

**Subject:** Valley Village

**From:** Ravi Kapoor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:16:06 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear CRC

Please keep the Valley Village boundaries intact. Do not split it at Colfax Ave but go east to the 170 freeway. Please!

It will take me out of Valley Village a community I am proud to be a part of and am committed to. My children's school is in the Valley Village neighborhood. My friends are in the Valley Village neighborhood. My local coffee shop and meeting place is in Valley Village, we have block parties and 4th of July parades and use the park in what is now Valley Village. We have a real community here that makes life so much richer for us. The 170 creates a "natural" boundary. Using Colfax Ave cuts a chunk out of our heart.

Please keep Burbank Blvd as the north boundary, the 170 as the east boundary, the 101 to the south and the Tujunga Was to the west.

Sincerely

Ravi Chandna  
[REDACTED]

Ca 91602

**Subject:** 36th Congressional District

**From:** lawrence Bach <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:49:30 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Greetings,

I've seen the re-drawn boundary plan for the 36th District. These new boundaries aren't consistent with the mission assigned the committee as voted into law by California citizens. Torrance has been part of the district since I was a child and should be retained in the newly drawn district borders. The historical area called the "South Bay" includes the part of Los Angeles City called Westchester and south to encompass the other beach cities and Torrance. The proposed district boundaries gives the appearance as if it were designed "capture" specific constituencies and leave others out. I urge you to revise the proposed 36th District plan to include all of the City of Torrance, and make Westchester the northern district boundary. Respectfully submitted.

Lawrence J. Bach

[REDACTED]  
Torrance, CA 90505  
Democrat and voter

**Subject:** 36th District - Redistricting

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:13:58 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

The 36<sup>th</sup> District MUST include Torrance. Please put your politics aside and get this right. As a conservative taxpayer my vote has not counted for most of my adult life as I live in a liberal, democratic state. Nothing I can do about it as that is how the system works. All I can do is have my voice heard and vote.

Torrance is a Beach City as is Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, etc. Please remember there is also a "Torrance Beach" where the Redondo Beach residents go every day to enjoy their beach. You can't just pull it out and say that it's issues are the same as Inglewood and South Central L.A. and put Torrance in a new district. Torrance has as much in common with South Central L.A. as Beverly Hills has with South Central Los Angeles. That is not an opinion, it is a fact.

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

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

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

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

Thank You

Michael Gage

**Subject:** 36th District

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:39:15 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the Redistricting Committee;

I write to request that you reconsider your decision to reform the 36th Congressional District without the City of Torrance. If there is one City that is the heart of the South Bay, it is Torrance. It is the economic engine of the area I've lived and worked in for more than 30 years. Although I live in Manhattan Beach, my offices, at various times have been in Torrance and Redondo Beach, all three of which cities we who live in the South Bay call "our home." The South Bay cities from El Segundo in the north through and including the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities and San Pedro to the South, as well as Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita, and Wilmington to the east and Torrance, Harbor City, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Hermosa Beach to the west comprise one indivisible community of interests and relations. I urge you not to break this up for the purpose of political convenience or any other reason. Thank you for your consideration.

Darryl Nyznyk.

**Subject:** 36th District? Please Correct

**From:** "Mike Kurz" <att[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:20:05 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission.

I have lived in the South Bay (Manhattan Beach) for 35 years. I know this district and its natural boundaries.

We are a moderate area and have been disenfranchised for 25 years because of gerrymandering. I was looking forward to having a fair redistricting and a chance to participate in elections on a fair basis after passage of Prop 11 last year. I even applied to be on the commission.

I just discovered that the commission is actively gerrymandering this district so that it reaches from San Pedro all the way to Calabasas, through Santa Monica and Bel Air, areas that have nothing in common with the South Bay. I also discovered that Torrance was removed from the South Bay!!?

**Something fishy is going on here!**

The 36<sup>th</sup> should be all cities Westchester and south, including El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena

Put Torrance back in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District)! This is where the unfairness of the commission's proposal is glaring! ***Torrance is the financial hub of the South Bay!!!***

**This is our community. Our personal lives, business interests, economic activity and everything else are intertwined with our neighbors and our community. We never go to Santa Monica, or Bel Air or Calabasas, and they don't come here.**

Please, allow our votes to count!!! Change the 36<sup>th</sup> district to include cities Westchester and south, including El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena. This is a natural district, these cities go together and always done so!

By cc of the e-mail to other South Bay Residents, I invite them to also contact the commission to plead for a correction. The present plan is not what us voters wanted from the commission...more of the same... corruption. Please correct

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Michael Kurz  
Manhattan Beach, 90266

**Subject:** 36th district

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:13:07 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

WHY are you breaking up the South Bay by removing Torrance and "stringing" things up the coast (Malibu???)

Looks like more political cronyism!! Is there no longer any integrity/objectivity in any public service organization?

G Grobien

**Subject:** Bel Air Skycrest Redistricting Letter

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:12:40 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Attached is a letter from Bel Air Skycrest to the Commission concerning Senate Redistricting. Thank you for distributing this letter to the Commission.

**BelAirSkycrestSenateRedistrictingLetter.pdf**



July 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
[REDACTED]

Re: New Boundaries for the 23rd<sup>th</sup> Senate District Are Unacceptable

Dear Redistricting Commission Members:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Bel Air Skycrest to express our displeasure with the latest proposal for our Senate District boundaries. The current iteration of the LAPVB Senate District (as of July 17, 2011, at 5 pm), which encompasses our Bel Air Skycrest neighborhood, would isolate Bel Air Skycrest from the Santa Monica Mountains “community of interest” that we described in our May 2011 letter. We ask that the Commission restore this Mountains community of interest by redrawing the Senate EVENT District to conform with the proposed boundaries for the LAMWS and LAVSF Assembly Districts.

**First, the proposed LAPVB Senate District would divide our community at Mulholland, which, as we explained in our May letter, would improperly sever our immediate neighborhood.**

Bel Air Skycrest is just south of Mulholland Drive, at the top of the Santa Monica Mountains, one mile west of the San Diego Freeway. Since the neighborhood’s origin in the mid-sixties, there have always been special problems and needs binding us to our neighbors on both sides of Mulholland. First it was the Mission Canyon landfill and the years of political and legal battles to close it and keep it closed. Now it is the ongoing issue of development on the Mulholland Institutional Corridor and our need for a Master Plan. And in a few more years there will also be the issue of turning the former Mission Canyon landfill into parkland.

We have a lot at stake up here, and this is why we can never support the proposal to use Mulholland as a dividing line for Senate Districts, putting those of

us on one side of Mulholland in one district and our neighbors on the other side of the road (in some cases just yards to the north) in another. In addition, the current proposal divides us from the institutions themselves. This would make it much more difficult to address the longstanding institutional-residential conflicts and issues when they arise (as they frequently do) and will greatly compromise our ability to work together to solve problems. The artificiality of this boundary is further highlighted by the fact that a number of the institutions own property on *both* sides of Mulholland – the Bel Air Presbyterian Church, itself located on the north, is currently going through the environmental review process for facilities it wants to build on the south side; and the Stephen S. Wise Temple on the north owns Milken High School and Saperstein Middle School on the south sides of Mulholland.

**Second, the current draft would sever Bel Air Skycrest from the neighboring Santa Monica Mountains communities that share our unique hillside and transportation interests.**

The Santa Monica Mountains themselves, along with our proximity to one of the City's major transportation corridors, the 405 freeway, and to the oversaturated two-mile stretch of religious, cultural, and educational institutions known as the *Mulholland Institutional Corridor*, define many shared issues for West Los Angeles – environmental preservation, public safety, quality of life. As hillside and hillside-adjacent residents, our needs and our sympathies are united with those of other Westsiders in communities of interest extending all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

In the realm of public safety, the Santa Monica Mountains on both sides of Mulholland are an extremely high risk fire area, as demonstrated by the series of fires that have broken out in the past few years in very close proximity to our neighborhood. The closest of these, the Mountain Gate/ Sepulveda Pass fire of September 4, 2010, was less than a mile away from us. Hillside neighborhoods were put on alert both in the Valley and on the Westside. The fact that these at-risk areas on both sides of Mulholland are currently consolidated in a single district (the 23<sup>rd</sup>) makes sense, both in terms of access to prevention resources and of emergency response during actual times of crisis. Do not dilute that representation. Our public safety depends on it – and when I say *our*, I refer not only to hillside residents like those of Bel Air Skycrest but also to the 4,000-plus students who spend their days on the Mulholland Institutional Corridor.

And then there is Mulholland itself. In addition to offering, for many of us, the only access route to and from our homes, schools and places of business (a powerful uniting factor as regards both our daily commutes and emergency services/evacuations), this two-lane country road is a designated Scenic Highway and Scenic Parkway. People come from all over the world to drive, walk, hike and bike along Mulholland and to take in the amazing city views from the scenic overlooks managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation

Authority. This resource is enjoyed by the general public as well as the local residents and should be kept in one Senate District.

These are just a few of the reasons why it is absolutely essential that the dividing line between Senate Districts should not run smack down the middle of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway! Mulholland is itself a resource in need of protection as well as a focal point for the shared community of interest that flanks both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains, including us, Encino, Sherman Oaks, all of Brentwood, Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica!

**In sum**, the proposed redistricting would be a disaster for these mountains and for all who live in and enjoy recreational and cultural use of them. Please ensure the ongoing ability of citizens and politicians to work together to protect and preserve this very important part of Los Angeles by redrawing the boundaries to create a Senate EVENT District that encompasses our Mountain community of interest. The boundary lines for this requested *Senate* District are identical to the combined boundaries of the proposed LAMWS and LAVSF *Assembly* Districts.

Respectfully,

Barbara Bloom, Interim President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association

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Encino, CA 91426

Lois Becker, Past President and current Community Action Liaison  
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association

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Encino, CA 91426

**Subject:** brentwood redistricting

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:37:18 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association ("BHHA") represents over 450 families residing in the Brentwood Hills neighborhood to the west of Mandeville Canyon Road in the Brentwood neighborhood of west Los Angeles. We are writing in response to the latest versions of the redistricting maps for the EVENT and LAPVB Districts.

We were surprised to see that the July 14, 2011, Working Draft Visualization would make Mandeville Canyon Road the dividing line between the two proposed Senate Districts. We strongly oppose dividing the Brentwood Hills and the Upper and Lower Mandeville Canyon communities -- encompassing over 1200 households -- down the middle along Mandeville Canyon Road. These communities share a strong community of interest and work closely together to ensure the safety of our communities, to protect the precious parkland and open space that make up the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area, and to achieve common objectives in terms of traffic control and sensible development in our area.

After some confusion and consternation, we discovered that three different maps are provided on the [www.wedrawthelines.com](http://www.wedrawthelines.com) website. Apparently, the two July 17, 2011, versions of the map would situate all of Mandeville Canyon within the LAPVB District. We hope that the July 14 Mandeville Canyon Road dividing line was an oversight that will not be repeated in any future versions of the map. BHHA joins UMCA and MCA in taking exception to any version of the map that, like the July 14, 2011 version, would divide Mandeville Canyon down the middle.

The LAPVB District presented in the July 17 maps, however, still fails to honor the established community of interest surrounding the Santa Monica Mountains, and separates Brentwood from its closely aligned neighbor, Pacific Palisades, and most of the other areas within the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest.

On May 20, 2011, UMCA and MCA submitted emails asking that the Commission, in drawing the maps for the Senate Districts, maintain our Santa Monica Mountains "community of interest" so that the community comprised of Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks remains intact. This community of interest is essential for protecting the unique and recurring issues confronting residents within the Santa Monica Mountains and watershed areas, with our shared interests in hillside issues, including hillside stability, fire safety, flood control, the protection of open space, and public access to recreational trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. All of these neighborhoods serve as points of entry to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This community is also defined by the key transportation corridors of Pacific Coast Highway and the 405 and 101 Freeways. This east-west mountain area community is the essential community of interest for all of us in the Malibu-Topanga-Pacific

Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks region.

We therefore ask that the boundary of the EVENT District be redrawn in conformity with the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest, encompassing Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks. We note that the two Assembly Districts noted as Assembly Southern CA Option 2, dated 7-18-11 would make up an appropriate Senate District for our area (see below).

I am also attaching the thoughtful letter written by one of BHHA's members, John Given. BHHA supports Mr. Given's suggestions and asks that the Commission give them serious consideration. [Link to John Given letter: [http://www.brentwood-hills.org/images/given\\_crc\\_letter\\_7-20-11.pdf](http://www.brentwood-hills.org/images/given_crc_letter_7-20-11.pdf) ]

Sincerely,

elliott tyson

**Subject:** City of Hawthorne Redistricting - Resolution 7391 in support of Hawthorne to be part of the Southbay Districts

**From:** Betty Yee <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:10:36 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in reference to resolution 7391. Like many of my neighbors have probably already written, I am in support of the City of Hawthorne to be INCLUDED in the South Bay Cities Congressional, Assembly, and State Senate districts.

Our city identifies with the South Bay because of our proximity and long standing relationships to the other neighboring beach cities. In fact, I actually live across the street from Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, and Redondo Beach. It really makes the most sense for Hawthorne, CA to be part of the south bay cities districts.

Many businesses and people have been moving into Hawthorne over the years, because of the firm belief that the city has been on the path for improvement and socio and economic growth. I purchased my first home with my husband in a brand new community in Hawthorne because I believed that it's future was bound to reach it's potential like our neighbors in the beach cities (Manhattan, Redondo, Hermosa, El Segundo). We as citizens of our great city of Hawthorne, would like to continue on this path towards growth and we have to be matched with cities that believe in its similar core values for socio and economic achievement. To take that away from Hawthorne, would cause backsliding of its sustained growth in both the business sector, as well as, private home owners. This would overall be bad for Los Angeles, and California.

I am sincerely appealing to the Commission to read all the comments by our Hawthorne community of people and understand that we have a very strong belief that our city and our hearts belong to the South Bay Cities Congressional, Assembly, and State Senate districts.

Thank you for your time.

Betty Wan

**Subject:** COI : Eagle Rock, CA Bilingual English-Spanish Dr. E. C. Orozco

**From:** Martin Enriquez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 23:51:27 -0700

**To:** "[REDACTED] we draw the lines" <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** Astrid Garcia <[REDACTED]>

July 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]

Sacramento, CA 95814

Region IV, Los Angeles County:

Pasadena COI's, Spanish Speakers, Ethnic bloc, etc

Attention: All CRC Commissioners,

Dear Honorable Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

They undersigned person has the following COI's in common:

**Dr. E. C. Orozco**

zip code: 90041

city: Eagle Rock, CA

CC: Pasadena City College

Language: Bilingual English-Spanish

Professor, Social Sciences Division, Coordinator, Chicano Studies

Unified School districts should be respected.

Zip Codes are the domain of the United States Postal Service, a GSE. They are a Federal sanction of sub-units of geography. Therefore well under your jurisdiction to determine for your consideration.

In testimony COI's are give the same weight as county lines.

