Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: "Leslie M. Eber, M.D." <>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:49:29 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Leslie M. Eber, M.D. <>
Subject: Leave VA district in Brentwood

Message Body:
Our Brentwood district has always looked out for the best interests of the VA property in our community. This property should not be involved in any redistricting.

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Topanga is a unified community with a Town Council, an elementary school, Community House and many Topanga-wide initiatives and activities. To divide it by drawing the line down Topanga Bl. would be a tragedy and incomprehensible.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Joe Messina < >
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:04:29 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Joe Messina < >
Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

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 Highway126 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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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Hawthorne California South Bay Redistricting
From: "Jerry Orlemann"
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:46:44 -0700
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To The California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing at this time to show my support for City of Hawthorne Resolution No. 7391 supporting the inclusion of Hawthorne, California, into the same districts as the other South Bay cities, namely El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, and Torrance, as well as the L.A. unincorporated areas known as Del Aire and Wiseburn.

I am not so eloquent in verse that I feel I can better state that which is already contained within Resolution No. 7391. Suffice it to say that I completely endorse the resolution without hesitation or mental reservation whatsoever.

In closing I wish to express my thanks to you for the job you are doing. In many ways it must be extremely stressful and thankless, but I hope you realize how very important this is for our very future.

Thank you,

Jerry Orlemann
Hawthorne, CA 90250

"A proud member of Vietnam Veterans of America SOUTH BAY Chapter 53"
Subject: Outrageous!
From: carlos saavedra <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 09:16:19 -0700
To: "Office, Communications" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I was watching the live feed when Commissioners Parvenu, Blanco and Galambos-Malloy approved this outrageous district. You've fixed the Ribbon of Shame that gerrymandered for Lois Capps, Democrat and created a new Ribbon of Shame for Jane Harman, Democrat. This was done so that inner city ethnic populations could carve up the bulk of the Beach Cities and get LAX, the Ports of Long Beach and LA etc while keeping black Democrat machines in power, giving Hispanic Democrat machines as much as possible and disenfranchising all the rest of us.

You think we didn't notice??? Lawsuits will follow if this ridiculous district remains!

Carlos Saavedra

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Subject: Latino districts
From: Sabino Lopez <Sabino Lopez>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:30:31 -0700
To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Please comply with the voting rights act in Los Angeles County and everywhere we are and not dilute Latino voice in elected officials representation.
I would like to echo the words of my associate, Dan Vogelzang. As a Torrance resident for over 20 years, I am appalled that there is even a consideration of excluding Torrance while including such remote cities as Santa Monica and Venice. Stop the gerrymandering.

Penny Lee
Senior Vice President
M Advisory Group / Cal-Surance Benefit Plans
Torrance, CA 90503

From: J. Daniel Vogelzang
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 11:05 PM
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov
Cc:
Subject: District 36- stop the gerrymandering
Importance: High

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dan

J. Daniel Vogelzang
President

Torrance, CA  90503

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

As a twenty year resident of the City of Hawthorne, I would like to recommend our city be placed in the same congressional district as the other South Bay Cities to form a community of interest.

Hawthorne has been an active member of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (South Bay COG), a regional planning organization that seeks out money for projects that affect the South Bay Cities, including Hawthorne. Such projects include road widening that crosses numerous city boundaries, integrated land use and other transportation strategy that affect the South Bay Cities.

Hawthorne is home of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (SBRPCA) that dispatches police and fire services for the South Bay Cities of Hawthorne, El Segundo, Gardena, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. The SBRPCA is governed by a board of directors made up of city managers and elected officials from the member South Bay Cities. The Mayor of Hawthorne is currently Chair of the SBRPCA.

Many of my Hawthorne neighbors are employed by the local South Bay aerospace companies (Boeing, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, etc) or at the nearby Los Angeles Air Force Base which grants large multimillion dollar contracts to the South Bay aerospace companies, including those in Hawthorne. Numerous small Hawthorne businesses and hotels also provide support services (catering, machine shops, housing, etc) for the air force base and South Bay aerospace companies.

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is a major employer for Hawthorne residents. Because of Hawthorne’s close proximity to LAX (~3 miles) and large warehousing facilities adjacent to the 105 freeway, Hawthorne has become a major freight forwarding center for cargo going to and from LAX. Many residents also work directly for the many airlines servicing LAX.

On warm summer days many Hawthorne residents head down to one of the many excellent South Bay beaches located less than three miles from our western boundary for exercise and recreation. I personally enjoy riding my bicycle down to the beach or around the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates. My wife stables her horse in the City of Rolling Hills Estates and enjoys the many rural riding trails on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. We have season tickets to the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, located one mile south of Hawthorne, which hosts a first class civic light opera that rivals some of the downtown Los Angeles playhouses, as well as a Distinguished Speakers Series where well known people from around the world come speak to local South Bay residents. As you can see, much of our recreation and entertainment is centered in the South Bay.

