

I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into 2 parts. I do not understand why they would redraw the line 2 blocks to exclude my home from the rest of Valley Village when the obvious boundary is and always has been the freeway. I and many of my neighbors purchased in this neighborhood to belong to a a community and a unified district. Please keep us on this side of the freeway.

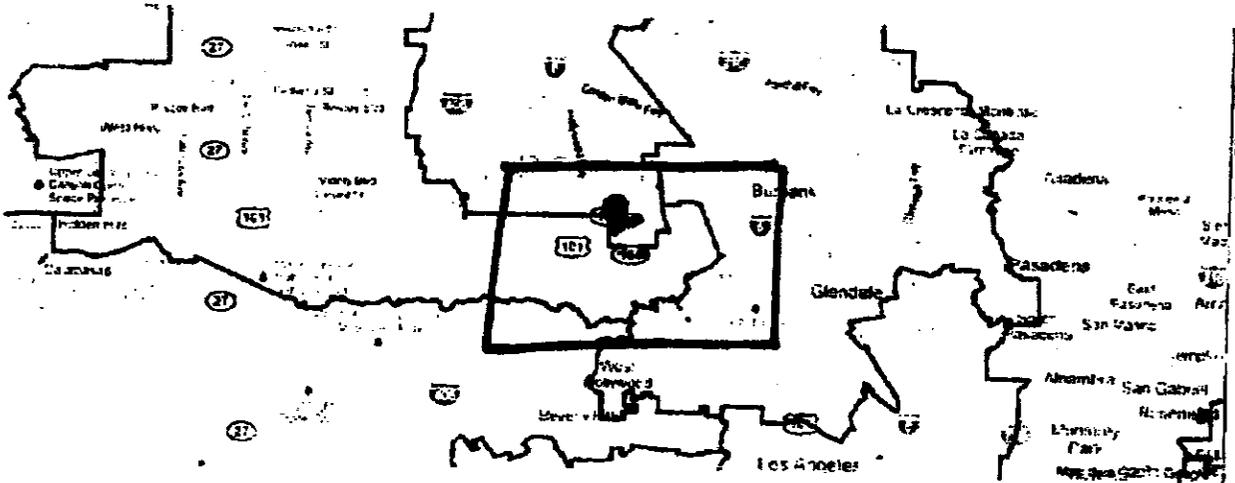
I live 2 blocks east of colfax, and one block west of the 170 freeway next to the park, again not sure why they would redraw the line to exclude me and my neighbors out when it is just 2 blocks, but would be interested to hear the rationale behind this.

Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district.

Respectfully
David Zelaskowski

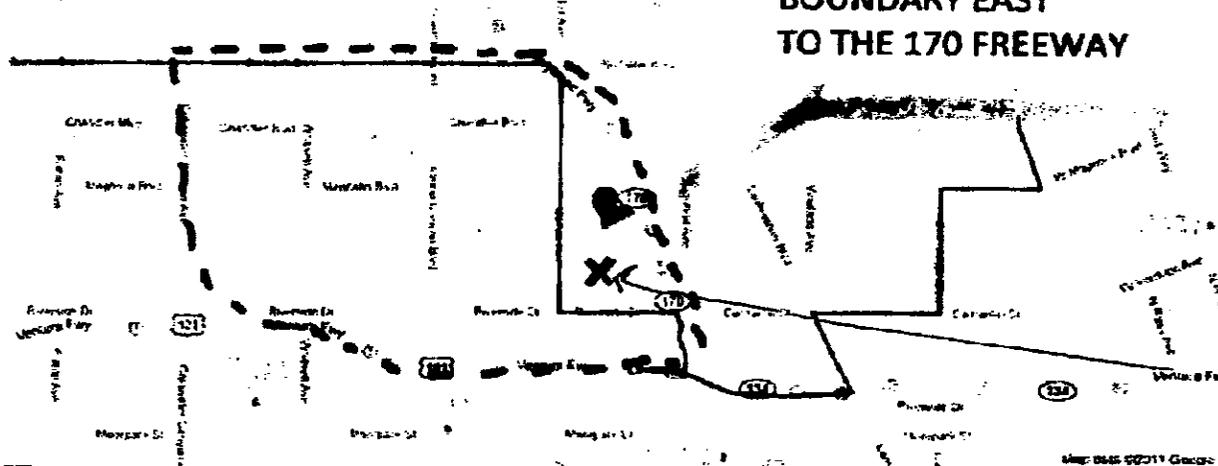
KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA TOGETHER

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



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

PLEASE MOVE THE BOUNDARY EAST TO THE 170 FREEWAY



My home is at the X

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

- - - - DENOTES CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF VALLEY VILLAGE

David Zelaskowski

REGION 4:
LOS ANGELES



July 18, 2011

VIA FAX (916) 651-5711
and email to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

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

Re: Do Not Split the Historic Greater Wilshire Neighborhood in Half

Dear Citizens Commission:

Over the past few days, dozens of members of the century-old Greater Wilshire community have attempted to contact you in an effort to preserve our significant community of interest.

