

**Subject:** 53rd Assembly District

**From:** "Warren Adler" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 09:03:38 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I live at [REDACTED] in Venice, and have been a registered voter in Venice for more than 30 years.

It appears that you are considering redistricting the Assembly so that Venice will be divided among 3 districts. While Venice is ethically and economically heterogenous, it has as strong a community identity as exists in Los Angeles. The Assembly is the body where it is most important that a community should be able to have distinct representation. It is very disturbing that you should be considering plans all of which would diminish the voice of Venice in Sacramento.

Please return to the drawing board and find ways to preserve constituent representation for Venice in the Assembly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warren Adler

**From:** John Shepherd [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 08:29:32 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hi,

I have lived in the Southbay area of Los Angeles county for 20 years and have watched as the legislators gerrymandered the 36th district the last redistricting process to ensure a republican elected in 1998 did not get reelected in 2000. The district created was a travesty as it ignored any reasonable attempt to follow traditional geographical boundaries. When I voted to remove the redistricting process from the legislators to an independent panel I have high hopes that the panel would not follow the same path as the past redistricting efforts. I was wrong.

How can the panel take, or even consider taking any part Torrance out of a Beach Cities district? How can the panel consider placing Santa Monica in a Beach Cities district made up primarily of Southbay cities when it is considered the Westside? What about El Segundo and Westchester- how can you even remotely consider placing Santa Monica in the district but not these two cities.

Prove that you all are not political hacks by creating a Southbay/Beach Cities district that is geographically continuous and includes all of each city, not little ribbons of a city that connect weird shaped districts. Please do what you were elected to - to create districts that are devoid of politics. If the district remains as is then we all will now you all have secured to the wills of extreme left wing politicians. Compton, South Central LA and Santa Monica have nothing in common with the beach cities. These three areas can be grouped together.

So I ask once again please create a Beach Cities district that includes all of the "beach cities" from Westchester to San Pedro, that includes at a minimum El Segundo, Harbor City, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Marina del Rey, the entire Palos Verdes peninsula, Playa del Rey, Redondo Beach, Torrance (all of it), Westchester.

Bring us back together. Do your job and do it without gerrymandering. Thank you.

John D. Shepherd

[REDACTED]  
Torrance, CA 90505

**From:** Chris Simmons <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:00:00 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Looking at the districts created for the L.A. congressional area, it appears to be skewed towards creating more Republican districts. This is most obvious in the Simi Valley/Valencia/Palmdale /Lancaster district. This enormous swath of land covers so many different locals, and the majority of them are conservative.

Why is Simi Valley not part of the San Fernando Valley's district, instead of connecting it to Lancaster?? Why is Simi Valley not part of a Ventura county district? It's in Ventura county...

Seems a bit odd to me.

Regards,

Chris Simmons

[REDACTED]  
West Hills, CA 91304-3151

**Subject:** Beach Cities District

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 10:49:41 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a 12-year resident of the Beach Cities, having lived previously in Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and now, in Palos Verdes. The Commission has, to this point, agreed to keep the Beach Cities together for re-districting purposes, and I want to re-emphasize the importance that such agreement remain intact - as to keeping all Beach Cities together in the same district, and without carving out areas arbitrarily and tossing-in disparate and distant areas.

Any change would be troubling news, as our community deserves to be kept whole - all of the Beach Cities, including Torrance. We also recognized at an earlier conference that Santa Monica was not to be a part of the district - which was mutually agreeable between the Beach Cities community and Santa Monica.

Please ensure that Torrance remains in the Beach Cities Assembly District. Beach Cities Congressional District should start inclusive of Westchester - all the way south to San Pedro, including PV - that is, all of Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance, the Pales Verdes Peninsula, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro and Wilmington.

Thank you -

My Best,

Damon Aldrich  
Rancho Palos Verdes

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Beach Cities

**From:** Peter Glusac <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 09:10:06 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Our congressional district should include Torrance, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, Harbor City, Lomita, and San Pedro.

Peter Glusac

**Subject:** beach cities

**From:** Jan [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 10:52:20 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please keep the beach cities attached to Santa Monica.

**Subject:** Beach Cities

**From:** "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:08:34 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

We live in Palos Verdes Estates and I would like to make a strong appeal to put Torrance back into the Beach Cities Assembly District and put Beach Cities Congressional District back together.

Elizabeth Dawson

**Subject:** California Redistricting Threatens to Split Greater Wilshire Area, Los Angeles

**From:** Laurie Kaufman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 12:58:00 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to request that the commission fix the boundaries of the Greater Wilshire Area in the City of Los Angeles to maintain the integrity of the long standing boundaries of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council. Do not marginalize this community in future California elections. We do not want to be split at Plymouth Boulevard.

Please return us to the L.A. 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. 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.

Thank you,

Laurie Kaufman

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90005

**Subject:** congressional and state legislative district lines

**From:** "Gail M. Cooper" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 12:29:09 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Redistricting Commission,

Please reconsider your actions regarding the redistricting lines for the Beach Cities communities.

Fair and consistent representation of this unique area can only be achieved by grouping the coastal cities together in the same Congressional District. Moving the City of Torrance which is located in the middle of the Beach Cities Assembly District to another district with dissimilar community issues does not make sense.

Best Regards,

Gail M. Cooper  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

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**Subject:** FW: Redistricting

**From:** "Kimela Santifer-Berry" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 11:31:15 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

*Kimela Santifer-Berry*  
*Executive Assistant*  
*Polypeptide Laboratories, Inc.*

[REDACTED]  
*Torrance, CA 90503*

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**From:** Kimela Santifer-Berry [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Good Day,

My name is Kimela Santifer. My husband and I just purchased our first home in the 8<sup>th</sup> district of Los Angeles. Previously we were residents of the county, living in Windsor Hills, just a few blocks west of our current residence. We have lived in the Crenshaw community for over 20 years. It is our home, and all of the joys that come with it. We love the feeling that this is our community. We enjoy Leimert Park and the rich cultural experiences that it provides. We love seeing our businesses, and supporting them. I have a great respect and appreciation for the leaders of my community. I can pick up the phone and speak with anyone from Councilman Parks office, and whatever my concerns are, they're addressed. I have faith in my community, and I also play a role, in the future of my community. As Los Angeles has grown in numbers of immigrants, our communities have been deeply affected. We are still and always will be a very vital part of the growth and future of Los Angeles. We should not be minimized or compromised in any aspect of our representation. It is unjust and unfair to say the least. We as a people deserve every right to representation, as any other group does. I was born here and have seen the hard work of my people in the building of our community. Our children's futures depend upon this representation as well. If our immigration laws were properly enforced there would be no need for redistricting in the first place.

*Kimela Santifer-Berry*  
*Executive Assistant*  
*Polypeptide Laboratories, Inc.*

[REDACTED]  
*Torrance, CA 90503*

**Subject:** Hawthorne must be part the South Bay Congressional District

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 12:12:34 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

I request as a home owner that the city of Hawthorne be part of the South Bay/ Beach Cities District. I live in Hawthorne, but shop in Manhattan Beach, go to the movies in Redondo Beach, South Bay Galleria, have friends in El Segundo, have family in Hermosa Beach. My doctors are in Torrance and Redondo Beach. So, Hawthorne's community of interest is the South Bay/ Beach Cities. Please recognize these vital community relationships by keeping us in the same Congressional District (CD).

Thank you very much

Dinora Changa

**Subject:** HOW TO TAKE APART THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

**From:** Bruce Benson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:18:28 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

The Santa Monica Mountains make up the largest urban national park in the United States, and you are about to take it apart. This national recreation area didn't blossom spontaneously. Volunteer citizens have laboriously assembled it, helped in their commitment by contiguous geophysical features that make the mountains what amount to the best preserved example of a Mediterranean ecosystem in the world. We need representation by committed people who live in this east-west corridor who will fight to keep development pressures away. You seem bent on diminishing the resource by adding inland communities with nothing in common, opening the door to representation by a diffuse array of interests. The bulldozing crowd is going to love your work. Do you really want to create a legacy where your children will tell their friends, "Yeah, my parent took apart the Santa Monica Mountains. It used to be something special."

Obviously your work cannot please all parties. But please step back and put a little rationality into what you are doing. Thank you.

Bruce Benson  
Calabasas CA

**Subject:** Important Adjustment To Congressional Districts Including the San Gabriel Mountains

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:03:37 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

July 18, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

1130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

## **RE: Recommended Improvements for Congressional Districts That Include the San Gabriel Mountains**

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The iconic San Gabriel Mountain range is located north of the 210 Freeway and runs from I-14 on the west in Los Angeles County to I-15 in the east in San Bernardino County. Citizens for the San Gabriel Mountains has recommended as a general redistricting principle that the federal public land in the San Gabriel Mountains be placed in the same Congressional Districts as the foothill and San Gabriel River watershed communities to the south of the range, which form a community of interest. These cities have extensive geographic, economic and recreational connections to the range and share this relationship with each other. These communities are home to the most frequent visitors to the federal public lands in the San Gabriels and they have the highest stake in the management of the range.

The Redistricting Commission has admirably recognized this principle of uniting foothill residents with their federal public lands in Los Angeles County Congressional Districts in all three of its visualizations. **We urge the Commission to complete this effort by placing the remaining section of San Gabriel Mountains to the north of Rancho Cucamonga in the same San Bernardino Congressional District as Rancho Cucamonga and to reflect this change in its visualizations of the district.** This change would also significantly improve the district's design by eliminating the choke point at the I-15 in northeastern Rancho Cucamonga. Currently, to the lay viewer the District looks like two Congressional Districts linked by a small portal. Our recommendation fixes this. Please see the attached a map of our recommended improvements in the district design.

We believe that all three of the current visualizations for the San Bernardino Congressional District fall short of the mark with the most heavily populated foothill city, Rancho Cucamonga, no longer in the same Congressional District as its backyard mountain range, the San Gabriel Mountains. This would be a step backwards. Residents of Rancho Cucamonga look north into the San Gabriel Mountains every day. Like the Pasadena area to the west, Rancho has a very intimate relationship with the range. The range provides a striking scenic backdrop to the city with snow-covered Ontario and Cucamonga Peaks often featured in city promotional materials on city websites. The city's 165,000 residents are frequent forest visitors according to Forest Service visitation studies. Rancho Cucamonga has a park and trail system that leads north into the San Gabriels. The San Gabriel watershed is an important source of the city's drinking water. Like the Pasadena area, Rancho Cucamonga is located near one of the major gateways to the San Gabriels off of the 210 Freeway. Mt. Baldy Road provides access for Rancho residents and other area residents to Mt. Baldy Village, its ski area, and many famous San Gabriel Mountain trails in the Cucamonga Wilderness. Public safety issues, such as fire and debris management, are important to the city as they are to the other foothill cities in the community of interest.