With the passage of a new 87 million dollar school bond, our local Wiseburn School District plans to build a new charter high school campus in eastern El Segundo which will serve the communities of Hawthorne, Wiseburn, Del Aire as well as students from the surrounding South Bay cities, Westchester and Ladera Heights. It is interesting to note that 80% of the property tax for this Wiseburn school bond will be paid by the businesses located in the eastern part of the City of El Segundo which reside within the boundaries of the Wiseburn School District.

As you can see from the above examples, the City of Hawthorne has many community of interest ties to the other South Bay Cities and should therefore be grouped into the same congressional district as the other South Bay Cities.

If you have any questions, I can be reach at (cell) day or night.

Sincerely,
Subject: Glendora & Foothill Communities

Glendora is a Foothill Community and should be included with the other foothill communities Assembly District because we are truly a community of interest. We have so much in common with La Verne, Claremont, San Dimas, & Monrovia. We have no real connection to citys to the south. We share the same mountains to our back, operate and function with the other sister foothill cities/communities. Please include Glendora in with the foothills Assembly District that includes La Verne, Claremont, San Dimas & Monrovia.

Thank you for your consideration.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Leave Westchester with the South Bay cities
From: Andrew Daly <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:08:26 -0700
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Please leave Westchester with the original plan of being with the South Bay Beach cities. As a citizen of Westchester, I strongly object to being placed with Inglewood, Lennox etc. and to be split off from Playa Vista and Playa Del Rey.

Sincerely,
Andrew Daly
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Dennis Beck <d***********@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:38:40 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Dennis Beck <d***********@gmail.com>
Subject: redistricting plan

Message Body:
Please do not change my fair city of El Segundo from a beach cities district into an inland cities district. What would this idea benefit our small town? We have much more in common with our beach neighbors than these other cities.

Please, reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,
Dennis Beck

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Please keep Torrance in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District). All of the South Bay--including El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena--belongs in the same district, as we are a unified community and have similar needs. Splitting up these cities, or adding other cities doesn’t make sense.

Thank you,

Carole Gooch
Dear Commission Members,

As a resident, I am writing to ask that the City of Hawthorne be redistricted into the same area as our fellow South Bay cities (i.e., El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, the Palos Verdes peninsula cities, Gardena and Torrance).

I purchased my home in Hawthorne four years ago because it is an affordable place to live in the South Bay. I work in Manhattan Beach and absolutely love my 3 mile commute. I go to the eye doctor in Hermosa Beach, the dentist in Redondo Beach, and my primary doctor in Torrance. I grocery shop in Manhattan Beach, do other shopping in Plaza El Segundo and at the South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach. I go out for dinner in Manhattan and Hermosa Beach and rollerblade along The Strand at the beach on the weekends. My life is in the South Bay, which properly includes Hawthorne.

In my job at the City of Manhattan Beach, I work with staff at the City of Hawthorne because both cities are members of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. We work side-by-side on regional issues pertinent to the entire South Bay area, such as traffic and economic development. Also, the 911 dispatch center for Manhattan Beach and several other South Bay cities is located in Hawthorne. Our Police Departments work closely together, including contracting the services of Hawthorne PD’s helicopter.

My understanding is that this redistricting process is meant to group areas with similar, cohesive issues. Hawthorne shares the same issues, concerns, and character as our fellow cities in the South Bay. Hawthorne does NOT share these commonalities with the areas of South LA (formerly South Central LA), Watts, Willowbrook, Compton, Athens, or Florence. Placing Hawthorne in districts which will appropriately represent our issues and interests requires placing Hawthorne in the South Bay Congressional, Assembly, and State Senate Districts.

As this is an iterative process, I appreciate that each iteration is shared on the website. I’ve attached a map illustrating an option that best encompasses the South Bay in terms of Congressional Districts (on the left; 20110715_cd_la_option1.2) and one that does not (on the right; 20110716_congressional_la). I will continue to monitor further iterations and hope that you’ll be listening to the voices of Hawthorne residents in making your decisions.

Thank you so much for your service and dedication to this important process.

