

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Don Dear <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:52:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Don Dear <[REDACTED]>

Subject: AD map I submitted in Whittier

Message Body:

Where is the map thAt I submittred to each commissioner at the Whittier hearing. I don't see it in your public file. It was the 51 & 52 or 55 assembly Districts? (Gardena/Carson area)

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Estela Villanueva <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:53:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Estela Villanueva <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposition to redistricting of Hawthorne

Message Body:

Dear members of the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident/homeowner in the city of Hawthorne. I am the Public Relations and Secretary for the North Hawthorne Community Association and a member of our Economic Development Council.

Please do not redistrict our City of Hawthorne with South Central L.A. In the City of Hawthorne we are mostly middle class residents and homeowners.

We wish to maintain control over our city's prosperity.

The redistricting of our city will cause depreciation in our homes, expand our geographical crime data, and make it unsafe for our families.

Do consider Hawthorne with the other South Bay cities 53rd Congressional District.

Thank you for your time.

Estela Villanueva

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Colleen Capone <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:54:26 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Colleen Capone <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

My husband and I have owned a home in the Brentwood Glen area of L.A. for 16 years. We are writing because we want to lend our support in keeping the VA in our district. The VA is our immediate neighbor on both the South and West of Brentwood Glen and many issue with the VA impact the Brentwood Glen. We have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use. Many of our programs and governance is done within our zip code area to strengthen our input as a community. Thank you for your consideration - Colleen & Joseph Capone.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Marc Siegel <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:56:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marc Siegel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting for West Los Angeles VA Property

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern,

It is important to me and my neighbors that we keep the WLA Veterans Administration (VA) property in the district of the property surrounding it (Brentwood Glen). We have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use. The VA is our immediate neighbor on both the South and West of Brentwood Glen and many issues with the VA impact the Brentwood Glen

Splitting the district would create an unnatural distinction between areas that have been connected for over 70 years. Our programs and governance are done within our zip code area and splitting the VA would be extremely harmful to the broader good of the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marc D. Siegel

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Mary A. Rouse" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:06:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary A. Rouse <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting our neighborhood

Message Body:

Please take into consideration in redistricting Brentwood Glen that this is and has been since its inception in the 1920s a part of the Brentwood - Veterans' Hospital - Brentwood Glen neighborhood, and has less in common with the area east of the 405. It would be an unfortunate move to tear apart a community of such long standing.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mike Verdin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:39:09 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mike Verdin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Hawthorne Redistricting

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep Hawthorne with the Beach Cities. I currently reside in Hawthorne that borders Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. My wife and I do all of our local shopping in the South Bay as well as plan to send our children to adjacent beach city schools. It would be a travesty if we were to be separated with the beach cities.

Regards,

Mike Verdin

[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA 90250

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Matt Kauble <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:45:12 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matt Kauble <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Districts Cerritos is in

Message Body:

Looking at the latest maps of the districts, I can't help but see how drastically they changed for the City of Cerritos. Here are some suggestions:

In both LA County Assembly options the southern cities in the Downey and Lakewood districts have much more in common than the northern cities, dividing the populations to create northern and southern districts makes better sense from a representation standpoint than doing so with eastern and western districts as is currently being done.

A better option might be to divide the Senate LA districts, which makes more sense, into two assembly seats per state senate district.

As far as Congressional Districts your LA option 1.2 from 7/15 makes better sense than your LA Option 1.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Dave Beauvais <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:49:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dave Beauvais <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Granada Hills Spilt

Message Body:

As President of Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, I request that you take another look at the spilt in Granada Hills for Congressional Districts. One of the key components in the redistricting process is to keep communities of interest in the same voting area. Granada Hills is cohesive community that should be left intact. One possibility to change the congressional boundry lines so that Granada Hills would stay intact would be to slightly change the break in the Valley Village spilt, thus allowing the small portion of GH assigned to the SFVET back to the SFVWC. Thanks for your consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Berta González-Harper <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:51:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Berta González-Harper <[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 divide Santa Clarita Valley into two Senate seats. This is unacceptable. We are one community and should be treated as one community of interest.

Please follow our community of interest testimony and, once again, direct Q2 to present the Commission with an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district that keeps the entire Santa Clarita Valley, including Agua Dulce, completely whole without separating out our neighbors and friends just in order to create a contrived special interest district.

Thank you,

Berta González-Harper

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Sharon Rosett [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:00:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sharon Rosett <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LOS ANGELES

Message Body:

I am not in favor of redistricting of 90049 by splitting the area and placing the VA in another district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Raphaelle Machado <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:15:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Raphaelle Machado <[REDACTED]>
Subject: City of Hawthorne redistricting

Message Body:

We live in the City of Hawthorne out of our desire to live in the South Bay, feel like part of the South Bay and to hopefully have our schools, community, and property values reflect the same attributes of our Beach Cities neighbors. If we are redistricted into the same district as South Central, Watts, Compton and others, it will be a huge step back for us!

Please DO NOT redistrict the City of Hawthorne. Thank You, Raphaelle Machado

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Subject: Redistricting - Greater Wilshire

From: Sharon Merle-Lieberman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:39:07 +0000

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

CC: 'Clyde Lieberman' <[REDACTED]>

To Whom it May Concern.

I am a voter who lives in the community known as Greater Wilshire in Los Angeles. Our community includes 15 residential associations with histories dating back nearly 100 years.

Our two largest and best known neighborhoods are Hancock Park and Windsor Square. Our eastern boundary is Western Avenue. Our western boundary is La Brea Avenue.

You have proposed to split us in half at Plymouth Boulevard in your draft redistricting maps. However, you are obliged to keep our century-old neighborhood intact in your redistricting effort, pursuant to the following governing rule: "The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

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. I urge the commission fix our boundaries to maintain the integrity of the long standing boundaries of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council.

Thank you.

Sharon Merle-Lieberman

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Subject: REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:03:07 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

As a registered voter, I vehemently oppose the Commission's decision to exclude Torrance from the 36th Congressional District and including towns north of Westchester who have nothing in common with the needs of the South Bay. This was supposed to be a non-political alignment and has turned out just the opposite. I am wondering what favors have been granted by the powers that be to favor their interests. I am totally disgusted. Sally Kneifel

Subject: Redistricting effects on Pacific Palisades Community and the Westside of LA

From: Joe Halper <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:58:25 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

July 19, 2011 RE: EVENT – State Senate District

Honorable Commissioners,

There are have been many map proposals over the past few weeks. My name is **Joseph Halper**. I live in **The Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles**.

My community of interest includes Santa Monica, Malibu, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Topanga and **BOTH** sides of the Santa Monica Mountains. This mountains and coastal district is defined by key transportation corridors of PCH, the 405 and the 101. Cross mountain roads provide access for both our residents, commuters and the many people who come to visit the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Santa Monica Bay.

The City of Malibu is part of a Council of Governments with Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village. These 5 cities and Topanga have a strong interest in staying together in order to address transportation, fire protection, and resource protection issues that impact the coastal communities and Santa Monica Bay. The unincorporated areas of Ventura County along the coast as well as Thousand Oaks would add strength to these goals. The 101 Corridor communities in the SF Valley include Woodland Hills, West Hills, Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks and Studio City. I understand that additional parts of the Valley and Westside may need to be added to this district to achieve the required population.

All these cities and communities serve as gateways to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and our beaches. **The City of Santa Monica serves as a linch pin for the that community of interest providing the shopping, recreational, medical and hospital services as well as the gateway to the greater Los Angeles area for a number of the communities in this configuration, My** locally elected officials and neighborhood council leaders have testified at your hearings and sent in letters in support of this united community of interest. The Supervisor who represents this area in LA County, Zev Yaroslavsky, also has sent letters restating this strong connection between the Westside, coast, mountain cities and the SF Valley.

Several of the most recent maps on the Commission's website dramatically changed our community of interest. Please do NOT include areas North of the 118 Freeway. Simi Valley, Moorpark,

Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, Val Verde and other communities are separate geographic areas and share little in common with this Santa Monica Mountains, 101 corridor and coastal district. We do not share the same roads, schools, religious institutions, County Supervisors, or cultural or civic organizations. Please recognize that these are two distinct areas by keeping them in separate districts so that an elected official can better represent their interests **as well**.

Respectfully

Joe Halper

[REDACTED]
phone
Fax

Subject: Redistricting Opposition Letter from Councilman Furey 7-19-11

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

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:42:53 -0700

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

<[REDACTED]> "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

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

Sincerely,

Margie Werner
Staff Assistant
Mayor and Council Office
City of Torrance
Phone: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]

Redistricting Opposition Letter from Councilman Furey 7-19-11.pdf



CITY OF TORRANCE

July 19, 2011

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

Dear Commission Members:

The City of Torrance has previously sent a number of communications to the commission concerning the draft redistricting maps. After viewing the latest proposed districts - Assembly, State Senate and Congressional, I feel compelled to voice my objections for the many citizens that I represent.

In the most recent Senate and Congressional maps listed on your website, the City of Torrance is split into two distinct districts - one with beach cities and one with inland communities - in effect splitting our city.

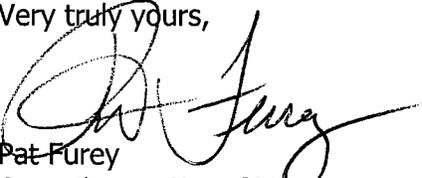
Please be advised that Torrance is a city with a population of more than 145,000 people. It is the largest city in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County.

Torrance has been served well for many years by having one assembly person, one state senator and one U.S. Congress person. With the entire city being served by one representative in each state and federal elected position our community has benefitted from consistent representation. Splitting our city representation does not make any sense.

I understand the many challenges the committee faces with the redistricting mandates, but urge you to consider the concerns of the Torrance community.

Thank you in advance for your attention to my concerns, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Pat Furey
Councilman, City of Torrance

PF:maw

cc: Mayor Scotto
Council Members
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

Subject: Redistricting Plan for Topanga Canyon

From: Brooke Freund <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:51:33 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am very concerned about the redistricting plan for Topanga Canyon. As a homeowner in this community for 35 years it makes no sense to put us in the EVENT. Our critical relationships with transportation, education, environment, emergency preparedness and land use are well established and pivotal to the survival of our community. Topanga Canyon is "the "model for emergency preparedness". We have worked closely with the Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal communities to achieve this. The proposed redistricting undermines everything our community has worked hard for and places us in other communities that will not have our best interest at heart. We have been diligent in keeping land development to a minimum in order to maintain our rural charm. Help protect our communities values by placing us with the SMMtns/Coastal Communities.

Thank you,
Brooke Freund

Subject: Redistricting the Beach Cities in LA County

From: "Robert Hecht" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:33:39 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Despite meetings and pleas to your Redistricting Commission, you have ignored requests to EFFECTIVELY REDISTRIBUTE THE BEACH CITIES.

Beach cities must be kept together. This includes some of the errors I believe have been made. "Beach Cities" includes Torrance. Torrance is on the beach And its population, values, and continuity put it with Palos Verdes. The district should start with Westchest, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro and much of Wilmington. This would accurately reflect a district called BEACH CITIES.

