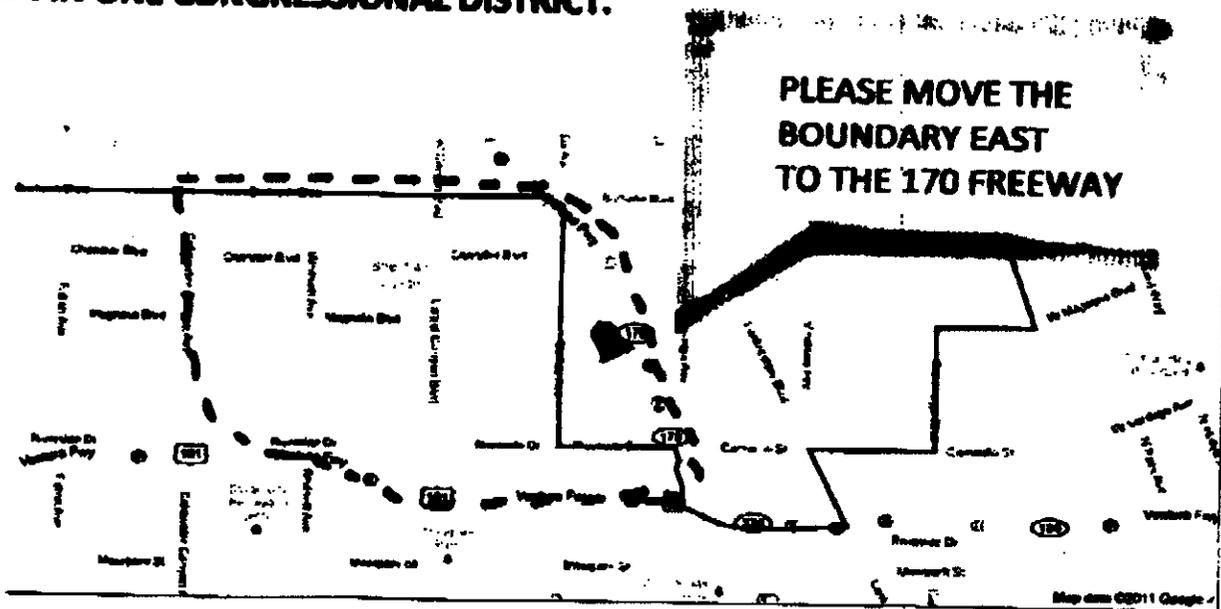
AGAIN, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP.

KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA TOGETHER

The current draft of the map divides the 25,000 persons in Valley Village California into two congressional districts. **WE OPPOSE THE MAP AS PRESENTED BECAUSE IT DIVIDES OUR VALLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY INTO TWO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.**



IF YOU MOVE THE BOUNDARY LINE TO THE 170 FREEWAY, IT TRACKS ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF VALLEY VILLAGE AND ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS WILL BE IN ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.



WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU REDRAW THE SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY OF THIS DISTRICT TO KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE IN ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

- - - - DENOTES CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF VALLEY VILLAGE

Jim Herrick

From: Jamie Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 10:08 PM
To: [REDACTED] Andrew Rollins; Barbara Kelsey; Barbara Bienstock; Barry Braverman; Christine Sullivan; Cliff Kaye; Cynthia Stahl; Dairek Morgan; Dianne Christman; Ed Bowlby; Emily Rose Morgan; Eva Feketaova; Irene Ricci; James Reaves; Jeannine McGregor; Jeff Harter; Jeff Walker; Jennifer Pera; Jeremy Howell; Jim Herrick; Karina Bowlby; Kendra Walker; Lauren Anderson; Liz Bolwell; Marcia and David Morris; Margaret Warfield; MaryAnn Johnston; Matt Fraychineaud; Maurice Warfield; Maysie Mariett; Melanie Weaver; Michelle Sorice; Mike Lewis; Mindy (Rob) Hebenstreit; Palmer Kim; Patricia Gillum; Patrick Gallaway; Richard Dachman; Ritu; Sabrina Silver; Sean Marble; Stacy Cox; Stephanie Palmer; Stewart Pera; Tobias Ricci; Travis and Delaine Crim
Subject: Fwd: FW: I WILL NEED YOUR HELP THIS WEEKEND - PLEASE READ
Attachments: VALLEY VILLAGE MAP REVISION.pdf
PLEASE READ>>>VERY IMPORTANT!!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jeffrey C. Walker <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Jul 15, 2011 at 2:24 PM
Subject: FW: I WILL NEED YOUR HELP THIS WEEKEND - PLEASE READ
To: Allen Jamie [REDACTED]