Bonnie Shrewsbury

Hawthorne, CA 90250

Bonnie Shrewsbury
GIS Analyst
Subject: Hawthorne and Congressional redistricting  
From: Kyle Hamilton <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>  
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 07:57:05 +0000  
To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your dedicated, hard work to give us the opportunity to vote for representatives who will more accurately reflect the communities they will serve. I have never been involved in this type of process before, but I have been extremely involved in my community, Hawthorne, since moving here in 1998. I would like to add my perspective to your deliberations, in the hope that my community will be better served in the next ten years. I strongly believe that Hawthorne should be included with the Beach/ South Bay Cities in your current redistricting (and as shown on your July 15, 2011/ Congress LA Option 1.2 map), due to the following factors:

Hawthorne (AND the South Bay) is functionally bordered by the #105 freeway on the north. My home is in the section of Hawthorne which shares its' borders with El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach, as well as the Del Aire and Wiseburn neighborhoods (unincorporated L.A. County). My Hawthorne neighborhood, HollyGlen, originally consisted of 1100 single-family detached homes, with another community of townhouses in a separate cluster. A few years ago, (as a result of a land-swap pertaining to the Los Angeles Air Force Base) two additional large residential communities were constructed (called 'Fusion', and '360 At South Bay'), adding an additional 1000+ residences. I am particularly familiar with these factors, as I served on the HollyGlen Homeowners Association Board for a number of years, including serving as President in 2002-2003 (while this land swap and these massive development projects were in the planning stages).

Many, if not most, of my neighbors work in the aerospace industry. We are the closest residential community to the LA Air Force Base (LAAFB), and many of our residents work at Northrup/Gruman, Raytheon, the Aerospace Co., etc., in El Segundo. Many of my neighbors walk or bicycle to their jobs. My husband (a disabled Veteran) and I do most of our shopping at the LAAFB Commissary and BX, as well as working out in the Gym on the Base.

The aforementioned land swap prevented the closure of the LAAFB, which saved thousands of jobs and protected a huge economic engine for the entire South Bay. The bond financing which made these projects possible were issued solely by Hawthorne. Hawthorne's citizens will be paying approx. $142 million to retire them; a tremendous commitment for a city of our size. We have certainly demonstrated our inseparable relationship to the aerospace industry, and Hawthorne's future is inextricably tied to these South Bay companies. Space X (a crucial new player in the aerospace industry) is headquartered in Hawthorne due to our close proximity and well-established relationships with this network of inter-dependent companies.

Hawthorne also has significant ties to the entertainment industry; my neighborhood is within walking distance to both the Manhattan Beach Studios, and El Segundo Studios. Many movies and TV shows do location shooting in Hawthorne; frequently at the Hawthorne Mall and at a park which is adjacent to my home. These film permits provide significant revenue to Hawthorne, and the relationship with these studios and film companies is crucial to Hawthorne's financial well-being. These companies provide significant employment opportunities for Hawthorne residents.

Many private planes used by those in both aerospace and the entertainment industries use our Hawthorne Airport as their home base. Hawthorne Airport has recently undergone a very significant renovation to attract and retain this business, and is a major redevelopment hub for the eastern sections of Hawthorne. The Hawthorne Police helicopter (based at Hawthorne Airport) patrols and assists the other Beach City Police Departments, while they pay Hawthorne for this service; a beneficial relationship for all involved. Our Police Departments have numerous joint Task Forces; with shared training, personnel, and equipment. The Hawthorne Police Department recently suffered the loss of our first Officer killed in the line of duty; our Officer Andrew Garton was killed in Torrance while escorting the funeral cortega of a deceased Manhattan Beach Police Officer. Torrance and Manhattan Beach businesses held fundraisers for our Officer's family. The South Bay Regional Communications Center (911 services) is located in Hawthorne. These deep ties are crucial for the safety of all of our South Bay Cities.
Because of Hawthorne's location near LAX, as well as at the junction of the #405 and #105 freeways, and our own Hawthorne Airport, Hawthorne is truly the Gateway to the Beach Cities and the rest of the South Bay. Hawthorne Blvd. is a contiguously-landscaped, major traffic corridor which connects Hawthorne, Lawndale, Redondo Beach, Torrance, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Crenshaw, Prairie, and Inglewood Ave. are other major north/south traffic corridors connecting these cities. Imperial, El Segundo Blvd., Aviation, Rosecrans, and Marine are major arteries connecting Hawthorne with LAX, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach to our west. Beach City and other South Bay residents using the #405 and/or #105 freeways use entrance/exit ramps located in Hawthorne, while anyone using LAX to/from the south or east of Hawthorne passes through our borders. Travelers to/from LAX stay in Hawthorne Hotels, and many Hawthorne residents are employed by these properties. The 'bed tax' provides a significant source of revenue to Hawthorne. Hawthorne residents are affected by any noise or other issues pertaining to LAX. Again, Hawthorne is inextricably tied to these communities.