Please heed the requests from the constituents of these cities, gerrymandering is no longer in vogue and a fair representation is important.

Thank you for consideration to this matter.

Robert H . Hecht
Vietnam Veteran and Patriot

Subject: redistricting the City of Hawthorne

From: Jim Machado <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:24:59 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

This is an extremely important time for us. We live in the City of Hawthorne out of our desire to live in the South Bay, feel like part of the South Bay and to hopefully have our schools, community, and property values reflect the same attributes of our Beach Cities neighbors. If we are redistricted into the same district as South Central, Watts, Compton and others, it will be a huge step back for us!

Please DO NOT redistrict the City of Hawthorne out of the South Bay.
Thank you, Jim Machado

Subject: redistricting

From: Mary Hammelburg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:30:12 -0700 (PDT)

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

I live in Manhattan Beach and feel that your plan is totally wrong. Our community is the South Bay and therefore the district should include only the following:

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Torrance, Lomita, San Pedro, Hawthorne, Gardena, and

Westchester. All of the areas to the north of Westchester should be in another district. Please keep this real!!!!

I would appreciate a response asap.

Sincerely,

Mary Hammelburg

[REDACTED]

Manhattan Beach

Subject: Re-districting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:57:43 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I just heard about some possible combinations of cities in my area for our new voting district. My husband and I live on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. We shop in Palos Verdes, San Pedro, Redondo Beach, Lomita and Torrance. We own rentals in Redondo Beach. Our daughter lives in Torrance. I used to have a business partner, a fellow school teacher, in Manhattan Beach and spent much time there. Many people we do business with (restaurants, plumbers, tree trimmers, mechanics, construction companies, and other businesses) are in Hawthorne and Gardena.

Therefore, we strongly urge that the following cities be included in our voting district:
Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, San Pedro, Torrance, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Gardena.

Thank you for considering these requests. We found the previous alignment of cities in our voting district was strangely disjointed and made no sense. We couldn't vote for people we knew of in our own area. We are not a beach community.

Wishing you the best in making a reasonable and fair decision.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Witte

[REDACTED]
Palos Verdes, CA 90274

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Laurie McCormick <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:48:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Laurie McCormick <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting Brentwood

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district..we have done multiple years of work to protect and improve and maintain the land and its use and it is a Brentwood landmark.

Splitting is harmful especially for the home values that were purchased with the Brentwood address. To take this away could negatively effect the biggest asset an individual owns.

Many of our programs and governance is done within our Zip Code area to strengthen our input as a community.

Thank yo so much for your immediate attention to my concerns,

Laurie McCormick

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From: Bill Ruh <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:53:09 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bill Ruh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional Districts - Los Angeles and San Bernardino County

Message Body:

Your visualizations of Congressional Districts Q2 July 8th - OntPom and SBRIA. These are good the way they are. Both of these maintain communities of interest both economic and demographic. They are compact. SBRIA keeps a VRA District together.

The visualizations of these Districts in the July 13th - SoCal Options 1,2,3 have communities together which do not make sense. Montclair has nothing in common with Bloomington and Fontana. They do have commonality with Upland, Chino and Claremont. The July 13th Districts are very large and not compact. The people in Montclair/Pomona are disenfranchised as there is nothing in common west of I-15. Please go back to the July 8th Q2 iteration titled OntPom and SBRIA.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Peter and Margaret T^anguay <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:14:54 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peter and Margaret T^anguay <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood Glen redistricting

Message Body:

WQe have been in this district for the 40+ years that we have owned our house on Albata. We have developed valuable allies in the state legislature which we may lose if we are in another district. I fear it will reduce our property value. Keep us in our present district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Shannon Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:20:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Shannon Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-districting of Hawthorne

Message Body:

To Whom it may concern:

I strongly agree with Alex Vargas, Mayor Pro Tem, Hawthorne, Ca that City of Hawthorne should remain as part of the South Bay Collective of Cities and not be re-districted.

As a first time home buyer and young Professional, I specifically bought my property due to its location in the "Southbay". My property is located west of the I-405 on the border of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, and Hawthorne. For all intents and purposes, I definitely live in the Southbay. If my property will be re-districted within the proposed boundary, it will be greatly devalued due to a stigma by association. The only two reasons I have remained in LA is due to the location of my current job and the investment that I have made in my property in the Southbay.

Please reconsider the implications of your decision to re-district Hawthorne, Ca.

Thank you,
Shannon Smith

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: louis nevell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:22:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: louis nevell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood redistricting

Message Body:

Any redistricting lines that would put the West LA Veterans Facility in a different district would be harmful. The current district has a history of concern and activism for the facility. do not disrupt this history.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Amelia Padilla <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:28:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Amelia Padilla <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Lakewood - Congressional District

Message Body:

Please keep Lakewood intact...based on the most recent congressional visualization, the City of Lakewood is split by Del Amo Blvd and Palo Verde Blvd. This makes no sense, especially for the section of Lakewood South of Del Amo, West of the 605, North Of Carson and East of Palo Verde, this area should be incorporated with the rest of Lakewood to the west. Why is Lakewood lumped in with Pico Rivera, Whittier and Montebello, these areas are totally different communities of interest? Lakewood would be better severed if it were joined with Long Beach. Our city is closely aligned with Long Beach in many ways, schools, activities, shopping, freeways etc...

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: sol liebster <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:11:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: sol liebster <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep VA in Brentwood

Message Body:

As a resident of Brentwood, I volunteer 6-7 days/wk at VA, work closely w. Vets. These people are impt. to me as neighbors and humans. It's impt. that we keep them in our town and zip code.

Why would you want to take it out? The locals proudly refer to it as the Brentwood VA. Keep it that way.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Richard Patton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:14:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard Patton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th Redistricting

Message Body:

The 36th Congressional District should have; Torrance, Palos Verdes , Rolling Hills, Lomita, San Pedro, Hawthorne, Gardena, El Segundo, and Westchester.

The Commission was set up to have areas represent the community.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: ellen liebster <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:14:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: ellen liebster <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LAGLA Do not change "location"

Message Body:

Please leave address and post office zip as present. 90047 is proud to have this fine facility in our area.

Does it serve some "political" purpose to change it?

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Subject: Redistricting - please keep Valley Village intact (San Fernando Valley area)

From: Cathy Flynn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 13:01:31 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

The section between Colfax Ave. and the 170 Freeway is part of Valley Village, and should remain so. Colfax is a small street, and by creating a boundary there rather than the much larger freeway will separate a small section of our close-knit community from its local public schools and the rest of Valley Village from its popular neighborhood park. The map that I have drawn is Valley Village. Feel free to read more about our community at our websites myvalleyvillage.com or valleyvillageha.com.

See comment on ReDrawCA.org; http://www.healthycity.org/c/redistrict_coca/coca_mode/congress_socal_op2_crc_20110713#/geo/state/zt/06/zt/7/x/-118.392910871473/y/34.1614761004733/yk/071

Cathy Flynn

Neighborhood Council Valley Village

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting

From: Ravi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 13:58:12 -0700 (PDT)

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

Hello,

I am a Venice resident and I just wanted you to know that I strongly believe that Venice should be in 1 district and should not be split up.

Thank you!

Ravi Shah
Venice, CA

Subject: redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:02:38 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Please do not group Simi or Santa Clarita along with the Santa Monica Mountains and Coastal regions. They have much different needs and solutions and require different representation.

Sincerely,

Michael Hart

[REDACTED]

Agoura, CA 91301

[REDACTED]

Subject: Splitting Venice Into Three Assembly Districts

From: "Robert Aronson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:20:39 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Hi Folks,

I value your work and appreciate that your job is relatively thankless, but someone is asleep at the switch if the Redistricting Commission is thinking of splitting Venice into three separate Assembly Districts.

It makes sense to keep distinct communities in one Assembly District so that their issues can be effectively addressed and their community's voice is not diluted.

The border of Santa Monica is a logical and traditional Assembly District boundary that your Commission has neglected to follow. All of Venice has always been in one Assembly District, and the reasons for keeping Venice in one Assembly District are so obvious that I won't waste your time in listing them.

Please keep Venice in one Assembly District.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Robert Aronson

[REDACTED]
Venice, California 90291

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Subject: Alternative E. Ventura County/SF Valley/Santa Monica Mts/North Santa Monica Bay Senate District

From: Fran Diamond <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:40:04 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

I thank you for your hard work. The current map is of great concern to me. I have been a long time environmental coastal protection volunteer as well as a water quality regulator for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. I urge you to go back to your previous maps which acknowledged the protection of the Santa Monica mountains and the communities surrounding it including the North Santa Monica Bay as a vital community of interest. Here is why I believe you should do this:

Alternative East Ventura County/San Fernando Valley/Santa Monica Mountains/North Santa Monica Bay Senate District

Communities of interest are consistent and established between the cities, major transportation corridors, and the Santa Monica Mountains and North Santa Monica Bay and it meets other redistricting criteria

- Complies with Constitution and voting rights act.
- Better geographical compactness than proposed district maps with cities and communities connected by the 101 Freeway, Canyon Roads and Pacific Coast Highway together.
- Improved geographical integrity. Keeps all cities whole(Santa Monica, Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, Hidden hills and Thousand Oaks) with the exception of LA.
- It also keeps all City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils as well as major communities whole - Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Topanga, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, West Hills, Bell Canyon
- It keeps the unincorporated community of Oak Park in with the rest of the Conejo Valley.
- It keeps school districts whole (except for LA Unified which spans multiple senate districts). These are Oak Park, Conejo Valley, Las Virgenes Unified School District, Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District.
- It meets the population threshold required by the 2010 census.(932,061)
- It meets the goals of the voters in passing the Redistricting Proposition 20 to create competitive districts

Sincerely,
Francine Diamond
Pacific Palisades

Subject: City of Calabasas Annexation

From: "Tony Coroalles" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:56:21 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

I write to make you aware that on July 13, 2011, the Los Angeles County Local Area Formation Commission (LA LAFCO) approved the annexation of a 110 single family home track into the City of Calabasas. The recent visualization, 2011-07-14 08:42AM assembly la opt1, places the newly annexed area in different assembly district from the City of Calabasas.

I am attaching for your information the LA LAFCO staff report approving the annexation as well as depictions of the annexed area on your assembly map.

We very much hope that you can make this small adjustment and bring this area into the same assembly district as that of the City of Calabasas.

Thank You.

Tony Coroalles
City Manager

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Staff Report

July 13, 2011

Agenda Item No. 6.c.

City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09 (Mont Calabasas) Value of Written Protest And Approval of Resolution Ordering Annexation No. 2009-09

Agenda Item No. 6c is a report to the Commission regarding the value of written protests received for the City of Calabasas Annexation 2009-09. The protest hearing was held on June 8, 2011.

Background: On June 1, 2009, LAFCO received a proposal requesting annexation of approximately 493 acres of inhabited, unincorporated territory to the City of Calabasas. On April 13, 2011, the Commission made a determination approving City of Calabasas Annexation No 2009-09. The Commission received public testimony at the June 8, 2011 protest hearing and ordered the Executive Officer to report back on the value of written protests filed.