We strongly recommend that the San Bernardino Congressional District, which includes Rancho Cucamonga, be expanded to the north to include the section of the San Gabriel Mountains in San Bernardino County that is located west of the I-15. Adjusting the proposed San Bernardino Congressional District can readily be accomplished by extending the district north from Rancho Cucamonga to the northern national forest boundary as has been done in Los Angeles County. The western district boundary in the San Gabriel Mountains would be the LA County line and the eastern boundary I-15. This change should be relatively easy since Baldy Village, Lytle Creek and Wrightwood are not heavily populated with roughly one-twentieth the population of Rancho Cucamonga.

It should be noted that the San Bernardino and Angeles National Forest have a strong history of cooperative management of the section of the San Gabriel Mountains that is located in San Bernardino County with a significant portion of it administered by the Angeles National Forest although it is technically located in the San Bernardino National Forest. The Baldy Village ranger station, for example, is staffed by the Angeles National Forest. The Wrightwood area has benefited from forest thinning projects administered by the Angeles. It should also be noted that the forest management issues facing the communities in the eastern San Gabriels – Wrightwood, Lytle Creek and Baldy Village – have far more in common with each other and foothill cities to the south such as Rancho Cucamonga than they do with the vast desert and Sierra public lands in Inyo and Mono Counties. For example, the fire landscape in the San Gabriels is dominated by Santa Ana winds and chaparral-driven brush fires such as the Station Fire; conditions like this do not exist in the desert and Sierras.

Again, we salute the Commission for recognizing the important link between foothill and watershed communities and their public lands in the San Gabriel Mountains. The Commission has done excellent job in Los Angeles County. We urge the Commission to finish this fine effort in the San Bernardino Congressional District in San Bernardino County above the major foothill city of Rancho Cucamonga. With this boundary adjustment the entire San Gabriel range and the citizens who have the strongest relationship with the mountains will be located in a series of well-designed Congressional Districts, which is very much to the public benefit.

Sincerely,

John Monsen,  
Citizens for the San Gabriel Mountains

[REDACTED]  
Tujunga, CA 91042  
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Attachment:

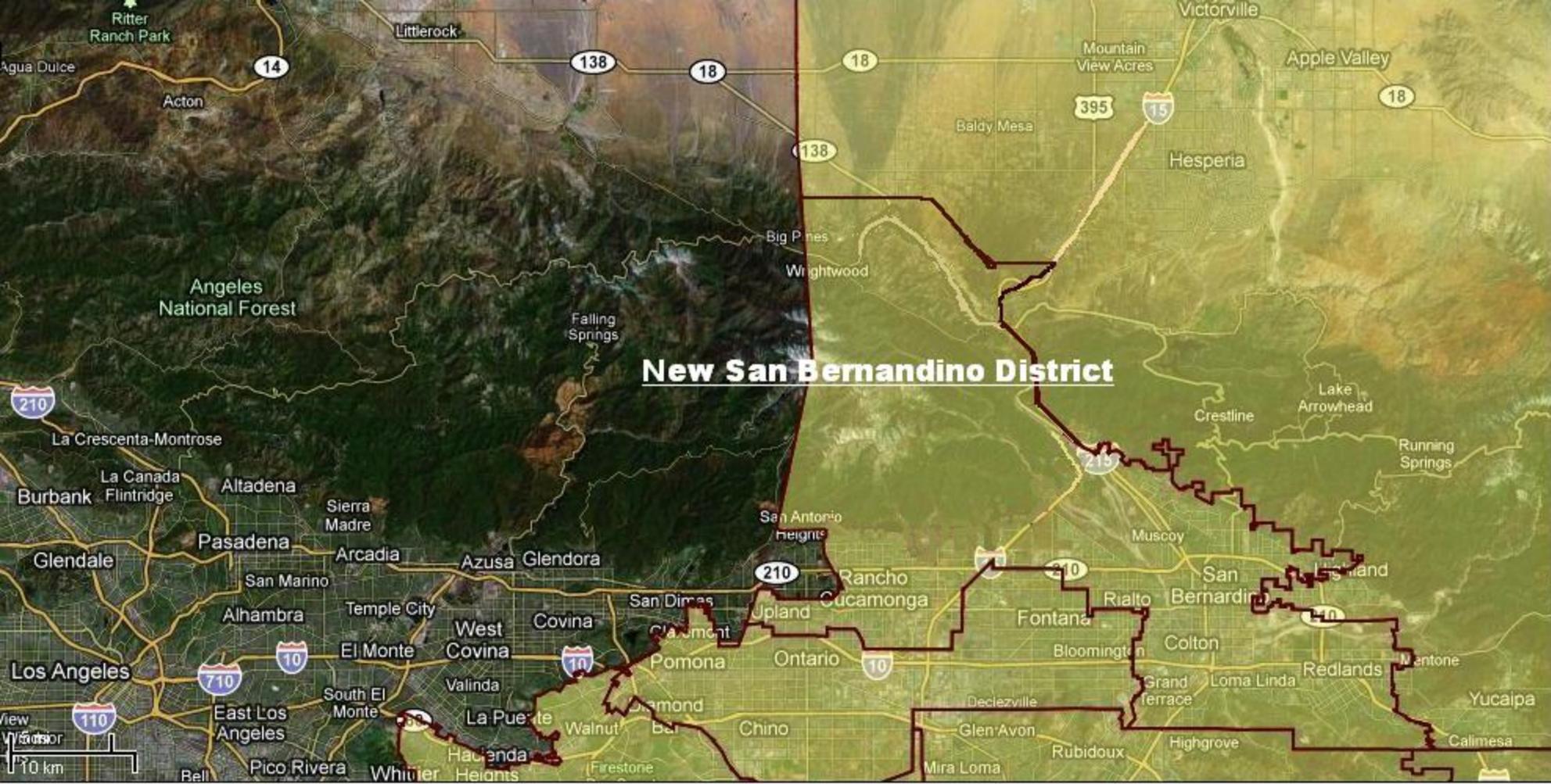
Proposed adjustment to the San Bernardino Congressional District to include the San Gabriel Mountains north of Rancho Cucamonga.

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**Subject:** Input in reaction to maps of July 13-16

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 05:46:19 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Commission,

My comments refer to the maps regarding the South Bay of Los Angeles County. This area is generally bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west and south, Western Avenue on the East and Imperial Hwy to the North. The maps known as "assembly la opt 1" and "assembly la opt 2" offer reasonable interpretation of the south bay communities. Either of these maps are a reasonable district and by all appearances reflect your objectives and goals for drawing representation of these communities.

The map known as "senate la" is an unreasonable effort to represent the south bay. It connects the cities on the far western edge of the south bay with cities of little interest together, namely the westside of Los Angeles area and Malibu. Within reason, one could argue that these beach communities have a common representation point the impact of their close association with the water, however this argument is weak relative to the strength of interaction with neighboring communities in the south bay. A senate district made up of the district to the north or east of the south bay communities would be far superior than the gerrymandered beach city connection extending from Palos Verdes Peninsula to Malibu on its western edge. I encourage you, develop a senate district combining communities with a closer proximity to the south bay.

There are two options for congressional maps known as "congress la opt 1.2" (published 7-15-11) and "congress la" (published 7-16-11). Consistent with my previous comments regarding the senate map, the gerrymandering of the congressional district in "congress la" is an unreasonable reflection on your stated objectives. The connection of the beach cities through the narrow strip of land west of Pershing Drive in Playa Del Rey, lacks a degree of compactness reflected in your results elsewhere. The beach cities to the south and those to the north in the "congress la" map have little in common, and whatever they do have in common pales in significance to the commonality that exist with their inland neighbors to their east. I strongly support the alternative known as "congress la opt 1.2" and encourage the full commission to utilize option 1.2 as the basis for preparing final maps in the coming weeks.

South Bay cities of note: Redondo Beach, Torrance, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lomita, Gardena, all 4 cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula

Westside LA County cities and neighborhood of note: Santa Monica, Marina Del Rey, Palms, Culver City, Century City, Westwood, Bel Air, Pacific Palisades

The South Bay and Westside of LA should not be combined in any district---  
Unacceptable gerrymandering.

Aaron Jackson

c: [REDACTED]  
citizen of Redondo Beach, California  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** LA County Lines

**From:** Nicholas Joy [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 11:22:00 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I've been following the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's work a little bit and I took a look at their most recent proposal for the LA area (2011-07-16 07:47PM congress la). I think this is their best proposal for the LA area so far, but a couple minor tweaks could make it even better.

Under the most recent proposal, there is a coastal district that reaches from Palos Verdes to Malibu and also takes in Beverly Hills and the La Brea area. While it makes sense to group the beach cities together, I'm not sure what they have in common with those latter areas other than being relatively wealthy. Including Beverly Hills has meant that Westwood is cut in half and that Century City is divided off from the communities that it has the strongest ties to. At the same time, the district centered around Culver City includes much of affluent West LA along with a big chunk of less affluent, more diverse South Central LA and separates Ladera Heights and View Park-Windsor Hills (which are 73.7 and 84.8 percent African-American) from Inglewood, a city that has long had significance for African-Americans. Inglewood is included with most of Torrance, which is itself severed from its own beach neighborhoods.

These issues can be remedied with a fairly simple fix. The Culver City and Inglewood districts can both be shifted northward and Torrance put in with the beach communities. La Brea, Beverly Hills, and the area east of the 405 would be added to Culver City, creating a West LA district. Ladera Heights, View Park-Windsor Hills, and as much of South Central towards USC as necessary to make the numbers work would be added to the already-proposed Inglewood/Hawthorne/South Central district to create a more cohesive district. The bulk of Torrance would be reunited with its western portion and added to the beach cities to make a Beach City/South Bay district. I believe that altering these three districts in this way would make them more compact and allow them to more strongly connect common communities of interest.

I hope these suggestions are helpful. Thanks a lot for your hard work!

Nicholas Joy

**Subject:** no gerrymandering

**From:** Jennifer Cody <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 12:34:21 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

Jennifer Cody

**Subject:** Official Comments - City of Los Angeles' Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

**From:** Anthony Crump <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 11:31:03 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Attached please find a letter and map that constitute the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's comments on the draft maps and visualizations being produced by the commission.

These comments pertain to districts (AD, SD, CD, BOE) in the City of Los Angeles.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Anthony Crump  
Treasurer and Governing Board Member  
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
[REDACTED]

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**Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Redistricting Comments.pdf**

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July 7, 2011

**Via Email and US Postal Service**

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Email: [REDACTED]

**RE: Region 4- Los Angeles Draft Legislative Districts**

Dear Commissioners,

When the Voters First Act was passed the voters of California were assured that the divisive and arbitrarily drawn legislative lines would end. The Voters First Act requires the commission to “respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of Interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.”