While the majority of Hawthorne is served by the Hawthorne School District, our HollyGlen neighborhood is, in one major sense, separate. We (along with the Del Aire and Wiseburn neighborhoods) are served by the Wiseburn School District, and the majority of the Wiseburn School District's tax base is from the businesses in El Segundo. A number of bond issues have been passed recently, allowing every Wiseburn school to be completely rebuilt or totally renovated. Our children attend these schools, which are inseparable from the El Segundo businesses which provide their funding and provide significant program assistance. The Wiseburn schools are academically on par with schools in the Beach Communities. Hawthorne and Del Aire host a joint Farmers' Market on the grounds of a Wiseburn school; it is attended by neighbors from El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Wiseburn (many of whom walk or bike to buy fresh produce and to mingle with friends and neighbors).

Beach City/ South Bay residents also come to Hawthorne to shop/work at our two Costco stores, Lowe's, Home Depot, Target, as well as our auto dealerships, while Hawthorne residents shop/work at Plaza El Segundo, Manhattan Beach Mall, South Bay Galleria, and Del Amo Mall (Torrance). We frequent each other's restaurants, and our residents relax on their beaches. We are members of the same service organizations; my husband and I are very active in Vietnam Veterans of America (South Bay Chapter), and run its Scholarship program for students from El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. I also participate in a group called "Yarn Angels", which provides hand-knit items to South Bay charities. My husband and I were both involved for many years with Palos Verdes Players (as actors, director, costumer, and President of the Board). We have both been treated at Hospitals in Torrance.

I hope this has helped you to understand the deep connections between Hawthorne and the other Beach/South Bay Cities. In the thirteen years I have lived in Hawthorne, I have gone to other Beach/South Bay Cities on a daily basis. My only connection with the other cities in the current 35th CD, or your proposed first-draft area, has been to pass through these communities while on the freeway to somewhere else entirely. I have talked to many dozens of my neighbors about this issue, and we are unanimous in our request: Please honor our true community of interest; place Hawthorne with the other Beach/ South Bay Cities, where we belong. I fully support the points made in the City of Hawthorne's Resolution #7391, (and your Commission's draft map dated July 15, 2011/ Congress LA Option 1.2) which would establish a logical, contiguous district containing the Beach/ South Bay Cities. Thank you for your consideration, and best wishes as you complete your arduous task.

Sincerely,
Kyle Hamilton Orlemann
Hawthorne, CA, 90250
Please enter the attached Statement and Alternative map into the public record of the Commission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

COALITION FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

[Coalition statement 7-21-11.pdf]

[EVENT Senate Alternate Map.pdf]
COALITION FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

Public Comment Statement
Before the Citizens Redistricting Commission
Regarding EVENT Senate District Visualization as of 7-17-2011

July 21, 2011

Honorable Commissioners:

On April 26 the COALITION FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS presented testimony urging you to keep the Santa Monica Mountains intact as a geographical entity and as a community of interest.

Your most recent “visualization” for EVENT Senate District attempts to do that, but fails in several critical respects that we strenuously urge you to correct.

- Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, and Brentwood are integral to the Santa Monica Mountains area otherwise included in the EVENT Senate District and must be included in the EVENT Senate District.

Important state government issues that are common to the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains are also common to these communities and for this reason they should be included within the Senate district that encompasses the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains. Wildland fire issues, the PCH corridor from the Santa Monica Freeway north through Malibu, state and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy parkland such as Topanga State Park, Temescal Canyon, Will Rodgers State Historic Park, and Westridge Wilderness Park, are vitally important resources that share a community of interest with the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains. To take but one example, but a hugely important one, in the last ten years brush fires have cost Malibu almost 500 houses, and therefore constitutes a powerful community of interest with the other Santa Monica Mountains cities such as Agoura Hills and Calabasas, but not of especial concern to Venice or Marina del Rey.

- Simi Valley, Stevenson Ranch, and the I-5 adjacent areas of city of Santa Clarita bear no logical relationship to the rest of the EVENT Senate District and should be deleted from the EVENT district. To take just one example, the rapidly developing communities on either side of the I-5 freeway in the Santa Clarita Valley should be included in the same district. It makes no sense to split Stevenson Ranch and a significant portion of the city of Santa Clarita from the rest of the city of Santa Clarita and include them within a district that also includes a quite different community like Topanga.
The COALITION supports the alternative map for EVENT Senate District proposed by the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation. Copy attached.

Coalition members:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Director, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*  
Instructor, UCLA Landscape Architecture Program  
Malibu, California  
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Jerome C. Daniel  
Chairman Emeritus  
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David M. Brown  
City of Calabasas Planning Commission*  
Professor of History (emeritus), Los Angeles Valley College  
Sierra Club Santa Monica Mountains Task Force  
Calabasas, California  
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Hello

My name is Robert Burdette and I was recently informed the community I live in, Westchester, could be paired with cities that have nothing in common with us. Inglewood, Lennox and Compton are just a few of these cities.