Legal Requirement: Pursuant to Government Code Section 57075, the Commission may: (a) terminate proceedings if written protests have been filed and not withdrawn by 50 percent or more of the registered voters within the affected territory; (b) order the territory annexed subject to confirmation by the registered voters within the affected territory if written protests have been filed and not withdrawn by at least 25 percent or more of the registered voters or at least 25 percent or more of the number of landowners owning at least 25 percent of the total assessed value of land; or (c) order the territory annexed if written protests have been filed and not withdrawn by less than 25 percent of the registered voters or less than 25 percent of the number of owners of land who own less than 25 percent of the total assessed value of land.

Registered Voters: There are 176 registered voters residing within the affected territory, thus the number of registered voter protests needed to meet the 25 percent threshold is 44.

Landowners: There are 144 landowners within the affected territory and the total assessed valuation of the land within the affected territory is \$190,749,480, thus the number of landowner protests needed to meet the 25 percent threshold is 36 landowners owning land with an assessed valuation of at least \$47,687,370.

Written Protest: Without determining their validity, the total number of written protests received and not withdrawn was 27, with 22 of those protests being by persons asserting to be registered voters and 23 of those persons asserting to be landowners.

Conclusion: As the number of written protests received and not withdrawn is less than 25 percent of the registered voters and less than 25 percent of the number of owners of land who own less than 25 percent of the total assessed value of land, the annexation must be ordered.

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Recommended Action:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2011-00 PR Ordering City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09 (Mont Calabasas).

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-00PR

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDERING
"CITY OF CALABASAS ANNEXATION NO. 2009-09 (MONT CALABASAS)"**

WHEREAS, the City of Calabasas (the "City") adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings before the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission"), pursuant to, Part 3, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for the annexation of territory herein described to the City of Calabasas, and detachment of same said territory from County Road District No. 3, withdrawal from County Lighting and Maintenance District 1687 and exclusion from County Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B," attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of 493.4 acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short form designation: "City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09;" and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2011, the Commission approved Annexation No. 2009-09; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Executive Officer of the Commission has set June 8, 2011, as the date for the protest hearing and has given notice thereof; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place fixed in the notice, the hearing was held, and any and all oral and/or written protests, objections, and evidence were received and considered; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, acting as the conducting authority, has the ministerial duty of tabulating the value of protests filed and not withdrawn and either terminating these proceedings if a majority protest exists or ordering the annexation directly or subject to confirmation by the registered voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission finds that the number of registered voters residing within the boundary of the territory is 176 and the number of landowners is 144.
2. The Commission finds that the total assessed valuation of land is \$190,749,480.
3. The Commission finds that the number of written protests filed in opposition to Annexation No. 2009-08 and not withdrawn is 22 registered voters and 23 landowners, which, even if valid, represents less than 25 percent of the registered voters in the affected territory and less than 25 percent of the number of landowners owning less than 25 percent of the total assessed value of land within the affected territory.
4. City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09 is hereby ordered, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the City of Calabasas.
 - b. Detachment of the affected territory from County Road District No. 3.
 - c. Withdrawal of the affected territory from County Lighting and Maintenance District 1687.
 - d. Exclusion of the affected territory from County Lighting District LLA-1,

Unincorporated Zone.

- e. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City of Calabasas shall succeed to the benefits and be bound by the obligations and duties of the County of Los Angeles with respect to all Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Multiple Agreements, Faithful Performance Bonds, and Labor and Material Bonds pertaining to Tract No. 45342, and the County of Los Angeles shall be relieved of any obligation under those agreements and bonds which is within the legal power of the City of Calabasas to perform. The City of Calabasas shall indemnify and hold the County of Los Angeles harmless from any claims or actions based on the City of Calabasas's failure to fulfill or enforce any such terms and conditions of said agreements or bonds.
- f. Payment of Registrar Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
- g. Upon the effective date of the annexation, all right, title, and interest of the County, including but not limited to, the underlying fee title or easement where owned by the County, in any and all sidewalks, trails, landscaped areas, street lights, property acquired and held for future road purposes, open space, signals, storm drains, storm drain catch basins, local sanitary sewer lines, sewer pump stations and force mains, water quality treatment basins and/or structures, and water quality treatment systems serving roadways and bridges shall vest in the City of Calabasas, except for those properties to be retained by the County and specifically listed below:

- i) The County of Los Angeles shall retain control of the Las Virgenes Creek Trail easement and trail alignment.
- h. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City of Calabasas shall be the owner of, and responsible for, the operation, maintenance, and repair of all of the following property owned by the County: public roads, adjacent slopes appurtenant to the roads, street lights, traffic signals, mitigation sites that have not been accepted by regulatory agencies but exist or are located in public right-of-way and were constructed or installed as part of a road construction project within the annexed area, storm drains and storm drain catch basins within street right-of-way and appurtenant slopes, medians and adjacent property.
- i. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City of Calabasas shall do the following: (1) assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities for all drainage devices, storm drains and culverts, storm drain catch basins, appurtenant facilities (except regional Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded fee or easement interest and which have been accepted into the LACFCD system), site drainage, and all master plan storm drain facilities that are within the annexation area and are currently owned, operated and maintained by the County of Los Angeles; (2) accept and adopt the County of Los Angeles Master Plan of Drainage (MPD), if any, which is in effect for the annexation area. Los Angeles County Public Works Department (LACPW) should be contacted to provide any MPD which may be in effect for the

annexation area. Deviations from the MPD shall be submitted to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACPW for review to ensure that such deviations will not result in diversions between watersheds and/or will not result in adverse impacts to LACFCD's flood control facilities; (3) administer flood zoning and Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain regulations within the annexation area; (4) coordinate development within the annexation area that is adjacent to any existing flood control facilities for which

LACFCD has a recorded easement or fee interest, by submitting maps and proposals to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACPW, for review and comment.

- j. The City of Calabasas agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
- k. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
- l. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the City of Calabasas.
- m. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the City of Calabasas.
- n. The territory will not be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness of the City of Calabasas.

- o. Except to the extent in conflict with a through n, above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
5. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the City Clerk of the City of Calabasas, upon the City's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5, and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57000, *et seq.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2011.

Ayes:

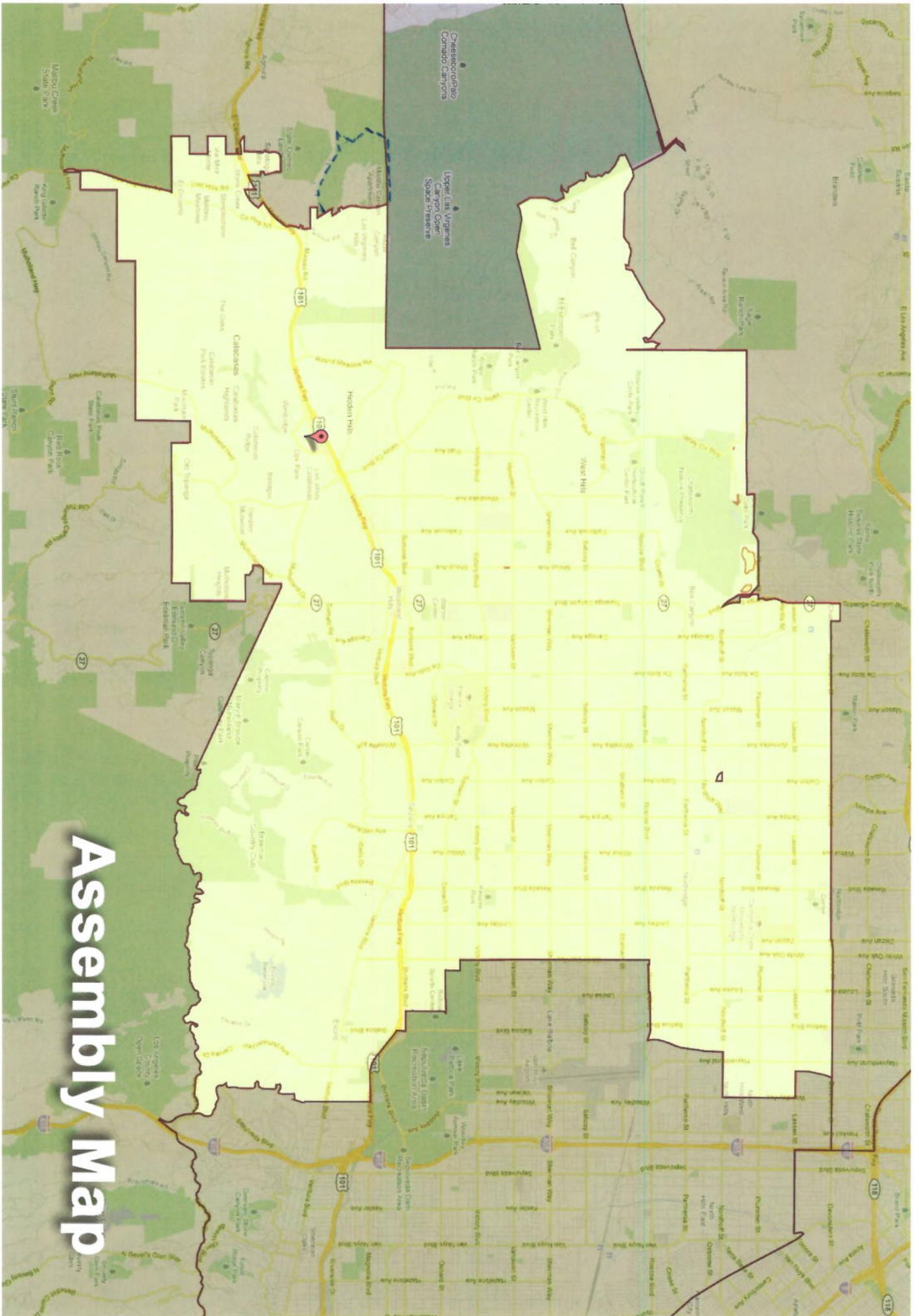
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Absent:

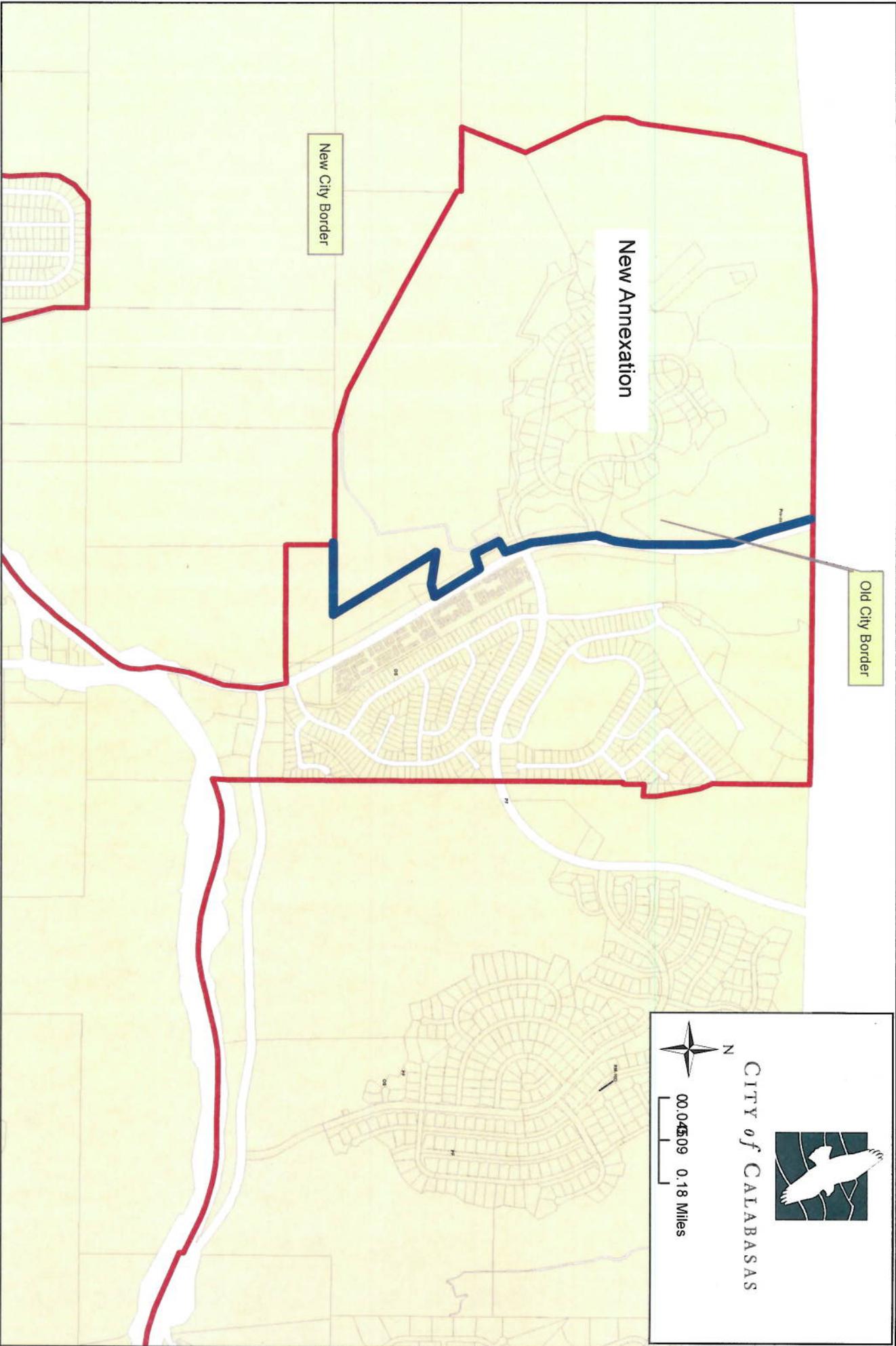
Abstain:

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

PAUL NOVAK, Executive Officer



Assembly Map



New Annexation

New City Border

Old City Border



CITY of CALABASAS



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Subject: Comment Letter

From: Bridget Sramek <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:20:55 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon-

Attached is a letter of comment from Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach.

Best Regards,

Bridget Sramek
Chief of Staff
Office of Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell

[REDACTED]
Long Beach, CA 9080

[REDACTED]



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Patrick O'Donnell
City of Long Beach
Councilmember Fourth District

July 19, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to keep Long Beach one city and one district.

As a representative in the City of Long Beach, I respectfully request that the Commission work toward **keeping Long Beach united as one voice that will respect and retain the geographic integrity and communities of interest of our great City.**

Recent map drafts have split our City into three different Congressional and State Senate Districts. Such a decision would prove detrimental. **It would greatly benefit our City and its communities of interest to keep North, West, East and Downtown Long Beach together.** Dissection of these communities could have a profound impact on our residents and their representative voices.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Best regards,

Patrick O'Donnell
Councilmember, 4th District

Subject: current redistricting plans

From: R Scott <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:45:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

The current re-districting plans that divide the 33rd, 35th, and 37th congressional districts will undercut our representation substantially. I am against the current redistricting plans. You must reconsider. We voted in the California citizens redistricting commission to ensure our voting rights/representation would NOT be diminished. Wouldn't the current plan work against us citizens? Reconsider. Thank you.

RScott

Subject: Fwd: RE-SEND -- CORRECTED Testimony on New Visualization Maps

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:41:23 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Sent: 7/18/2011 6:12:29 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time

Subj: RE-SEND -- CORRECTED Testimony on New Visualization Maps

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Marianne Tyler

[REDACTED]

Playa del Rey, CA 90293

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Comments on "Visualization" 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, 6 p.m. **

Pages: 3 in toto

**** Please Note:** This is a re-fax of testimony that I first transmitted shortly after 3 p.m. today. In that text, I inadvertently used the word "visions" rather than "visualizations". The following corrects that error. I would, as result, appreciate your replacing the testimony I faxed at 3 p.m. with this corrected copy. Thank you.

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 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 “visualization” 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 “visualization” maps I have viewed on your website, my concerns are now reversed – I am, for the most part, comfortable with the “visualization” 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 “visualization” 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 “visualization” Assembly map while, much to my dismay, incorporating the problems of the first-draft Assembly map into the “visualization” Congressional map. Specifically:

1. Re: “Visualization” 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 “visualization” 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 “visualization” 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 “visualization” Assembly district entitled LAPVB, which would save those communities from being split between districts as well.

2. Re: “Visualization” 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 “visualization” 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 “visualization” 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 three 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

Subject: Fwd: Venice Districts

From: Chezhaha <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:22:31 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

In reviewing the most recent draft of the proposed new assembly districts, I discovered that you are proposing to split the community of Venice into three different districts. This makes no sense and conflicts with your charter to ensure local and community integrity.

Venice is one of the most identifiable communities in the state. As a major tourist destination and extremely dense neighborhood, it needs consistent representation, which would not be possible with three different assembly persons and therefore at least two different senators. It has always had a single assembly, senate, city council and board of supervisors district. It is a relatively small community which would not be difficult to include within a single district.

Please reconsider your current map and put Venice back into one district.

Thank you.

Hugh Harrison
Venice Resident

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: marsha orman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:29:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: marsha orman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

We who live in South Brentwood are a part of Brentwood...not West LA! Please keep all of Brentwood in the same district!!

Please also keep the VA in our district-we have worked closely with them for years as their partner and neighbor

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Dorothy G. Siegel" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:44:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dorothy G. Siegel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

We feel very strongly that the VA needs to be kept within our district. We live very close to the VA and issues that affect it also affect us.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Marie Lewis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:49:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marie Lewis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional District change

Message Body:

Please keep Brentwood in one piece.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Response to CRC re- Jewish Community Proposal

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:25:07 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the California Redistricting Commission,

On July 13, 2011, we submitted an alternative redistricting proposal for LAMWS. The purpose of our proposal is to unify Westside Orthodox Jewish COI into a single district and to link it with other Jewish population concentrations on the Westside. Our proposal therefore adjusts the LAMWS lines to include the Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood.

We greatly appreciate the Commission's discussion of our proposal. However, we are concerned that a few misconceptions may have arisen during the discussion, and the lack of oral public comment made it impossible to address those misconceptions. We are therefore submitting the attached Supplemental Statement in support of our Proposal.

We recognize that the Commission has been given an extraordinarily complex and difficult task. We appreciate the Commission's efforts and the consideration given to our proposal.

Dr. Irving Lebovics

Chairman, Presidium

Agudath Israel of California

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**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF
AGUDATH ISRAEL OF CALIFORNIA, INC.**

**PRESENTED TO THE
CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
July 19, 2011**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS.

A. Introduction and Background.

On July 14 2011, Dr. Irving Lebovics, Chairman of Agudath Israel of California (“Aguda”), submitted an **Alternative Proposal for West LA Districts** (the “Aguda Proposal”). The Aguda Proposal seeks to unify core Jewish neighborhoods¹ on the Westside of Los Angeles into a single existing district (LAMWS). In particular, the Aguda Proposal seeks to prevent the splitting of a unique Community of Interest – the Westside Orthodox Jewish Community – into two separate districts. Under both visualization options released July 14, 2011, this COI remains cut in half.

The Aguda Proposal contains extensive corroborating COI data to prove that the Proposal has no material effect on any other COI and does not diminish any nearby minority voices. Although the maps shown in the Proposal depict Assembly districts, the principals articulated in the Proposal and in this Statement apply equally to State Senate and Congressional districts. A copy the Aguda Proposal, including Dr. Lebovics’s cover letter, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Supporting maps A through D are attached to this document.

The Commission discussed the Aguda Proposal on July 13, 2011, and several misconceptions and inaccuracies were expressed regarding the Proposal’s effect. Dr. Lebovics was not given an opportunity to offer oral testimony and was therefore unable to respond to the misconceptions or otherwise clarify the effect of the Aguda Proposal.

This Statement explains the Aguda Proposal and corrects the misconceptions expressed regarding the Proposal’s impact on other communities.

B. Summary of Conclusions.

The Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community/COI with many shared institutions and resources. Under all current LAMWS visualizations, that COI – the Westside Orthodox Jewish Community – is chopped in half. The current lines do not encompass the “majority” or “most” of this Orthodox Jewish COI (See Maps A and B for district lines affecting the community).

The proposed boundaries for LAMWS do not include “every location with a Jewish community organization office or synagogue in the LA Basin.” Rather, our proposed lines focus

¹ Beverly Hills, Westwood, Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park, Pico-Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Century City, Brentwood, Bel Air, Beverlywood, Pacific Palisades, Miracle Mile (North of Olympic) and Park La Brea. The Aguda Proposal affects only Westside communities. It does not include any Jewish communities in the Valley.

only on the core of the Westside Orthodox Jewish COI contained in Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood. Westwood and Century City are discussed, but are not the primary area of concern.

The proposed lines do not touch other minority areas and will have no negative impacts on minority representation. Rather, our proposed lines simply shift mainly non-minority populations between two districts.

Neither the LAMWS or the LAWSC Districts are “Beach” Communities. While Santa Monica and Venice can fit into either district, Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood fits only into LAMWS.

II. DISCUSSION: THE PROPOSAL UNIFIES A DISTINCT COI WHILE HAVING NO NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ANY OTHER COMMUNITY OR INTEREST GROUP.

A. We are not seeking to include every location with a Jewish community organization office or synagogue in the LA Basin in LAMWS, only a select few that constitute a clear COI within the Orthodox Jewish community.

We are not seeking to have every location put into LAMWS, only those in the Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood area. The core area is from La Cienega to Beverwil and the Beverly Hills line to David Street/18th Street (see maps A and B). Like every other group, there are small populations spread out throughout the state. But there is a clear Community of Interest located in the Fairfax/Hancock Park, Pico-Robertson area with over 34 Orthodox synagogues, 12 Jewish day schools and nine Jewish organizations, including the Museum of Tolerance and the American Jewish Committee Western offices, the office of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation and the offices of the Israel Consul General.

We also suggested some preference to add Westwood and Century City as well since those also offer significant clusters of the Jewish community, with 7 synagogues (including four Orthodox synagogues and two with majority Persian-Jewish populations), 4 Jewish organizations and one Jewish day school. While the Orthodox population is not as dense here, it is substantial and has strong ties to Beverly Hills.