Unfortunately, with the first draft of legislative districts released on June 17, 2011 the commission has chosen to divide the Silver Lake neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles. This first draft splits Silver Lake into two different Assembly and Congressional districts while uniting it in one state senate district. This division is show on the following commission maps:

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These draft maps divide Silver Lake along Sunset Boulevard, our main business thoroughfare and primary gateway into and out of our community. If your current maps stand, our world famous business district, Sunset Junction, would be split in two. Businesses and residents across the street from one another will be represented by different legislators although they share the same neighborhood, business district and community. Silver Lake is a diverse, unique and creative community that is united by common values and interests. Dividing our community along the middle of our primary thoroughfare diminishes our voice as a community, dilutes the power of our voters and unnaturally divides us.

As an alternative, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council suggests that the commission use US Highway 101 on the south and/or the Los Angeles River on the north as boundaries. This alternative respects the neighborhood's boundaries, City of Los Angeles City Planning boundaries for the Silver Lake-Echo Park Community Plan and keeps us as a community, united and whole. Please see the attached map for a description of the neighborhood's boundaries.

We urge you to not divide our community, but to take this historic opportunity to fulfill both the letter and spirit of the Voters First Act and keep our community whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council  
City of Los Angeles, California

Attachment (1)



**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO REDISTRICTING WESTCHESTER TO BEACH CITIES,DISTRICT

**From:** Ellen Klein [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 12:56:16 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

We are writing from Westchester, our home for many years. Lee has lived here since childhood for over 50 years, and Ellen for over 10. Lee also runs his business in the area. A little history about yourself & number of years in community

We are writing to express our opposition to Westchester being redistricted to the Beach Cities Congressional District.

As with living in any large city, there are advantages and challenges. In dealing the advantages and challenges of our urban lifestyle, the Westchester community has built strong alliances with our LAX community of interest neighbors.

Enjoying the advantages of the economic engine that is LAX and the challenges and problems created by this facility - noise, traffic, airport expansion, safety concerns, environmental impacts, as well as employment opportunities, Westchester has worked with Inglewood, Playa del Rey, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale and other surrounding LAX community of interest communities, as well as our elected representatives, to form bonds in this multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and economically varied area that have made us a strong, extended community of interest family and through these bonds have enhanced our quality of life and our communities.

There is also a well-established connection among Loyola Marymount University and the Communities in Schools, the South Bay high schools and area junior colleges that are benefiting our childrens' educations, as well as job training programs that benefit our youth.

Westchester does not have a community of interest with Beach Cities south of El Segundo or north of Playa del Rey and does not share a community of interest relationship or concern.

Furthermore, we must also object to the commission merging LAX, the aerospace industry oil refineries, and the port facility into one Congressional district. That amount of money and power so concentrated in one district is gives great rise for concern and is unacceptable.

We respectfully request that you keep Westchester and LAX along with our other LAX communities of interest neighbors in the same congressional district. Don't break up our shared interests and our successful history of working together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ellen & Lee Klein  
[REDACTED]

Los Angeles (Westchester), CA 90045

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**Ellen Klein**



P Please consider the environment before printing this email.

please leave Greater Wilshire neighborhood intact.

**Subject:** please leave Greater Wilshire neighborhood intact.

**From:** roberta ritz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 11:05:59 -0700 (PDT)

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

I request that the commission fix our boundaries as they stand to maintain the integrity of the long standing boundaries of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood.

Council.

Roberta Ritz

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles 90019.

**Subject:** Public Comment re: July 14 Visualizations for San Gabriel Valley

**From:** Bill Wong <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 09:59:45 -0700

**To:** "CA Redist. Comm." <[REDACTED]>

On behalf of the Asian American Education Institute, I am submitting the attached letter regarding the Commission's July 14, 2011 visualizations for the Los Angeles/San Gabriel Valley area.

Thank you,

Bill Wong

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Bill Wong LLC

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Sacramento, CA 95818

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ASIAN AMERICA EDUCATION INSTITUTE

*Via electronic mail*

July 18, 2011

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

**RE: July 14, 2011 Visualization For San Gabriel Valley Congressional Districts**

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

On behalf of the Asian American Education Institute, I am writing to express strong opposition to the July 14, 2011 visualization options for Congressional District SGVP.

Each option for Congressional District SGVP would pose insurmountable barriers to the ability of residents in the West San Gabriel Valley to have fair and effective representation on important federal issues affecting their well-being and civil rights. All three visualizations would place the West San Gabriel Valley community of interest (COI) consisting of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Arcadia, San Marino and Temple City within Congressional District SGVP but would then dilute this COI's voice by adding significantly dissimilar communities residing in Claremont, La Verne, San Antonio Heights, Upland, and San Dimas.

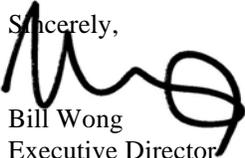
In previous written and verbal testimony, AAEI expressed support for combining the West and East San Gabriel Valley because these areas have the strong ethnic and economic similarities that make them a COI and would ensure fair and effective representation on federal issues of importance to the residents of the West and East San Gabriel Valley. The Commission's June 10 version protects the geographical integrity of a COI residing in the West and East San Gabriel Valley, including the West San Gabriel Valley cities mentioned above, and also including the East San Gabriel Valley cities and census-designated places of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar.

We are concerned that the July 14<sup>th</sup> visualizations disregard the significant amount of public testimony and support for the June 10<sup>th</sup> version of the map. The June 10<sup>th</sup> version of map is considered the best reflection of a "unity" map supported by the coalition of ethnic communities involved in redistricting and should weigh heavily in the consideration of a final map for the San Gabriel Valley.

The "unity" map provided an opportunity for the Asian American voters to elect a candidate of their choice. They also allow for a balance with the interests of Latinos that also have an important community of interest in the San Gabriel Valley. This region has eight of the ten most densely populated Asian American cities in California. The "unity" map and prior drafts from the Commission created the only Asian-majority minority congressional seat in the county. Elimination of this Asian seat would disregard the concerns of the great number of Asian Pacific Islander Americans that engaged in this public process in support of fair representation.

We urge the Commission to reconsider the strong public testimony demonstrating the need for West and East San Gabriel Valley residents to have fair and effective representation and support the June 10<sup>th</sup> version of the map for the Congressional SGVP.

Sincerely,



Bill Wong  
Executive Director



**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Brendan Dooley <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 08:36:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Brendan Dooley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional LA OPT 1.2

Message Body:

As a resident of the San Fernando Valley I would like to commend the commission on Draft 2 maps. The Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts of the San Fernando Valley are much improved from Draft #1.

I have one specific suggestion on the Congressional LA Opt 1.2. On the North side of the SFV you have excluded one Porter Ranch neighborhood? Please reinsert Porter Ranch into the Valley.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Chris Fall <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:04:40 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Chris Fall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District

Message Body:

Please do not divide the Santa Clarita Valley Senate District. We urge you to follow our community of interest testimony and keep our community whole. Please direct Q2 to present the Commission an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district that keeps SCV whole. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Edward E. (Ted) Vaill" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:43:33 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Edward E. (Ted) Vaill <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Districts

Message Body:

I have submitted two previous comments to the CRC, and I add this third comment. It is unclear where you are now, but as a Malibu resident, it is important that we remain with our "community of interest" in the three pCongressional, Senate and Assembly districts: (1) we should be placed with Los Angeles County coastal and Santa Monica Mountains districts; (2) we should be placed with Santa Monica, as the Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District should be kept intact; (3) We should not be placed with Ventura County districts; (4) in the Senate District, the greater Malibu area north of the city limits should be placed with the residents of the City of Malibu, as these residents are part of our community of interest (and greater Malibu students are included in the Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District). I am a past City of Malibu Planning Commissioner and a past Vice Chair of the Malibu Parks and Recreation Commission.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Lynn Brennan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:38:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lynn Brennan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Torrance & Palos Verdes Pen.

Message Body:

The City of Torrance cannot be cut in half for the new redistricting plan. This in no way reflects the original goals of the Commission. As a City Commissioner for the City of Torrance, I can confirm that this city is a united entity and cannot be divided in this way. Torrance in no way reflects Maxine Water's District.

Likewise, the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities must be included within the 36th District. The extreme and unruly lines in and out and around must be stopped. Torrance and the P. V. Peninsula both belong in the 36th District.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Brennan

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Luis Alvarado <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:00:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Luis Alvarado <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pico Rivera

Message Body:

Greetings,

At first, I was very glad to see the commission was proposing some maps that made sense in forming Communities of Interest. I live on Sandoval Street in the City of Pico Rivera, and I was glad to see that you had joined Pico Rivera with the City of Downey on many of your maps.

I agreed that there if there was ever a community of interest it would be those two cities. The main highway Rosemead Blv runs right through the heart of both cities. and residents of Pico Rivera and Downey use it to take advantage of what both communities have to offer.

The only other community that I feel is also linked to our city is the city of Whittier. Many of my neighbors and I have family in both cities, we have children sport leagues that play together, we go dining and shopping in both those cities. They are our border cities.

We would like to be represented by leadership that understands the needs of our community. please keep the Tri-cities together in a district. I understand there are forces that are pressuring you to disregard one mandate over another. But in the end, if the districts are not comatable, the spirit of Redistricting will die, as people will not be properly represented.

Downey, Pico Rivera and Whittier together.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Virginia Hatfield <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:09:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Virginia Hatfield <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional Redistricting

Message Body:

I only recently discovered that the commission had divided our small community into two congressional districts. The first set of maps which I saw kept us in one CD but upon revision a three by twelve block area of Valley Village in the SE corner of the San Fernando Valley had been carved away from the rest of our community. We need to be whole again. Communities of interest must be protected and I would urge you to reconsider your decision. We live in zip code 91601 and there are three zip codes for Valley Village: 91607, 91602 and 01. None of these zip codes is completely within Valley Village. We need to remain as a viable political community.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Kari Fowler <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:09:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kari Fowler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: REVISE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA

Message Body:

The latest map of the new congressional district boundaries dividfide my commuity, Valley Vilage, in teh San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles. The eastern boundary between Burbank Bl and Riverside Dr should NOT my Colfax Ave. It should be moved east to follow the 170 freeway, which is the true dividing line of the community. I have lived in this community for over 15 years, first in the 1970s and again in the 2000s, and the 170 freeway has always been the community boundary.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Michael A Otnisky <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:43:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Michael A Otnisky <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita

Message Body:

The Santa Clarita area has nothing in common with the high desert...oil and water in all areas of regulation.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Edwin C Schmidtke <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:54:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Edwin C Schmidtke <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Valley Village Neighborhood/District

Message Body:

As an active shareholder in the cohesive neighborhood represented by Neighborhood Council Valley Village, I strongly encourage you to include the area bounded by the 170 Freeway on the East and North, Colfax Avenue on the West, and Riverside Drive on the South in the same district as the rest of Valley Village instead of, as you apparently now have it, attached to the neighborhood across the 170 Freeway, known as North Hollywood, which is NOT experienced as a part of our Neighborhood, being geographically separated from us by the said 170 Freeway and having a completely dissimilar character from Valley Village. Please keep contiguous Valley Village whole! Thank you, Edwin C Schmidtke

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Mikie Maloney <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:02:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Mikie Maloney <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Boundaries for Valley Village

Message Body:

I work at an independent school in Valley Village. As Community Relations Director, I often speak with government agencies and offices. It is counterproductive to take one small piece of Valley Village and move it to a different district. The people have a stronger voice when they can speak from one community. Your boundary choice takes away the power of that one voice and you make it more difficult for constituents to have a good relationship with their representatives when they are not part of the major community.