Before moving to Westchester in 2006, I lived in Playa del Rey for 5 years. I chose to move to Westchester because the areas had so much in common. We share community interests and concerns, traffic issues, etc. with the beach communities, NOT Compton, Lennox and Inglewood. I currently own a rental property in Playa del Rey and it is easy to think I am Westchester when I am really in Playa del Rey and vice versa. The cities are so similar.

Another major similarity Westchester has with the beach communities is the LAX expansion. Being a pilot for United Airlines, I know if the airport expands it will affect Westchester and the beach cities, such as Playa del Rey. We are all in it together. It will not affect the cities to the East.

Please group us with the beach communities rather then Compton, Inglewood or Lennox. It is imperative Westchester continues to stay with similar cities so we can all grow and deal with issues that truly affect all of us rather then a few of us.

Sincerely

Robert Burdette
Using the Commission’s July 15th Draft Map:

Remove Yellow Areas and Add Solid Green Areas = Senate District that Works.
Subject: Redistricting of El Segundo Ca

Message Body:
The new redistricting map shows El Segundo separated from her beach cities neighbors. The new map connects us to Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lennox and continues inland. We are the ONLY CITY fronting the beach in that new district.

I implore you to move El Segundo into the group south of us that includes Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach continuing south. We are a BEACH CITY and have all the commonalities of one.

Our commonality with our southern sister cities is many: Aerospace Employment, police and fire mutual aid services, infrastructure and problem are communicated among us. Our Manhattan Beach-shared Rosecrans border is patrolled by both police departments, MB AND ES, SMALL-city governance issues and also small-city beach concerns. Our police patrol has to drive through North Manhattan Beach to continue their patrol on the beach at Highland/Rosecrans intersection.

Our small-city incorporated heritage is directly linked and connected to our southern sister cities.

Please respect and hear out my request carefully as it is VERY IMPORTANT to the residents of El Segundo.

Respectfully,
Matt

From a real estate perspective we are connected to those cities' MLS searches and also compare in valuation of property.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Hello,

My name is John Bu Bu and live in [REDACTED], Hawthorne, CA 90250 in the Fusion at South Bay Condo Complex.

I just wanted to say that I am in support of Resolution No. 7391 for the inclusion of Hawthorne in to the same congressional district as the other South Bay Cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, and Torrance.

I have lived in Hawthorne since 2006 when my wife, Angie and I purchased our first home. We feel that we have always been a part of the "South Bay" cities and have NOTHING to do with the district of Compton, South Central, Watts, and others.

We moved to the condo complex of "Fusion of South Bay" for a reason, to be a part of the beach cities and it’s South Bay Cities district. My wife and I have a 1.5 year old son, Nicholas whom we are raising in Hawthorne in hopes of giving him the best education and opportunities as other South Bay residents.

Our Fusion Condos of South Bay is literally right across the street from Manhattan Beach and we frequent Manhattan Beach areas like Marine Ave Park, Pollywog Park, Adventure Plex for our son to play, Manhattan Beach Strand and restaurants, Arclight Cinemas, as well as Manhattan Village Mall.

We have never once gone East of the 110 Fwy or North of the 105 Fwy for any reason and are mostly on the West side of the 405 to spend time at South Bay areas.

When ever we have the need for Police support, it is usually by Manhattan Beach and Hawthorne PD that come by to our assistance and they are often having a DUI task force in the area as well.

We are also frequenting the South Bay Galleria and visit many restaurants in Torrance, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. Basically all of the time we spend going in our area is in the South Bay.

We also bought our condo:

http://fusionatsouthbay.com/fusionatsouthbay/outside_home.asp

With the belief that we are and always will be a part of the South Bay Beach Cities. We definitely do no want our property values to drop drastically more that it already has if we end up being a part of another district other than South Bay.
Again, The South Bay, does not include cities such as South LA, Watts, Willowbrook, Compton, Athens, and Florence.

Please Please Please, include in the district of the South Bay Beach Cities. I'm sure the other residents of Fusion, over 500, feel very strongly of this as well.

Thanks you for your service and kindest regards,

John, Angie, and Nicholas Butiu
Hello,

I have lived in Westchester for 30 years. My husband grew up here and in Playa del Rey and I can tell you that there is virtually no difference between the two.

We own our home.

I am writing to insist that you keep Westchester and Playa del Rey/Playa Vista in the same district. I am also letting you know that we share common interests with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them. We do NOT share much in common with the cities to the east.