We purposely did not address the Jewish community population in Valley Village, Studio City, West Hills or Encino because these clusters are not split up the way that the Commission is proposing to divide Fairfax/Hancock Park from Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood.

B. The Current LAMWS visualization does not even cover the “majority” or “most” of the Orthodox Jewish COI.

Of the 80,000 Orthodox Jews that live in the LA Basin (not the Valley), most of them actually live in Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood. That is why half of the Jewish Day schools are located in Pico-Robertson and *nearly one third of ALL Orthodox synagogues (12 of 38) are located in Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood.* Fairfax/Hancock Park has 15 of 38 Orthodox Synagogues (Miracle Mile has 4). The current LAMWS lines literally divide the core of our community in half.

C. The Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single community/COI with many shared resources.

The Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and the Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single community with many shared resources. The shared resources include yeshivas (i.e., schools), community organizations, kosher food markets, Jewish bookstores, kosher restaurants and other businesses and institutions. The two neighborhoods are not separate nor are they isolated from each other. For example, many parents in Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood drive their children to Jewish schools in Fairfax/Hancock Park, including Yeshiva Aron Yaakov at Third and Formosa, Yeshiva Rav Isaacsohn at La Brea and Clinton and Yavneh Hebrew Academy at Third and Las Palmas. Families in Fairfax/Hancock Park regularly patronize Jewish bookstores and kosher restaurants in Pico-Robertson. Community organizations such as Tomchei Shabbos (providing food to poor families) and Hatzolah (a volunteer Emergency Medical Service) serve both areas (see Map D). They also share the Los Angeles Eruv, a religious demarcation which allows certain religious practices within its borders during the Sabbath.

D. The proposed lines do not touch other minority areas and only offers a population switch between two districts.

Being considered a religious minority, we are concerned and want to make sure that all minority voices have their COIs respected. In order to avoid diluting the African American populations in Leimert Park, View Park, Mid-City, Hyde Park, Victoria Park and the Baldwin Hills, we specifically avoided proposing any population exchanges with those communities or the significant Asian-American or Latino populations that are in East Hollywood, West LA or Koreatown. *We hope that in respecting their desires to have a voice, you will respect ours.*

Santa Monica and Venice offered equal numbers to swap with the areas we were concerned about. *In reviewing public comment given to date, no public comment was received that we are aware of that connects Santa Monica and Beverly Hills or Fairfax in an Assembly district (we are aware of requests to link them with the San Fernando Valley in a State Senate district, but not for the State Assembly).* There do appear to be comments linking Venice and Santa Monica to Mar Vista for the Assembly and comments that link Westwood and Beverly Hills. Our proposal is consistent with those COIs.

E. Neither the LAMWS or the LAWSC Districts are “Beach” Communities, Santa Monica can fit into either district, but Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood cannot.

There was a concern voiced by one Commissioner that Victoria Park and the Baldwin Hills are not beach communities and do not belong with Venice or Santa Monica. Beverly Hills, Pico-Robertson and Hollywood are not beach communities either. However, Mar Vista, Del Rey, West LA and Palms are beach-oriented communities west of the 405. If the Commission wanted a beach Assembly district they could have created one linking the Santa Monica Mountains and Malibu down to Santa Monica, Playa Vista, Venice and Marina Del Rey as many of the public comments have suggested. Instead, different communities are being put together based on other “common grounds” prioritized by Commission. There is nothing wrong with the Commission setting other priorities, we just ask that they be consistent. *Just as LAMWS attempts to put together beach communities such as Topanga and Malibu with Hollywood, LAWSC puts together inland communities such as Baldwin Hills with beach communities such as Mar Vista, Palms and Venice because they share the corridor of the I-10 into Santa Monica and the origin Ballona Wetlands.*

Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood share economic, cultural and resource ties to the Beverly Hills, Fairfax and Miracle Mile. Unlike Mid-City and Little Ethiopia, they don’t have anything in

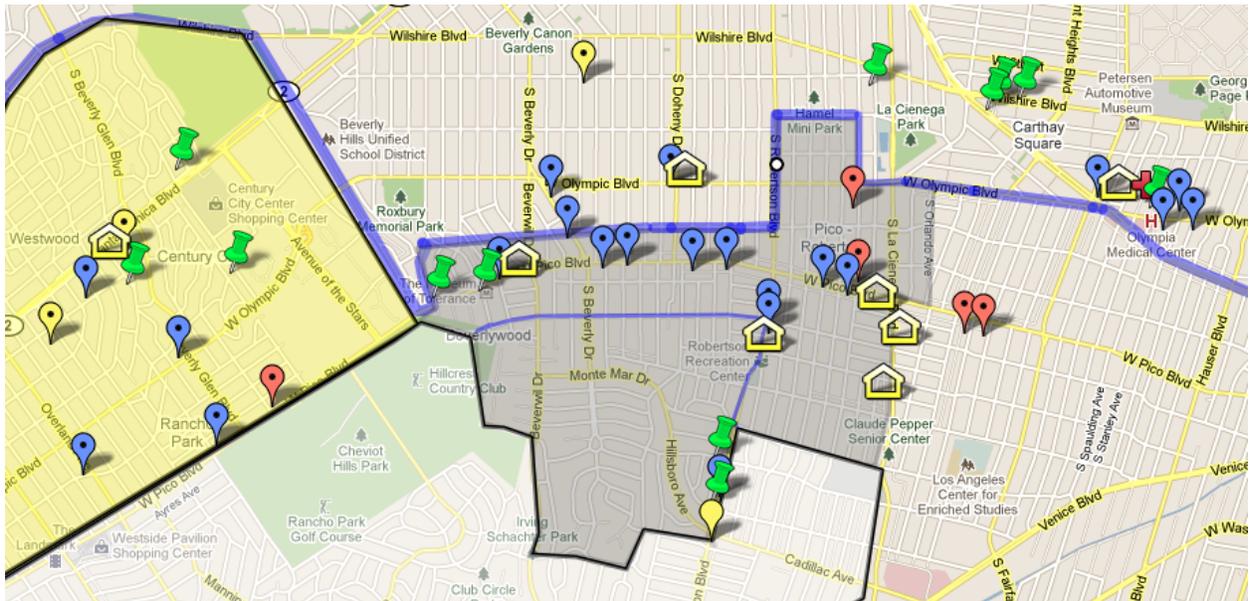
common with the communities south of the I-10. In the past Pico-Robertson and Beverlywood were placed into other districts for the political expediency that this Commission was set up to avoid.

III. **CONCLUSION**

Like so many other Community of Interest, we simply seek to unify our political voice into single districts. Our proposed lines for the LAMWS unify the Westside Orthodox Jewish COI into a single district without any negative impacts on minority groups or other COIs.

MAP A

Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood



Thick Line indicates current LAMWS border with LAWSC

Thin line indicates Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood Border