Thank You,

Mikie Maloney  
Director of Community Relations  
Oakwood School

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Rodney Burgoyne <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:17:20 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Rodney Burgoyne <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village division

Message Body:

Correct this big error before it is too late.

The commission didn't take into account the natural boundary created by the 170 Freeway and a string of parks.

Instead the commission went with an antiquated zip code boundary that remained despite the freeway divider.

Put the sliver of 91601 Valley Village residents that are on the west side of the 170 FWY back with their 91607 neighbors.

We have nothing to do with the community on the other side of the Freeway.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Anthony Crump <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:21:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Anthony Crump <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LA CD SGMFH/ELABH Southern Boundary

Message Body:

In all of the CD options for Los Angeles, for some reason you deviate from US Highway 101 and move the boundary 1.5 blocks north into the Silver Lake Neighborhood. I'm referring to the boundary between SGMFH and ELABH.

This boundary is an arbitrary and unjustified division of a community of interest. It makes no sense as why a sliver of the Silver Lake Neighborhood should be cutoff from it's surrounding community, particularly when you are already using US Highway 101 as a boundary less than 1 mile away. Please keep all of Silver Lake, as defined by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council in one district.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Richard Whorton <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 19:19:10 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Richard Whorton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village (91601)- Redistricting

Message Body:

It makes no sense to split up the congressional district of Valley Village. Those who are in the zip code of 91601 and are officially considered Valley Villagers should have the same representation as those who are in other Valley Villlage zip codes. Please let's be fair, it effects close to 25,000 residents who are proud to live in VV...and DON'T want to be split up! Thank you in advance for your cooperation...to include the 91601's located west of the 170 Freeway to be represented in the same way as those west of Colfax Avenue (A short block from where I live).

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Ben Allanoff <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:05:17 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ben Allanoff <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Topanga, CA

Message Body:

The current draft of Senate and Assembly districts does an injustice to the citizens of the unincorporated community of Topanga, in the Santa Monica Mountains. It is essential to keep our town of 10,000 residents connected with the communities that touch its boundaries on all sides. Allow Topanga to continue to enjoy the fruits of the current and past districting plans that have been in place since 1991 and 2000 respectively, which allow our town to be completely and firmly planted in the surrounding communities. This will continue to ensure stability in shared projects and programs affecting our lifestyle, environment, livelihood, safety, and education. We do not wish to be split, or tied to communities such as Santa Clarita that we are, in fact, not connected to at all.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** JoAnn Bishop <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:08:40 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: JoAnn Bishop <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Gabriel Foothills ie Glendora, Azusa, San Dimas

Message Body:

Glendora, Azusa, andvSan Dimas - we have always been listed with the other foothill communities. We have very little in common with the more southern areas you have put us with. We feel that we should be listed with other communities that share the base of the foothills. Glendora's motto is "Glendora the pride of the foothills" We like that. We do not want to change that. That describes our location.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "R. Eventoff" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:42:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: R. Eventoff <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Complicated!!!

Message Body:

I can't figure this site out at all! I have been coming here over the last few months, hoping for updates, but it hasn't gotten any better!

I am concerned about my congressional district. I am elated with Karen Bass as my new congresswoman, and the district she currently represents is a perfect blend of not only what California is, but of America. We literally are a melting pot! When I go to her town hall meetings, people from every possible ethnic and economic area are represented. With what you're proposing(I don't know for sure because I can't figure out the darn maps, but it's what I've been told!) I believe you would eliminate a great portion of that diversity. Please don't!

And, please make this site easier to navigate. While it may be easy lingo and familiar to you - it's really hard to decipher - and I'm no dummy. 😊

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Carrie Baltin [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 21:19:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carrie Baltin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I live in Monte Nido and believe that we should leave the lines where they are now as we have similar issues as those areas that we are aligned with.

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**Subject:** re Districting

**From:** Joan Wallace <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:00:15 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Put Torrance back into the district with PV etc.

Joan Wallace

**Subject:** Re: [BodgerPark] Los Angeles' South Bay redistricting: City of Hawthorne

**From:** Patricia Lin Hachiya <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 12:26:30 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Hello -

I'm writing in regard to proposed redistricting boundaries that pertain to the City of Hawthorne. Boundary visualizations from July 9th include Hawthorne with a variety of communities to the east and north of the City. However, it is my belief that Hawthorne's identity is more closely associated with its western and southern neighbors.

As a personal example of this, I live in Hawthorne but attend church in Redondo Beach and in the fall, my oldest child will be attending school in Venice, CA. . About 99% of my grocery shopping and leisure activities take place in Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, and El Segundo.

Furthermore, the City of Hawthorne is currently a member of the South Bay City of Governments, a council of governments that coordinating land use planning activities in the South Bay to ensure efficient land use and transportation activities and funding. State and Federal monies associated with land use and transportation currently filters down through this coordinating body and it has ensured middle class homeowners such as myself safe, decent and affordable opportunities to travel and own a home.

I am a land use planner and my husband a teacher. We are decent, law-abiding citizens. The middle class is quickly dissipating in California. Please protect our rights to have decent representation that truly reflects where we work, live, and raise our children.

Sincerely, Scott and Pat Hachiya

[Reply to](#)

**Subject:** Re: Redistricting

**From:** Barbara Coe <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 11:19:56 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

As a long-time voter I am very unhappy with the maps you are drawing for the 36th Congressional District as well as the 54th Assembly District.

Please, please put Torrance back in the Beach Cities Assembly District and put Beach Cities Congressional District back together starting with Westchester and ending with the Palos Verdes Peninsula and San Pedro. The Congressional District should include Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, all of Torrance, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro and as much of Wilmington as possible.

We live, play and shop in the above areas. We have nothing in common with Venice, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills. Please consider our request.

Sincerely,

Barbara Coe  
Rancho Palos Verdesw

**Subject:** Redistricting of Palos Verdes

**From:** Richard Kern <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 13:43:37 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am appalled that my vote is being disenfranchised by the threat of being redistricted into areas that are not contiguous to my community! Please put Torrance back in the Beach Cities Assembly District and put the Beach Cities Congressional District back together starting with Westchester and ending with PV or San Pedro. The Congressional District should include Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, all of Torrance, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro and as much of Wilmington as possible.

You may not like conservatives values, but we pay taxes and deserve a vote too. Even in California.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard and Jan Kern

[REDACTED]

Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** "George Bettge" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 10:39:24 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

We have seen the projected outlines of the congressional and state legislative district lines and feel they do not fairly represent the peoples in these areas. The beach cities, Palos Verdes ,San Pedro and Torrance have much in common. People in these areas travel back and forth between these cities on a daily basis for work, shopping and recreational activities. I believe the lines of the state legislature and the US Congress for these areas should include Westchester on the north, through El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo beach, all of Torrance, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Harbor City, Lomita and San Pedro and possibly Wilmington to the south. This is a sensible solution and will keep cities with the same geographical location together. There is no reason for these areas to be with Santa Monica and points north – Venice etc. Torrance should definitely be included in the beach cities assembly district.

Hoping you will carefully consider the desires of the people in the beach cities area – and keep them together. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,

Sara Jane and George Bettge  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** sharon yarber <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 11:13:28 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing regarding how the district lines should be drawn and which cities should be included in the Beach Cities Assembly District As now drawn the district is seriously flawed and gerrymandered. Please redraw the lines to include the following:

Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, all four cities on the Pales Verdes Peninsula together with the portion in the unincorporated portion within LA county, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro and Wilmington.

Thank you,

Sharon Yarber

**Subject:** REDISTRICTING

**From:** G Vion <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 13:48:36 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Citizens' Redistricting Committee,

We hear there is a draft of the redistricting that will divide the Antelope Valley and put some of us with Sylmar, San Fernando and Pacoima. We do not have much in common with them, a very different lifestyle. Please keep the Antelope Valley together, Palmdale and Lancaster with the High Desert communities in the same Senate District. We need to keep the lines with communities of interest together.

Thank you,

Karen & George Vion

[REDACTED]  
Lake Hughes, CA 93532

**Subject:** South Bay - Beach Cities District

**From:** Gene Allen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 09:23:37 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

I have lived in the South Bay area for 50 years and think the ideal Assembly District should include Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance and Palos Verdes (all cities). San Pedro and Wilmington could also be included. This assembly district should not include Santa Monica or Venice.

Thanks.

Gene Allen

[REDACTED]

Rolling Hills Estate, Ca 90274

**Subject:** South Bay redistricting

**From:** "Carol Hunt" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 09:34:47 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

You took Torrance out of our district??? You really have no knowledge of the natural break of the cities. Torrance and Palos Verdes go hand in hand on everything.

I'm attaching a list of the Southwest Selpa. This has existed for at least 20 years (probably much longer, but that's how long I worked with it). It is the natural division of the South Bay area put together by people that really understood and lived in the South Bay. **NO ONE WILL READ WHAT YOU ARE DOING AS ANYTHING BUT GERRYMANDERING BECAUSE IT IS SO ILLOGICAL!**

I was in the process of applying for your board—had gotten quite a ways—and decided I just didn't have the time. I know you've put in a lot of work, but you really need to listen to the locals.

Thank you—  
Carol Hunt

[REDACTED]  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

**SW SELPA**

El Segundo USD

Hawthorne SD

Hermosa Beach City SD

Inglewood USD

Lawndale SD

Lennox SD

Manhattan Beach USD

Palos Verdes Peninsula USD

Redondo Beach USD

Torrance USD

**Wiseburn SD**

**Subject:** Stop gerrymandering the South Bay!

**From:** David Hadley [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 10:51:13 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am a Manhattan Beach resident. For 10 years I have lived in districts (36th Congressional, 28th CA Senate, 53rd California assembly) that were bizarrely shaped, violated common sense, and were intentionally gerrymandered. Like many of my neighbors, I have been hopeful that the new citizens redistricting commission would create a vast improvement using the results of the recent census.