Thank you,

Dona Rawson

Los Angeles, CA 90045
Subject: Redistricting
From: Martin Greenberger <m
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 09:51:40 -0700
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov
CC: KentwoodNW@aol.com

I am writing to implore you to include the community of Westchester (zip 90045) with neighboring cities in the 36th Congressional District.

Westchester has far more in common—schools, traffic, economy, LAX, coastal and environmental issues—with the communities in the 36th than with the rest of the 35th District where we are now.

Please include us in the 36th District where our concerns have a chance to be heard.

Martin Greenberger
Los Angeles, CA 90045 (Westchester)
I am a resident of the Westchester area of Los Angeles, zip code 90045.

I believe our neighborhood should rightfully be included in the same district as Playa del Rey and Playa Vista, adjacent neighboring communities with which we share more commonality than with neighboring communities in the current 35th district.

Thank you.

Jack Sher
Los Angeles, L.A.  90045
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Linda Mele <l
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:34:25 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Message Body:
To the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Most of the current online maps do not reflect an understanding of, or respect for, the South Bay Community of Los Angeles County, and continue to split the community into pieces. The South Bay has a hard-and-fast geographical border on the north at the LAX airport and on the south at the LA port. Attempting to connect any of South Bay's coastal cities to the Los Angeles communities north of LAX with a sliver of coastal land is gerrymandering, pure and simple.

Rather than pairing the South Bay coastal cities with LA to the north, we should be paired with the eastern cities such as Hawthorne, Gardena and Lomita. This is the natural community of the South Bay, best evidenced by the 117 years of local newspaper coverage that the Daily Breeze provides to our South Bay cities.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula, because it is a peninsula surrounded by water on three sides, should be paired with Torrance with whom its fourth side shares it largest border. The two main thoroughfares off the Peninsula (Hawthorne and Crenshaw Blvds) lead into Torrance. All district boundaries should respect the relation of the Palos Verdes Peninsula to Torrance.

Torrance should not be split, and should be left whole. I live in the West Torrance section that has been carved off from Torrance to make some of the preposterous coastal districts proposed, and I am very discouraged. Our post office isn't even in the same district as us in some of these proposed districts, yet we are paired with far-flung communities such as Agoura Hills and Beverly Hills. I fail to see how these proposed districts provide any improvement to the representation of the South Bay.

My husband and I are non-partisan voters and do not care which way our eventual districts lean, but we do expect that this redistricting process will unify the South Bay representation rather than continuing to split us in ways that make no geographic or community sense.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Gentlemen & ladies:

Please keep Dana Point in one piece!

We urge the acceptance of the July 16 redistricting map keeping Dana Point united in our district.

Bob Fairbanks, Dana Point
Subject: Redistricting
From: Nancy Reed <nancy@slowskis@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 09:46:29 -0700 (PDT)
To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>
CC: nancy reed <slowskis@yahoo.com>

This is to request that Westchester continue to be included in the affairs of Playa Vista, Playa Del Rey and the community we are in! Please do not split us off from the Beach cities. Our community is recognized as such by the city of Los Angeles and should stay in the same district. We share transport issues, LAX issues and Coastal/environmental issues and we demand this not be changed, please keep our district secure from this power struggle....
I am a concerned resident of 30 some years here in Westchester and wish my concerns be considered...
NancyReed
Subject: Wetchester Redistricting
From:  
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 09:39:30 EDT
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

My husband and I urge you to keep Westchester with our sister communities of Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. The three communities work together, share common interests and concerns, we share transportation’s issues, LAX issues, coastal/environmental issues and all the issues of the South Bay Cities that we are currently aligned with. We do not share the same issue with the South Central communities.

Please do not separate us from our sister cities as we all act as one on many of the previously mentioned concerns and interests.

Michael and Dianne Landis
Westchester, Ca. 90045
Subject: Unifying Granada Hills formed in 1927

From: [Redacted]
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 03:14:58 -0400 (EDT)
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov
CC: [Redacted]

CRC Commissioners:
Please consider unifying a community that has been an established town since 1927. The Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce was started in 1928 - 84 years ago. Your current visualizations show the Chamber Community and the Granada Hills North Neighborhood council split in two by Balboa Boulevard. To keep one of the oldest communities in the Los Angeles County together the 12,000 residents in the Northeast corner of LASFW could be moved into and joined with the other residents and businesses of the community in LASCV. The new boundary of LASFE in that area would be south along the 5 to the 405 eliminating the split caused by going south on Balboa Blvd. to the 118.