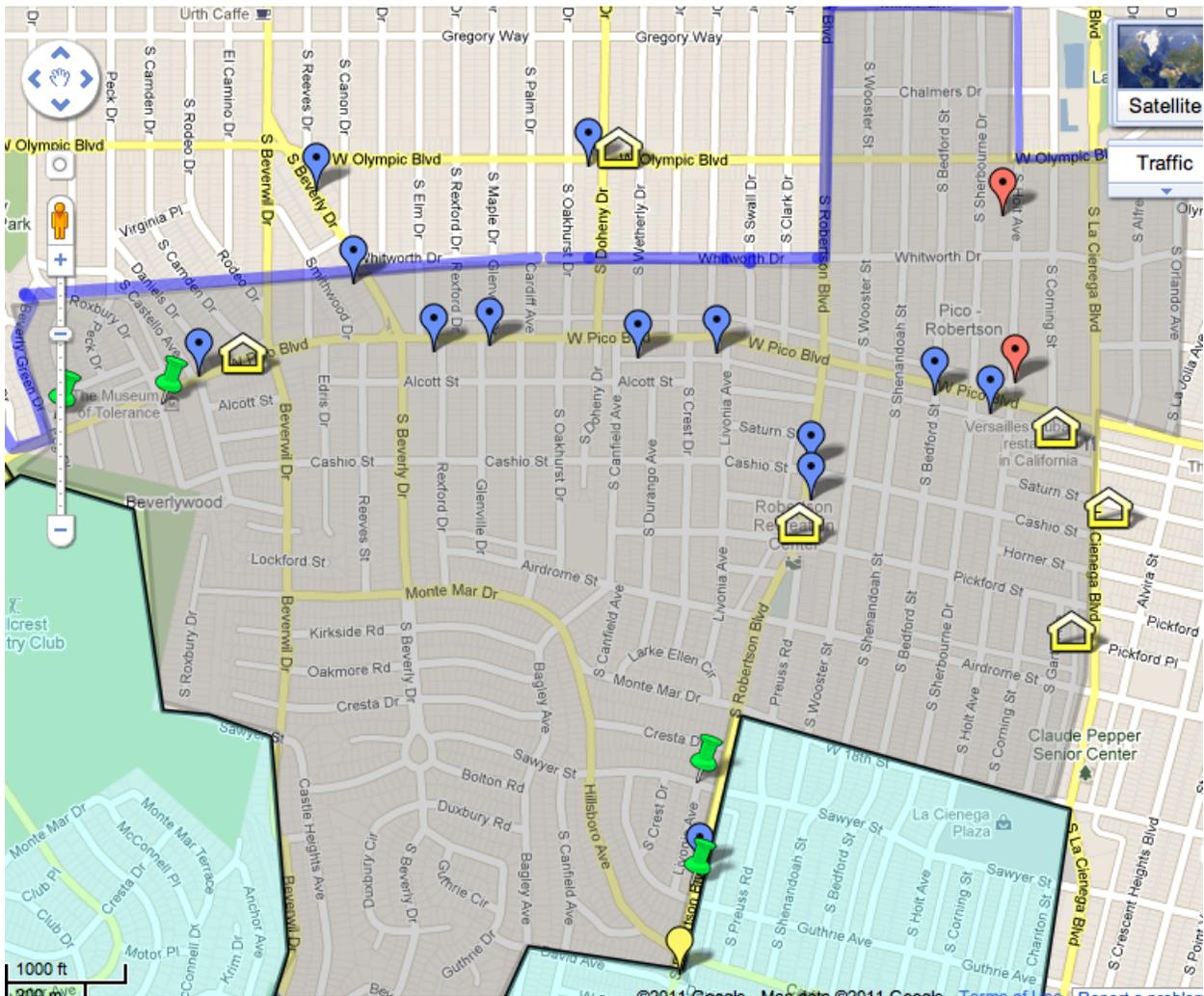
Markers are Synagogues

Pins are Jewish Organizations

School buildings are Jewish Day Schools

MAP B

CLOSEUP OF PICO-ROBERTSON/BEVERLYWOOD



Thick Line indicates current LAMWS border with LAWSC

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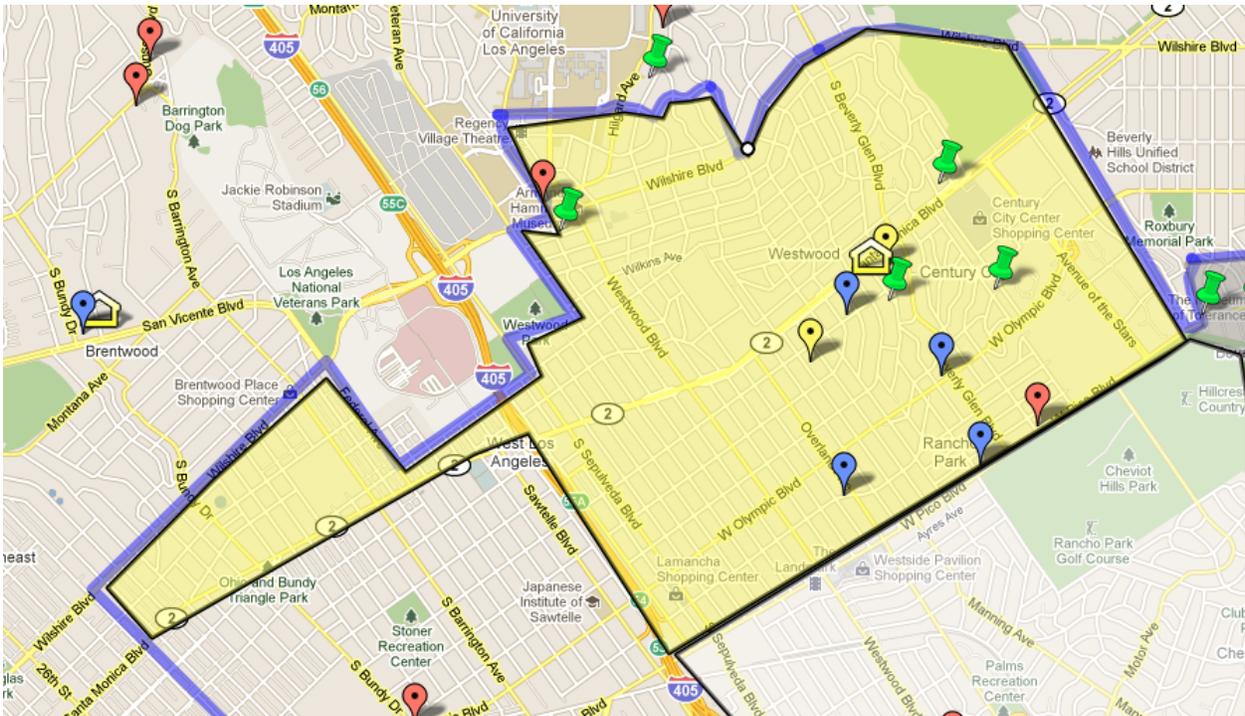
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MAP C

OTHER AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT JEWISH CLUSTERS IN LA BASIN

Brentwood/Westwood/Century City

(current LAMWS splits Brentwood which ends at Santa Monica, not Wilshire)



Thick Line indicates current LAMWS border with LAWSC

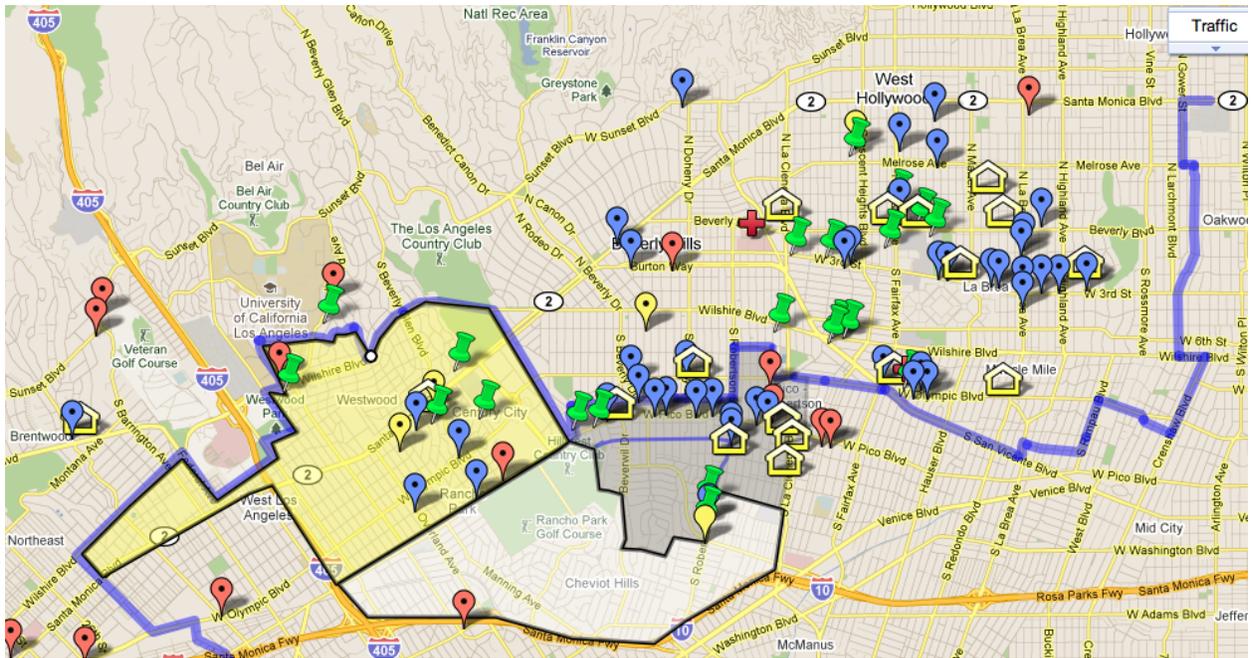
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MAP D

MAP OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN WESTSIDE OUTSIDE OF LAMWS



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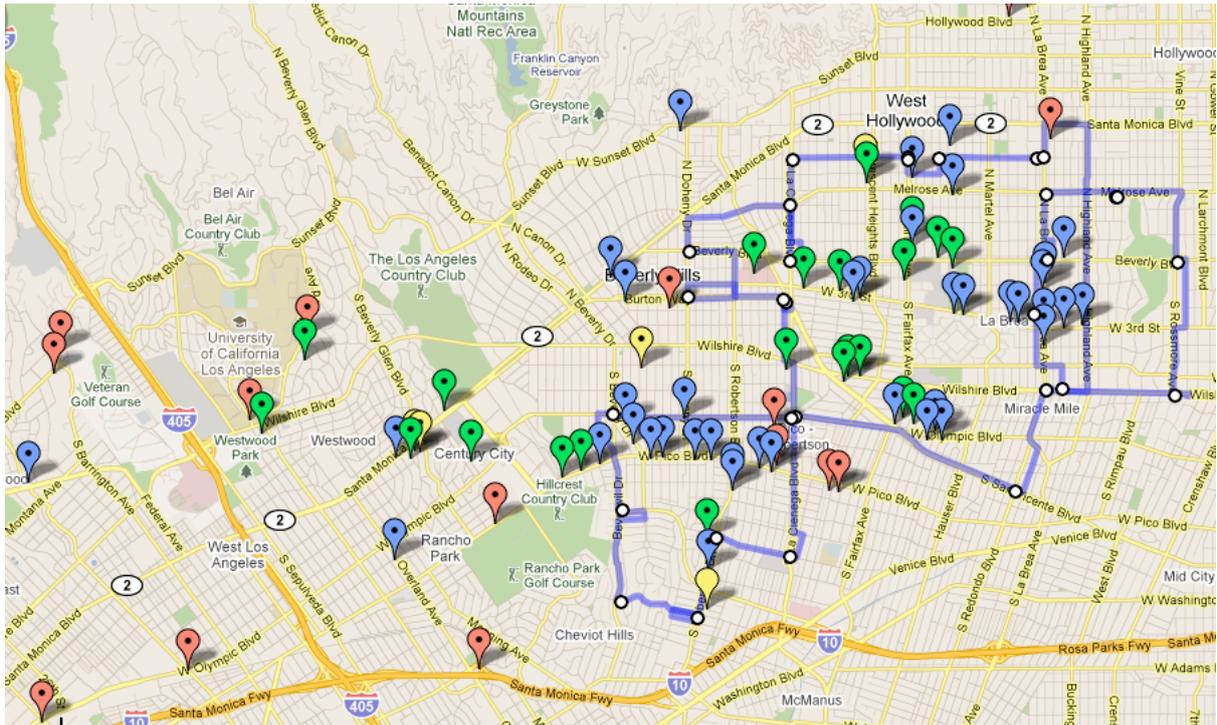
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These districts are based on the last round of visualizations, but make changes to maximize Jewish turnout in the Westside District without materially reducing nearby minority voices. Consolidates traditional West/Mid-City West Jewish communities that have been divided by redistricting in the past.

Guide to Jewish Community

Core Jewish neighborhoods – Beverly Hills, Westwood, Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park, Pico-Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Century City, Brentwood, Bel Air, Beverlywood, Pacific Palisades, Miracle Mile (North of Olympic), Park La Brea.

There are approximately 600,000 Jews in the Los Angeles area, 80,000 of which are Orthodox. There are also large Persian Jewish populations in Westwood and Beverly Hills. The core communities above are a significant sector of this population (excluding populations in the South and West San Fernando Valley)



- Blue Markers – Orthodox Synagogues
- Yellow Markers – Persian/Sephardic Synagogues
- Red Markers – Reform/Conservative Synagogues
- Green Markers – Jewish community service organizations

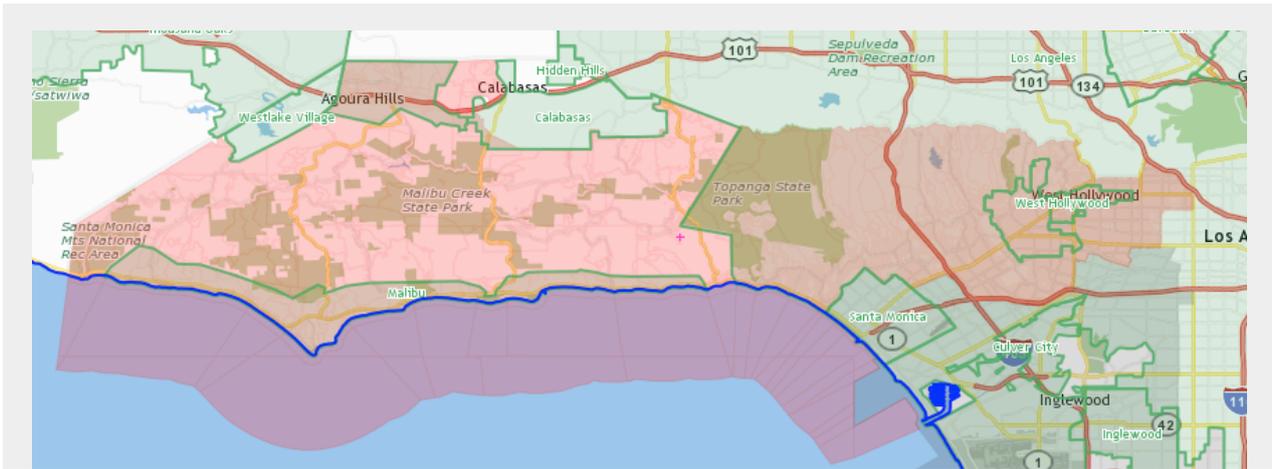
PROPOSED DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WESTSIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Redistricting Data: LA Santa Monica Mts – West Side (LAMWS)

Agoura Hills, Malibu Hills, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Topanga, Brentwood, Bel Air, Westwood, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Hancock Park, Hollywood (part), East Hollywood (part), Westwood, Cheviot Hills, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, Miracle Mile (part)

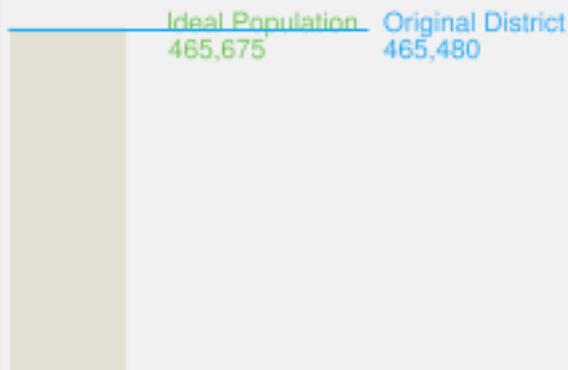
Loses Santa Monica, gains Pico-Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Beverlywood, Miracle Mile.