However, I hear reports of your planning/working to separate Torrance from the Beach Cities and to create another decade of misshapen, gerrymandered districts. It should not be hard to do what is obvious to respect communities of interest, geographically compact lines and common sense. Please create districts that keep the Beach Cities, Torrance and the Palos Verdes peninsula together!

Thank you for your attention to this email,

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David Hadley  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** The City of Torrance

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 13:38:26 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission members-

I was shocked to see that, for some unknown reason, you have seen fit to lump Torrance in with Gardena and Inglewood. The last time I checked (which was July 4th), Torrance still has a beach! Hence, it belongs in the Beach Cities District!!! In my opinion, the district should include the beach cities from Westchester and those to the south including Torrance, which would inclusive of the following: Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

I am very hopeful that you will quickly correct this oversight and place Torrance back in with the above Beach Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hassoldt  
Torrance, CA

**Subject:** The City of Torrance

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 13:41:11 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission members-

As a business man in Torrance, I was quite surprised to see that, for some unknown reason, you have seen fit to lump Torrance in with Gardena and Inglewood. The last time I checked, Torrance still has a beach! I believe that it absolutely belongs in the Beach Cities District!!! In my opinion, the district should include the beach cities from Westchester and those to the south including Torrance, which would include the following: Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

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Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Hassoldt  
So-Cal Quality Appraisals

[REDACTED]

Torrance, CA 90503

**Subject:** The redistricting of the City of Torrance

**From:** "So-Cal Quality Appraisals" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 13:43:24 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission members-

As a business man in Torrance, I was quite surprised to see that, for some unknown reason, you have seen fit to lump Torrance in with Gardena and Inglewood. The last time I checked, Torrance still has a beach! I believe that it absolutely belongs in the Beach Cities District!!! In my opinion, the district should only include the beach cities from Westchester to the south, including Torrance, which would include the following: Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

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Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hassoldt  
So-Cal Quality Appraisals  
[REDACTED]  
Torrance, CA 90503

**Subject:** 36 th congressional district, Region 4 LA County

**From:** "David Dameron" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:33:32 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

PLEASE stop coming up with gerrymandering ideas with this district., for example skipping the LAX area but continuing up to Santa Monica. To get rid of gerrymandering was your charter! The latest I heard is that you want to remove Torrance. What is up with you people, stop messing around using some unknown political agenda and come up with a "South Bay" region for this district, which it is.  
-David Dameron

**Subject:**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:31:53 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

I am a long tern resident of Monte Nido and fall under the Santa Monica Mountain/Coastline influence.

I cannot see any benefit of the proposed change as we are coastal influenced not inland influenced.

I had to get approval to build our home from the Coastal Commission.

We need to be grouped with like areas.

Sincerely,

Carrie Baltin

Carrie Baltin

Baltin Associates

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Boundray lines/district

**From:** Katheryne Koelker <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:33:52 -0700 (PDT)

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

I'm writing about the proposed redistricting boundaries that pertain to the City of Hawthorne. Boundary visualizations from 09 July include Hawthorne (with a variety of communities to the east and north of our City). However, I believe that Hawthorne's identity is more closely associated with its western and southern neighbors. A personal example: I live in Hawthorne--but I attend church in Hermosa Beach, work in Hawthorne, shop in Torrance, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach. My relatives live in Lomita.

The City of Hawthorne is currently a member of the South Bay City of Government, (a council of governments that coordinating land-use planning activities to ensure efficient land use and transportation activities and funding). The State and Federal monies associated with land use and transportation filter down through this coordinating body, and it has ensured homeowners safe, decent and affordable opportunities to travel and own a home.

Please protect our rights to have representation that *truly* reflects its citizens.

Thank you,

Katheryne Koelker

Hawthorne CA

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** California Redistricting in the LA South Bay

**From:** Herb Roussel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:38:48 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

As an El Segundo resident, I am concerned about the latest proposed district lines. I would like to see the area between Playa del Rey and Westchester through El Segundo and the Beach Cities and down into Palos Verdes, Torrance and Lomita to be included as the nucleus of new districts in what are now the US Representative CA-36, State Senate CA-28, and State Assembly CA-53. These cities represent similar demographics and are all part of the South Bay Community. The South Bay should not be split into different districts as the residents of this area have similar concerns. South Bay citizens need to have appropriate representation in both the US House and the California State Assembly to properly support the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Herb Roussel  
El Segundo Resident

**Subject:** Emailing: Federal redistricting realignment letter doc.pdf

**From:** "Lydia Plunk" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:55:44 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

*Greetings! Please add comments to the public record. Formatted as requested.  
Do not hesitate to contact if you have any problems opening or need further information.*

*Thank you,*

*Lydia Plunk*

[REDACTED]

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

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July 18, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Comment on Congressional Realignment of 42<sup>nd</sup> District

*This letter outlines the reasoning for this citizen's strong objection to the proposed realignment of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District:*

*1. Traffic- Diamond Bar is a major hub currently served by one district. It should remain so, as what progress has been achieved is a function directly related to the lack of a county-line overlay.*

*2. Daily interaction-In education, employment and cultural matters- The 57 Freeway serves as human corridor. The current district has logical ties to Orange County and with Chino Hills (in San Bernardino County) in a way, that with the exception of contiguous communities, the 60 FWY westbound does not. The City of Industry is a notable exception, both by our shared border and as prior to the first shovel turned on the first subdivision circa 1960, the historical record of Diamond Bar is the City of Industry is the intended employment base for Diamond Bar residents.*

*3. Protection of the public treasury and local control- The new district lines obliterate the common good provided by an existing knowledge base. At times, those with special interests have set upon our district. When at odds with elected officials with legal responsibilities for land use, our protection has been by oversight of a Congressional, Assembly and State Senate Districts armed with intimate and historic knowledge of traffic, wildlife and other areas of concern,*

*4. Discrimination- Forward or reverse- discrimination is wrong. Further, it is my understanding that that Federal Law prohibits the drawing of political districts primarily based on race.*

*The District's proposed orientation on the map has turned from vertical to horizontal. It can be argued that the proposed new boundaries are an attempt to engineer a Congressional District with a well-functioning diverse population into one based upon the desire to produce a distinctly Asian district. This, despite the fact based upon population and business trends over the past 2 decades, the record is one of acceptance of racial and ethnic differences.*

*For these reasons, I ask this objection to the suggested district re-formation be registered in the public record.*

*Thank you for your consideration,*

*Lydia Plunk*

**Subject:** EVENT and LAPVB Proposed districts

**From:** Marilyn Browning <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:06:54 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

It is critically important that the lines of the proposed Senate District **EVENT** be re-drawn. The Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities should be together in an east/west District that does not include the north inland communities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, or Santa Clarita!

Marilyn and Roger Browning

**Subject:** I vote and I am concerned!

**From:** Patty Carranza [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:16:14 +0000

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

I live in a small community called Wiseburn. It is an unincorporated section of Los Angeles County nestled between Hawthorne and El Segundo. My child attends Beach Babies preschool which is also in Wiseburn. We are part of the Beach Cities and wish to remain so. I want my neighborhood to remain in the South Bay Community. I am feeling very threatened with the idea of being relocated to district currently proposed. Hawthorne and the surrounding unincorporated County communities of Wiseburn and Del-Aire have strong ties to the South Bay Beach Cities, and I ask you to recognize these vital community relationships by keeping us in the same Congressional District.

**Subject:** John Edelston, Councilmember Agoura Hills

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 19:29:20 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

Redistricting Commission:

I have reviewed the suggested changes to the redistricting that will impact the City of Agoura Hills. Almost 1M people reside in the State Senate District. Extending our "community of interest" to Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, the 101 corridor communities in the SF Valley as well as Thousand Oaks and Oak Park in Ventura County makes far more sense than adding us to Santa Clarita Valley or Simi Valleys. Please consider that Agoura Hills is a part of a 5-City COG that has worked together for over 20 years and has worked with the group in establishing a prioritized plan for Measure R transportation fund expenditures. Changing the "map" now to align other "interests" will be counter productive.

John Edelston

[John Edelston, Councilmember](#)



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**Subject:** KEEP Hawthorne/Wiseburn/Del-Aire within South Bay Congressional District

**From:** Antonio Carranza <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:24:14 +0000

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

Hello

I purchased my home in Wiseburn which is in the unincorporated county section of Hawthorne less than 3 years ago because I spend most of my time within the South Bay area. I recently heard that there is talk about removing us from this district and I find this very uncomfortable. My first daughter goes to school in Wiseburn and my second daughter will too in the near future. I do all my shopping and take care of all of my business needs in the South Bay area (Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, etc...). I hope that you consider all the families that have the same ties to their beach communities and keep these communities part of the same Congressional District as they are in now. Removing us from our current congressional district could and I believe will jeopardize the vital ties these close communities have built together.

Thanks

**Subject:** no redistricting!!!!!!!!!!

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:39:27 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern;

I do not want my district cut in half!!!!!!

Susan H. Imai

[REDACTED]

Torrance CA 90504  
registered Democrat

**Subject:** proposed EVENT state senate district

**From:** Sjkuehl <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:12:53 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed district incorporating the west valley along the 101 and communities in the north valley would actually tear apart a Santa Monica Mountains community that has worked together to protect the Santa Monica Mountains and the watersheds of the coast for decades.

While we have a great deal in common with each other, we have nothing at all in common with Simi Valley, Stevenson Ranch, or Thousand Oaks, who have no concern for the Santa Monica Mountains, or for the Coast.

It is extremely important to tie Santa Monica, Malibu, Palisades, Brentwood, Westlake Village, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Woodland Hills, Encino, Tarzana and Topanga together.

If nothing else, you could nest the two assembly districts proposed for Santa Monica-Malibu and Woodland Hills-Calabasas in one state senate district. That would protect the mountains and the community we have built throughout the decades we have shared and cared for these mountains and their relationship to this part of the coast.

I would be most grateful if you would please pay attention to this concern. Most respectfully,

Sheila Kuehl

Former State Senator for what is now the 23rd state senate district.

**Subject:** Proposed Senate District

**From:** "Siska, Marge" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:43:44 -0700

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

Gentlemen:

Please do not include our Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities with the north inland communities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, or Santa Clarita in Ventura County.

These communities were very gung-ho on the Ahmanson Ranch project. This project would have provided all of the tax revenue to Ventura county and all of the traffic congestion and pollution to our communities to the south. That project alone shows there is a conflict of interest between the 2 communities. They have a pro-growth attitude which conflicts greatly with the pro open space attitude here and we will lose our voice.