I know you are working very long difficult hours but please make the following minor resident adjustments to keep the Granada Hills community together. "The Valley's Most Neighborly Town"

Move 12,000 residents in the North corner of LASFW to LASFE
Move 12,000 residents from Encino from LAVSF to LASFW. Encino is already split
Move 12,000 residents from Chatsworth from LASCV to LAVSF. Chatsworth is already split

Best,
Joe Vitti
Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce Board member
President Valley VOTE
Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Subject: Westchester
From: Nancy Bevins <>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 09:09:49 -0700 (PDT)
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Sirs,

My husband has lived in Westchester his whole life. And just this a.m. went for his regular surf session in the Pacific. I go to the beach daily to run. We've always considered our community and "beach" community.

I tell folks I live on the "coast" as it is most accurate. Please KEEP Westchester attached to the South Bay Beach communities ....we are NOT easterners.

Sincerely, Nancy Bevins

Nancy Norton Bevins, M.F.A.
Producer / Writer
To Whom It May Concern:

I was alarmed to learn that there will be no change in drawing the community boundaries to reflect that our community shares common interests not with the communities represented by Congressman Waters, but with the South Bay communities. We have always considered ourselves part of the South Bay: we share environmental concerns with regard to the shoreline, certainly issues surrounding LAX and particularly its expansion. I don't believe these are the major concerns of communities such as Inglewood and Compton.

I therefore respectfully request that you re-consider our district boundaries such that we can vote on the issues we most care about.

Sincerely,

Candyce J. Kornblum
Westchester resident
Subject: Westchester Redistricting
From: Joey Lin <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 08:56:38 -0700
To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to our attention that the Citizens Redistricting Commission has currently drafted Westchester to be a part of the 35th Congressional District. We feel strongly that this is a complete misfit as we as a community have much less common interests with Inglewood, Lennox, Compton, etc....as we do with neighboring cities in the South Bay district. The most important aspect of this is that we need to align and be included with other cities that have the common issues and concerns of LAX expansion, coastal/environmental issues and local development issues.

Please do the right thing and reconsider the current governmental district lines. It is a matter of common interests and it just makes sense.

Thanks very much,

Joey Lin
Subject: Westchester belongs with Beach Cities!!
From: Sally Anderson <...>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:17:38 -0700
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To whom it may concern:

Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista fit together and should be considered one unit.

There is community interest and involvement in the local schools, business district(s), traffic and transportation concerns, coastal/environmental issues and the never-ending LAX concerns. Our community has more in common with the South Bay beach communities than with those to the East and South of us.

Please do not ignore the importance and benefits of a district with common goals, common concerns and common representation.

DO NOT REMOVE WESTCHESTER FROM ITS LOGICAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

[Address], Westchester, CA 90045
Hello,

I've lived in Westchester since 1993. Since then I've been a member of two church communities that draw from areas of Westchester, west to the ocean and south well past El Segundo. Our children have attended two private schools that have diverse, multicultural student bodies, drawn largely from Westchester, Culver City, Playa Vista, Playa Vista, and El Segundo.

Westchester has a shared common interest with those cities that lie basically west and south of the 405 freeway which is somewhat of a boundary between communities with significantly different needs. Geographically, environmentally and in many other respects the area of Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and Westchester have more in common than cities to the east. The political, environmental and other factors differ greatly.

One of the factors, from my personal experience, that illustrate the point is that I've never gotten a response from our representative in contacts to her office. Kin contrast, I've contacted our two state senators on several, Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, on several occasions and have received immediate replies. The representative that should be more interested in my needs does not apparently believe that my concerns matter. It's time that we had representation from someone interested in and knowledgeable about our community issues.

Please consider returning to the original redistricting plan that grouped Westchester with Playa del Rey and other beach cities.

Best regards,

Dennis George
Dear Sirs & Madames,

I am a long time resident of the Westchester community of Los Angeles. It has come to my attention that our neighborhood, which is directly adjacent to LAX, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista is under consideration to be districted with communities in which it has little or nothing in common.

Our community has many common interests and concerns with Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and other South Bay cities such as transportation and environmental issues, much more so than with the cities with whom we are currently aligned. Please include us with the cities in which we share the same community interests and are affected by the same community issues.

Sincerely,

Ginny Sher
Westchester Resident
Subject: El Segundo is a Beach City

Message Body:
El Segundo should remain in the beach cities congressional and assembly districts. El Segundo has much more in common with beach cities than the inland cities it is grouped with in the proposed redistricting map.

Commonalities with the Beach Cities include: the aerospace industry, police & fire mutual aid services, small unified school districts and coastal/beach concerns. Please keep El Segundo in the beach city district with Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo, Torrance and PV. Thank you.
To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am a resident of Westchester and it has come to my attention you are considering removing our city from the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista district and placing it with more eastern cities such as Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, South Central, West Athens, Westmont and Florence-Graham. Westchester does not share common interests with these cities and belongs with like minded cities such as Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and those in the South Bay. We share transportation issues, LAX issues, coastal/environmental issues. Westchester is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and should remain in the same district. We do not share much in common with the cities to the east and should not be lumped with them.