Sincerely,

Martin A. C. Enriquez\*Marquez

CC: Astrid Garcia( [REDACTED] )  
Spanish speakers, Neighborhood School, Community College

Enclosures:

1) Pasadena Area Community College District

**scan0097 Dr. E. C. Orozco.pdf**

—3. Pasadena Area Community College District, Trustee Area #3 VRA district.pdf

**3. Pasadena Area Community College District, Trustee Area #3 VRA district.pdf**

—5. Chicano, Hispano, Latino in PACCD.pdf

**5. Chicano, Hispano, Latino in PACCD.pdf**

Citizens Redistricting Commission

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NAME: Dr Enriquez C Orozco

ZIP CODE 90041

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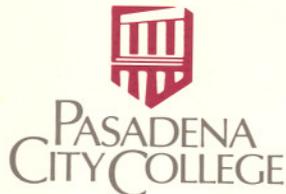
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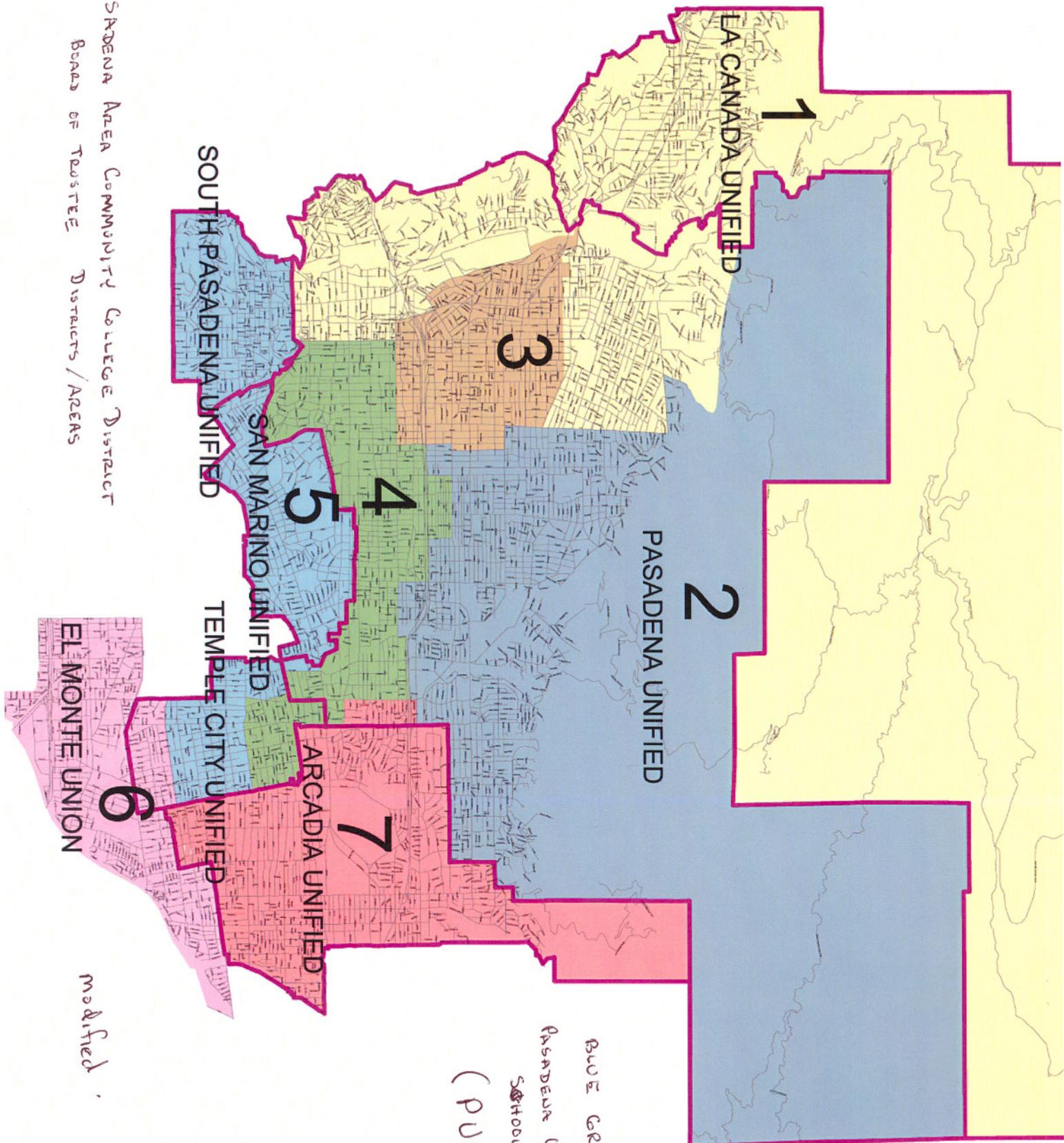
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**E.C. Orozco, Ph.D.**  
 Professor  
 Social Sciences Division  
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 Chicano Studies

Pasadena, CA 91106-2003



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 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 (PUSD)

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**Subject:** EVENT

**From:** Mary Ellen Strote <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:38:49 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Friends (who have worked so hard):

Your Assembly and Congressional maps represent the needs of those of us in the LA County unincorporated Calabasas area pretty well, and I thank you. The state senate district, however, has major problems!

Our area is a coastal one (it's a 9-minute drive from my home to Pacific Coast Highway), yet you have situated us with Moorpark (an inland agricultural area) and Simi Valley and Santa Clarita (both deeply inland) and inland eastern Ventura County. Our area has nothing in common with Santa Clarita, Moorpark and Simi.

The current EVENT Senate district splits up communities in and around the Santa Monica Mountains that share economic and cultural interests. It divides us from our neighbors who share our recreational and tourism interests. It eviscerates hard-won services that protect our mutual public safety, including fire suppression, law enforcement, disaster preparedness and clean water.

There's an old saying: Let the land dictate the use.

Please "listen" to the Santa Mountain Mountains and the coastline and let the Senate district retain Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica Canyon and the rest of the mountain-coastal communities that have worked hand-in-glove with us for decades on parkland preservation, beach access and other recreation and land-use efforts that benefit the the entire state of California.

Thanks for considering my message,

Mary Ellen Strote

[REDACTED]  
Calabasas, CA 91302  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Action Needed - State Senate Redistricting Impacts UMCA

**From:** Christine Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:28:04 -0700 (PDT)

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

----- Forwarded Message -----

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

**To:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2011 4:10 PM

**Subject:** Action Needed - State Senate Redistricting Impacts UMCA

Upper Mandeville Residents:

The Redistricting Commission is in the process of drawing new district maps/boundaries based on new census data and public input. The currently proposed State Senate District would not only divide Brentwood, it would separate our section of Brentwood from the other hillside areas within our Santa Monica Mountains "community of interest." We have a lot at stake in having a single State Senator who represents both sides of the mountains and makes resource protection, public safety and recreational opportunities a priority. The Upper Mandeville Canyon Association submitted a comment letter this morning (see below).

Please take a moment to add your voice to this issue. Submit your comments to:

[REDACTED] The deadline is Friday, July 22, 2011, but the hearing is tomorrow so **the sooner the comments are received the better**. Thank you, UMCA

**SAMPLE COMMENT EMAIL:**

Send to: [REDACTED]

I am a resident of Upper Mandeville Canyon in the Santa Monica Mountains in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. It is vitally important that the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest be drawn together in the same District. We ask that you preserve the community of interest that is comprised of Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks. Please do so simply by combining the two proposed Assembly Districts (LAVSF and LAMWS) to draw the EVENT Senate District boundary. These two Assembly Districts have a population of 931,000, which is the size of a single Senate District. By drawing the EVENT District lines in this manner, the Commission would preserve our Santa Monica Mountains community of interest.

Thank you for considering these issues,

Christine Frauchiger-Sanchez

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 7/20/2011 10:09:08 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time  
Subj: Senate Re-Districting Proposals

Dear Commissioners:

The Upper Mandeville Canyon Property Owners' Association ("UMCA") represents approximately 300 families residing in the upper portion of Mandeville Canyon in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. We are writing in response to the latest versions of the redistricting maps for the EVENT and LAPVB Districts.

We were shocked to discover that the July 14, 2011, Working Draft Visualization, would make Mandeville Canyon Road the dividing line between the two proposed Districts. The UMCA vehemently opposes this proposal to divide our community down the middle. By doing so, the July 14 map would not only divide Upper Mandeville Canyon in two, it would divide the entire Mandeville Canyon area, encompassing more than 1,200 households, including those residing in the lower portion of Mandeville Canyon, represented by the Mandeville Canyon Association, and the Brentwood Hills area, which is also within Mandeville Canyon. The July 14 map would divide our unified Canyon community into two separate Senate Districts.

After much confusion, we discovered that three *different* maps are provided on the [www.wedrawthelines.com](http://www.wedrawthelines.com) website. Apparently, the two July 17, 2011, versions of the map would situate all of Mandeville Canyon within the LAPVB District. We hope that the July 14 Mandeville Canyon Road dividing line was an oversight that will not be repeated in any future versions of the map. The UMCA would take special exception to any version of the map that, like the July 14, 2011 version, would divide Mandeville Canyon down the middle.

The LAPVB District presented in the July 17 maps, however, fails to honor the established community of interest and separates Brentwood from its closely-aligned Santa Monica Mountains neighbor, Pacific Palisades, and most of the other areas within the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest. On May 20, 2011, the UMCA submitted a letter asking that the Commission, in drawing the maps for the Senate Districts, maintain our Santa Monica Mountains "community of interest" so that the community comprised of *Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks* remains intact. This community of interest is essential for protecting the unique issues confronting residents within the Santa Monica Mountains and watershed areas, with our shared interests in hillside issues, including hillside stability, fire safety, flood control, the protection of open space, and public access to recreational trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. All of these neighborhoods serve as points of entry to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This community is also defined by the key transportation corridors of PCH, the 405, and the 101. This east-west mountain area community is the essential community of interest for all of us in the Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks region.

We therefore ask that the boundary of the EVENT District be redrawn in conformity with the

Santa Monica Mountains community of interest, encompassing Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks.

Sincerely,

James Wright, President  
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association

**Subject:** Please adopt option 2 (July 14 plan) for the Glendale area

**From:** Shushanik Marashlian <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:45:30 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

As a resident in the foothills of Glendale in LA County, I am apposed to the earlier visualization that would split Glendale into two districts. Glendale is such a small city that it does not make sense to split it up. Also, dividing Glendale between two Congressmen would dilute the votes of the local Armenian American community, which has important concerns, local and Federal, that might not receive the same level of attention that a single Congressman would provide. Therefore I applaud you for adding option 2 (the July 14 plan) for consideration, because it does not split Glendale and also includes the Foothills and adjacent areas which have large concentrations of Armenian Americans.

I respectfully urge you to choose option 2. Thank you for considering my views.

Shushanik Navasardyan

[REDACTED]

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

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

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:07:22 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Bruce Katzman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village

Message Body:

It makes no sense to redraw the lines of our district. We are fortunate to have the 'natural' landmark of the 170 freeway as the easterly boundary. Keep it that way!

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

**From:** Cori Solomon <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:11:09 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cori Solomon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting In the Brentwood Area

Message Body:

I think it is really important when the entire community of Brentwood stay in one district and not be divided into two districts. One representative is what we need to insure that Brentwood is unified.

In addition our neighborhood, Brentwood Glen is the most impacted by issues involving the VA. The VA borders the Brentwood Glen on both the South and the West. Therefore it is important the the VA stays in the same district and that should be in a district with all of Brentwood. Many of Brentwood's issues involve the entire Brentwood community.

Thanks for your time.

Cori Solomon

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

**From:** Nancy Cochran <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:14:25 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Nancy Cochran <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't divide the Brentwood

Message Body:

Please don't chop up Brentwood in the redistricting and cut us off from our neighbors since we share common problems and interests. Would be a bad move to separate us.

Thanks, Nancy Cochran

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

**From:** "John E. Orswell" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:16:18 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: John E. Orswell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I fully support the position of the Arcadia City Council to keep the district boundaries with the other foothill communities in the San gabriel Valley. As a member of the law enforcement community, I know first hand the importance of being able to work with other nearby agencies to solve common public safety issues. Thank you.

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

**From:** Pamela de Maigret <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:19:58 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Pamela de Maigret <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Veteran's Administration

Message Body:

The VA should not be cut off from the rest of Brentwood as it is an integral part of the community.

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

**From:** Rich Toenes <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:22:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Rich Toenes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village, CA

Message Body:

Hi. I just wanted to say that I'd like my house to stay in the district with the rest of Valley Village.

Here are the boundaries:

- The 170 Freeway to the east, Burbank Boulevard to the north, the 101 Freeway to the south and the Tujunga Wash to the west.
- Valley Village is now part of the 28th Congressional District of California and represented by Congressman Howard L. Berman. I'd like to stay in this district.

Thank you.

Rich Toenes

[REDACTED]  
Valley Village, CA 91601

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

**From:** "Mrs. Barbara Freeman" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:31:26 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mrs. Barbara Freeman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles

Message Body:

We have fought to preserve the VA property for it's original purpose -- as deeded to the Veterans for their specific uses. Splitting it off from our area would eliminate our purposes in this regard. We do not wish our area to be split thereby giving the VA interests to another group. We are a cohesive group. Please DO NOT work to alter that in any way.

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

**From:** Lawrence and Nancy Ackard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:32:55 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lawrence and Nancy Ackard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of VA property

Message Body:

We strongly urge to vote to keep the VA in its present district. This property by right should not ever be separated.

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

**From:** Ellen Gennaro <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:06:39 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ellen Gennaro <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please don't split up Brentwood

Message Body:

Please keep the VA in our district- don't split our community. We have worked diligently with the VA 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.

Thanks for your consideration.

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

**From:** Gail Schneider <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:09:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Gail Schneider <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Valley Village

Message Body:

I would like to understand what is going on with the redistricting of Valley Village and what the reasoning is for taking out a section of Valley Village that is already established. If someone could contact me, I would really appreciate it.

Thank you,

Gail Schneider

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

**From:** Alfred Newman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:09:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alfred Newman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood Redistricting

Message Body:

I think that it would be detrimental to redraw the Brentwood (90049) districting lines which will cut our community and put the West Los Angeles VA in another district. The VA has been an important part of our community for many, many years and we in the district have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use. Breaking the VA away would dilute the integrity of our community and negate all of the hard work that we have done in the past. Please do not make this unnecessary change.

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

**From:** Judy Allegra <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:27:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Judy Allegra <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate District

Message Body:

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

This visualization does not reflect community of interest testimony.

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

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

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

**From:** Scott Wilk <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:31:00 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Scott Wilk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senat Districts

Message Body:

Thank you for keeping the SCV congressional and Assembly districts relatively whole.

If you are going to continue to divide the City of Santa Clarita into two Senate Districts, please alter the boundaries so it respects the 4 communities that comprise Santa Clarita.

Please place Newhall and Valencia in the EVENT district and Saugus/Canyon County in LAAVV district.

To accomplish that continue the current eastern boundary north on Railroad Avenue (which turns into Bouquet Canyon Road). Take a left north onto Seco Canyon Road and proceed through the city until you reach BLM land. Then take the boundary back west toward the I-5 and Highway 126 junction.

This line adjustment recognizes local communities of interest which will convey respect from the CRC. Also I believe it will keep both districts within the deviation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

**From:** "Michael W. Croft" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:35:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Michael W. Croft <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-Districting and the West LA VA

Message Body:

Please keep the VA in the Brentwood(90049)district - we have worked hard w/ them to maintain and improve the contiguous land. Many of our programs and governance is done within our zip code to strengthen our input as a community.

Splitting the district is likely to allow piecemeal planning which will dramatically worsen traffic in a badly congested area.

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

**From:** Vanessa Safoyan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:36:03 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Vanessa Safoyan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SCV Senate Seats

Message Body:

If you are going to split the city of Santa Clarita then honor the boundaries of our 4 local communities - Valencia, Newhall, Canyon Country and Saugus.

Valencia & Newhall should be with East Ventura County and Saugus & Canyon Country with the Antelope Valley Senate district.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

**From:** Melvin Andrews <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:47:22 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Melvin Andrews <[REDACTED]>

Subject: CA State Senate LAPVB

Message Body:

We believe the VA property should be in our district, State Senate District LAPVB, since its planning and development will impact our community which is contiguous to it. We further believe Westwood and Culver City should also be in our district, since we have similar planning issues relating to traffic, housing, retail, office and industrial development.

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

**From:** Cathy Kersh Millstein <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:51:29 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cathy Kersh Millstein <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood Glen

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern -

I live in the Brentwood Glen neighborhood of Los Angeles. I am writing to encourage you to keep the VA in our district- 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

Also point out that 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.

Thanks,  
Cathy Kersh Millstein

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

**From:** Pamela Scott <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:05:26 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Pamela Scott <[REDACTED]>

Subject: DO NOT SPLIT UP VALLEY VILLAGE

Message Body:

I was informed that your commission is in the process of redistricting and will possibly decide to split up my community. Please reconsider. This is a very tight knit community with local pride. Visit [valleyvillageha.com](http://valleyvillageha.com) and [myvalleyvillage.com](http://myvalleyvillage.com) to read about our wonderful community. We all work hard to do what is best for all of our neighbors and to maintain our community integrity. Please help us to continue with this mission and keep us united. Our boundaries are Burbank Blvd. to the north, 170 Fwy to the east, 101 Fwy to the south and the Tujunga Wash to the west. We have two zip codes, 91607 and 91601. Thank you!