Sincerely,

Margaret Siska  
Calabasas resident

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Kenneth Donckels <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 21:38:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kenneth Donckels <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

Again...your dividing up the valley into one large white section and 2 or 3 latin and mixed sections. That's the only reason for the shape of these districts

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Mario Fonda-Bonardi <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 21:38:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mario Fonda-Bonardi <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Monica Congress Dist WLADT

Message Body:

This Santa Monica district has a strange tongue all the way to Larchmont Blvd?!? A more compact district could be created by having the Culver City district absorb that tongue and in turn the Santa Monica District would expand to the San Diego Freeway and to Santa Monica Blvd (east of the 405 Fwy). Thus the boundaries would be at more significant "natural" and understandable physical boundaries.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Robert J. Switzer" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:04:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Robert J. Switzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Maps lack district numbers and more

Message Body:

I have found using the maps somewhat frustrating because they lack district numbers. In addition, they lack any sort of guide that would show where incumbents might ultimately run. That is to say, I cannot tell if my home will be in a district represented by my current member of Congress, or if I will be voting for different candidates entirely, especially since my address happens to be immediately inside the borderline of a proposed district. If at all possible, I strongly urge the Commission to add this information to the Congressional as well as the Assembly and State Senate maps. Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Steven Hova Gimian <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:22:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Steven Hova Gimian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Glendale

Message Body:

As a member of the Armenian community of Glendale, 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".

Dear friends, 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.

We have numerous Federal issues of interest to our community, such as the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, support for Armenia and Artsakh (Karabagh), and other important matters. Having this hub of the Armenian community together is extremely important.

Thankfully,  
Steven Hova Gimian

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Pat Maginnis <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:29:37 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Pat Maginnis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Malibu

Message Body:

First of all your website is horrible. It was designed by geeks who have no common sense. Very hard to use and extremely slow. You have plenty of money; use it wisely and serve us well. You have not to date.

You are breaking the Brown Act by holding too many secret meetings.

We in Malibu have nothing in common with Oxnard, We should be in a district that includes Westlake and Santa Monica. I think so far we made a terrible mistake giving inexperienced neophytes too much power and the worst part is that you are apparently abusing it so far. I await your response.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Germaine Cook <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:39:46 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Germaine Cook <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting the Santa Monica Mountains

Message Body:

Please don't split the Santa Monica Mountains into 2 separate districts. The battles to keep them in tact has been hard and long. This currently looks like an attempt to divide and conquer that the developers have been dreaming of for years! No deelopment is wanted or needed by residents in this area.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Reginald E. Fear" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:01:34 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Reginald E. Fear <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District

Message Body:

On July 8th, the Commission reviewed a visualization of an Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita Valley/Northeast San Fernando Valley Senate District.

This visualization does not reflect community of interest testimony.

This visualization does not reflect the direction the Commission gave to the line drawers.

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

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Matthew Hicks [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:05:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Matthew Hicks <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proper boundaries for Santa Clarita in Senate

Message Body:

The City of Santa Clarita has four distinct communities - Valencia, Newhall, Saugus and Canyon Country.

So if you are going to divide the city in Senate districts, place Newhall and Valencia in the EVENT and Saugus/Canyon County in LAAVV.

To do this keep you present boundary on Railroad Avenue and continue north onto Bouquet Canyon Road. Make a left onto Seco Canyon Road and proceed to the BLM land just to the north of the city.

Then head west and loop back to Highway 126.

This adjustment protects local communities of interest and easily falls within the deviation.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Bill Kennedy <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:30:06 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Bill Kennedy <[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:** Cathy Kennedy <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:31:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Cathy Kennedy <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

Message Body:

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Dave Dameron <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:32:25 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Dave Dameron <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th congressional district

Message Body:

I hear you are continuing with gerrymandering this district, such having it winding around to include Santa Monica, but leaving out Torrance.

I thought removing gerrymandered district boundaries was your charter!!

Please do this and not insert unknown political agendas into your work.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** kerri Burk <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:39:26 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: kerri Burk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District

Message Body:

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Malcolm McClain <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 00:29:43 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Malcolm McClain <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate District EVENT

Message Body:

URGENT; Our coastal communities of the Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal area should not be amalgamated into a Senate District with northern INLAND communities. The COASTAL communities protect the precious Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area.

We have nothing in common with the northern INLAND communities. Please, please listen to the voices of the people of the Coastal districts.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Evan Chase <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 00:31:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Evan Chase <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Maps

Message Body:

Once again the map for Congressional District 36 as of 7/16 is completely unrecognizable and contrary to what this commission was created to do.

Does someone there really think Bel Air and Agoura Hills really have something in common with Redondo Beach? They have absolutely nothing in common. I for one live in the South Bay and have never visited Agoura Hills in my life.

I'm really beginning to question the integrity of the commission. What happened to the map prior to 7/16? While this was not perfect, at least we are all neighbors and part of the same community.

Please reconsider trashing the most recent map. It would be an absolute shame if the commission approves.

Thank you,

A very concerned South Bay resident.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** nancy freedman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 01:00:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: nancy freedman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split our community

Message Body:

We have a working relationship with the local VA which is very successful. We have spent years building a community within our 90049 area. Please keep us intact so that we can work as a unit and won't splinter in to factions. LA is too sprawling a place to tear apart neighborhoods.

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**Subject:** Put Torrance back into the Beach Cities Territory

**From:** Elena Farina <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:57:06 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please put Torrance back into the Beach Cities Area for voting.

Thank you,

Elena Farina

**Subject:** Re Relationship of Malibu to Redondo Beach

**From:** "Madelyn Glickfeld" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:56:03 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Commissioner Parvenue from Culver City said the bicycle path goes from Redondo Beach to Malibu, hence it is a community of interest. The bike path furthest west point ends in the Pacific Palisades at Temescal Canyon. There is no bike path in Malibu. Bike riders must ride PCH with cars and trucks. The only way to get from Malibu to Redondo Beach is to take PCH to Interstate 10 to Interstate 405. There is no bus service unless through Santa Monica. Since driving a personal automobile is the only way to get from Malibu to Redondo Beach, it is much longer driving distance than the Conejo Valley, West San Fernando Valley, The Santa Monica Mountains, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica and Brentwood. All of those areas are closer to Malibu which is why these areas have a community of interest with Malibu.

Regards,

Madelyn Glickfeld

[REDACTED]  
Malibu, Ca 90265

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**From:** Madelyn Glickfeld [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 17, 2011 7:05 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** State Event as of 7:15-11

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, Agoura 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 and in Simi Valley/Moorpark, north of the Simi Hills. The northern extent of Senate District EVENT 7-15-11 included 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.

Madelyn Glickfeld



Malibu, California

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

Member, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Subject:** Re: 36th District

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 19:24:32 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

To: Redistricting Committee

From: Jerry Marcil

Re: 36<sup>th</sup> District

What is going on?

The 36<sup>th</sup> District MUST include Torrance. Please put your politics aside and get this right.

Torrance is a Beach City as is Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, etc. You can't just pull it out and say that it's issues are the same as Inglewood and South Central L.A. and put Torrance in a new district. Torrance has as much in common with South Central L.A. as Beverly Hills has with South Central Los Angeles.

What was wrong with the old 36<sup>th</sup> District - - before it got gerrymandered by the 2 political parties so that the incumbents (Rohrabacher and Harman) were protected. We can all see how professional politicians have run this country. If we want to make a change - - how can that be done if there is gerrymandering?

Go back to the old district - - that will satisfy the most people and be the pairings of cities/communities that should be together.

BTW - - I consider the South Bay a community: (Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Palos Verdes, Gardena, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, San Pedro, Wilmington). That is a geographically consistent district (bordered by 105 FWY on North and 110 FWY on the east). THE SOUTHBAY.

Everything else you have proposed for the 36<sup>th</sup> is just political gerrymandering..... AGAIN!

Gerald Marcil

**Subject:** Redistricting Commission -Boundaries do not work

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:30:22 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear People,

Why would anyone think our interests in the Malibu Coastal area would have the same issues as Santa Clarita?

Redistricting Commission in respect to the new boundaries they have drawn for our Senate District that definitely DO NOT WORK!

Please correct this redistricting to logically better all communities involved.

We will all be watching.

Thank you,

Deborah Zak

Malibu Resident

**Subject:** Redistricting Commission

**From:** Jennie Olson Cole <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:09:19 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

Instead of keeping the 36th District in the South Bay area, the California Redistricting Commission is back to fixing the district lines to favor politicians and special interest group and not the voters. This is insanity. It makes no sense. And it puts the districts back in the hands of career politicians. Frankly, this will be one of the worst gerrymandered districts in the state! The South Bay is the South Bay and should be in the same district. The South Bay is a community, the South Bay Community!!!! You can't have Torrance, Lomita and Harbor City taken away and be a part of the Inglewood/Lennox Community. We are beach people who take care of our community. Inglewood/Lennox communities have nothing in common with us. You politicians are out of control. You don't even think about the people in your community and what is good for them. I hope they take you to court about the redistricting because that is not what I voted for. This is ridiculous!!!!

Sincerely,

Jennie M. Cole

**Subject:** Redistricting in Redondo Beach and the South Bay

**From:** Jane Affonso <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:01:41 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I have reviewed the map of the 36th Congressional District and I am disturbed that the South Bay beach cities have been chopped up for no apparent reason, esp. Redondo Beach. I believe it is important that El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach be in the same district. These cities are very connected, feel like a community and are serviced by several local newspapers. Three of them are involved in Vitality City which is a program to build community for wellness and health.

I can't understand why a portion of north eastern Redondo Beach was chopped out of the district. Please be sure it is added back to the new district that includes Redondo . I want my neighbors included in my district. Coastal matters are important to them too!

Thank you,

Jane Affonso

[REDACTED]

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting Opposition Letter 7-18-11

**From:** "Werner, Margie" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:19:59 -0700

**To:** COUNCIL2 <[REDACTED]>"; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** "Barthe-Jones, Eleanor" <[REDACTED]>

Redistricting opposition letter sent via U.S. and Electronic Mail on Monday, July 18, 2011.

Sincerely,

Margie Werner  
Staff Assistant  
Mayor and City Council Office  
City of Torrance

[REDACTED]

**Redistricting Opposition Letter 7-18-11.pdf**



FRANK SCOTTO  
MAYOR

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CITY OF  
TORRANCE

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July 18, 2011

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

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On June 27, 2011, the City of Torrance sent you a letter expressing strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance in the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional district. As noted in the previous letter, parts of the city of Torrance have a Redondo Beach zip code of 90277. Although they have a Redondo Beach zip code, these areas are a part of the Torrance community and as such, receive vital services from the City of Torrance.