Jamie,

Attached is an important message from the NCVV President about congressional rezoning that could adversely affect Valley Village and a request for citizen support opposing it. Can you forward to the neighborhood contact list.

Thanks.

Jeffrey C. Walker
Zimmerman Walker & Monitz LLP
Calabasas Park Centre
[REDACTED]

Calabasas, CA 91302-4011

Tel: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

7/16/2011

Web: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Braswell, Anthony J. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 2:25 PM
To: Peter Sanchez; Breice Reiner; Cathy Flynn; Charles Sulahian; Dale Liebowitz-Neglia; David Bate; [REDACTED] Ginny Hatfield; Jeffrey C. Walker; Joshua Levy; Marc Woerschling; Paul Hatfield; Sandy Hubbard; [REDACTED] SUZANNE LAUER; Suzanne Lewis; Tony Braswell
Subject: I WILL NEED YOUR HELP THIS WEEKEND - PLEASE READ

Good afternoon everyone.

I don't often sound the "alarm" in asking you for help but this is very important and very time sensitive, and I need everyone to do some very simple things to help me and Ginny with this issue.

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7/16/2011

Subject: Concerned Citizen

From: Barbara Rabelo <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 5:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission Members,

Please give the importance and urgency to this letter that it deserves.
We count on you as a fair and impartial commission that represents our interests.

See attached.

Respectfully,

Barbara Rabelo

[REDACTED]
Whittier, Ca. 90606

[REDACTED]

— Attachments: _____

7-8 Map First Letter.pdf

46.7 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,

Barbara Rabelo

Barbara Rabelo

[REDACTED]

Whittier, Ca. 90606

[REDACTED]

Subject: EVENT Senate District

From: "Madelyn Glickfeld" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 2:15 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

The EVENT Senate district should:

INCLUDE Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, and the Santa Monica Mountains West of the 405 Fwy.

The current (7-15-11) shape of EVENT doesn't make sense in excluding the thin Malibu city sliver of the Santa Monica Mountains, nor does it make sense to cut off the heart of the mountains at the Topanga State Park boundary.

There is a strong community of interest that bonds Santa Monica and Malibu--critically important is that Santa Monica and Malibu are the same school district--as well as share the PCH commute corridor.

Critically important to Malibu are brush fire issues that Malibu shares with the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains, but doesn't share with Marina del Rey or Torrance, for example.

Pacific Palisades and Brentwood should be included in EVENT which otherwise has the bulk of the Santa Monica Mts. Topanga State Park, Temescal Canyon Conservancy Park, and Will Rogers Historic Park, all share common issues and problems with the rest of the Santa Monica Mts represented by the EVENT seat, including all the rest of the state and federal parks.

EXCLUDE the Northwest L.A. County area north of the 118 Fwy and along the I-5.

Splitting a portion of City of Santa Clarita (19,000) and Stevenson Ranch (17,000 people) doesn't make any sense at all, and I'm sure that residents of these communities don't want to be excluded from the concerns of the rest of the Santa Clarita Valley, nor would they necessarily share any community of interest with Topanga, for example.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE

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EVENT Map (7 15).pdf

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PLAN: CRC 20110714 Senate (Los Angeles) Visualizations