Corroborating COI Testimony: (a) Westwood-Beverly Hills unites Persian/Armenian communities. Pico-Robertson-Hancock Park-Fairfax unites Orthodox communities. (b) Santa Monica Mountains communities united, excluding Santa Monica, which also has ties to Beach areas and Calabasas, which has ties to West San Fernando Valley, (c) Jewish community organizations tie Brentwood, Westwood, Beverly Hills, Century City, Fairfax, Park La Brea, Miracle Mile & Hancock Park (d) Miracle Mile tied to Fairfax/Hancock Park areas (same neighborhood councils).



Population

Total Population: 469,176
0.75% variance from ideal population



Universe: Total Population
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
Data Year: 2010
Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	469,176
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.75%
Original District	465,480

Citizen Voting Age Population



Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
Data Year: 2010
Data Level: Census Block

	New LAMWS	Original LAMWS
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	8.73% 29,670	8.32%

Asian	8.93% 30,354	8.59%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.64% 2,192	0.66%
Black or African American	4.89% 16,639	4.88%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.05% 185	0.08%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	76.42% 259,786	78.75%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.33% 1,115	0.32%

Ethnicity / Race



Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	13.10% 61,460	
White alone	68.97% 323,594	
Black or African American alone	3.45% 16,194	
Asian	10.71% 50,258	
Some Other Race	0.45% 2,118	
Two or More Races	3.31% 15,552	

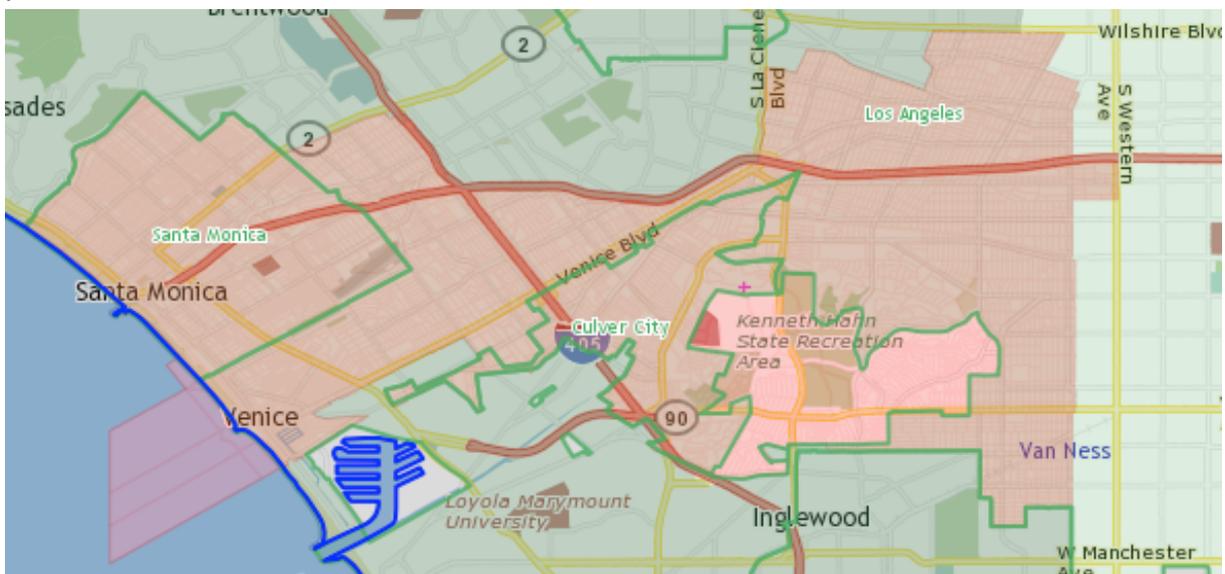
Redistricting Data: LA West - Crenshaw Culver City

Keeps south & east original lines: Mid-City, Victoria Park, Lafayette Park, Hyde Park, View Park, Leimert Park, Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, Little Ethiopia, Culver City, Palms, West LA, Venice, Santa Monica

Loses Pico Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Miralce Mile, Century City, gains and unifies existing beach communities of West LA/Mar Vista/Palms with Venice/Santa Monica.

CVAP and population numbers do not change.

Corroborating COI testimony: ties together “beach” communities of Santa Monica, Venice, West LA with COG partner Culver City and Baldwin communities. Ties Mid-City with Baldwin communities



Population

Total Population: 468,293
 0.56% variance from ideal population
 Ideal Population: 465,675
 Original District: 465,575

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	468,293
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.56%
Original District	465,575

Citizen Voting Age Population



Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	New LAWSC	Original LAWSC
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	16.20% 49,230	16.4%
Asian	9.54% 29,000	10.17%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.67% 2,036	0.65%
Black or African American	30.56% 92,846	30.87%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.20% 597	0.16%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	42.41% 128,852	41.34%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.42% 1,274	0.41%

Ethnicity / Race



Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block
 Original District = Blue line

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	29.10% 136,262	
White alone	33.42% 156,492	

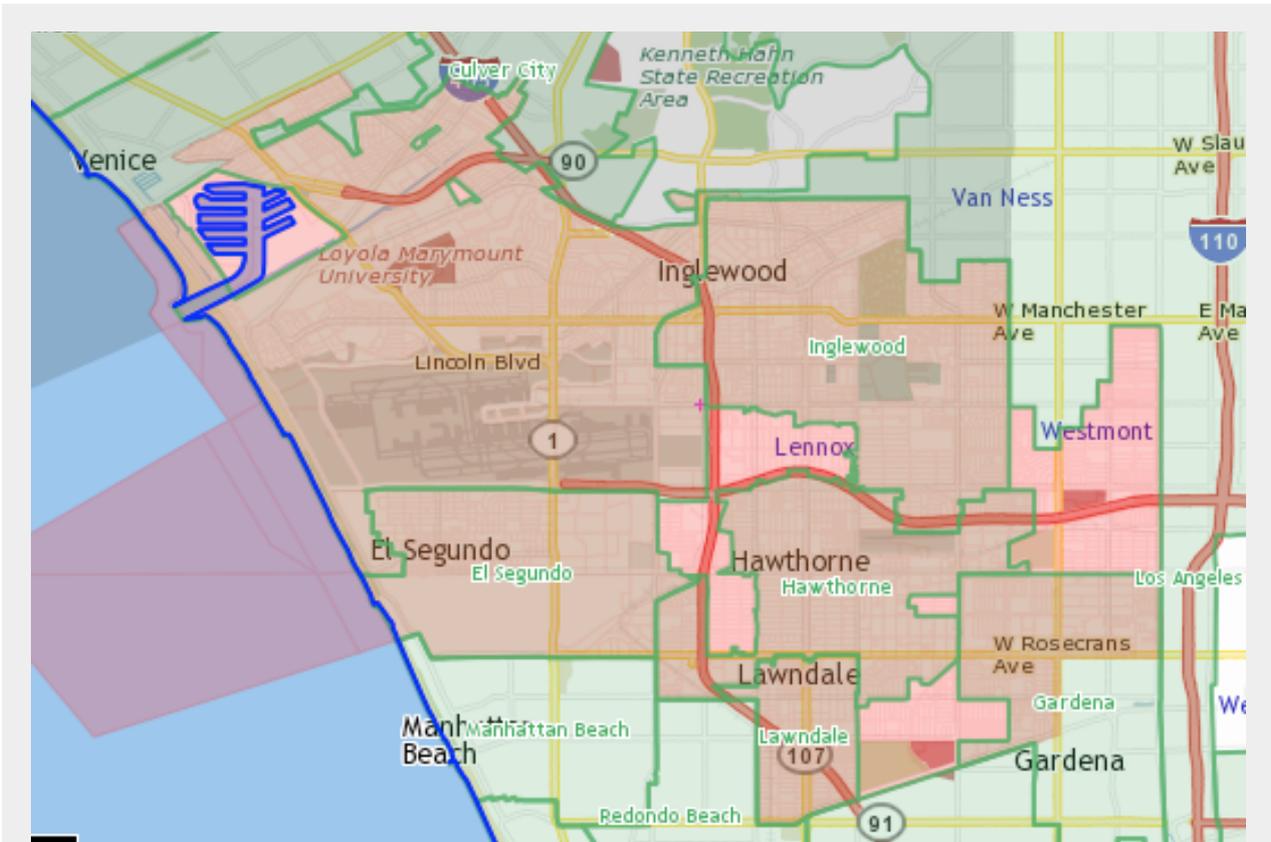
Black or African American alone	23.65% 110,743	
Asian	10.10% 47,308	
Some Other Race	0.69% 3,215	
Two or More Races	3.05% 14,273	

Redistricting Data: LA Inglewood Hawthorne Gardena (LAHIG)

Keeps original lines (Inglewood, Hawthorne, Del Aire, Gardena (part), Lennox, Westmont, Westchester, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, Del Rey, Venice (part), Mar Vista (part)).

Changes: Loses most of Venice, gains parts of Del Rey

Corroborating COI Testimony – Keeps “Airport” communities of LAX, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, El Segundo together with Inglewood, Hawthorne & Lawndale.