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

**From:** "William J. La Belle" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:10:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: William J. La Belle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Gentlemen and Ladies,

I am very much opposed to redistricting  
that will remove the Vets ADMINISTRATION

property from the Brentwood area. We

citizens have spent countless hours

working to have this facility a part

of our community. Please listen to us.

A concerned Brentwood resident, tax payer  
and voter.

William J. La Belle

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

**From:** Sarah Willoughby <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:22:36 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sarah Willoughby <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village redistricting

Message Body:

My family moved to Valley Village 3 years ago & have enjoyed the neighborhood block parties and July 4th get parade & socials. Moving from out of state, my son made new friends more quickly because of the community of Valley Village being so closely tied to one another.

Please extend the boundaries East from Colfax to I-170 so that we can maintain the close bonds we have had up to this point. We love our safe neighborhood where we can walk our dogs & allow kids to ride their bikes to school & want to keep it that way.

Sarah Willoughby  
Valley Village Resident

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

**From:** Monica Banken <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:54:57 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Monica Banken <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting up the San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I looked at your assembly district lines and see you've split my mom's neighborhood into four assembly districts. In the past, the San Fernando Valley - in particular, Granada Hills/Northridge was considered one community of interest and represented by one Assemblyperson. The San Fernando area was represented by a different assembly member. With the entire valley cut up into four parts, it only decreases the ability for a member to adequately represent the North Valley. Northridge should not be put into the Van Nuys district, it should be with its neighbor Granada Hills. This seems to be a power ploy by downtown LA interests to water down the power of the Valley, don't be fooled.

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

**From:** "Tori Bailey, MS" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:59:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tori Bailey, MS <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Maps/Boundaries

Message Body:

I would like the lines to be kept as they were prior to commission selection and if not a definitive reason publically announced/presented to the public at large of why the proposed lines are drawn prior to the 28th so citizens can be informed and make informed comments for concurrence.

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

**From:** Nicholas Bubnar [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 03:13:05 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Nicholas Bubnar <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting for Hawthorne, California

Message Body:

I support Resolution#7391 of the city council of Hawthorne, Calif. That Hawthorne, Cal. be placed in the same congressional district as the other South Bay cities of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and El Segundo

P.S. Any other way would be like putting San Francisco in the Livermore Valley. It just would'nt be prudent.

34 year resident

Thank You

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

**From:** Margaret Heymann <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 03:13:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Margaret Heymann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA Complex, Brentwood

Message Body:

The VAcomplex is an integral part of this community, one devoted to GIVING BACK IN A NOBLE SETTING and is warmly supported by the citizenry. DON'T DESTROY its measure and spirit!!!!

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**Subject:** Response to Proposed Maps for Senate Redistricting

**From:** John Rosenfeld <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:34:26 -0700

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

**CC:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

I write in support of today's reasoned appeal from Kathleen Durbin, President of the Mandeville Canyon Association, to continue to have within a single senatorial district the coherent community of interest she specifies. Within that community there is a lot of history that has resulted in major positive values for not only that community but the larger community of which it is part. I concentrate on one particular accomplishment that resulted in good part from citizen action within that community, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, an almost unique jewel lying largely within a major population center for all to enjoy. My late wife, Nita Rosenfeld, a former President of the Mandeville Canyon Association, was one of the gubernatorial appointees to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Planning Commission that in 1978 set the stage for that accomplishment. She, with many other fellow volunteers on both sides of the mountains and their legislative allies at city, county, state, and national levels, had fought for many years to set the stage. Maintenance of their accomplishment from efforts to nibble away at it requires that the senator representing the major part of the mountains lying west of the I405 has one coherent senatorial district so that that senator has an undiluted community supporting protection of the mountains as a resource for all to enjoy and that that senator therefore has an undiluted interest in supporting that objective.

John L. Rosenfeld  
Professor of Geology, Emeritus  
UCLA  
and  
Member of the Board  
Mandeville Canyon Association

**Subject:** Santa Monica Mountains Community of Interest

**From:** H Kenneth Fisher <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:21:11 -0600

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please do not separate the communities which share the western section of the Santa Monica Mountains into separate political districts.

Instead, please combine the two proposed assembly districts: LAVSF and LAMWS.

All of us who live there are vitally interested not only in protecting this beautiful asset of Los Angeles for ourselves, but in maintaining it as an asset for future Angelenos. Weakening our community voice will make it less likely we can succeed in that protective role.

Sincerely,

H. Kenneth Fisher MD

[REDACTED] or email address above

**Subject:** Senate RE-Districting Proposals

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:10:52 -0700 (GMT-07:00)

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

From: Iris E. Black Upper Mandeville canyon resident

To: [REDACTED]

Subj: Senate Re-Districting Proposals

Dear Commissioners:

I am in total agreement with and am sending a copy of the email

by James Wright, President

Upper Mandeville Canyon Association

which so well describes my desire and concerns:

"The Upper Mandeville Canyon Property Owners' Association ("UMCA") represents approximately 300 families residing in the upper portion of Mandeville Canyon in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. We are writing in response to the latest versions of the redistricting maps for the EVENT and LAPVB Districts.

We were shocked to discover that the July 14, 2011, Working Draft Visualization, would make Mandeville Canyon Road the dividing line between the two proposed Districts. The UMCA vehemently opposes this proposal to divide our community down the middle. By doing so, the July 14 map would not only divide Upper Mandeville Canyon in two, it would divide the entire Mandeville Canyon area, encompassing more than 1,200 households, including those residing in the lower portion of Mandeville Canyon, represented by the Mandeville Canyon Association, and the Brentwood Hills area, which is also within Mandeville Canyon. The July 14 map would divide our unified Canyon community into two separate Senate Districts.

After much confusion, we discovered that three different maps are provided on the [www.wedrawthelines.com](http://www.wedrawthelines.com) website. Apparently, the two July 17, 2011, versions of the map would situate all of Mandeville Canyon within the LAPVB District. We hope that the July 14 Mandeville Canyon Road dividing line was an oversight that will not be repeated in any future versions of the map. The UMCA would take special exception to any version of the map that, like the July 14, 2011 version, would divide Mandeville Canyon down the middle.

The LAPVB District presented in the July 17 maps, however, fails to honor the established community of interest and separates Brentwood from its closely-aligned Santa Monica Mountains neighbor, Pacific Palisades, and most of the other areas within the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest. On May 20, 2011, the UMCA submitted a letter asking that the Commission, in drawing the maps for the Senate Districts, maintain our Santa Monica Mountains "community of interest" so that the community comprised of Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks remains intact. This community of interest is essential for protecting the unique issues confronting residents within the Santa Monica Mountains and watershed areas, with our shared interests in hillside issues, including hillside stability, fire safety, flood control, the protection of open space, and public access to recreational trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. All of these neighborhoods serve as points of entry to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This community is also defined by the key transportation corridors of PCH, the 405, and the 101. This east-west mountain area community is the essential community of interest for all of us in the Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks region.

We therefore ask that the boundary of the EVENT District be redrawn in conformity with the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest, encompassing Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks."

Thank You in advance for yor understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Iris E. Black-Grover

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**Subject:** Support of Unity Plans for LA County

**From:** Marge Nichols <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:56:40 -0700 (PDT)

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

I am writing in support of the Assembly and Senate Unity Plans submitted by the coalition of AARC, CAPAFAR and MALDEF.

While I am not a minority group member, I feel strongly that it is in the interest of California's future to ensure that African Americans, Asians and Latinos have full opportunity to elect representatives of their choice. Particularly in view of the high percentage of state growth that is attributable to Latinos, voting opportunities are a key element of ensuring a positive future for this very significant group.

The Commission will do well to ensure that Voting Rights Act provisions are treated with utmost care. Improvements in recent visualizations reflect a positive movement in support of VRA and I commend the Commission for that.

Marge Nichols

**Subject:** THE 101 vs the I

**From:** "david m. brown" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 23:58:16 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

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## **SENATE DISTRICT “EVENT” – NECESSARY CHANGES**

In my previous submittal, based on my twenty years of service as a planning commissioner for the City of Calabasas, I spoke of the importance of freeway corridors in organizing not only the growth, but the economic and cultural development of a community. A common complaint about having the Santa Monica Mountains area in the same draft “EVENT” Senate district as Santa Clarita is that the two communities have almost nothing in common. There may be a lot of truth to this. As people moved west along the 101 and northwest along the I-5, they moved farther and farther apart physically. As their job and income situation improved, they tended to move further out in the same direction, rather than closer together.

I know of no one in my home community of Calabasas who commutes to work in Santa Clarita – thirty-five miles away – or anyone who shops there, or who socializes with people who live there, but do I know a lot of people who grew up, work and socialize in Malibu and West Los Angeles and even more who work and socialize in the West San Fernando Valley.

If you took a vote among people who live in Santa Clarita and the Santa Monica Mountains, a majority in both communities would probably say they would rather be in separate districts. The question is how to achieve this. Here’s a possible way.

- 1) Move the district boundaries in Newhall, Val Verde, and other areas of the Santa Clarita Valley with high minority populations to the draft “LASFE” district in the San Fernando Valley. This would reportedly increase the Latino percentage in “LASFE” from 38% to 44%.
- 2) Then move the lines and transfer Anglos from the “EVENT” areas in Santa Clarita to the “LAAVV” draft district in the Antelope Valley.
- 3) Then move the lines and transfer the Anglo populations of Studio City and Sherman Oaks from the “LASFE” draft district to the draft “EVENT” district. This would increase the Latino percentage of “LASFE” from 38% to 44%.
- 4) Then move some more lines and transfer Malibu from the draft “LAPVB” district to the draft “EVENT” district.
- 5) To pick up more population, move Toluca Lake either to the draft “LAPVB” district (to replace Malibu) or add it to the draft “EVENT” district.

David M. Brown, [REDACTED]

Calabasas, CA 91302

**Subject:** Westchester redistricting

**From:** Becky Azad <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:46:29 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I have lived in Westchester since 1985 and feel strongly that the community of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista should be in the same district as the South Bay Cities. First of all, Westchester/Playa del Rey have always been considered one community and are recognized as such by the city of Los Angeles. We share churches, schools, shopping areas and have the same concerns for our community. Splitting us up makes no sense, and the areas east of us **are not** a part of our community and **do not** have the same concerns as we do, nor do we have much in common with those communities.

We need to be able to vote for the issues that concern us. This would mean aligning us with the South Bay Cities. We are all concerned about the same transportation issues, LAX, and coastal/environmental issues, just to name a few.

In conclusion, we share vastly more with the South Bay Cities than we do with the cities to the east of Westchester, with whom we are currently aligned.

Please make this right for our community.

Respectfully,  
Becky Azad

**Subject:** Redraw Arcadia - S.G. Foothill Mountains

**From:** PA2k <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:50:08 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** Supervisor Mike Antonovich [REDACTED]

## California Citizens Redistricting Commission

### "Visualization" Maps – Berkeley/ CA State Wide Data Base

[www.swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011/](http://www.swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011/)

#### Maps Referenced:

**State Assembly ARC–LA Opt1** – 2011-07-14 @ 8:42AM

**State Assembly ARC–LA Opt2** – 2011-07-14 @ 08:42AM

**State Senate ARC–LA** – 2011-07-15 @ 10:30 AM

**Congressional ARC–LA Option 1.2** 2011-07-15 @ 5:59PM

#### Mapping Narrative: Redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill Mountain "Communities of Interest" (LASGF)

- **ARCADIA Assembly District (AD):** the northern neck is gerrymandered between Sierra Madre & Monrovia with no common contiguous connection – redraw Arcadia to the Foothill mountain "Communities of Interest" (LASGF)
- **ARCADIA AD:** stretches south to the top of East L.A. & Montebello (with no common factors) – redraw Arcadia to the Foothill mountain "Communities of Interest" (LASGF)
- **ARCADIA AD:** is detached from Monrovia which leapfrogs over Azusa to reconnect with San Dimas & Upland (the latter 2 communities could reasonably be drawn into the West Covina area district) – redraw Arcadia back to the Foothill mountain "Communities of Interest" (LASGF)
- Duarte & Bradbury are redrawn into the West Covina district (swap with San Dimas & Upland) – drop El Monte down with South El Monte and redraw Arcadia back

to the Foothill mountain "Communities of Interest"

- **ARCADIA AD:** the Monterey Park district could grow eastward to make the population deviations balance again and close up the over-extended southern lines.
- **ARCADIA Senate District (SD) Lines** seem to be fine But why hop-skotch over Azusa and Glendora to gerrymander San Dimas and Upland when they could be reasonably drawn into the West Covina district?
- **ARCADIA CONGRESSIONAL Lines** look OK but the CCRC lines are drawn too far south. Either move Monterey Park eastward into West Covina district or west into Los Angeles. This would close up the over-extended southern lines.
- **Congressional Lines for Monrovia, Duarte, and Bradbury** need to be redrawn (swap San Dimas & Upland) – Keep these COI cities together with Arcadia, Sierra Madre, San Marino, et al.

These lines are radically changing the political landscape of our district while blatantly disregarding the "communities of interest" guidelines. The CCRC maps make no sense whatsoever, lines are drawn vertically rather than horizontally, leapfrog over boundaries and districts, and lack contiguous borders.

Redrawing the lines (by a friend and cartographer Brian M. Fuller) to include Arcadia is a fair and balanced option by swapping out other non-COI cities. The attached maps clearly show that Arcadia can be redrawn with the required derivatives, population deviation, and remain contiguous with all the Foothill 'communities of interest' in line with Sierra Madre > Monrovia > Duarte > Bradbury > et alia along the San Gabriel mountains.

Have written to the Commission before, attended the hearings, and still seems to be no real effort to make any changes to Arcadia's legislative lines. Yet, Arcadia's northernmost border extends into the Angeles National Forest in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains and is gerrymandered / split between two cities of common interest. It's southern-most assembly & congressional border elbows into East L.A. and atop of Montebello (below the 60 Pomona freeway) This is both questionable and wrong.

Arcadia is a major player in the Foothill 'communities of interest' and shares the 210 Foothill freeway along with the Gold Line Metro Rail Transportation network with her Foothill neighbors. Arcadia's reputation for mutual support services in the northern communities include law enforcement, fire prevention, health care and medical assistance. It has many established assets and contributes

regularly to the mountain communities, and will expand East & West (not North & South) with its planned growth and development.