DISTRICT EVENT

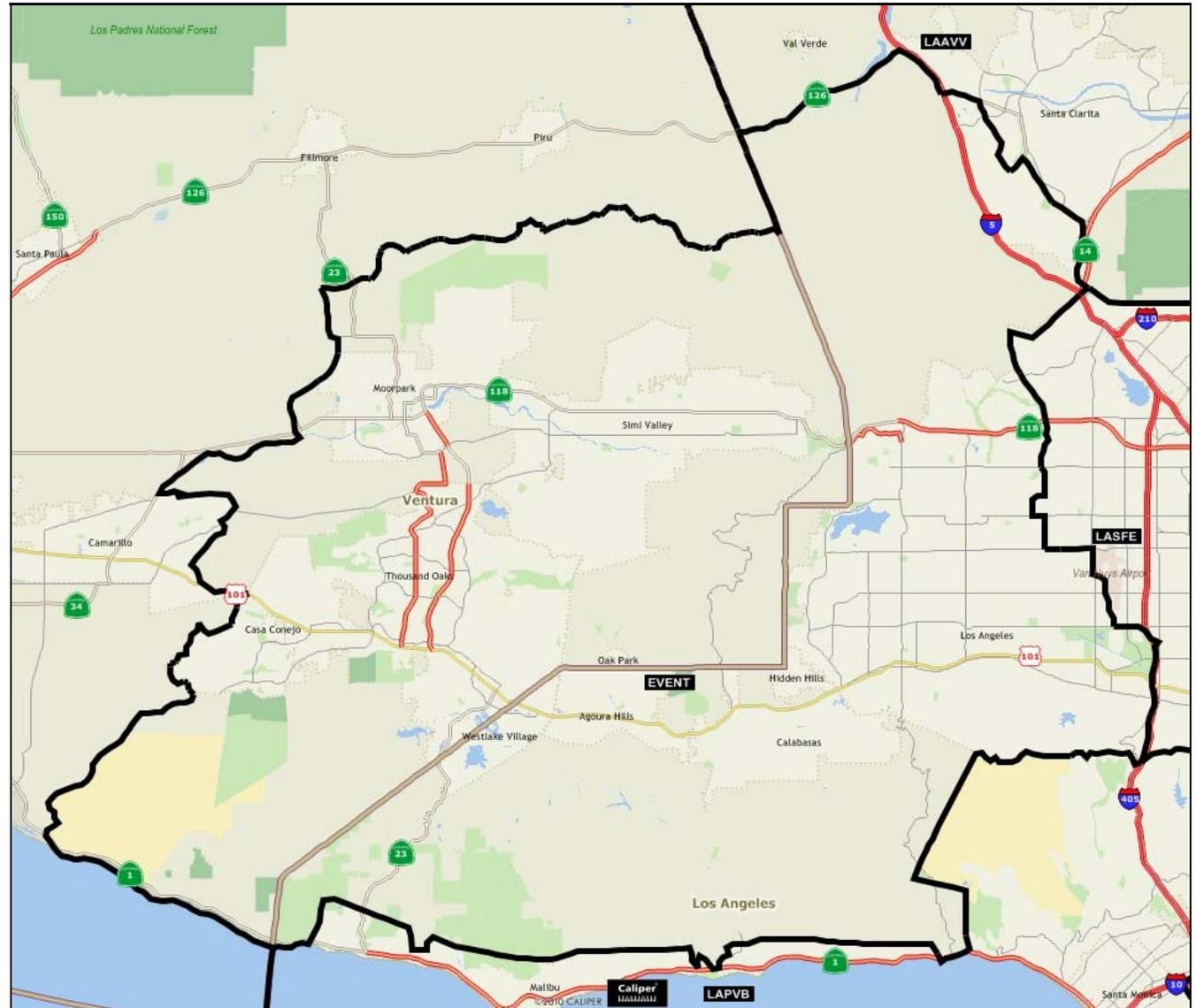
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 BLACK CVAP 3.1%
 ASIAN CVAP 9.8%
 LATINO CVAP 14.6%

2010 ELECTION DATA

TOTAL REGISTRATION 505,519
 DEMOCRATIC REG 40.8%
 REPUBLICAN REG 34.9%
 DTS REG 19.6%
 JERRY BROWN 49.4%
 MEG WHITMAN 50.6%
 US HOUSE DEM 49.7%
 US HOUSE REP 50.3%
 ASSEMBLY DEM 48.1%
 ASSEMBLY REP 51.9%
 SENATE DEM 66.1%
 SENATE REP 33.9%

2008 ELECTION DATA

BARACK OBAMA 58.3%
 JOHN MCCAIN 41.7%



Subject: Fair and Transparent

From: Caleb Huey <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 10:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Caleb Huey, a sociologist and former employee of the government watchdog agency the Sunlight Foundation. My past experience in these fields inform a paradigm that leads me to concern over a seemingly lack of cultural methodology over the drawing of my home map, the 36th district. Many maps that have surfaced show disregard for the peoples cultural identification of what they consider their home. One map included a worse gerrymandering of my area than what it is today by cutting cities in half such as Torrance and Palos Verdes while excluding El Segundo altogether. This is wrong not only from a sociological standpoint but negates the purpose of the independent commission altogether.