Population

Total Population: 468,132
 0.53% variance from ideal population
 Ideal Population: 465,675
 Original District: 465,666

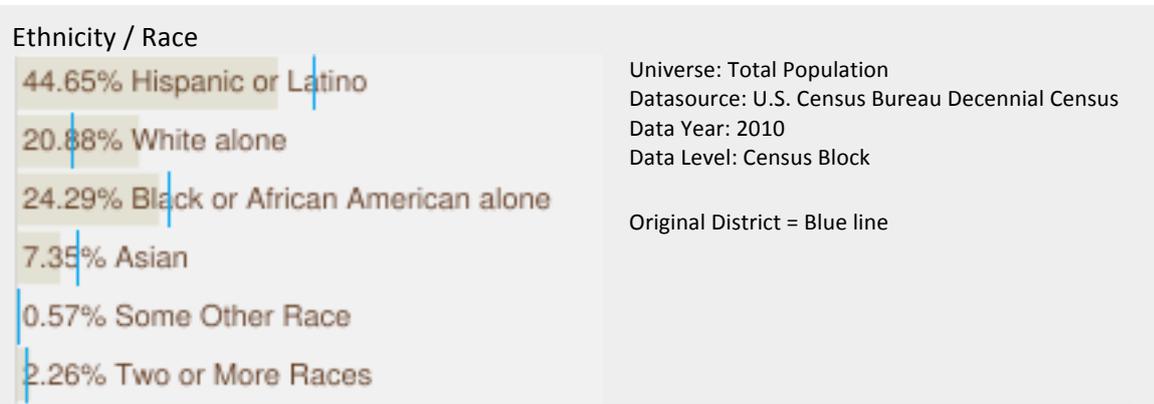
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 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	468,132
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.53%

Original District	465,666
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	NEW LAHIG	Original LAHIG
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	27.47% 73,193	26.71
Asian	7.32% 19,503	6.45%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.73% 1,940	0.77%
Black or African American	32.48% 86,546	32.39%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.31% 839	0.72%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	31.34% 83,513	32.59%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.35% 922	0.37%



	New LAHIG	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	44.65% 209,017	
White alone	20.88%	

	97,741	
Black or African American alone	24.29% 113,703	
Asian	7.35% 34,423	
Some Other Race	0.57% 2,664	
Two or More Races	2.26% 10,584	

EXHIBIT A
Copy of Alternative Proposal for West LA Districts

See attached copy.

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:58:25 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please keep the south bay in one group, include westchester in the same group as the beach cities.

Bob Vinqvist

Subject: 36th district

From: William Lundy <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:07:28 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please get it right this time. El Segundo to willimington including Torrance, PV,Lomita. Like it was years ago.

Thank you, William

Subject: 36th district

From: "Arthur J Stevens" [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:23:10 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Gentlemen;

Please do not take Torrance out of the 36th district. Our area is from Westchester South and should not include places like Malibu and Santa Monica. I urge you to reconsider and keep our district within what is better known as the South Bay.

Thank you,

Arthur J Stevens

[REDACTED]
El Segundo CA, 90245

[REDACTED]

Subject:**From:** "Clay Baker" <[REDACTED]>**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:49:06 -0700**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Please maintain the integrity of the South Bay. Known since its inception the "South Bay" consists of the "Beach Cities" from Palos Verdes north to Playa del Rey. Ballona Creek has been the natural dividing line that separated the South Bay from the North even before Agustín Machado took his legendary dawn to dusk ride from the Playa del Rey foothills to claim the 14,000-acre Rancho La Ballona in 1819.

Palos Verdes, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Westchester and Playa del Rey are the heart and soul of the South Bay and should be reunited and forever married together in the 36th Congressional District. Marina Del Rey, Venice, Santa Monica, Malibu, West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, etc., are not a historical, social, political or environmental part of the South Bay and should be a part of the 36th District.

Thank you for your kind and professional consideration.

Sincerely

Clayton and Barbara Baker

[REDACTED]

Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

[REDACTED]

Subject: City of Hawthorne shares a community of interest with the South Bay

From: Jason Gromski <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:00:23 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I write to urge you to include the City of Hawthorne in a South Bay district for the Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly maps. I believe the City of Hawthorne has strong ties to the South Bay which includes the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Torrance, Lawndale, Gardena, and Hawthorne.

In my own life, I work in the Aerospace industry in Redondo Beach. I coach Little League in Manhattan Beach. I shop at the malls in Redondo Beach and Torrance. I take advantage of leisure activities and the restaurants in all of the South Bay cities. And most of my friends live in the beach cities.

I am part of a growing number of families and young professionals that recently moved to Hawthorne to take advantage of the affordable single family homes but feel inextricably connected to the other South Bay cities. The South Bay is our community of interest.

I recently spoke at a city council meeting where I voiced support for Hawthorne Resolution No 7391 which supports the inclusion of Hawthorne into the same congressional district as the other South Bay cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, and Torrance. The commission has the opportunity to create Congressional and Assembly maps that correct the past omission of the City of Hawthorne from the South Bay districts. I urge you to draw district lines for Congress and the Assembly that resemble the 2011-07-15 09:59PM congress la option1.2 visualization.

Sincerely,

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Jason Gromski

Trustee - Ramona Neighborhood Association

[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA 90250
[REDACTED]

Subject: Comment re EVENT proposed Senate District

From: George Wolfberg [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:10:14 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

July 19, 2011

State Redistricting Commission [REDACTED]

RE: EVENT – State Senate District

Honorable Commissioners:

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the eyes, ears, and voice of the Pacific Palisades for over 38 years and served as a model for the City's Neighborhood Council program. The PPCC Board of Governors has attempted to keep up with the many map proposals for EVENT over the past few weeks. Timing of your deliberations does not permit us to hold a board meeting to discuss the latest proposal. I am out of town and have asked our Executive Committee to review the options and give input in my absence. The Committee has reviewed and approved the following as the official position of the PPCC Board of Governors on this important issue.

Our community of interest includes Santa Monica, Malibu, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Topanga, the West LA Veterans facility and BOTH sides of the Santa Monica Mountains. Our community has fought hard in support of creation of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This mountains and coastal district is defined by key transportation corridors of SR-1, the coast highway, Interstate 405 and the SR-101. Cross mountain roads provide access for both our residents, commuters and the many people who come to visit the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Santa Monica Bay. The City of Malibu is part of a Council of Governments with Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village. These 5 cities and Topanga have a strong interest in staying together in order to address transportation, fire protection, and resource protection issues that impact the coastal communities and Santa Monica Bay. The unincorporated areas of Ventura County along the coast as well as Thousand Oaks would add strength to these goals.

Malibu, Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica are active participants with State and local elected officials, appropriate law enforcement agencies and Cal Trans in the Pacific Coast Highway Task Force. The 101 Corridor communities in the SF Valley include Woodland Hills, West Hills, Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks and Studio City. We understand that additional parts of the Valley and Westside may need to be added to this district to achieve the required population. All these cities and communities serve as gateways to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and our beaches. Many locally elected officials and residents, homeowner and neighborhood council leaders have testified at your hearings and sent in letters in support of this united community of interest. The Supervisor who represents this area in LA County, Zev Yaroslavsky, also has sent letters emphasizing the strong connection between the Westside, coast, mountain cities and the SF Valley. Several of the most recent maps on the Commission's website dramatically changed our community of interest. The areas North of the 118 Freeway. Simi Valley, Moorpark, Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, Val Verde and other communities are separate geographic areas and share little in common with this Santa Monica Mountains, 101 corridor and coastal district. We do not share the same roads, schools, religious institutions, County Supervisors, or cultural or civic organizations. Please recognize that these are two distinct areas by keeping them in separate districts so that an

elected official can better represent their interests.

Best regards,

for
Janet Turner, Chair
Pacific Palisades Community Council

[REDACTED]

George Wolfberg
At-large Representative and
Member of Executive Committee
Pacific Palisades Community Council

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: comments on new voting districts

From: Joy Picus <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:22:54 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I have looked at the recently redrawn maps, and appreciate the ability to put my personal location on the map. The maps are an infinite improvement over the first set that we had an opportunity to view. Although I cannot do a true analysis of them, I do appreciate the fact that my Senate District no longer combines the very urban mid San Fernando Valley with Bakersfield! I won't even ask what you were thinking. All of my Districts look reasonable, and if I might prefer a few changes, it appears that a community of interests is maintained. I thank you for that.

Joy Picus

Joy Picus

[REDACTED]

Reseda, CA 91335

[REDACTED]

Subject: congressional districting

From: Frances Alet - SBC <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:52:07 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

to whom it may concern:

i'd like to say thank you for listening to the communities when congressional district lines were drawn. having the communities of calabasas joined with agoura hills, malibu, along with topanga, monte nido, cold creek and cornell is wonderful. these communities share strong areas of interest, as well as having some common services.

i commend you on this decision and urge you to keep this in place.

respectfully,

frances alet

[REDACTED]
calabasas,ca. 91302

Subject: District 36- stop the gerrymandering

From: "J. Daniel Vogelzang" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:04:41 -0700

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

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

[REDACTED] Evan <[REDACTED]> Donald Mehlig
[REDACTED] Dennis Branconier <[REDACTED]> Penny Lee
[REDACTED] Dean Reuter <[REDACTED]> Jan Coombs <[REDACTED]>
"Shafer, Bob" <[REDACTED]> WilliamOberholzer <[REDACTED]>
[REDACTED] Anne Trinh <[REDACTED]> Dawn Shepard
[REDACTED] Anthony Pirozzi <[REDACTED]> "Waronek, Mark" <[REDACTED]>
[REDACTED] Nick Peters
[REDACTED] yliu3000
[REDACTED] Sharon Zahoryin <[REDACTED]> Linda Amato
[REDACTED] Linda Wenglikowski <[REDACTED]> "Young, Marlene S"

As a City of Torrance Business Owner and resident in District 36 I, Dan Vogelzang, of Lomita CA, am appalled at the politicizing that is occurring as I write this about District 36 lines being redrawn for the umpteenth time.

District 36 has become a political volleyball and quite frankly is being "played" in my view by a very biased Commission who seems to have a wavering conscious regarding what is supposed to be an "apolitical" process. There is so much gerrymandering going on with the redrawing of district lines I feel compelled to speak out.

I am a South Bay resident, was born here, and am a community advocate (I was involved in Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce form 2000-2006 as an Executive Board Member and I was co-founder of our Chamber PAC as well as Vice Chair of Government Affairs) so I know a bit about what is going on here. I sit on not-for-profit boards like the YMCA and Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital. The boards I sit on and the church I attend, Rolling Hills Covenant Church, are supported and attended by ALL South Bay residentsà San Pedro, Lomita, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates, and Torrance. Not Venice or Santa Monica.

To exclude Torrance in the 36th District is unconscionable.....from what I understand and recently learned as of today, the Commission has torn apart the district, even contemplating taking out Torrance! Please stop this crazy thinking now!

I also understand that Santa Monica and Venice may be attached to the district...they are NOT part of our South Bay community. We have nothing in common with them. They are not part of our communityà our South Bay community is Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, San Pedro, Lomita, Hawthorne, Lawndale. Gardena and Carson could be included too and even Harbor City and Wilmington. AND of course Torrance, which is the backbone of the South Bay. These are the people we commune with each and every day in business and are involved with constantly through community efforts.

These are the cities that truly represent our District and District 36 should not be politically gerrymandered the way it being toyed with now. What is being considered could be likened to ripping a family apart

I speak on behalf of all my friends and community associates in this matter and as you can see I have cc'd many of my friends who live and have businesses in District 36, or what should be District 36.--> **I understand the deadline for public input is July 22nd and the legislative maps will be finalized August 15th so I am asking my friends to**

provide their input too

Thank you for your consideration and I hope this hits at the heart of the matter to logically draw 'natural' district lines for District 36 and our cherished South Bay community

Dan

J. Daniel Vogelzang
President



Torrance, CA 90503



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