**Please redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill Mountain 'Communities of Interest' (LASGF).**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/ R. W. Thee

[REDACTED]  
Arcadia, CA 91007

**(See Comparison Map attachments)**

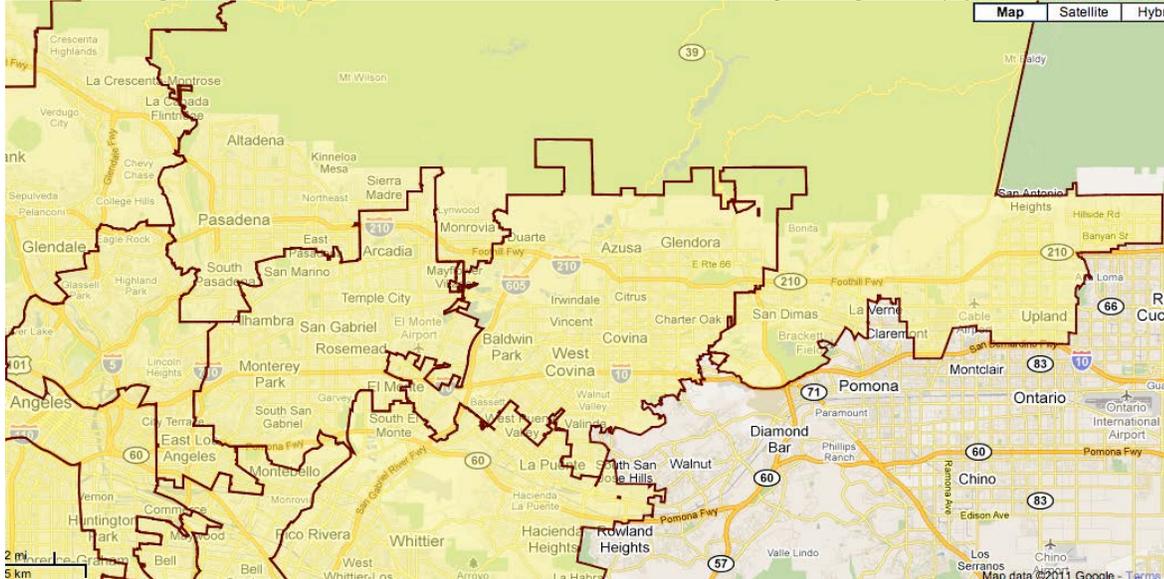
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**ASSEMBLY – ARCADIA – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP**

**CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-14 8:42AM assembly la opt 1” (option 2 is similar)**



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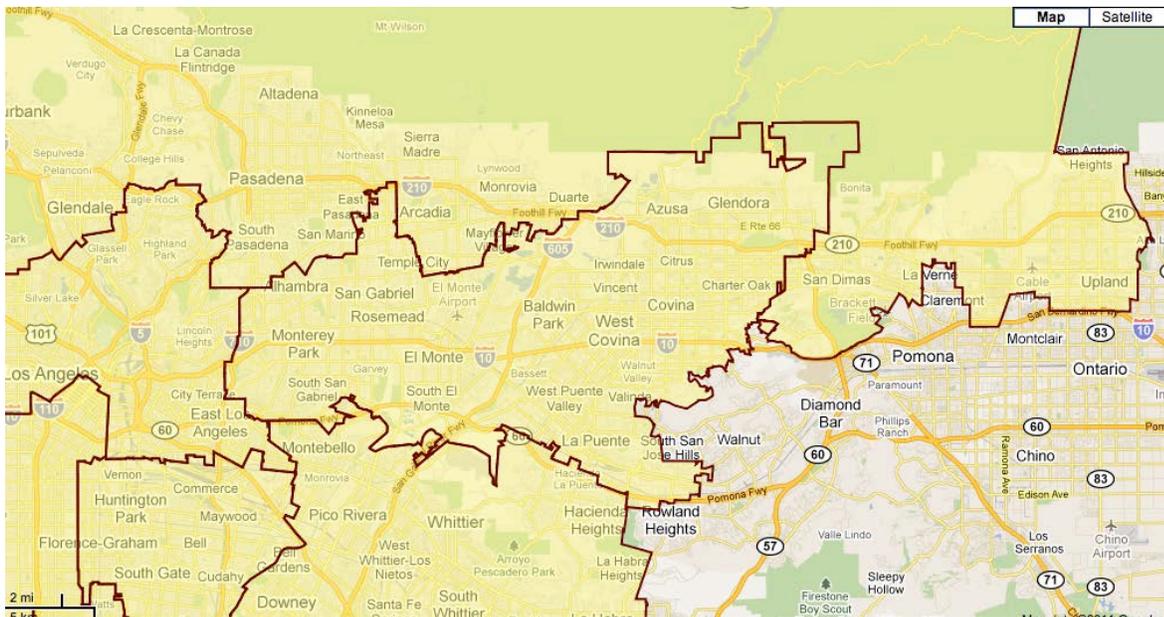
**ASSEMBLY – ARCADIA REDISTRICTING REDRAWN Alternative Map (Blue Lines)**



- **More superior revision “Communities of Interest” with balanced populations**

**SENATE – ARCADIA – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP**

**CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-15 10:30AM senate la” (only map proposed)**



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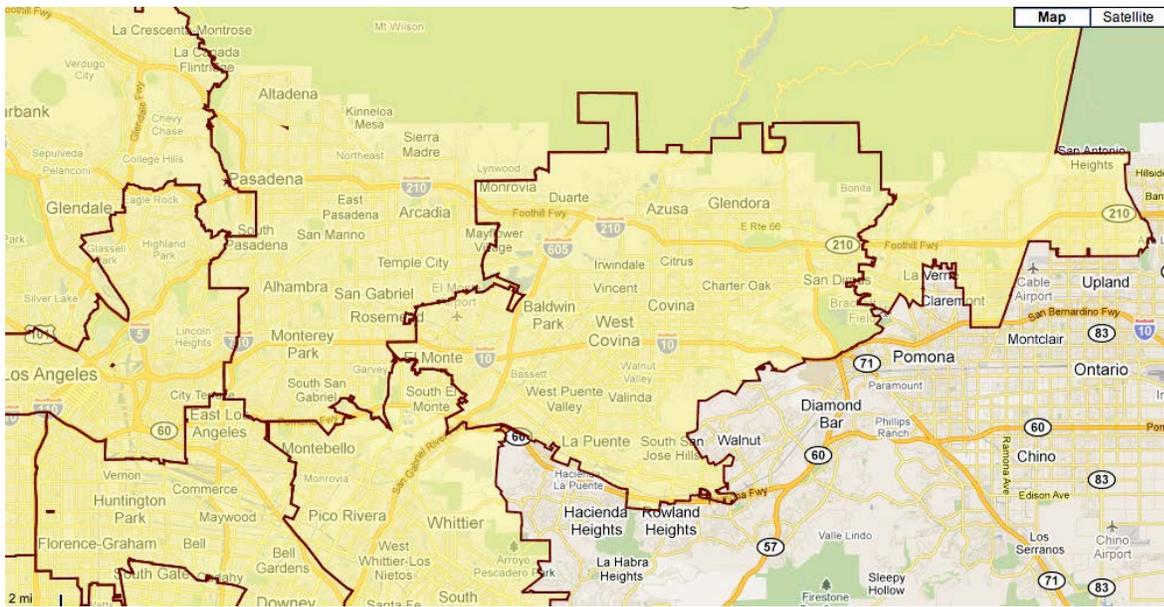
**SENATE – ARCADIA REDISTRICTING REDRAWN – Alternative Map (Blue Lines)**



The revised district logically combines Burbank, La Canada/Flintridge, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Altadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, & Bradbury.

**Congress – ARCADIA – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP**

CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-13 10:16AM congress la opt 1” (one of four similar)



- CCRC Congressional lines are drawn too far south. Either move Monterey Park eastward into West Covina or west into Los Angeles.
- Redraw Monrovia, Duarte, & Bradbury into the Foothill lines (swap San Dimas & Upland) – Keep these COI cities together with Arcadia, Sierra Madre, San Marino, et al.

**CONGRESS – ARCADIA REDISTRICTING REDRAWN Alternative Map (Blue Lines)**



- The redrawn lines are more intact with “Communities of Interest” and more compact for legislative representation. Far more superior than the CCRC map.
- Swap exchange with San Dimas and Upland into West Covina district

Submitted by: R. W. Thee

[Redacted]  
Arcadia, CA 91007

# California Citizens Redistricting Commission

## “Visualization” Maps – Berkeley/ CA State Wide Data Base

### Maps Referenced:

State Assembly ARC–LA Opt1 – 2011-07-14 @ 8:42AM

State Assembly ARC–LA Opt2 – 2011-07-14 @ 08:42AM

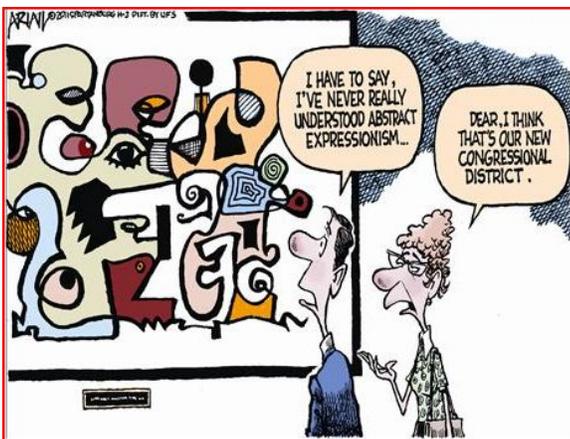
State Senate ARC–LA – 2011-07-15 @ 10:30 AM

Congressional ARC–LA Option 1.2 2011-07-15 @ 5:59PM

### Mapping Narrative: Redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill Mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)

- **ARCADIA Assembly District (AD):** the northern neck is gerrymandered between Sierra Madre & Monrovia with no common contiguous connection – redraw Arcadia to the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)
- **ARCADIA AD:** stretches south to the top of East L.A. & Montebello (with no common factors) – redraw Arcadia to the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)
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- **Congressional Lines for Monrovia, Duarte, and Bradbury** need to be redrawn (swap San Dimas & Upland) – Keep these COI cities together with Arcadia, Sierra Madre, San Marino, et al.

These lines are radically changing the political landscape of our district while blatantly disregarding the “communities of interest” guidelines. The CCRC maps make no sense whatsoever, lines are drawn vertically rather than horizontally, leapfrog over boundaries and districts, lack contiguous borders, and make Picasso look like a still life artist. Arcadia will expand East & West (not North & South) with its planned growth and development.



Submitted by,

*R. W. Thee*

R. W. Thee

Arcadia, CA 91007-6103

2011-07-19

**Subject:** 36th district

**From:** "G&A Carabet" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:03:18 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

The rumors that I hear about the "fair" redistricting lines are very upsetting. I urge you in the name of fairness that you include Torrance in the 36th district and make the district eveything south of Westchester. Please do what you were appointed to do and make the new lines less gerrymandered and more representative of all Californians with no partisanship bias.

George F. Carabet  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Subject:** District 36- stop the gerrymandering

**From:** "Lewis Latimer" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:50:45 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <lett[REDACTED]>

California Redistricting Commission:

The process of Redistricting the Congressional Districts of California was promised to the voters to be an undertaking by a panel of non-vested and unbiased members (the "Commission"). The Commission, by its charter, was to conduct a distilling of recent census data that would assure Congressional Districts drawn along community borders not political lines.

It was assumed that a new District 36 would once again re-emerge to reflect our South Bay communities. This District 36 is not a difficult geographical area to assess - a homogenous group of municipalities that have grown together over decades; a community that shares a common history and daily interaction; a community that collectively calls ourselves "South Bay residents". Our South Bay community includes Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, San Pedro, Lomita, Hawthorne, and Lawndale. Certainly the Cities of Wilmington, Carson, Gardena and Harbor City no doubt share the South Bay identity as well.

However, the absolute hub of the South Bay is the City of Torrance - it is the municipality from which all of our other satellite cities spin. Now the Commission is contemplating the exclusion of the City of Torrance in the redrawing of District 36. Furthermore, Venice and Santa Monica are being considered for inclusion into District 36. I have just one question for those on the Commission considering these boundary modification: are you mad? I ask this question not to be provocative but only to question the rational basis for such a radical departure from what otherwise seems self evident.

The only conclusion I can draw from the Commission's action is either: **(a)** the redistricting process is at its core gerrymandering and is being conducted for the sole purpose of promoting a political agenda along geographical lines - an explicit violation of your charter and your fiduciary; or **(b)** it is an intellectual folly - an undertaking by a group of bureaucrats so far removed from their constituents that they consider their actions to be above reproach. Either way, the concept of removing the City of Torrance from District 36 and including Santa Monica and Venice in its place violates all commonalities that make up our South Bay community.

Lastly, that such policy comes to light just before the July 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline for public input is beyond curious to me. Why has this not been more extensively reported? Does not the Commissions finalize their proposed map and submit to Sacramento by August 15<sup>th</sup>? I would have contemplated a much more transparent process. Disappointed? Yes. Surprised? No.

**Lewis Latimer**

**President**

**L2 Companies, Inc.**

[REDACTED]

**Torrance CA 90505**

**Subject:** Don't split Valley Village

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:08:41 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

As a Board Member of Neighborhood Council Valley Village and longtime resident of the community, I was shocked by the latest redistricting draft map that showed a small slice of Valley Village assigned to an adjacent Congressional District.

With all due respect to the Commission, you are ignoring some obvious demographic and physical factors that define Valley Village:

- Your proposed eastern boundary is Colfax Avenue. The Hollywood Freeway (170), approximately 200 yards farther east, is not only the official eastern boundary recognized by the City of Los Angeles, it also forms a natural boundary with North Hollywood. What's more, there is a park that runs along most of the freeway on the North Hollywood side that provides further separation.
- Assigning that section of Valley Village to the District north and east of its present one is effectively throwing it over the freeway. It has little in common with that area and would likely be a stepchild in its relationship with the House Member.
- The crown jewel of Valley Village - it's neighborhood park - is located within the slice. When many people think of the community, they also think of the park. It is a popular gathering point for major neighborhood events, including a July 4th celebration and parade sponsored by the Valley Village Homeowners Association and NCVV's National Neighborhood Watch Night Out gathering.

I urge you to respect the commonality and social fabric of Valley Village and establish the Hollywood Freeway as the eastern boundary for redistricting purposes.

Sincerely,

Paul Hatfield, CPA, MBA

Treasurer and At-Large Board Member, Neighborhood Council Valley Village

**Subject:** EVENT email - Alternative Senate - redistricting 7-20-2011.doc

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:45:06 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

The latest proposed Senate district is RIDICULOUS!

I am a past 18 year resident of Malibu, am currently an 18 year resident of Santa Monica, and have worked in Malibu the past 27 years.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ron Goldman, FAIA

Goldman Firth Rossi Architects

[REDACTED]

Malibu, California 90265

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Hawthorne should be in the South Bay district

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:44:48 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

**Commissioners:**

I, as a resident of South Bay and a stakeholder in the City of Hawthorne, request that Hawthorne be placed in the "South Bay Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly District". Please refer to attached Resolution No. 7391, which I emphatically support!

It is critical that Hawthorne be moved from its current proposed district into the district which contains the South Bay/ Beach Cities

**Herb Child**

[Resolution No. 7391.pdf](#)

## RESOLUTION NO. 7391

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING 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.**

**WHEREAS**, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission ("the Commission") was created by the Voters First Act approved by the voters for the Commission to draw Congressional, Assembly, and state Senate districts. The Commission has released its initial round of preliminary district maps. The Commission drew the draft maps with no reference to the current districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Constitution lists and ranks the criteria drawing district boundaries, such as (1) districts shall be geographically contiguous and (2) the geographic integrity of any city, county, local neighborhood, or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne's community of interest is primarily with the South Bay Cities which lie south of the 105 Freeway and west of the 110 Freeway; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne has traditionally been included in the South Bay City councils, coalitions, and cooperatives, such as the South Bay Council of Governments, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, and South Bay Environmental Coalitions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne has been the prime lead in South Bay Police task forces such as South Bay Gang Task Force, South Bay Police Training Committee, South Bay Regional SWAT Response Consortium and South Bay DUI Team; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne is inextricably tied to the aerospace industry which it shares with the other South Bay Cities. Recently, Hawthorne worked in conjunction with the other South Bay Cities to prevent the closure of the L.A. Air Force Base, which saved thousands of Hawthorne and South Bay jobs at both the base and its affiliated aerospace partners. This protected a huge economic engine for the entire South Bay. The bonds which made this possible were issued by Hawthorne and Hawthorne's citizens will be paying approximately \$142 million to retire them. This action encouraged further development of aerospace, including SpaceX, which is headquartered in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawthorne has its own airport which is used on a daily basis by aerospace and film industry personnel who are doing business in the South Bay. The Hawthorne Police Department helicopter, which is based at Hawthorne Airport, patrols and assists the other South Bay Cities Police Departments, who pay Hawthorne for this service; a win/win for all involved. The Western-Pacific Region Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, which serves the entire South Bay Community, including Torrance Airport, is located in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawthorne also has significant ties to the entertainment industry due to its proximity to major studios in El Segundo and Manhattan Beach. Hawthorne is within walking distance from both the Manhattan Beach Studios and El Segundo Studios. Many movie and television shows including True Blood, CSI Miami and the recently cancelled Medium were filmed in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, because of Hawthorne's location near LAX, as well as the junction of the 405 and 105 Freeways and our own Hawthorne Airport, Hawthorne truly is the Gateway to the South Bay Cities. Hawthorne shares north-south arterials Crenshaw Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard and east-west arterials Marine Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, and El Segundo Boulevard, which are major business and shopping thoroughfares with the Beach Cities of the South Bay. The residents of the Beach Cities frequently access the 405 Freeway by using entrances and exits located in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the South Bay commute to downtown Los Angeles by using the 105 Freeway, which is located in Hawthorne, in order to access the 110 Freeway north into the downtown area and in order to access the 405 north to the west side; and

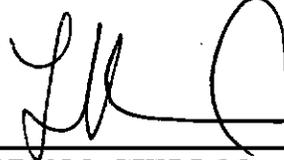
**WHEREAS**, based on all of the above, Hawthorne's community of interest is primarily with the South Bay Cities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California:

1. Does hereby support the inclusion of the City of Hawthorne into the same congressional district as the other South Bay Cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance.
2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and certification to be entered in the Book of Resolution of the Council of the City.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption thereof.
4. The City Attorney is authorized to make minor typographical changes to this Resolution that does not change the substance of this Resolution.