As a former watchdog of undo influence surrounding governmental decision making, I ask that you carefully consider who you listen to in your decision making. I was pleased to hear that this commission was formed but I am loosing my faith in its independence quickly as more maps come out.

I have seen only one map that I would say could be a culturally relevant district. We are the people of these cities and we identify with each other as one community in which we call the south bay. I urge you to take the cultural identification of the people into consideration for this district which has been the poster child as the worst gerrymandered district. I also request to see your methodology in creating this district. If it can be found on the website, I would like to be directed to it, if not, a pdf should suffice.

Attached is the one map that I could see as relevant for the people of this district. If more drawing do come out, I urge you to consider that this community identifies with each other on a cultural basis. To add or subtract people based upon other factors brings back into question the fairness of this commission.

Thank you for your time

-Caleb Huey

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El Segundo

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Del Aire

Hawthorne

West Athens

Manhattan Beach

Lawndale

Gardena

West Compton

Hermosa Beach

Hawthorne Blvd

Redondo Beach

Torrance

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Verdi Estates

West Carson

Palos Verdes Estates

Zampieri Field

Lomita

Rolling Hills Estates

Rolling Hills

Rancho Palos Verdes

N Hollywood Ave

San Pedro

W 10th St

Coastal San Pedro

Subject: i LIKE MY CURRENT DISTRICT CONFIGURATION

From: Joanne Russell <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 9:44 PM

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a voting citizen, I want you to know that I am well pleased with my current district configuration--to keep the 2, 3, 4 representation format. I reside in South Los Angeles in the USC community (90007) and it is comforting to have cultural representation as I am an African American. We must preserve our strength by ensuring a presence in leadership positions.

I support 240. Thank you for receiving my comment.

 Joanne Russell

Walking in Authority

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

The optimist says the cup is half full, the pessimist says its half empty, the child of God says, "my cup runneth over."

Subject: Public comment re: issues regarding Cities of Santa Monica, Malibu

From: Richard Bloom <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 9:31 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Please find attached letter from Jose Escarce, President, Santa-Monica/Malibu Unified School District.

Thank you,

Richard Bloom

Richard Bloom

Mayor | City of Santa Monica

Santa Monica City Hall

[REDACTED] Santa Monica, CA 90407

Tele: [REDACTED] (Sonia Ramos, City Council Administrator)

Fax: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Commissioner, California Coastal Commission
- Chair, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
- Member, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors
- Chair, Westside Cities Council of Governments

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

— Attachments: —

redistricting letter.pdf	167 KB
Part 1.2.3	136 bytes

José J. Escarce, M.D., Ph.D.

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Santa Monica, CA 90402

July 16, 2011

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

Re: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District State Senate District

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

As President of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, I write in opposition to the July 14, 2011 visualization of the Commission's State Senate District maps for the geographic area spanned by our School District, which includes the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu. Under this latest visualization our District is split into multiple State Senate Districts. This is not acceptable to our District, and it violates the principle that the redistricting process should respect community interests.

Our School District of 11,500 students comprises two geographically noncontiguous cities: the City of Santa Monica and the City of Malibu. As you know, these cities are located at the very western edge of Los Angeles County. Yet, despite the fact that our two cities are geographically noncontiguous, many decades of sharing the same School District has created important bonds between them and resulted in a strong sense that we are a single, indivisible school community. In fact, until 15 years ago, the City of Malibu did not have a high school. Malibu children would attend elementary and middle school in Malibu, but would be transported to Santa Monica High School for their high school education.