As Mayor of the City of Torrance, I urge you once again to re-evaluate the proposed redistricting map that splits the city of Torrance. It is imperative for the City and for the Congressional district that the City of Torrance remains contiguous and cohesive. Through the years, the City as a whole has been served well by a single Congressional (36<sup>th</sup>) and Senate district. With the entire City served by a single district, our entire community members have benefitted from consistent messages about issues affecting our entire city. The harmony, stability and quality of life our residents currently experience are vital to the continued success of the City of Torrance, thereby, the South Bay region given Torrance's significance in the area. Splitting Torrance as part of the redistricting efforts could put our community at odds with one another on certain issues. Consequently, I respectfully urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to seriously consider this input; redistricting changes would adversely impact our community.

While we do understand the needs for and the challenges you face with redistricting efforts, we urge you to consider our concerns and proceed cautiously in your efforts for reasons stated. The City of Torrance would be served best by one voice. The Assembly redistricting map is an example of keeping the city cohesive. I would like to recommend that the Assembly redistricting map be used in the redistricting of the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and Senate district.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto  
Mayor

/maw

cc: City Council Members  
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "Peggy Light" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:44:21 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]>

To Senator Pavley – THANK you so much for forwarding the link to your constituents – incredibly useful, appropriate and timely!

**To the Task Force:**

First off, I want to thank you for taking on this monumental task.

I live in the Los Angeles Area and more specifically in Pacific Palisades, so I confined my review to that part of your maps.

I DO think it is a good idea to split off the entire coastal area into the 3 separate districts you have shown (north, airport area and south) rather than having the entire “beach” landscape from Malibu to Palos Verdes in the SAME district.

Other than that, I appreciate the job you have been doing, thank you for getting it done, and keep up the good work.

PS – the interactive map was really cool and made it easy to see what you are working on.

Peggy Light  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Linnea Mielcarek <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:52:54 -0500 (CDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I've just looked at the updated visualizations and cannot emphasize strongly enough how wrong it would be to adopt the map maked "2011-07-15 10:30 AM senate la". I live in Topanga and feel that by cutting up the Santa Monica Mountains area, you would greatly damage the ability of that area to protect the totality of it's natural habitat. The political and social culture of Topanga and Malibu also falls more directly in-line with Santa Monica and the west-side of Los Angeles. Any other proposed map would be better than this one.

Thank you.

Linnea Mielcarek

[REDACTED]  
Topanga CA 90290

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:28:18 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Proposed Redistricting

The purpose of this correspondence is to express our interest in obtaining the rationale forming the basis for the current redistricting plan as set forth by the redistricting commission. We have been closely following the iterations of the proposed redistricting and simply do not understand the patch work redistricting plan as currently projected. It appears to us that cities in proximity and of common interests would be best served in forming its district. Should this logic be flawed, please explain the logic upon which the current redistricting proposal is based.

More specifically, collegic cities that routinely coordinate traffic flow, fire, police, emergency services that have common interests logically form a district. As such Torrance is logically combined with adjacent beach cities and collectively include Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Palos Verdes, Lomita and San Pedro in forming a logical district. We are a bit surprised and question the logic for including north Los Angeles cities stretching to Malibu.

We look forward to our next opportunity to discuss this ongoing issue of concern.

Art And Jill Connor

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Paul Culberg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:18:44 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear sirs,

**The new proposed Senate District EVENT does not work! We do not belong with Santa Clarita. The Santa Monica Mountains is and should be a contiguous district.**

Paul Culberg

[REDACTED]

Cornell, Ca 91301

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:37:03 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Please do not separate the 90049 district from the VA district. This district has long supported and given a great deal to the VA in WLA. We think it best not to isolate it from its western close neighbors for several reasons.**

**Thank you.**

**Ardis Forgy**

**Edward Forgy**

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 21:03:11 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

hi

Torrance should be in 36th

South bay is south of westchester.

Don't GERRY MANDER!

Truly,  
David Schechter, MD

**Subject:** Senate District for Santa Monica Mountains

**From:** "Judy Jordan" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:01:38 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members,

The proposed senate district for the Santa Monica Mountains cuts the mountains in half at the ridgeline, and adds communities with not common interests.

Please consider using the 1990 boundaries.

Judy Jordan

**Subject:** Senate District not working for this Topangan!

**From:** Cynthia Scott [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 16:29:02 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Thx for all your hard work, you still do not get us in the SMMtns/Coastal communities. I see from the most recent visualization an E. Ventura Senate District has been drawn up. In addition to Sta Clarita, the latest iteration has added Ventura County's Simi Valley and Moorpark. Really?

In a nutshell, you are reading the area north to south, not east to west where the critical relationships of transportation, education, environment, emergency preparedness, land use are well established and pivotal to the survival of our region. Pls take a moment again to reconsider the proposed lines.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Scott  
Topanga, CA

**Subject:** South Bay Assembly District 46

**From:** Barry Cossette <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:48:05 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I believe this tentative district is drawn even worse than the present one (Dana Rohrabacker's). You should put Torrance in it. Take out Venice and Santa Monica. They are not part of the South Bay and have nothing in common with us, except being near to salt water. Torrance, Lawndale and Hawthorne are integral parts of the South Bay region and definitely should be part of the same district.

Barry Cossette  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** South Bay Cities

**From:** valerie Mucha <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:21:19 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Commissioners:

First, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this redistricting process. My name is Valerie Mucha, I live in Rancho Palos Verdes.

When the the first draft of maps were issued on June 2, 2011, lines for the Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly district were satisfactory if not excellent. However, when the maps were officially unveiled on June 10, several significant changes involving the Congressional and State Assembly lines on the maps were noted. First, the Congressional District. The cities of Hawthorne, Lennox, Wilmington and a portion of San Pedro were removed. These cities were replaced with Venice, Santa Monica, Harbor City and a portion of the harbor Gateway. We, the beach cities have nothing in common with Venice, Santa Monica, or the surrounding areas of Malibu, Beverly Hills or Bel Air. We have a different lifestyle, the difference is like night and day.

On the other hand, many of those who reside in the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne work for small businesses in the Southbay or work the aerospace industry. Further, many of us residing in this area have friends and relatives residing in these cities. In fact, the city of Lawndale posts on their website that they are "The Heart of the Southbay."

While the cities of Santa Monica and Venice have a combined population of approximately 129,000, Hawthorne and Lawndale have a combined population of approximately 118,000. To accommodate the difference, I suggest the Commission consider adding the section of hHarbor Gateway south of the 405 Freeway and north of Sepulveda Blvd. with the section of Harbor Gateway already included in the district. This adds approximately 6,000 people, thus making up most of the loss from the desired swap. As for the remainder, I urge that the commission consider adding all of San Pedro, Lennox, and part of Gardena west of western Avenue. This yields a population of approximately 704,000, the required number of people for a Congressional District using 2010 census data.

Regarding the Assembly District, I ask the Commission to eliminate the cities of Westchester and Marina Del Rey and add lawndale and the section of Del Aire which is located South of El Segundo Blvd. This is paractically a one-for-one exchange in population. This would comply with the requirement that an Assembly District have a population of approximately 465,000 as listed in the 2010 census data.

Again, I want to thank the Commission for this opportunity to participate in this process and your conscientious work on our behalf.

Valerie Mucha, Rancho Palos Verdes

**Subject:** Southbay Congressional and Assembly Districts

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:22:04 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Redistricting Commission:

I commenced participating in the redistricting process for the Southbay districts when I gave testimony at the Long Beach, CA hearing held April 27, 2011. At that time, others and I requested the Southbay congressional district (CD) span from Wilmington to Westchester including Play Vista and Play Del Rey. I subsequently supplied the Commission an Excel Worksheet that identified the cities we proposed during our testimony with population estimates.

Subsequent to the April 27, 2010 hearing, the Commission published a conceptual Southbay CD on June 1, 2012 that was almost a carbon copy of what we had proposed. We of the Southbay were very pleased until the Commission released its June 10, 2011 "preliminary" draft version of the Southbay CD. This version eliminated Wilmington, a city currently in the 26<sup>th</sup> district, but included Venice and Santa Monica. The elimination of Wilmington from the Southbay district I believe was a direct placation to the 35<sup>th</sup> CD in accordance with testimony given during the April 27, 2011 hearing.

The Commission requested feedback regarding the Preliminary draft districts released June 10, 2011. Accordingly, others and I obliged by presenting testimony to the Commission at the Culver City Hearing conducted the evening of June 16, 2011. During that hearing, each of us who testified for the Southbay, clearly stated that our Southbay cities have absolutely no "common interest" with the cities of Venice and Santa Monica. We stated we do not work, recreate or shop in any of these communities. We requested that the cities of Venice and Santa Monica be swapped out and the cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale and Lennox be added because these cities are very much communities of interest in our Southbay community and they have the same aggregate population. I subsequently provided more specifics to the Commission via the website following the hearing, further clarifying our positions. I also presented an update to my EXCEL worksheet identifying the cities of common interest that should be included in our Southbay CD and AD.

In mid July, the Commission elected to not release a second draft of maps based on input from we the people as planned. Instead, the Commission elected to work behind close doors on “visualization” maps that are not easily accessible to the public. It is my understanding that the “visualization” map for the Southbay CD has currently morphed into a “Pacific coastline” CD that spans from San Pedro to Malibu. I respectfully submit that this gerrymandered district is in direct violation of the criteria the commission has been directed to implement by law. Other than the coastline, the Southbay cities have absolutely nothing in common with the cities of Venice, Santa Monica and Malibu. In fact, I am of the understanding that the people of these cities declare the same about the Southbay cities. They have no common interest in our Southbay cities. The Commission is obviously not listening to the public.

In short, although I am very pleased the Peninsula cities are now in the same districts as the Southbay cities to our north, I am very disappointed about the fact that the Commission has gerrymandered a nonrelevant CD for the Southbay so as to placate the wishes of the districts to our immediate east. **This is not fair and is in violation of your oath to implement districts in accordance with the guidelines posted on your website.** It is apparent to me that the Commission is not listening to the input provided by the people of the Southbay and that the Commission is very much interested in placating all wishes of the people to the east of our communities. **That is just not fair!**

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the commission comply with the criteria they have been given to establish lines for the Southbay districts, heed the testimony provided by the Southbay populace and return the Southbay districts to those that are in line with the interest of our community. To assist you, I have again attached my EXCEL worksheet that contains my original proposed CD that I placed on the Commission's website May 22, 2011 and an enhanced proposed Southbay CD that differs primarily from the May 22, 2011 proposed CD because the Commission has taken Wilmington out of the current 26<sup>th</sup> district and assigned it to the 35<sup>th</sup> CD. Considering circumstances, I fully expect this swap out is now non negotiable. Additionally, the attached EXCEL worksheet also outlines the Assembly District (AD) we propose for our community.