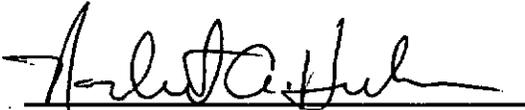
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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.



**LARRY M. GUIDI, Mayor**  
City of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:



**NORBERT A. HUBER, City Clerk**  
City of Hawthorne, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**RUSSELL MIYAHIRA,**  
City Attorney,  
City of Hawthorne, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) §  
CITY OF HAWTHORNE    )

I, **Monica Dicrisci**, the duly appointed Deputy City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 7391 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, at the special meeting of the City Council held **July 19, 2011** and that it was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Lambert, Juarez, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember English.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk  
City of Hawthorne, California

**Subject:** Implement Voting Rights Act in 2011

**From:** "Ortiz-Franco, Luis" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:50:28 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** Jose Moreno <[REDACTED]> Zeke Hernandez <[REDACTED]> Zeke Hernandez <[REDACTED]> amin david <[REDACTED]> "Amin (2) David" <[REDACTED]>

Honorable California Redistricting Commission Members:

As you know, Latinos are the fastest growing population group both in the United States and in California. Projections are that such demographic pattern will persist for most of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. That means that the largest increase in voting age population in California from the year 2000 and beyond has come, and will continue to come, from Latinos. One implication based on the Voting Rights Act is that Latinos are currently underrepresented in the electoral process.

Furthermore, a fair application of the Voting Rights Act dictates that based on past, present, and future demographic patterns the fastest growing population groups have the right to increased representation in California's public electoral process. I am urging you to develop a redistricting plan that is in compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Do not dilute the voting strength of the population groups, in Los Angeles County, Orange County, and elsewhere in the state, who are entitled by law to be represented by officials who advocate the interest of those demographic sectors.

I am sure you are aware that any official redistricting plan which is not in compliance with the Voting Rights Act will be challenged in Federal Court.

Sincerely,  
Luis Ortiz-Franco, Ph.D.

**Subject:** Mandeville Canyon Association - Response to Proposed Maps for Senate Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:23:55 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Mandeville Canyon Association ("MCA") represents more than 500 families residing in the lower portion of Mandeville Canyon in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. We are writing in response to the latest versions of the redistricting maps for the EVENT and LAPVB Districts.

We were stunned to realize that the July 14, 2011, Working Draft Visualization, would make Mandeville Canyon Road the dividing line between the two proposed Districts. To suggest dividing our community down the middle is completely opposed by MCA for many reasons. By doing so, the July 14 map would not only divide our lower Mandeville Canyon community and its ridges into two districts, it would divide the *entire Mandeville Canyon community*, encompassing more than 1,200 households, including those residing in the upper portion of Mandeville Canyon, represented by the Upper Mandeville Canyon Association, and the upper Brentwood Hills area, which is also within the Mandeville Canyon community and represented by the Brentwood Hills Homeowner Association. The July 14 map would divide our unified Canyon community into two separate Senate Districts.

After much confusion, we discovered that three *different* maps are provided on the [REDACTED] website. Apparently, the two July 17, 2011, versions of the map would situate all of Mandeville Canyon within the LAPVB District. We hope that the July 14 Mandeville Canyon Road dividing line was an oversight that will not be repeated in any future versions of the map. MCA joins the UMCA in taking exception to any version of the map that, like the July 14, 2011 version, would divide Mandeville Canyon down the middle.

The LAPVB District presented in the July 17 maps, however, fails to honor the established community of interest and separates Brentwood from its closely-aligned Santa Monica Mountains neighbor, Pacific Palisades, and most of the other areas within the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest. On May 20, 2011, the UMCA submitted a letter asking that the Commission, in drawing the maps for the Senate Districts, maintain our Santa Monica Mountains "community of interest" so that the community comprised of *Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks* remains intact. This community of interest is essential for protecting the unique and constant issues confronting residents within the Santa Monica Mountains and watershed areas, with our shared interests in hillside issues, including hillside stability, fire safety, flood control, the protection of open space, and public access to recreational trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. All of these neighborhoods serve as points of entry to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This community is also defined by the key transportation corridors of PCH, the 405, and the 101. This east-west mountain area community is the essential community of interest for all of us in the Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks region.

We therefore ask that the boundary of the EVENT District be redrawn in conformity with the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest, encompassing Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks.

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** Please redraw the Senate lines

**From:** Stacy Sledge <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:45:04 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Attached is a letter from a local organization within Topanga that I feel best represents communities of interest. The current proposed district plan is not conducive to putting people together with a common interest.

Please see attached.

Thanks so much,

Stacy Sledge

Topanga volunteer

**FEDERATION URGENT COMMENTS - SENATE DISTRICT EVENT DOES NOT WORK.pdf**



# Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc.

[Redacted], Agoura Hills, California 91301



*"The voice and conscience of the Santa Monica Mountains since 1968"*

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[Redacted]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, in our 44<sup>th</sup> year as the largest, oldest, non-partisan voice of over 6000 homeowners and 25 homeowner associations in the Santa Monica Mountains:

We strongly urge you to **re-draw** the lines of proposed Senate District **EVENT**. It is critically important because the current boundaries do **NOT** work as they combine two distinct and completely unrelated areas. *Simi Valley, Moorpark* and *Santa Clarita* are a north INLAND corridor and the **Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities** are a south **COASTAL** corridor.

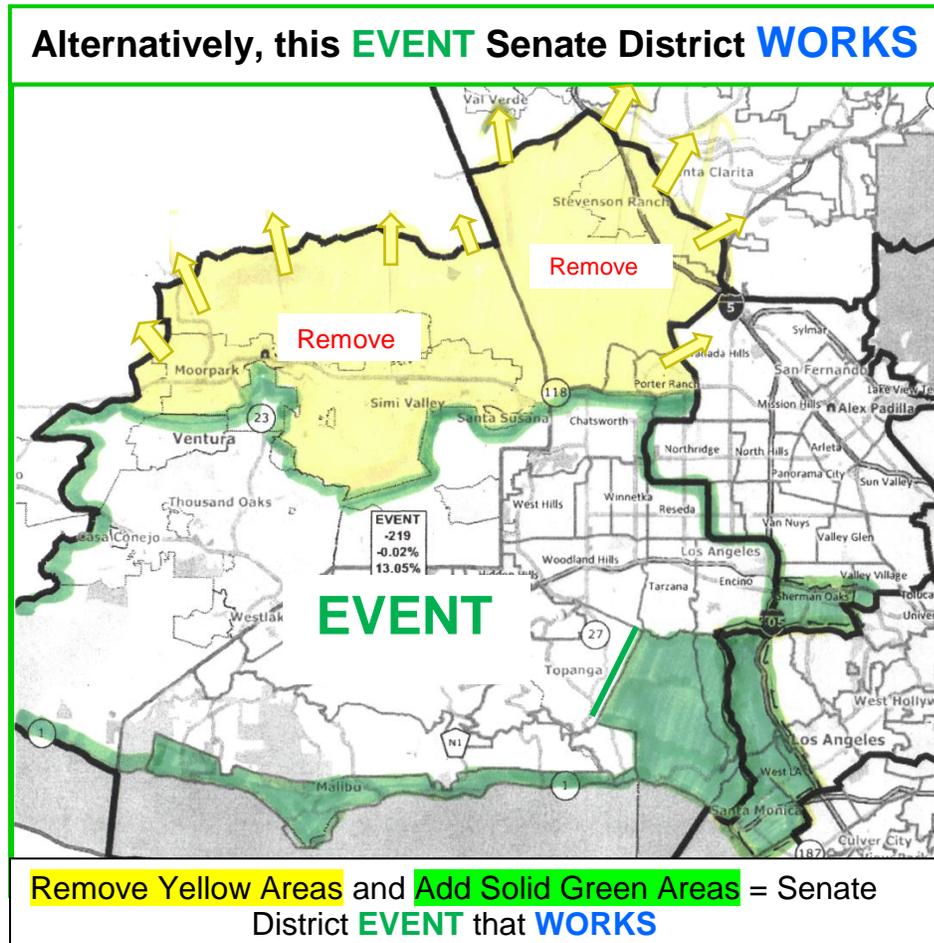


**EVENT Senate District – Does NOT Work !**

The Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal **communities of interest** all lie east/west, not north/south which is why the northern communities of *Simi Valley, Moorpark, and Santa Clarita* do **not** share any communities of interest with us and that includes having no socio-economic links. The Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal

region interests' are **all** connected in an east-west pattern, not in a gerrymandered north-south line. The Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal areas should not be amalgamated into a Senate District with these northern inland communities because we are adjacent to numerous other neighboring populations **east and west** with whom we do share

communities of interest! We do not share any transportation/commute corridors either – the Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal region has the 405, 101 and the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and the northern *Simi Valley*, *Moorpark* and *Santa Clarita* areas have the 118,126 and Interstate 5. The current **EVENT** lines split up our COG cities and the SMMNRA.



Although, this is not our preferred map for the Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal region, it meets the Commission's criteria.

- Communities of interest are consistent and established between the cities, major transportation corridors, and the Santa Monica Mountains and Coast.

- These boundaries comply with the Constitution and Voting Rights Act. This **EVENT** District has better geographical compactness and integrity.

- It 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 Neighborhood Councils as well as major communities whole - Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Topanga, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, West Hills, Oak Park, Bell Canyon. It keeps our school districts whole (except for City of LA which includes multiple senate districts). These are Oak Park, Conejo Valley, Las Virgenes Unified School District, Santa Monica/ Malibu USD.

- The population meets the threshold required by the 2010 census (932,061).

The Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities must be together in this east/west District that does not include the north inland areas of *Simi Valley*, *Moorpark*, and *Santa Clarita*!

Sincerely,  
Kim Lamorie, President, LVHF

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

**From:** donna williams <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:39:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: donna williams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village - No to Splitting Valley Village

Message Body:

I don't think it should be split at Colfax, i believe it should be split east of the 170 freeway

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

**From:** Lois brooks <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:40:55 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lois brooks <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood redistricting

Message Body:

Please do not split Brentwood into two districts. The needs of the folks living East of Westgate are the same as those to the West. Therefore they should be represented by the same person.

Thank you for your consideration.

L.Z. Brooks

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

**From:** Tom Rosholt <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:42:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tom Rosholt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village redistricting

Message Body:

I am writing to oppose the proposed redistricting of Valley Village. This is very unified active community. We have a homeowner's association and city council that are very active in the community. There is no way that a community can be properly represented if it is split between two districts. Under the proposed redistricting, the 90601 would be a small of the new district with allegiance to the greater portion of Valley Village. So in the spirit of fair and proper representation, please keep Valley Village intact as is.

Thank you.

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

**From:** Laura Mulrenan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:56:27 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Laura Mulrenan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village Redistricting

Message Body:

I oppose the proposed change in district for Valley Village. I own a home in the area that will be separated from Burbank to Riverside. My daughter will go to school at Colfax Charter and she plays at Valley Village Park. We have the same concerns and interest in our community as our neighbors in the other proposed section. We live in Valley Village because of the community and the school and our neighbors. It is very important that Valley Village district remain intact so our community can continue to come together as one, rather than divided and less invested in our neighborhood.

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

**From:** Karen Dalby <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:58:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karen Dalby <[REDACTED]>

Subject: va redistricting

Message Body:

please keep the va in our current district.

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

**From:** Laurel Shepard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:00:27 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Laurel Shepard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do not split PLEASE

Message Body:

It is important that the VA remain in our district as the property is right in our backyard, and we have worked very hard to maintain and protect it's use, while working with neighbors and the community. We have created win-win situations for all and would like to continue to do so!

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

**From:** Darren Turbow <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:00:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Darren Turbow <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village division

Message Body:

It seems ridiculous to carve out 400 homes from an existing community. Keeping communities intact should be a main factor. Please move the boundary back to include all of the Valley Village - move it East from Colfax to the 170.

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

**From:** Nathan Agam <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:05:12 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Nathan Agam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep the VA and 90049 as one district

Message Body:

Please make sure not to split 90049 into multiple districts. The Veterans' Administration property should remain in our district because the surrounding neighborhood plays an important part in taking care of the VA, and that care should be coordinated through a single representative. Additionally, many of the community programs and community governance is done zip code-wide, so it is more efficient to keep the entire zip code in a single district. Thank you.

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

**From:** Tracy Nini <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:06:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tracy Nini <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Valley Village redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep Valley Village whole in one congressional district. We are a very tight knit, family based community. I've lived here since 1976 and have seen our neighborhood grow closer together over the years. Breaking us into two districts may seem like a correct logistical move but it will be fractioning a community that functions as one.

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

**From:** cameron laine <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:08:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: cameron laine <[REDACTED]>

Subject: dividing Brentwood

Message Body:

It is wrong to divide Brentwood. This community works as a whole.

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

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:09:43 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Laurie Mullikin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting in Brentwood

Message Body:

Please, please eep the VA in our district-. My neighbors and I have invested much time to improve that area and keep it for the Vets, it's inted and legal purpose. We have been effective only as a collective force inder a single zip code and lobbying our elected officials. Splitting up those efforts will destroy our effectiveness in protecting the VA

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

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:10:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: jeffking <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The redistricting of current 90049 is not a positive!! Impact on The VA Hospital & others will not benefit but only be negative to all concerned.

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

**From:** CHOPPER BERNET <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:11:58 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** CHOPPER BERNET <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Topanga Split

**Message Body:**

I really appreciate the work that you all have done but I have to strongly protest your current plan. Topanga, and all mountain communities, share an ideal and understanding for what open space is about and the deep need for it in all humans. For you to divide it in half and connect it to a part of the county so far north and completely different in landscape and environment is beyond reality. Keep the mountains together. Keep coastal areas together. Don't make changes just to make changes. Things have been a certain way for a while for, sometimes, very good and sound reasons. Thanks for your time.

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

**From:** Diane Kantor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:13:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Diane Kantor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting Brentwood 90049

Message Body:

The WLA VA Center is part of Brentwood (90049) both good & bad. We take pride as a community in helping the Vets achieve a better life. At the same time we are impacted by all activities & changes at the WLA VA, most importantly traffic and the homeless. Please do not take the WLA VA Center out of our district.

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

**From:** "Lynne W. Rosenberg" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:14:31 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lynne W. Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep district as it is in Brentwood. This is a cohesive community and we are friendly with members of the V.A.!

Thank you!

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

**From:** Diane Sternbach <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:15:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Diane Sternbach <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village re-draw

Message Body:

I have just heard about the proposed change in our beloved Valley Village's boundaries. Please, please don't mess with success. This is a fabulous community and a lot of identity and unity. Our park belongs in the same district as our homes, as do the 400+ families and local businesses who would be affected by a re-draw.

Currently, there are flags flying along Laurel Canyon Blvd. that says, "It Takes A Valley Village." Indeed it does. We mean it. We are united, friendly, active, passionate about our neighborhood.