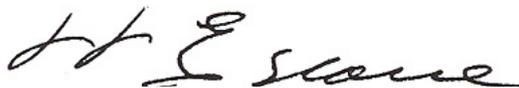
Our District is quite successful, even exceptional, in a variety of ways, and a great deal of our success depends on the political integrity of our District. Our students perform very well academically; our music and arts programs are nationally and internationally renowned; our racial, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity makes our district a microcosm of the State of California; our success in passing parcel taxes and capital bonds to support our schools is exemplary; finally, our long-standing partnerships with the Cities of Santa Monica and Malibu to make our school campuses community centers while at the same time securing additional resources for our schools are nearly unique in the State. These accomplishments have resulted in our District having very high visibility and influence within the state and nationally—a visibility and influence far out of proportion to our relatively small size.

Given these facts and our District's rich history, it is crucial that the District as a whole—along with the two Cities that comprise it—be represented as a whole in the State Senate. There are too many issues that impact the entire District to settle for anything else. Dividing the District into multiple State Senate Districts that stretch far to the north and also far to the south dilutes the educational and political integrity of the District. The School District does not break itself into electoral districts for its local Board of Education elections; all seven board seats are at-large. Similarly, our entire district votes on parcel taxes and capital bonds. Practically speaking, dividing the District into separate Senate Districts will lead to confusion among voters and to pointless balkanization that could affect our students' educational opportunities and academic success. If the District is divided, the District's voice both within its own borders and within the state's borders will be diluted and effectively lost. Splitting the District harms the residents, and especially the students, of the District.

I understand that any proposed State Senate District for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District needs to be logically compact. However, any proposed State Senate District also needs to respect the District's educational and political integrity as well as the deeply ingrained historical and community ties that bind the two Cities that comprise the District into a single whole. The current proposal does not do this. Splitting the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District into multiple State Senate Districts is untenable. Nothing in the District's history and current electoral practices suggests that it is appropriate, and the Commission should not artificially split the District for any state or federal election.

I strongly urge the Commission to chart a different map for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The entire District, including the Cities of Santa Monica and Malibu, should be included within the same State Senate District.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José J. Escarce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "José" and last name "Escarce" clearly distinguishable.

José J. Escarce, M.D., Ph.D.
President, SMMUSD Board of Education

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jessamine Campbell <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 6:50 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jessamine Campbell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: The visualizations are off track

Message Body:

Draft One had my community - the South Bay - together. These visualizations are more like a nightmare - splitting Torrance into two? WHAT???. The South Bay is Palos Verdes up to El Segundo, but if that's too big El Segundo makes sense with Northern LA communities. Lomita is much more "South Bay" than the cities to the East of it. Hawthorne and Gardena are somewhat South Bay, but again I don't know what are totals are that we must stay under. Please undo some of the craziness you've been up to since the first draft.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Nancy Fretheim <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 11:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nancy Fretheim <[REDACTED]>

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 created by Q2 divides Santa Clarita Valley into two Senate seats.

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: Haig Kartounian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 11:05 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Haig Kartounian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Glendale together

Message Body:

I am a resident of Glendale and would like to voice my opinion in support of the redistricting visualization's option #2, which you released on July 14, where you kept the city of Glendale together.

I urge you to keep Glendale together as you have done in the July 14th plan.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ann Tomkins <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 11:20 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ann Tomkins <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pomona

Message Body:

I am disappointed that in all of the maps Pomona is cut off from the rest of Los Angeles County. Many people who live in Pomona work in Los Angeles and hang out in Claremont and San Dimas and LaVerne. The Claremont school district includes property I own in Pomona. Many Pomona residents attend Claremont schools. Is this the result of your voting rights racial segregation or more the result that the representative from Claremont wants to disassociate from Pomona.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judith Kolker <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 11:33 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judith Kolker <[REDACTED]>

Subject: lines for valley village

Message Body:

Please reconsider the lines you have drawn for the congressional district of valley village. Colfax Ave is an unnatural line. The 170 freeway a few blocks east is a more natural boundary and would not divide the community of valley village.(91607)

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lorraine Spencer <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 12:52 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lorraine Spencer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please Change the Latest Congressional Map Boundary Which Divides the Community of Valley Village

Message Body:

We live in Valley Village, which is located in Los Angeles, California. We are extremely concerned that the latest map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. As residents, we take great pride in the unity we have worked very hard to establish so that we may work together on the many issues we face as a community.