The below describes the Southbay districts by cities that comprise our community of interest. The populations associated with the cities comprising

these districts are presented in the ESCEL spreadsheet attached for your use. I have used 2010 census data to the extent I could locate it.

**Southbay Congressional District: Spans from San Pedro to Jefferson Blvd, i.e. Westchester/Playa Vista and Playa Del Rey with a population of approximately 708,000.**

Includes the following cities: Playa Del Rey, Westchester/Playa Vista, Lennox, El Segundo, Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd (approximately 50% of population), Hawthorne, Lawndale, Gardena south of Roscrans (approximately 65% of Gardena population), Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Harbor Gateway south of the 405 (approximately 30 % of Harbor Gateway population), Harbor City, San Pedro, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes and Catalina.

**Southbay Assembly District: Spans from San Pedro to El Segundo with a population of approximately 466,000.**

Includes the following cities: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach Redondo Beach, Torrance, Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd (approximately 50% of population), Lawndale, Lomita, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Catalina and San Pedro.

In summary, I greatly appreciate the fact that the Commission has included the peninsula cities into a CD with the beach cities of the north. I respectfully request that the Commission finalize the Southbay districts as described above. In doing such, please recognize that the Commission has testimony from the cities of Westchester, Hawthorne, Lawndale and Torrance specifically requesting that their cities be included in the Southbay CD as they certainly are very much a part of our community of interest, as is south Gardena.

I thank the Commission in advance for correcting this very important matter for we the people of the Soutbay community. Thank your for listening to our desires, giving us "fair representation" and permitting us the opportunity to be involved in drawing the lines for our districts.

Yours truly,

Eugene Starr

CDWorksheet 07-17-11.xls

**Worksheet for Proposed Southbay Congressional and Assembly Districts that  
Include Palos Verdes Peninsula Cities**

**Final Proposed Districts July 18, 2011**

<b>Current 36th Congressional District</b>	<b>2010 Census Populations</b>	<b>Initially Proposed Southbay Congressional District Including PVP 04/27/2011 Placed on Website</b>	<b>Final Proposed Southbay Assembly District 07/18/2011</b>	<b>Final Proposed Southbay Congressional District (Eliminates Wilmington) 07/18/2011</b>	<b>Notes</b>
El Segundo	16,182	16,182	16,182	16,182	City Total Population
Hermosa Beach	18,566	18,566	18,566	18,566	"
Lomita	20,118	20,118	20,118	20,118	"
Playa Del Rey	9,755	9,755		9,755	"
Westchester/Playa Vista	41,500	41,500		41,500	"
Wilmington	53,308	53,308			"
Manhattan Beach	36,665	36,665	36,665	36,665	"
Redondo Beach	67,346	67,346	67,346	67,346	"
Torrance	142,350	142,350	142,350	142,350	"
Del Aire	2758	10,001	5,000	5,000	50% of Del Aire Population
Lennox	23,412	23,412		23,412	City Total Population
Marina Del Rey	8,340	8,340			
<b>35th Congressional District</b>					
Hawthorne	85,438	85,438		85,438	City Total Population
Lawndale	32,016	32,016	32,016	32,016	City Total Population
Gardena	59,733	23,893		38,826	Gardena: West Gardena 4/27/11 Proposal: 40%. Gardena: South of Roscrans 7/18/11 Proposal: 65%
Harbor Gateway	61,048	0		18,314	Harbor Gateway: Estimate 30% of Population South of 405 Freeway
Harbor City	24,640	0		24,640	City Total Population
Santa Monica	88,050	0		0	
<b>40th Congressional District</b>					
Rolling Hills Estates	8,067	8,067	8,067	8,067	City Total Population
Rolling Hills	1,903	1,903	1,903	1,903	"
Palos Verdes Estates	13,546	13,546	13,546	13,546	"
Rancho Palos Verdes	41,754	41,754	41,754	41,754	"
Catalina	3,696	3,696	3,696	3,696	"
San Pedro	58,662	58,662	58,662	58,662	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,628</b>	<b>716,518</b>	<b>465,871</b>	<b>707,756</b>	
Estimated Required Population		708,000	466,000	708,000	
Net Discrepancy		8,518	-129	-244	

**Subject:** Southbay Districts

**From:** Pmasterstarr <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:53:09 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Yours truly,

Patricia Starr

**Subject:** Splitting a real community

**From:** Claire Merriam Hoffman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:53:22 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

I live in Topanga Canyon a small town in the Santa Monica Mountains just behind Malibu. According to your latest voting district map you have cut my little town in half and putting my half with Simi Valley, Moore Park and thousand Oaks. Why? Are needs and requirements are very different from that area. We aren't in the Los Virgines School District we are in the Santa Monica Malibu school district. And what happens in Santa Monica and West LA greatly effects our town. We are a coastal mountain community. One of the only ones that has a true identity. Many people including our supervisor has told you this yet you are cutting us in half. We are not a state of mind we are a real place. Come and visit if you like.

But if you need a road for a natural dividing line use Mollhuland and cut it off above Kanaan. That is a more natural boundary than Topanga Canyon Blvd.

Please reconsider you map to a more representative area.

Thank you

Claire Merriam Hoffman

**Subject:** STATEMENT

**From:** GAGIK MOVSESYAN <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:27:35 -0700 (PDT)

**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. 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".

Gagik Movsesyan

[REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91504

**Subject:** Testimony on New Visualization Maps

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:22:42 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Marianne Tyler

[REDACTED]

Playa del Rey, CA 90293

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Comments on "Vision" Maps included in the files entitled "2011-07-14 08:42AM assembly la opt1"; "2011-07-14 08:42AM assembly la opt2"; and "2011-07-16 07:47PM congress la"

**Date:** 18 July 2011

Delivered by FAX to [REDACTED] and emailed to [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have lived in Playa del Rey for more than 14 years. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, I testified before you (I was #44) at the Public Input Hearing you held in Culver City concerning the first-draft maps you had created for the Assembly, State Senate and Congressional Districts that include my community.

Today, I would like to offer just a couple of follow-up comments re: the "vision" maps you have drawn for our area in response to the testimony that you received at the June 16<sup>th</sup> hearing and via the U.S. Postal Service, e-mail and fax.

At the Culver City hearing, I stated that I was basically comfortable with the first-draft State Senate and Congressional District maps, but had grave concerns about the first-draft Assembly District map.

Based on the new "vision" maps I have viewed on your website, my concerns are now reversed – I am, for the most part, comfortable with the "vision" Assembly map (LAIHG) but am deeply disturbed by the placement of both Playa del Rey (or, I should say a **portion of** Playa del Rey) and our sister, Westchester, in the new "vision" Congressional map

(IGWSG).

This shift is the result of the Commission's taking what I felt to be the strengths of the first-draft Congressional map vis-à-vis Playa del Rey and Westchester and incorporating these strengths into the new "vision" Assembly map while, much to my dismay, incorporating the problems of the first-draft Assembly map into the "vision" Congressional map. Specifically:

1. Re: "Vision" Assembly District Map entitled LAIHG (i.e., in the files entitled "2011-07-14 08:42AM assembly la opt1" and "2011-07-14 08:42AM assembly la opt2")

My grave concerns with the first-draft Assembly District map including Playa del Rey and Westchester (i.e., the June 10<sup>th</sup> map entitled "Palos Verdes E. – Beach Cities") were two-fold:

First, the residents of Playa del Rey and Westchester are citizens of Los Angeles. As such, our history, our municipal government, our issues and our future are those of L.A. The first-draft Assembly map separated us from all this. What's more, we, as citizens of Los Angeles, were such a small portion of the June 10<sup>th</sup> Palos Verdes E. – Beach Cities Assembly District that I was very worried our voices would be seriously diminished for a decade to come.

Second, I was also deeply worried that the first-draft Assembly District map separated Playa del Rey and a portion of the Ballona Wetlands from the rest of the Wetlands, and, what was worse, from Playa Vista. What happens in Playa Vista profoundly affects what happens in all of the Wetlands and in Playa del Rey. They are very much of a piece and, as a result, should remain together in the same Assembly District.

To my great relief and joy, both of these concerns were addressed in the new "vision" Assembly map entitled LAIHG. Playa del Rey, Westchester, Playa Vista and the Ballona Wetlands are all included in that district along with another of our Los Angeles community sisters, Venice. Playa del Rey and Westchester not "only" share a history and a municipal government with Venice, we also have a vast commonality of issues, concerns and problems that, thanks to our increased numbers, I now feel will be heard and addressed. And, I truly do not have the words to express how grateful I am for this.

The one serious downside I see with the new "vision" Assembly maps for my area (i.e., the ones included in the files entitled "2011-07-14 08:42AM assembly la opt1" and "2011-07-14 08:42AM assembly la opt2") is the fact that they divide Venice among three different Assembly districts (LAWSC, LAMWS and LAIHG). Venice is an extremely close-knit community, not "just" in terms of issues and concerns, but economically and psychologically as well. Tearing that community apart is wrong on every level, so, for all of the just-mentioned things-we-hold-in-common, I would like to suggest that all of Venice be added to LAIHG.

I realize that including all of Venice in LAIHG would probably make LAIHG too large, population-wise. Consequently, I might also suggest including all of Lawndale and Gardena in the “vision” Assembly district entitled LAPVB, which would save those communities from being split between districts as well.

2. Re: “Vision” Congressional District Map entitled IGWSG (i.e., in the file entitled “2011-07-16 07:47PM congress la”):

I strongly object to IGWSG for all the reasons that I objected to the first-draft Assembly District map entitled “Palos Verdes E. – Beach Cities”. IGWSG separates Playa del Rey and Westchester from other Los Angeles communities that have issues and concerns akin to ours. Still more troubling, we make up a far lesser percentage of IGWSG than we would have of the first-draft Assembly District making it even more likely that our voices will be diminished.

And that’s just the beginning of the diminishment of the voices of those of us who live in Playa del Rey. The new “vision” Congressional Districts in the file entitled “2011-07-16 07:47PM congress la” literally split Playa del Rey in two, with the western half (along with a portion of the Wetlands) being placed in the “vision” Congressional District entitled WLADT and the eastern half of Playa del Rey going with Playa Vista into IGWSG. This makes no sense and, like the division of the Venice community into 3 Assembly Districts, is wrong economically, psychologically, issues-wise and, in the case of Playa Vista/Ballona/Playa del Rey, ecologically.

The first-draft Congressional District map entitled “Palos Verdes Est – Beach Cities” had it right, putting Westchester, Playa del Rey, the Ballona Wetlands and Playa Vista together, and including us with Venice so our myriad common concerns and issues can be faced, and solved, together.

Thank you so much for your time, your consideration and all the heavy lifting you have done and continue to do. They are most appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Marianne Tyler