Please leave the eastern boundary the 170 Freeway, and please do not split it down Colfax Ave.

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

**From:** Edward Ornitz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:22:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Edward Ornitz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The current redistricting proposals should keep the WLA VA and Brentwood in the same district. This district should continue to be represented by Congressman Waxman and Supervisor Zev Y.

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

**From:** Grover Heyler <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:26:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Grover Heyler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA redistricting

Message Body:

The VA property has always been part of Brentwood's concern, the community has spent much time and effort dealing with the proper use of the VA property and its position just west of the 405 makes it an integral part of Brentwood.

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

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:32:24 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Barbara Philips <[REDACTED]>

Subject: re-districting

Message Body:

I am definitely opposed to the plan to redistrict Los Angeles

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

**From:** Vicki Kelly <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:41:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Vicki Kelly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting for 90049

Message Body:

Your re-districting plan would split our community of Brentwood, CA 90049 into two parts. We have an exceptionally strong and vibrant and effective community. Splitting it would be harmful to Los Angeles and to California. We need to keep the VA in our district- 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

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

**From:** Marcie Polier Swartz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:50:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marcie Polier Swartz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: the VA

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district- 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. Our Brentwood Village Business District would die without the use of their parking lot which has been in place for year. We are joined.

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

**From:** Marlene Hubbard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:56:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marlene Hubbard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting for South Pasadena

Message Body:

We implore you not to split tiny So Pas between two Assembly Districts. We share common social and community interests. As a community we take voting seriously and it would be unthinkable to have go outside of our community to attend coffees and events held by candidates to express their views. Please, please reconsider. It makes absolutely NO sense to split such a small unified community. We voted to get rid of just this sort of being gerrymandered all over the map. Even the politicians never tried to cut our very small city in half. Please don't go ahead with this totally unacceptable plan. Thank you!

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

**From:** Yvette Melvin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:58:53 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Yvette Melvin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA Redistricting

Message Body:

Our neighborhood, Brentwood Glen, 90049, is neighbor to the VA on both the South and West. Issues that impact the VA also impact our area. Please keep the VA within our district.

We have worked diligently to improve, maintain and protect the VA's contiguous land and it's use.

Please keep the VA in 90049/Brentwood Glen district.

Thank you for your time.

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

**From:** Josh Mills <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:05:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Josh Mills <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Valley Village

Message Body:

I grew up in the valley. I went to school at Moorpark for lower Oakwood, went to upper Oakwood on Magnolia and am now a homeowner effectively at Colfax and Magnolia.

I dont feel there is a need to redistrict Valley Village. Valley Village is a community concerned with neighborhood and residential quality of life. Obviously North Hollywood has that as well but is a much larger and more industrial and commercial property focussed. Were you to redistrict Valley Village it's likely my home would be in North Hollywood lines. While I have no problem being a North Hollywood citizen - I remember when there was no Valley Village, only NoHo - North Hollywood has been amazingly clumsy in it's 'arts district' and lack of commercial shopping area's at all.

And that is my point. While North Hollywood needs a makeover, that is NOT my interest as a homeowner. Frankly, what Noho does or does not do at all is no concern to me - because these are commercial and industrial issues. Valley Village is more concerned with residential issues and I feel that by redistricting my concerns would be lost.

Additionally, I want to ensure that my daughter - age 2 - is able to attend Colfax public school. My wife and I specifically bought a home in valley village with the knowledge she would be able to attend this school which is ranked so highly. To redistrict, I am afraid that this would also be an issue.

We literally decided to buy a home in Valley Village (not Studio City, Sherman Oaks, North Hollywood, West LA or West Hollywood) BECAUSE of this school. It would be a massive hardship if she were not able to attend Colfax Elementary.

Thank you  
josh Mills

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

**From:** Alvin J Fletcher <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:06:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alvin J Fletcher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th District and Assembly District

Message Body:

Dear Sir,

I'm one upset voter. I was a happy voter when your Commission was created and when initial discussions on redistricting. I had the impression that gerrymandering was a thing of the past and us voters would have the ability to pick our representatives that was consistent with our views. Now it has been brought to my attention that some how your group's is proposing gerrymandering scheme as bad or worse than were you started.

A 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District) that would be an honest non-gerrymandered district for the South Bay would be Westchester south and include the following communities: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena.

Hoping the final district is not some gerrymandered political haugpaug.

One who wants his vote to count for his community

Alvin J. Fletcher

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

**From:** Carey Ann Strelecki <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:07:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carey Ann Strelecki <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep VALLEY VILLAGE TOGETHER! Please don't divide us in 2!

Message Body:

Dear CCRC,

Please don't divide up our neighborhood of Valley Village! We are a cohesive neighborhood that has definite values and goals.

We are VERY UNIQUE! PLEASE DON'T SPLIT US APART!

We are like a small town in the huge city of Los Angeles. We have not one but TWO Valley Village governing bodies -- the Valley Village Neighborhood Council and the Valley Village Homeowners Association. We have Valley Village Community Parades and celebrations -- we just had a Valley Village FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST on the 4th of July.

The Valley Village boundaries are:

The 170 Freeway to the east, Burbank Boulevard to the north, the 101 Freeway to the south and the Tujunga Wash to the west.

I've never lived anywhere else in LA that had this kind of community involvement.

I am from a small town in Pennsylvania and my husband is from New Jersey. The values in Valley Village are much more like those of the midwest, east coast and NORTHERN CALIFORNIA than the rest of Los Angeles.

Please allow us to remain part of our community. Even though I don't have children, I volunteer at Colfax Elementary School, which is one of the best schools in the San Fernando Valley due in no small part to community involvement. I hope to adopt and send my child there some day. You'll be separating me from the district if you divide our community in two.

Unlike everywhere else, we love our trees and yards and are against development. We don't permit McMansions here (very rare in LA).

We've heard there may be some confusion due to the fact some of the houses in Valley Village have a 91601 zip code (as our house does). This is just because our house is closer to the North Hollywood post office, which is on the boundary of NoHo and Valley Village. It's for convenience for the postman, not because we're a part of North Hollywood. We love North Hollywood and all, but we don't have the same values or concerns or identify with them.

We're a small village of houses on tree-lined streets, against development. NoHo is developing like crazy. That's great for them. That's not what we're about however.

PLEASE RESPECT THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

If you would like to see the map of our neighborhood -- and this is also the map the school district respects -- please go to this web site:

[REDACTED]

  
Thank you!  
Carey Ann Strelecki

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

**From:** Leon & Harriet Trunk <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:11:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Leon & Harriet Trunk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Brentwood

Message Body:

We have lived in the Brentwood area for past 40 years. We approve the progress that has developed over that length of time and are NOT in favor of changing the existing conditions or changing the district lines, etc.

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

**From:** "Mrs. Shirley Kory" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:16:36 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mrs. Shirley Kory <[REDACTED]>

Subject: REDRAWING BRENTWOOD'S DISTRICTING LINES

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Brentwood, California in West Los Angeles for the past fifty-five years, I hasten to protest the possible redrawing of districting lines, which will split our community and place the VA in another district.

It is imperative that we keep the VA in our district, having worked tirelessly with them to improve, maintain and protect the land and its use.

Secondly, strengthening our input as a community has been accomplished by our many programs and input working toward that goal in our zip code area. Your consideration and decision in favor of the eventual outcome on behalf of myself and fellow residents of Brentwood are gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

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

**From:** Tamberley Much <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:34:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tamberley Much <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting for Brentwood Glen in Los Angeles

Message Body:

Redistricting is a terrible idea for our area. We support the VA and the protection and maintenance of their lands. We share with them a community and we should not be separated by redistricting. Many issues that effect the VA also effect our neighborhood of Brentwood Glen and we should remain in the same district. Please listen to our pleas not to redistrict this area.

Thank you...Tamberley Much

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

**From:** Jonathan Beutler <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:39:39 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jonathan Beutler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Bay Beach Cities/current 36th congressional district

Message Body:

It is imperative that the South Bay region be united in the same congressional district: Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo. Whether the district also includes areas north of LAX or San Pedro or not, the beach cities of the South Bay must stay united with Torrance and Palos Verdes. Together they constitute a regional bloc of cities that are treated as a single, united area by private citizens and the business community (the South Bay region's Chambers of commerce and other business associations, clubs, nonprofit organizations, etc.) and this reality should be reflected in the political expression of the region as well. To think that Palos Verdes or Redondo Beach could be politically separated from Torrance is proposterous. In the mind of those that live in any of those cities, the three are neighbors with very closely connected economies and networks, geographic proximity, and shared concerns. Residents of these !

above mentioned cities engage in business, shopping, education, work, and community activities in the other cities - it only makes sense that they be a part of the same congressional district. If these cities of the South Bay are separated into different congressional districts by the Commission, it would be a tremendous disadvantage to the citizens of the region, and would be a victory for political gerrymandering - a lost opportunity for the Commission.

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

**From:** Paige Gage <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:44:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Paige Gage <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Valley Village

Message Body:

I just read about the plan to redistrict Valley Village down the middle of Colfax Avenue. I would like to add my voice to what must and will be a long list of dissenters. It just seems silly...what an enormous waste of time, energy and money! We are perfect the way we are. Thank you!

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

**From:** Kaija Keel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:49:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kaija Keel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district- 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.

Don't break up our neighborhood!

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

**From:** Jon Saferstein <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:52:10 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jon Saferstein <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood's districting lines

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district - 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, 90049, to strengthen our input as a community

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**Subject:** Redistricting Hawthorne to South LA

**From:** Michele Hoebink <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:43:35 -0700 (PDT)

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Hawthorne for the past 22 years. Prior to that, I lived in Westchester and enjoyed it, but love Hawthorne. I have great neighbors and wonderful businesses and...we're close to the beach! Six minutes to be exact from where I live. I don't see, how a city such as ours could be added to any other district. We are the beginning of South Bay and we should stay that way. How can Hawthorne be anything else but part of the South Bay and part of the Beach Cities community? The Beach Boys did come from Hawthorne as a matter of fact!

I will tell you that if our voices don't count, and you don't take into consideration how the people who live in this city feel about this redistricting of our city, then please don't be incensed when voting time comes around and we vote you out of office.

Thank you for haring my thoughts and taking our feelings about this matter into consideration.

Thanks,

Michele

**Subject:** Redistricting

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:22:56 -0700

**To:** "California Citizens Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

**Antonio "Tony" Duarte**, Teacher on Special Assignment, Parent Education/Program Improvement, El Monte City School District 3540 Lexington Ave., El Monte, CA 91731, (626) [REDACTED] FAX [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**County Sup Map Letter (2).doc**

June 30, 2011

Boundary Review Committee



Los Angeles, CA 90012

Boundary Review Committee:

I support the proposed Joseph M. Sanchez Memorial Plan submitted by Alan Clayton and John Y. Wong, the Velasquez-Clayton Plan, and the Leo Estrada LA County Board of Supervisors Redistricting map proposals for the upcoming Board of Supervisors redistricting process.

It is my belief that communities with shared interests and services should also have shared representation. The current boundaries do not support this notion.

I do not support the status quo.

The above listed maps support socio-economic diversity by keeping working class communities together. They also provide boundaries that are in line with Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act by keeping Latino communities from being fragmented. And they do not displace any supervisor from his/her district and the newer districts remain compact.

Please consider keeping neighborhoods, communities and cities of common interest together. Please use the boundaries as drawn by the Joseph M. Sanchez Memorial Plan, the Velasquez-Clayton Plan and Leo Estrada maps. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen  
Antonio Duarte

**Subject:** Re-Districting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:49:19 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

TO: 36th District Re-districting Committee

FROM: Connie Burleson

RE: RE-Districting of 36th District

Why would we eliminate Torrance from the South Bay (36th District)? I have lived in Torrance all my life and we definitely are in the South Bay. Please leave us in.

Thank you and Best Regards, Connie Burleson

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Laura and Henry Kline <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:24:28 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

As residents of Valley Village for the past 18 years, we urge you not to split our Valley Village community with the 170 freeway as a new boundary. Our community has little in common with the district on the other side of the freeway. That is not intended in any way to be a value judgment of any kind to those in the proposed new district or in our current district, but, rather, the following: The entire idea of districting is for demographics and other identifiers to be fairly and equitably represented. By splitting our district, as you have proposed, you will be obviating that objective. Please reconsider.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laura and Henry Kline

[REDACTED]

Valley Village, CA 91601

**Subject:** Redistricting

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:49:38 -0700

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

STOP! LISTEN! REMOVE! Stop drawing boundaries to include communities of interest north of 118 in a Senate district clearly coastal and mountains. Listen to the people of both areas who DO NOT want to be conjoined. REMOVE this inland area from the proposed coastal/ mountain district and include Malibu, Brentwood, areas of WLA. Joan Slimocosky  
Sent from my iPhone

**Subject:** District 36- stop the gerrymandering

**From:** "Lewis Latimer" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:50:45 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <lett[REDACTED]>

California Redistricting Commission:

The process of Redistricting the Congressional Districts of California was promised to the voters to be an undertaking by a panel of non-vested and unbiased members (the "Commission"). The Commission, by its charter, was to conduct a distilling of recent census data that would assure Congressional Districts drawn along community borders not political lines.

It was assumed that a new District 36 would once again re-emerge to reflect our South Bay communities. This District 36 is not a difficult geographical area to assess - a homogenous group of municipalities that have grown together over decades; a community that shares a common history and daily interaction; a community that collectively calls ourselves "South Bay residents". Our South Bay community includes Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, San Pedro, Lomita, Hawthorne, and Lawndale. Certainly the Cities of Wilmington, Carson, Gardena and Harbor City no doubt share the South Bay identity as well.

However, the absolute hub of the South Bay is the City of Torrance - it is the municipality from which all of our other satellite cities spin. Now the Commission is contemplating the exclusion of the City of Torrance in the redrawing of District 36. Furthermore, Venice and Santa Monica are being considered for inclusion into District 36. I have just one question for those on the Commission considering these boundary modification: are you mad? I ask this question not to be provocative but only to question the rational basis for such a radical departure from what otherwise seems self evident.

The only conclusion I can draw from the Commission's action is either: **(a)** the redistricting process is at its core gerrymandering and is being conducted for the sole purpose of promoting a political agenda along geographical lines - an explicit violation of your charter and your fiduciary; or **(b)** it is an intellectual folly - an undertaking by a group of bureaucrats so far removed from their constituents that they consider their actions to be above reproach. Either way, the concept of removing the City of Torrance from District 36 and including Santa Monica and Venice in its place violates all commonalities that make up our South Bay community.

Lastly, that such policy comes to light just before the July 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline for public input is beyond curious to me. Why has this not been more extensively reported? Does not the Commissions finalize their proposed map and submit to Sacramento by August 15<sup>th</sup>? I would have contemplated a much more transparent process. Disappointed? Yes. Surprised? No.

**Lewis Latimer**

**President**

**L2 Companies, Inc.**

[REDACTED]

**Torrance CA 90505**

**Subject:** Don't split Valley Village

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:08:41 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

As a Board Member of Neighborhood Council Valley Village and longtime resident of the community, I was shocked by the latest redistricting draft map that showed a small slice of Valley Village assigned to an adjacent Congressional District.

With all due respect to the Commission, you are ignoring some obvious demographic and physical factors that define Valley Village:

- Your proposed eastern boundary is Colfax Avenue. The Hollywood Freeway (170), approximately 200 yards farther east, is not only the official eastern boundary recognized by the City of Los Angeles, it also forms a natural boundary with North Hollywood. What's more, there is a park that runs along most of the freeway on the North Hollywood side that provides further separation.
- Assigning that section of Valley Village to the District north and east of its present one is effectively throwing it over the freeway. It has little in common with that area and would likely be a stepchild in its relationship with the House Member.
- The crown jewel of Valley Village - it's neighborhood park - is located within the slice. When many people think of the community, they also think of the park. It is a popular gathering point for major neighborhood events, including a July 4th celebration and parade sponsored by the Valley Village Homeowners Association and NCVV's National Neighborhood Watch Night Out gathering.