Valley Village has become a unique little slice of 'Americana' such that you might find in the Midwest. We have annual parades, block parties, and school fairs. Here, neighbors actually know each other by name and support and help one another whenever needed, not your usual Los Angeles neighborhood. In fact, many residents who have moved house have chosen to stay within the Valley Village community because of the small town atmosphere here.

We also have an active neighborhood council that pays keen attention to municipal and state issues that affect us and they have rallied us all to action when needed. We feel strongly that the proposed new map will destroy the unity we have all worked so hard to build in our community and it would be impossible for two separate congressional districts to effectively represent us as a single community since the surrounding community we would be in under the new congressional district map is quite different than ours and has distinctly different needs. In light of this I urge you to please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one single congressional district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry & Lorraine Spencer

Valley Village Residents

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Micheline K. Ducharme" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 1:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Micheline K. Ducharme <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of LAX communities

Message Body:

I have lived in Westchester for 6 years, and before that in Playa del rey for 10 years. This is diverse community but yet very closely connected due to LAX. Westchester is the home of LAX, why would we be put in with cities to the South of El Segundo or North of Playa Vista? These Cities are not close to LAX or and do not share the concerns of the surrounding areas of LAX.

Please reconsider re-districting us with communities that are not closely connected with us.

Thank You

Regards,

M.K. Ducharme

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Margaret Mellody <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 2:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Margaret Mellody <[REDACTED]>

Subject: last map proposal

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for listening to our concerns and making some adjustments. Though an improvement, I am disappointed that any map would split Pasadena! Why would you hop over certain cities to include cities that are not contiguous?

Please review this specific comments:

LA Congressional Districts

I am pleased to see South Pasadena combined with San Gabriel Valley cities and not with Los Angeles. What seems odd though are the various attempts to carve off pieces of west or southwest Pasadena, while skipping all the way over cities like Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, and Glendora to grab miscellaneous pieces of real estate near La Verne, Claremont and San Dimas. These eastern cities have little to do with the Pasadena area, unlike the portions of Pasadena itself that have been curiously sequestered. The Option 3 map is the most egregious, slicing off the western portion of Pasadena all the way to Lake Avenue - which is commonly thought of as the middle of town - while adding the greatest number of unrelated eastern cities. Keep Pasadena intact and disconnect remote eastern cities.

LA Assembly Districts

An undivided South Pasadena is satisfactorily grouped with Pasadena and Altadena, but there are some anomalies. Monrovia is part of the district, yet Arcadia (which is more nearly contiguous) is not. It's also strange that while San Marino and Arcadia are not part of the district, San Dimas and Upland are. This makes no sense with respect to communities of interest. Is this distortion caused by an attempt to create explicitly race-based districts? While the Voting Rights Act is intended to prevent overt discrimination that marginalizes a particular race, its purpose is not to establish affirmative-action-style racial preferences for drafting legislative district boundaries.

LA State Senate Districts

This district logically combines Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Altadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, and Duarte. But it skips over Azusa and Glendora in order to include San Dimas and Upland. It would make more sense to include Alhambra, Temple City, and San Gabriel before attaching the unrelated eastern cities. Perhaps a swap could be made, since the two adjacent districts could simply trade these areas.

I hope you can see the value of the suggest changes

Sincerely,

Marge Mellody

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Elizabeth Bolwell <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 2:49 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Bolwell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please Change the latest map that splits up Valley Village Valley Village

Message Body:

My family has lived in Valley Village for over 75 years.

Please keep the boundary line at the 170 freeway and do NOT split my home in two!

Thanks you,

Elizabeth Bolwell

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lovina Bolwell <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 3:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lovina Bolwell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting map of Valley Village

Message Body:

Please change the boundary line back to the 170 freeway where it belongs. do not split up my neighborhood.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Dorothy Paul <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 3:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dorothy Paul <[REDACTED]>

Subject: New boundary lines for Valley Village

Message Body:

Please return the boundary lines of Valley Village back to their original place at the 170 freeway. We need to all be in the same congressional district! Why would you think of splitting a neighborhood??!?!?!?!?!?