Because our comments have not as yet appeared in your postings, we are sending you this faxed letter, with the request that you reply. We have no way of knowing whether you have heard us as some of your phone lines are disconnected and your meetings from this point forward will occur exclusively in Sacramento.

1. Who We Are. We are voters who live in the historic Los Angeles community known as Greater Wilshire. We are an official recognized entity of the City of Los Angeles. Our mid-city presence has been an important stabilizing force during times of turmoil. Our community includes 15 residential associations that date back nearly 100 years. Our two largest and best known neighborhoods are Hancock Park and Windsor Square. Our eastern boundary is Western Avenue. Our western boundary is La Brea Avenue. We have attached a map of our boundaries. You have proposed to split Greater Wilshire in half at Plymouth Boulevard in your draft redistricting maps.

2. The Redistricting Mission. We appreciate and are grateful to you for the enormity of the task that you are undertaking. We ask only that you remain true to your obligation to keep our century-old neighborhood intact in your redistricting effort, pursuant to the following governing rule: *"The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."*



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3. Required Corrections to Draft Maps.

a. **State Board of Equalization.** Please return us to the LA district for the State Board of Equalization. We lie at the midpoint of Los Angeles, but you have inexplicably removed us and placed us in a district called East, where we claim no community of interest.

b. **Congressional Districts.** In each of the 3 options, you have divided us in half at Plymouth Boulevard. We belong with WLADT. The westernmost boundary of ELABH should not begin until Western Avenue.

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

4. **Please Confirm to us that We Have Been Heard.** We are confident that we are telling you exactly what any of our current elected officials would tell you regarding our historic significance and our boundaries. Should you need confirmation from our current elected officials, we would be pleased to provide their input at the earliest time.

Signed,

A Representative Sample of Your Greater Wilshire Neighbors
John Welborne, Jane Usher, Liz Fuller, Jack Humphreville, Owen Smith, Wendy Savage, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, John Gresham

Reply Contact: Jane Usher, [REDACTED]

Attachment

cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Los Angeles City Council Members Tom LaBonge and Herb Wesson
California State Assemblyman Michael Feuer
California State Senator Curren Price

IMPORTANT NOTE: DUE TO THE SHORT TIME FRAME FOR RESPONDING TO THE DRAFT REDISTRICTING MAPS OF THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, THIS LETTER COULD NOT BE AGENDIZED OR ACTED UPON AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED JULY 2011 MEETING OF THE GWNC. IT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL ACT OF THE GREATER WILSHIRE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. THIS MATTER WILL APPEAR ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GWNC, IN AUGUST 2011, FOR OFFICIAL ACTION.





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**COUNCIL DISTRICTS:
4, 5 & 10**

**GREATER WILSHIRE
NC**

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-  Library
-  Park
-  Water
-  Freeway
-  Street
-  LA City Boundary



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**DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR



GARY LEE MOORE, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal

REGION 4:
LOS ANGELES

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

**Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space -
The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges -
The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor -
Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment**

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting proposal be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; Lake View Terrace - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; La Tuna Canyon - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); **Glendale and Burbank - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business**

These communities have commonalities and interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District.

I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Signature

JOSEPH H. KIROS

Print



Street

Shadow Hills CA 91040

City and Zip Code



Phone



REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Marianne Tyler

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Playa del Rey, CA 90293
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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

Pages: 3 in toto

Delivered by FAX to 916-651-5711 and emailed to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have lived in Playa del Rey for more than 14 years. On June 16th, 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 16th 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:

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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 10th 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 10th 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.

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

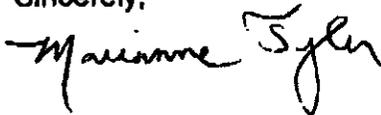
I strongly object to IGWSG for all the reasons that I objected to the first-draft Assembly District map entitled "Palos Verdes E. -- Beach Cities". IGWSG separates Playa del Rey and Westchester from other Los Angeles communities that have issues and concerns akin to ours. Still more troubling, we make 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

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

KRST Unity Center of Afrakan Spiritual Science

Los Angeles, CA 90047

FAX



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To: The Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Date: July 18, 2011

Re: Redistricting issues

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On behalf of the membership of KRST Unity Center of Afrakan Spiritual Science, a prominent institution, located in the heart of South Los Angeles, hereby request that you honor our community of interest.

We also request that a provision is made to provide an opportunity for African Americans to elect candidates of their choice. This particular area of Los Angeles, has considerable quality of life issues, such as the lack of employment opportunities, mental and physical health care services, social services for seniors, child care and youth programs, educational opportunities, job training programs, safe and affordable housing, safe and clean neighborhoods, and a myriad of other areas where we require an active voice in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to address these critical issues.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard Byrd & Congregation
The KRST Unity Community