I urge you to respect the commonality and social fabric of Valley Village and establish the Hollywood Freeway as the eastern boundary for redistricting purposes.

Sincerely,

Paul Hatfield, CPA, MBA

Treasurer and At-Large Board Member, Neighborhood Council Valley Village

**Subject:** EVENT email - Alternative Senate - redistricting 7-20-2011.doc

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:45:06 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

The latest proposed Senate district is RIDICULOUS!

I am a past 18 year resident of Malibu, am currently an 18 year resident of Santa Monica, and have worked in Malibu the past 27 years.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ron Goldman, FAIA

Goldman Firth Rossi Architects

[REDACTED]

Malibu, California 90265

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Hawthorne should be in the South Bay district

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:44:48 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

**Commissioners:**

I, as a resident of South Bay and a stakeholder in the City of Hawthorne, request that Hawthorne be placed in the "South Bay Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly District". Please refer to attached Resolution No. 7391, which I emphatically support!

It is critical that Hawthorne be moved from its current proposed district into the district which contains the South Bay/ Beach Cities

**Herb Child**

[Resolution No. 7391.pdf](#)

## RESOLUTION NO. 7391

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING 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.**

**WHEREAS**, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission ("the Commission") was created by the Voters First Act approved by the voters for the Commission to draw Congressional, Assembly, and state Senate districts. The Commission has released its initial round of preliminary district maps. The Commission drew the draft maps with no reference to the current districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Constitution lists and ranks the criteria drawing district boundaries, such as (1) districts shall be geographically contiguous and (2) the geographic integrity of any city, county, local neighborhood, or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne's community of interest is primarily with the South Bay Cities which lie south of the 105 Freeway and west of the 110 Freeway; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne has traditionally been included in the South Bay City councils, coalitions, and cooperatives, such as the South Bay Council of Governments, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, and South Bay Environmental Coalitions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne has been the prime lead in South Bay Police task forces such as South Bay Gang Task Force, South Bay Police Training Committee, South Bay Regional SWAT Response Consortium and South Bay DUI Team; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne is inextricably tied to the aerospace industry which it shares with the other South Bay Cities. Recently, Hawthorne worked in conjunction with the other South Bay Cities to prevent the closure of the L.A. Air Force Base, which saved thousands of Hawthorne and South Bay jobs at both the base and its affiliated aerospace partners. This protected a huge economic engine for the entire South Bay. The bonds which made this possible were issued by Hawthorne and Hawthorne's citizens will be paying approximately \$142 million to retire them. This action encouraged further development of aerospace, including SpaceX, which is headquartered in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawthorne has its own airport which is used on a daily basis by aerospace and film industry personnel who are doing business in the South Bay. The Hawthorne Police Department helicopter, which is based at Hawthorne Airport, patrols and assists the other South Bay Cities Police Departments, who pay Hawthorne for this service; a win/win for all involved. The Western-Pacific Region Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, which serves the entire South Bay Community, including Torrance Airport, is located in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawthorne also has significant ties to the entertainment industry due to its proximity to major studios in El Segundo and Manhattan Beach. Hawthorne is within walking distance from both the Manhattan Beach Studios and El Segundo Studios. Many movie and television shows including True Blood, CSI Miami and the recently cancelled Medium were filmed in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, because of Hawthorne's location near LAX, as well as the junction of the 405 and 105 Freeways and our own Hawthorne Airport, Hawthorne truly is the Gateway to the South Bay Cities. Hawthorne shares north-south arterials Crenshaw Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard and east-west arterials Marine Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, and El Segundo Boulevard, which are major business and shopping thoroughfares with the Beach Cities of the South Bay. The residents of the Beach Cities frequently access the 405 Freeway by using entrances and exits located in Hawthorne; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the South Bay commute to downtown Los Angeles by using the 105 Freeway, which is located in Hawthorne, in order to access the 110 Freeway north into the downtown area and in order to access the 405 north to the west side; and

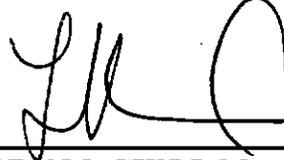
**WHEREAS**, based on all of the above, Hawthorne's community of interest is primarily with the South Bay Cities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California:

1. Does hereby support the inclusion of the City of Hawthorne into the same congressional district as the other South Bay Cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance.
2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and certification to be entered in the Book of Resolution of the Council of the City.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption thereof.
4. The City Attorney is authorized to make minor typographical changes to this Resolution that does not change the substance of this Resolution.

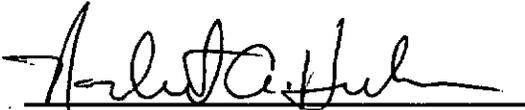
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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.



**LARRY M. GUIDI, Mayor**  
City of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:



**NORBERT A. HUBER, City Clerk**  
City of Hawthorne, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**RUSSELL MIYAHIRA,**  
City Attorney,  
City of Hawthorne, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) §  
CITY OF HAWTHORNE    )

I, **Monica Dicrisci**, the duly appointed Deputy City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 7391 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, at the special meeting of the City Council held **July 19, 2011** and that it was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Lambert, Juarez, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember English.

  
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Deputy City Clerk  
City of Hawthorne, California

**Subject:** Implement Voting Rights Act in 2011

**From:** "Ortiz-Franco, Luis" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:50:28 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** Jose Moreno <[REDACTED]> Zeke Hernandez <[REDACTED]> Zeke Hernandez <[REDACTED]> amin david <[REDACTED]> "Amin (2) David" <[REDACTED]>

Honorable California Redistricting Commission Members:

As you know, Latinos are the fastest growing population group both in the United States and in California. Projections are that such demographic pattern will persist for most of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. That means that the largest increase in voting age population in California from the year 2000 and beyond has come, and will continue to come, from Latinos. One implication based on the Voting Rights Act is that Latinos are currently underrepresented in the electoral process.

Furthermore, a fair application of the Voting Rights Act dictates that based on past, present, and future demographic patterns the fastest growing population groups have the right to increased representation in California's public electoral process. I am urging you to develop a redistricting plan that is in compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Do not dilute the voting strength of the population groups, in Los Angeles County, Orange County, and elsewhere in the state, who are entitled by law to be represented by officials who advocate the interest of those demographic sectors.

I am sure you are aware that any official redistricting plan which is not in compliance with the Voting Rights Act will be challenged in Federal Court.

Sincerely,  
Luis Ortiz-Franco, Ph.D.

**Subject:** Mandeville Canyon Association - Response to Proposed Maps for Senate Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:23:55 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Mandeville Canyon Association ("MCA") represents more than 500 families residing in the lower portion of Mandeville Canyon in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. We are writing in response to the latest versions of the redistricting maps for the EVENT and LAPVB Districts.

We were stunned to realize that the July 14, 2011, Working Draft Visualization, would make Mandeville Canyon Road the dividing line between the two proposed Districts. To suggest dividing our community down the middle is completely opposed by MCA for many reasons. By doing so, the July 14 map would not only divide our lower Mandeville Canyon community and its ridges into two districts, it would divide the *entire Mandeville Canyon community*, encompassing more than 1,200 households, including those residing in the upper portion of Mandeville Canyon, represented by the Upper Mandeville Canyon Association, and the upper Brentwood Hills area, which is also within the Mandeville Canyon community and represented by the Brentwood Hills Homeowner Association. The July 14 map would divide our unified Canyon community into two separate Senate Districts.

After much confusion, we discovered that three *different* maps are provided on the [REDACTED] website. Apparently, the two July 17, 2011, versions of the map would situate all of Mandeville Canyon within the LAPVB District. We hope that the July 14 Mandeville Canyon Road dividing line was an oversight that will not be repeated in any future versions of the map. MCA joins the UMCA in taking exception to any version of the map that, like the July 14, 2011 version, would divide Mandeville Canyon down the middle.

The LAPVB District presented in the July 17 maps, however, fails to honor the established community of interest and separates Brentwood from its closely-aligned Santa Monica Mountains neighbor, Pacific Palisades, and most of the other areas within the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest. On May 20, 2011, the UMCA submitted a letter asking that the Commission, in drawing the maps for the Senate Districts, maintain our Santa Monica Mountains "community of interest" so that the community comprised of *Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks* remains intact. This community of interest is essential for protecting the unique and constant issues confronting residents within the Santa Monica Mountains and watershed areas, with our shared interests in hillside issues, including hillside stability, fire safety, flood control, the protection of open space, and public access to recreational trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. All of these neighborhoods serve as points of entry to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This community is also defined by the key transportation corridors of PCH, the 405, and the 101. This east-west mountain area community is the essential community of interest for all of us in the Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks region.

We therefore ask that the boundary of the EVENT District be redrawn in conformity with the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest, encompassing Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks.

Sincerely,





**Subject:** Please redraw the Senate lines

**From:** Stacy Sledge <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:45:04 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Attached is a letter from a local organization within Topanga that I feel best represents communities of interest. The current proposed district plan is not conducive to putting people together with a common interest.

Please see attached.

Thanks so much,

Stacy Sledge

Topanga volunteer

**FEDERATION URGENT COMMENTS - SENATE DISTRICT EVENT DOES NOT WORK.pdf**



# Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc.

[Redacted], Agoura Hills, California 91301



*"The voice and conscience of the Santa Monica Mountains since 1968"*

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[Redacted]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, in our 44<sup>th</sup> year as the largest, oldest, non-partisan voice of over 6000 homeowners and 25 homeowner associations in the Santa Monica Mountains:

We strongly urge you to **re-draw** the lines of proposed Senate District **EVENT**. It is critically important because the current boundaries do **NOT** work as they combine two distinct and completely unrelated areas. *Simi Valley, Moorpark* and *Santa Clarita* are a north INLAND corridor and the **Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities** are a south **COASTAL** corridor.

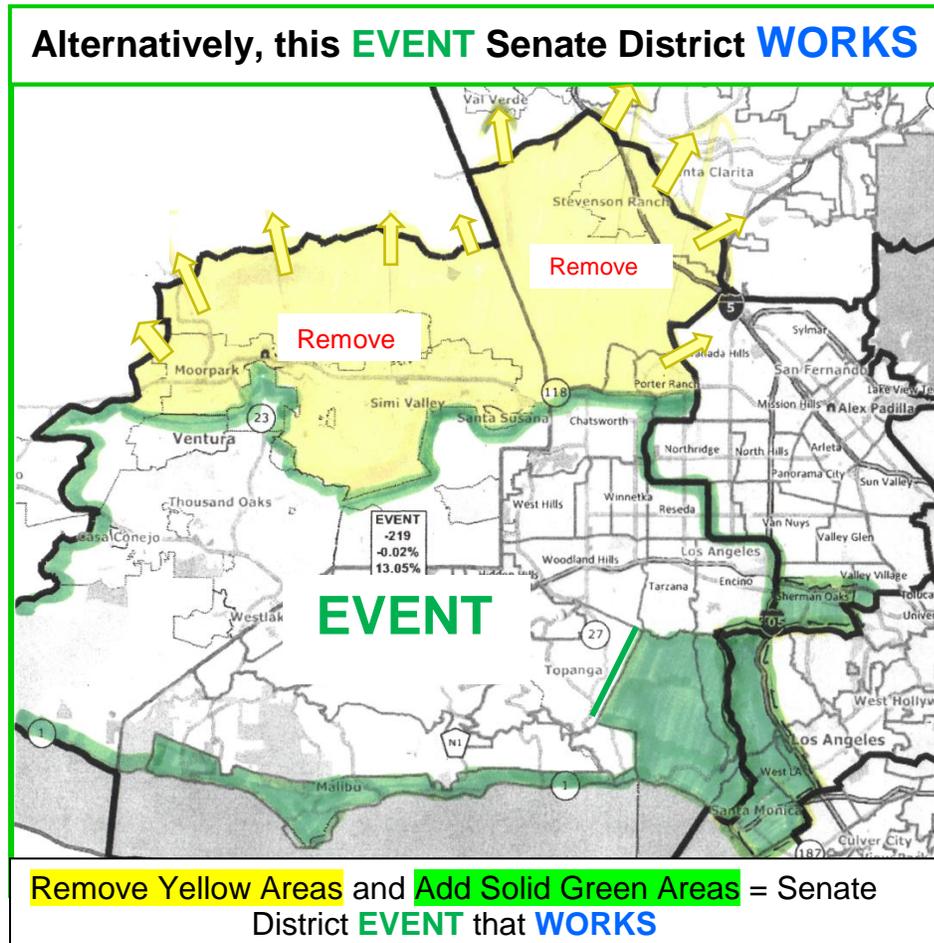


**EVENT Senate District – Does NOT Work !**

The Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal **communities of interest** all lie east/west, not north/south which is why the northern communities of *Simi Valley, Moorpark, and Santa Clarita* do **not** share any communities of interest with us and that includes having no socio-economic links. The Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal

region interests' are **all** connected in an east-west pattern, not in a gerrymandered north-south line. The Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal areas should not be amalgamated into a Senate District with these northern inland communities because we are adjacent to numerous other neighboring populations **east and west** with whom we do share

communities of interest! We do not share any transportation/commute corridors either – the Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal region has the 405, 101 and the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and the northern *Simi Valley*, *Moorpark* and *Santa Clarita* areas have the 118,126 and Interstate 5. The current **EVENT** lines split up our COG cities and the SMMNRA.



Although, this is not our preferred map for the Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal region, it meets the Commission's criteria.

- Communities of interest are consistent and established between the cities, major transportation corridors, and the Santa Monica Mountains and Coast.

- These boundaries comply with the Constitution and Voting Rights Act. This **EVENT** District has better geographical compactness and integrity.

- It 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 Neighborhood Councils as well as major communities whole - Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Topanga, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, West Hills, Oak Park, Bell Canyon. It keeps our school districts whole (except for City of LA which includes multiple senate districts). These are Oak Park, Conejo Valley, Las Virgenes Unified School District, Santa Monica/ Malibu USD.

- The population meets the threshold required by the 2010 census (932,061).

The Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities must be together in this east/west District that does not include the north inland areas of *Simi Valley*, *Moorpark*, and *Santa Clarita*!

Sincerely,  
Kim Lamorie, President, LVHF

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

**From:** donna williams <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:39:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: donna williams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village - No to Splitting Valley Village

Message Body:

I don't think it should be split at Colfax, i believe it should be split east of the 170 freeway

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

**From:** Lois brooks <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:40:55 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lois brooks <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood redistricting

Message Body:

Please do not split Brentwood into two districts. The needs of the folks living East of Westgate are the same as those to the West. Therefore they should be represented by the same person.

Thank you for your consideration.

L.Z. Brooks

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

**From:** Tom Rosholt <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:42:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tom Rosholt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village redistricting

Message Body:

I am writing to oppose the proposed redistricting of Valley Village. This is very unified active community. We have a homeowner's association and city council that are very active in the community. There is no way that a community can be properly represented if it is split between two districts. Under the proposed redistricting, the 90601 would be a small of the new district with allegiance to the greater portion of Valley Village. So in the spirit of fair and proper representation, please keep Valley Village intact as is.

Thank you.

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

**From:** Laura Mulrenan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:56:27 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Laura Mulrenan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village Redistricting

Message Body:

I oppose the proposed change in district for Valley Village. I own a home in the area that will be separated from Burbank to Riverside. My daughter will go to school at Colfax Charter and she plays at Valley Village Park. We have the same concerns and interest in our community as our neighbors in the other proposed section. We live in Valley Village because of the community and the school and our neighbors. It is very important that Valley Village district remain intact so our community can continue to come together as one, rather than divided and less invested in our neighborhood.

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

**From:** Karen Dalby <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:58:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karen Dalby <[REDACTED]>

Subject: va redistricting

Message Body:

please keep the va in our current district.

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

**From:** Laurel Shepard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:00:27 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Laurel Shepard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do not split PLEASE

Message Body:

It is important that the VA remain in our district as the property is right in our backyard, and we have worked very hard to maintain and protect it's use, while working with neighbors and the community. We have created win-win situations for all and would like to continue to do so!