Dorothy Paul

Registered voter and Valley Village resident for over 80 years

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Debbie Neal <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 3:35 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Debbie Neal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly Map

Message Body:

I am deeply disturbed by your latest assembly district lines which carve out Glendora, Azusa, and Duarte and insert Pasadena into the "Foothill Communities" district.

I live in Glendora and have worked in Azusa since 1983. We share a strong bond with other foothill communities such as San Dimas, La Verne and Claremont and nothing with communities to the south of us.

Citrus Community College, the 210 freeway, shopping, community events that draw us across city boundaries, and other ties have linked the Foothill Communities for decades.....since my childhood growing up in Azusa in the 1950's. PLEASE DO NOT break up our community of interest along the base of the San Gabriel mountains. Leave us together with our "sister cities" with whom we share so much in common.

Thank you for your consideration,

Debbie Neal

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: joshua levy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 3:42 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: joshua levy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: keep valley village whole

Message Body:

SUBJECT: PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA.

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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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: John Dortch <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 4:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Dortch <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate District

Message Body:

Keep the Santa Clarita Valley whole!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: jo von tiehl <vont[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 8:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: jo von tiehl <[REDACTED]>

Subject: do not redistrict Pasadena

Message Body:

I am pleased to see South Pasadena combined with San Gabriel Valley cities and not with Los Angeles. What seems odd though are the various attempts to carve off pieces of west or southwest Pasadena, while skipping all the way over cities like Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, and Glendora to grab miscellaneous pieces of real estate near La Verne, Claremont and San Dimas. These eastern cities have little to do with the Pasadena area, unlike the portions of Pasadena itself that have been curiously sequestered. The Option 3 map is the most egregious, slicing off the western portion of Pasadena all the way to Lake Avenue - which is commonly thought of as the middle of town - while adding the greatest number of unrelated eastern cities. Keep Pasadena intact and disconnect remote eastern cities.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Re: EVENT as of 7-15-11

From: Joseph Edmiston <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 9:28 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Senate EVENT as of 7-15-11

After a review of my previous submission, I want to emphasize the importance of keeping the integrated geographical elements, and community of interests, in the entire Santa Monica Mountains area. This means keeping Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, and the entire Santa Monica Mtns west of the 405 Freeway INCLUDED within the district that represents the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains, including the communities of Topanga, Calabasas, Aqoura Hills, Las Virgenes, Westlake Village, etc, in your 7-15-11 EVENT Senate District.

As I said before, it makes no sense to have Malibu, with its issues virtually identical with the rest of the Santa Monica Mtns, included in a district that also includes NO commonality of interest with communities like Marina del Rey, El Segundo, and Torrance. Simply bordering on the Pacific Ocean doesn't make a community of interest. Malibu, with its fire and PCH corridor issues is bonded with Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica and Brentwood, into an integrated SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS adjacent community of interest--not one that embraces the quite different and very urban issues of Marina del Rey, and those communities of the South Bay.

Because Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, and the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains west of the 405 must be included within the district that encompasses the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains area, in order to do this, population areas from the EVENT 7-15-11 district must be subtracted. The logical place to do so is in the NW Los Angeles County area where Senate District EVENT 7-15-11 would include Stevenson Ranch (a suburb of Santa Clarita) and a substantial portion of the city of Santa Clarita. These communities, i.e. Stevenson Ranch and a portion of the city of Santa Clarita, are themselves obviously a COI with the Santa Clarita Valley and should be included in the Senate district that covers the rest of the city of Santa Clarita. In order to equalize population the adjacent areas to Santa Clarita and the Route 123 corridor also can be included in that district.

Joseph T. Edmiston

Fellow, American Institute of Certified Planners

[REDACTED]
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

On Sat, Jul 16, 2011 at 4:01 PM, Joseph Edmiston <[REDACTED]> wrote:

The EVENT Senate district should:

INCLUDE Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, and the Santa Monica Mountains West of the 405 Fwy.

The current (7-15-11) shape of EVENT doesn't make sense in excluding the thin Malibu city sliver of the Santa Monica Mountains, nor does it make sense to cut off the heart of the mountains at the Topanga State Park boundary.

There is a strong community of interest that bonds Santa Monica and Malibu--critically important is that Santa Monica and Malibu are the same school district--as well as share the PCH commute corridor.

Critically important to Malibu are brush fire issues that Malibu shares with the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains, but doesn't share with Marina del Rey or Torrance, for example.

Pacific Palisades and Brentwood should be included in EVENT which otherwise has the bulk of the Santa Monica Mts. Topanga State Park, Temescal Canyon Conservancy Park, and Will Rogers Historic Park, all share common issues and problems with the rest of the Santa Monica Mts represented by the EVENT seat, including all the rest of the state and federal parks.

EXCLUDE the Northwest L.A. County area north of the 118 Fwy and along the I-5.

Splitting a portion of City of Santa Clarita (19,000) and Stevenson Ranch (17,000 people) doesn't make any sense at all, and I'm sure that residents of these communities don't want to be excluded from the concerns of the rest of the Santa Clarita Valley, nor would they necessarily share any community of interest with Topanga, for example.

Sincerely,

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA

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Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Subject: Redistricting of Windsor Square, Los angeles

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/17/2011 9:22 PM

To: [REDACTED]

The neighborhood of Windsor Square should be left intact when considering redistricting. We are a cohesive neighborhood and feel strongly about being considered as one when it comes to representation and the issues that are important to us.

Thank you.

Suzanne Rosenblatt Buhai

Block Captain, [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting the Antelope Valley

From: "Jill Furtado" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 9:33 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I'm contacting you as a constituent and concerned citizen. I understand the need for redrawing the lines for redistricting in the state and can sympathize with the difficulty of the task at hand. I feel compelled to share my concerns after seeing some unbelievable and, in my opinion absurd suggestions.

I wasn't concerned at first, since preliminary maps were somewhat appropriate. But after seeing a map where the Antelope Valley was split (separating Lancaster and Palmdale), and placing the bulk of our population in a Senate District with Sylmar, the City of San Fernando and Pacoima, I simply HAD to respond. This is ludicrous! How could our Antelope Valley possibly be represented!!!!!!

If you ask 100 or 500,000 people if they felt that Lancaster and Palmdale should be split, they'd all look at you like you were mad. The Antelope Valley, or High Desert community is comprised of 19 communities, the largest of which are Lancaster and Palmdale. I was born here, raised here and moved back here after living elsewhere for 18 years. Throughout my history with this community, I've always considered and communicated that I live in the Antelope Valley – Lancaster/Palmdale (always as if it was ONE entity/area.) At various times I've resided, worked, worshiped, socialized, shopped and promoted THE ENTIRE AREA AS ONE! Why? BECAUSE IT IS!!!

Please keep Lancaster and Palmdale together on your redistricting maps. Our communities all have unified interests and concerns and need representation as such. Our Antelope Valley region has so many wonderful things to create a healthy way of life. We experience enough problems with political decisions to ship all their problems to us due to our distance from the Greater LA basin. Allow us the privilege and our rights to appropriate representation. PLEASE!

Thank you for your time and consideration. And thank you in advance of making the obvious right choices.

Jill Furtado

[REDACTED]
Palmdale, CA 93551
[REDACTED]

Subject: State Event as of 7:15-11

From: "Madelyn Glickfeld" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/17/2011 7:04 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Senate EVENT as of 7-15-11

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Madelyn Glickfeld

[REDACTED]
Malibu, California

Member, American Planning Association, Cal Chapter, Los Angeles Section

Member, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Greater Wilshire Neighborhood should not be split

Date: Sun, 17 Jul 2011 12:26:43 -0400

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

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Dear California Redistricting Commission --

My name is Cynthia Chvatal-Keane. For the last 20 years, I have lived in Hancock Park, first at 533 N. McCadden Place and currently at 337 S. Las Palmas Ave (90020). I am a member of Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, President of the Hancock Park Homeowners Association est. 1948 and founding member of the Hancock Park Historic Preservation Advocacy Group.

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 boundary 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 incontrovertible fact.

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

Yours sincerely,

Cynthia Chvatal-Keane

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