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

**From:** Darren Turbow <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:00:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Darren Turbow <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village division

Message Body:

It seems ridiculous to carve out 400 homes from an existing community. Keeping communities intact should be a main factor. Please move the boundary back to include all of the Valley Village - move it East from Colfax to the 170.

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

**From:** Nathan Agam <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:05:12 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Nathan Agam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep the VA and 90049 as one district

Message Body:

Please make sure not to split 90049 into multiple districts. The Veterans' Administration property should remain in our district because the surrounding neighborhood plays an important part in taking care of the VA, and that care should be coordinated through a single representative. Additionally, many of the community programs and community governance is done zip code-wide, so it is more efficient to keep the entire zip code in a single district. Thank you.

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

**From:** Tracy Nini <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:06:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tracy Nini <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Valley Village redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep Valley Village whole in one congressional district. We are a very tight knit, family based community. I've lived here since 1976 and have seen our neighborhood grow closer together over the years. Breaking us into two districts may seem like a correct logistical move but it will be fractioning a community that functions as one.

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

**From:** cameron laine <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:08:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: cameron laine <[REDACTED]>

Subject: dividing Brentwood

Message Body:

It is wrong to divide Brentwood.This community works as a whole.

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

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:09:43 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Laurie Mullikin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting in Brentwood

Message Body:

Please, please eep the VA in our district-. My neighbors and I have invested much time to improve that area and keep it for the Vets, it's inted and legal purpose. We have been effective only as a collective force inder a single zip code and lobbying our elected officials. Splitting up those efforts will destroy our effectiveness in protecting the VA

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

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:10:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: jeffking <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The redistricting of current 90049 is not a positive!! Impact on The VA Hospital & others will not benefit but only be negative to all concerned.

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

**From:** CHOPPER BERNET <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:11:58 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** CHOPPER BERNET <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Topanga Split

**Message Body:**

I really appreciate the work that you all have done but I have to strongly protest your current plan. Topanga, and all mountain communities, share an ideal and understanding for what open space is about and the deep need for it in all humans. For you to divide it in half and connect it to a part of the county so far north and completely different in landscape and environment is beyond reality. Keep the mountains together. Keep coastal areas together. Don't make changes just to make changes. Things have been a certain way for a while for, sometimes, very good and sound reasons. Thanks for your time.

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

**From:** Diane Kantor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:13:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Diane Kantor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting Brentwood 90049

Message Body:

The WLA VA Center is part of Brentwood (90049) both good & bad. We take pride as a community in helping the Vets achieve a better life. At the same time we are impacted by all activities & changes at the WLA VA, most importantly traffic and the homeless. Please do not take the WLA VA Center out of our district.

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

**From:** "Lynne W. Rosenberg" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:14:31 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lynne W. Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep district as it is in Brentwood. This is a cohesive community and we are friendly with members of the V.A.!

Thank you!

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

**From:** Diane Sternbach <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:15:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Diane Sternbach <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village re-draw

Message Body:

I have just heard about the proposed change in our beloved Valley Village's boundaries. Please, please don't mess with success. This is a fabulous community and a lot of identity and unity. Our park belongs in the same district as our homes, as do the 400+ families and local businesses who would be affected by a re-draw.

Currently, there are flags flying along Laurel Canyon Blvd. that says, "It Takes A Valley Village." Indeed it does. We mean it. We are united, friendly, active, passionate about our neighborhood.

Please leave the eastern boundary the 170 Freeway, and please do not split it down Colfax Ave.

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

**From:** Edward Ornitz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:22:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Edward Ornitz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The current redistricting proposals should keep the WLA VA and Brentwood in the same district. This district should continue to be represented by Congressman Waxman and Supervisor Zev Y.

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

**From:** Grover Heyler <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:26:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Grover Heyler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA redistricting

Message Body:

The VA property has always been part of Brentwood's concern, the community has spent much time and effort dealing with the proper use of the VA property and its position just west of the 405 makes it an integral part of Brentwood.

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

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:32:24 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Barbara Philips <[REDACTED]>

Subject: re-districting

Message Body:

I am definitely opposed to the plan to redistrict Los Angeles

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

**From:** Vicki Kelly <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:41:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Vicki Kelly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting for 90049

Message Body:

Your re-districting plan would split our community of Brentwood, CA 90049 into two parts. We have an exceptionally strong and vibrant and effective community. Splitting it would be harmful to Los Angeles and to California. We need to keep the VA in our district- 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

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

**From:** Marcie Polier Swartz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:50:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marcie Polier Swartz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: the VA

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district- 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. Our Brentwood Village Business District would die without the use of their parking lot which has been in place for year. We are joined.

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

**From:** Marlene Hubbard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:56:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marlene Hubbard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting for South Pasadena

Message Body:

We implore you not to split tiny So Pas between two Assembly Districts. We share common social and community interests. As a community we take voting seriously and it would be unthinkable to have go outside of our community to attend coffees and events held by candidates to express their views. Please, please reconsider. It makes absolutely NO sense to split such a small unified community. We voted to get rid of just this sort of being gerrymandered all over the map. Even the politicians never tried to cut our very small city in half. Please don't go ahead with this totally unacceptable plan. Thank you!

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

**From:** Yvette Melvin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:58:53 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Yvette Melvin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA Redistricting

Message Body:

Our neighborhood, Brentwood Glen, 90049, is neighbor to the VA on both the South and West. Issues that impact the VA also impact our area. Please keep the VA within our district.

We have worked diligently to improve, maintain and protect the VA's contiguous land and it's use.

Please keep the VA in 90049/Brentwood Glen district.

Thank you for your time.

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

**From:** Josh Mills <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:05:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Josh Mills <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Valley Village

Message Body:

I grew up in the valley. I went to school at Moorpark for lower Oakwood, went to upper Oakwood on Magnolia and am now a homeowner effectively at Colfax and Magnolia.

I dont feel there is a need to redistrict Valley Village. Valley Village is a community concerned with neighborhood and residential quality of life. Obviously North Hollywood has that as well but is a much larger and more industrial and commercial property focussed. Were you to redistrict Valley Village it's likely my home would be in North Hollywood lines. While I have no problem being a North Hollywood citizen - I remember when there was no Valley Village, only NoHo - North Hollywood has been amazingly clumsy in it's 'arts district' and lack of commercial shopping area's at all.

And that is my point. While North Hollywood needs a makeover, that is NOT my interest as a homeowner. Frankly, what Noho does or does not do at all is no concern to me - because these are commercial and industrial issues. Valley Village is more concerned with residential issues and I feel that by redistricting my concerns would be lost.

Additionally, I want to ensure that my daughter - age 2 - is able to attend Colfax public school. My wife and I specifically bought a home in valley village with the knowledge she would be able to attend this school which is ranked so highly. To redistrict, I am afraid that this would also be an issue.

We literally decided to buy a home in Valley Village (not Studio City, Sherman Oaks, North Hollywood, West LA or West Hollywood) BECAUSE of this school. It would be a massive hardship if she were not able to attend Colfax Elementary.

Thank you  
josh Mills

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

**From:** Alvin J Fletcher <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:06:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alvin J Fletcher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 36th District and Assembly District

Message Body:

Dear Sir,

I'm one upset voter. I was a happy voter when your Commission was created and when initial discussions on redistricting. I had the impression that gerrymandering was a thing of the past and us voters would have the ability to pick our representatives that was consistent with our views. Now it has been brought to my attention that some how your group's is proposing gerrymandering scheme as bad or worse than were you started.

A 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District) that would be an honest non-gerrymandered district for the South Bay would be Westchester south and include the following communities: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena.

Hoping the final district is not some gerrymandered political haugpaug.

One who wants his vote to count for his community

Alvin J. Fletcher

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

**From:** Carey Ann Strelecki <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:07:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carey Ann Strelecki <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep VALLEY VILLAGE TOGETHER! Please don't divide us in 2!

Message Body:

Dear CCRC,

Please don't divide up our neighborhood of Valley Village! We are a cohesive neighborhood that has definite values and goals.

We are VERY UNIQUE! PLEASE DON'T SPLIT US APART!

We are like a small town in the huge city of Los Angeles. We have not one but TWO Valley Village governing bodies -- the Valley Village Neighborhood Council and the Valley Village Homeowners Association. We have Valley Village Community Parades and celebrations -- we just had a Valley Village FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST on the 4th of July.

The Valley Village boundaries are:

The 170 Freeway to the east, Burbank Boulevard to the north, the 101 Freeway to the south and the Tujunga Wash to the west.

I've never lived anywhere else in LA that had this kind of community involvement.

I am from a small town in Pennsylvania and my husband is from New Jersey. The values in Valley Village are much more like those of the midwest, east coast and NORTHERN CALIFORNIA than the rest of Los Angeles.

Please allow us to remain part of our community. Even though I don't have children, I volunteer at Colfax Elementary School, which is one of the best schools in the San Fernando Valley due in no small part to community involvement. I hope to adopt and send my child there some day. You'll be separating me from the district if you divide our community in two.

Unlike everywhere else, we love our trees and yards and are against development. We don't permit McMansions here (very rare in LA).

We've heard there may be some confusion due to the fact some of the houses in Valley Village have a 91601 zip code (as our house does). This is just because our house is closer to the North Hollywood post office, which is on the boundary of NoHo and Valley Village. It's for convenience for the postman, not because we're a part of North Hollywood. We love North Hollywood and all, but we don't have the same values or concerns or identify with them.

We're a small village of houses on tree-lined streets, against development. NoHo is developing like crazy. That's great for them. That's not what we're about however.

PLEASE RESPECT THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

If you would like to see the map of our neighborhood -- and this is also the map the school district respects -- please go to this web site:

[REDACTED]

  
Thank you!  
Carey Ann Strelecki

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

**From:** Leon & Harriet Trunk <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:11:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Leon & Harriet Trunk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Brentwood

Message Body:

We have lived in the Brentwood area for past 40 years. We approve the progress that has developed over that length of time and are NOT in favor of changing the existing conditions or changing the district lines, etc.

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

**From:** "Mrs. Shirley Kory" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:16:36 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mrs. Shirley Kory <[REDACTED]>

Subject: REDRAWING BRENTWOOD'S DISTRICTING LINES

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Brentwood, California in West Los Angeles for the past fifty-five years, I hasten to protest the possible redrawing of districting lines, which will split our community and place the VA in another district.

It is imperative that we keep the VA in our district, having worked tirelessly with them to improve, maintain and protect the land and its use.

Secondly, strengthening our input as a community has been accomplished by our many programs and input working toward that goal in our zip code area. Your consideration and decision in favor of the eventual outcome on behalf of myself and fellow residents of Brentwood are gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

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

**From:** Tamberley Much <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:34:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tamberley Much <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting for Brentwood Glen in Los Angeles

Message Body:

Redistricting is a terrible idea for our area. We support the VA and the protection and maintenance of their lands. We share with them a community and we should not be separated by redistricting. Many issues that effect the VA also effect our neighborhood of Brentwood Glen and we should remain in the same district. Please listen to our pleas not to redistrict this area.

Thank you...Tamberley Much

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

**From:** Jonathan Beutler <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:39:39 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jonathan Beutler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Bay Beach Cities/current 36th congressional district

Message Body:

It is imperative that the South Bay region be united in the same congressional district: Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo. Whether the district also includes areas north of LAX or San Pedro or not, the beach cities of the South Bay must stay united with Torrance and Palos Verdes. Together they constitute a regional bloc of cities that are treated as a single, united area by private citizens and the business community (the South Bay region's Chambers of commerce and other business associations, clubs, nonprofit organizations, etc.) and this reality should be reflected in the political expression of the region as well. To think that Palos Verdes or Redondo Beach could be politically separated from Torrance is proposterous. In the mind of those that live in any of those cities, the three are neighbors with very closely connected economies and networks, geographic proximity, and shared concerns. Residents of these !

above mentioned cities engage in business, shopping, education, work, and community activities in the other cities - it only makes sense that they be a part of the same congressional district. If these cities of the South Bay are separated into different congressional districts by the Commission, it would be a tremendous disadvantage to the citizens of the region, and would be a victory for political gerrymandering - a lost opportunity for the Commission.

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

**From:** Paige Gage <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:44:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Paige Gage <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Valley Village

Message Body:

I just read about the plan to redistrict Valley Village down the middle of Colfax Avenue. I would like to add my voice to what must and will be a long list of dissenters. It just seems silly...what an enormous waste of time, energy and money! We are perfect the way we are. Thank you!

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

**From:** Kaija Keel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:49:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kaija Keel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district- 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.

Don't break up our neighborhood!

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

**From:** Jon Saferstein <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:52:10 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jon Saferstein <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Brentwood's districting lines

Message Body:

Keep the VA in our district - 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, 90049, to strengthen our input as a community

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**Subject:** Redistricting Hawthorne to South LA

**From:** Michele Hoebink <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:43:35 -0700 (PDT)

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Hawthorne for the past 22 years. Prior to that, I lived in Westchester and enjoyed it, but love Hawthorne. I have great neighbors and wonderful businesses and...we're close to the beach! Six minutes to be exact from where I live. I don't see, how a city such as ours could be added to any other district. We are the beginning of South Bay and we should stay that way. How can Hawthorne be anything else but part of the South Bay and part of the Beach Cities community? The Beach Boys did come from Hawthorne as a matter of fact!

I will tell you that if our voices don't count, and you don't take into consideration how the people who live in this city feel about this redistricting of our city, then please don't be incensed when voting time comes around and we vote you out of office.

Thank you for haring my thoughts and taking our feelings about this matter into consideration.

Thanks,

Michele

**Subject:** Redistricting

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:22:56 -0700

**To:** "California Citizens Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

**Antonio "Tony" Duarte**, Teacher on Special Assignment, Parent Education/Program Improvement, El Monte City School District 3540 Lexington Ave., El Monte, CA 91731, (626) [REDACTED] FAX [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**County Sup Map Letter (2).doc**

June 30, 2011

Boundary Review Committee



Los Angeles, CA 90012

Boundary Review Committee:

I support the proposed Joseph M. Sanchez Memorial Plan submitted by Alan Clayton and John Y. Wong, the Velasquez-Clayton Plan, and the Leo Estrada LA County Board of Supervisors Redistricting map proposals for the upcoming Board of Supervisors redistricting process.

It is my belief that communities with shared interests and services should also have shared representation. The current boundaries do not support this notion.

I do not support the status quo.

The above listed maps support socio-economic diversity by keeping working class communities together. They also provide boundaries that are in line with Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act by keeping Latino communities from being fragmented. And they do not displace any supervisor from his/her district and the newer districts remain compact.

Please consider keeping neighborhoods, communities and cities of common interest together. Please use the boundaries as drawn by the Joseph M. Sanchez Memorial Plan, the Velasquez-Clayton Plan and Leo Estrada maps. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen  
Antonio Duarte

**Subject:** Re-Districting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:49:19 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

TO: 36th District Re-districting Committee

FROM: Connie Burleson

RE: RE-Districting of 36th District

Why would we eliminate Torrance from the South Bay (36th District)? I have lived in Torrance all my life and we definitely are in the South Bay. Please leave us in.

Thank you and Best Regards, Connie Burleson

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Laura and Henry Kline <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:24:28 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

As residents of Valley Village for the past 18 years, we urge you not to split our Valley Village community with the 170 freeway as a new boundary. Our community has little in common with the district on the other side of the freeway. That is not intended in any way to be a value judgment of any kind to those in the proposed new district or in our current district, but, rather, the following: The entire idea of districting is for demographics and other identifiers to be fairly and equitably represented. By splitting our district, as you have proposed, you will be obviating that objective. Please reconsider.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laura and Henry Kline

[REDACTED]

Valley Village, CA 91601

**Subject:** Redistricting

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

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:49:38 -0700

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

STOP! LISTEN! REMOVE! Stop drawing boundaries to include communities of interest north of 118 in a Senate district clearly coastal and mountains. Listen to the people of both areas who DO NOT want to be conjoined. REMOVE this inland area from the proposed coastal/ mountain district and include Malibu, Brentwood, areas of WLA. Joan Slimocosky  
Sent from my iPhone