Thank you,

Sheri A. Lesser
As long time residents of Westchester, we plead with you that the community of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista remain together in the redistricting. We are a South Bay Community and have the same common interests with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them. We do not share common interests with the cities to the East of us. We share transportation issues, LAX issues, coastal/environmental issues.

Westchester/Playa del Rey have always shared common issues and Playa Vista is the newest component of the communities. All of these communities should stay together as part of the South Bay Communities. This is what the people want. We should not be split from our sister communities of Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

We belong with the South Bay Communities.

Dianne and Michael Landis
Westchester, Ca. 90045
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: John Smith < >
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:20:15 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: John Smith < >
Subject: Visualizations

Message Body:
I downloaded Google Earth, but I am not able to see the maps of the districts. What am I doing wrong?

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Redistricting comments
From: Rudy Hassen <rudyhassen@msn.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 08:22:56 -0700
To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Brentwood Hills, a neighborhood within the Mandeville Canyon area of the Santa Monica Mountains, located in the Brentwood community of Los Angeles. I think it’s vitally important that the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest be drawn together in the same Senate 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.

Please help conserve this vibrant and beautiful part of Los Angeles and California!

Sincerely,

Rudy Hassen
Westridge Rd.
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Wayne L. Arnold" <>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:01:47 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Wayne L. Arnold <>

Subject: Hawthorne, CA Placement

Message Body:

Commissioners: We as Hawthorne residents request that Hawthorne be placed in the “South Bay Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly District”. Please refer to Resolution No, 7391.

Since 1964 We have lived and been property owners West of the Harbor Fwy and South of Imperial Ave (now the 105 Fwy). All of our activities including schools, churches, business, social etc are linked to the South Bay; we would like to be represented by officials who are interested in this area. Thank you for your work and consideration of our stated wishes.

Wayne Arnold, Florence Arnold, Bradley Arnold and Paul Arnold

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: Richard Sandnes <**********>
Subject: Santa Clarita Valley senate Seat

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

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

To do this keep your present east boundary on Railroad Avenue and continue north onto Bouquet Canyon Road. Make a left onto Seco Canyon Road and proceed to the BLM land just to the north of the city. Then head west and loop back to Highway 126.

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

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Jamie Menetrey <pace21@msn.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:04:07 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Jamie Menetrey <pace21@msn.com>
Subject: Glendora

Message Body:
I have a real concern regarding the lines as they are being proposed. Glendora needs to be included in the same assembly district as San Dimas and La Verne! We are definitely a community of interest together. The Foothill communities should be considered for the same assembly district, as well as congressional and senatorial. I feel as a citizen in the state of California, and of Los Angeles County, I would NOT be represented well if we were included in a district that is not the same as ours. Glendora, San Dimas and La Verne must be considered to be included together since we are a community of interest. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jamie Menetrey

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
This is a loud NO to the idea of changing El Segundo from the beach city district to the inland cities of Gardena, Inglewood Lennox, etc. What are you thinking? Please reconsider this outrageous idea.

Kristine Beck

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: christyna butcher <christyna butcher@crc.ca.gov>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:26:25 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: christyna butcher <christyna butcher@crc.ca.gov>
Subject: Foothill Communities Need to be kept together

Message Body:
The San Gabriel Valley Foothills community has a long lasting bond that defines us. Our bond is based on more than just the people that live in the cities. Our bond is a strong community sharing the same freeway, very similar working conditions, educational similarities, housing markets and the San Gabriel Mountain foothills. When you talk about one Foothill City you begin to include them all in your conversation. Starting from Monrovia and making an invisible line along the mountain range to Claremont. The most recent assembly district lines for the foothills area carve out Glendora, Azusa and Duarte and group them with cities to the south. In actuality we have nothing in common with those communities. Glendora, Azusa and Duarte are and always have been a considerable part of the fabric that created and maintain SGV Foothill community. We have worked together with La Verne, San Dimas and Claremont for decades. I respectfully request that we be joined in an assembly distri!
ct together as we have been joined for decades. Glendora has never been joined with the central and southern San Gabriel Valley area before. Glendora's city slogan is "Pride of The Foothills." You will be taking away something that our city holds valuable, our history, from our community. I am requesting that you keep Glendora, Azusa and Duarte district line exactly where they are. That is where they belong. Thank you for your consideration.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles  
From: Kara Gray  
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:06:12 +0000  
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov  

From: Kara Gray  
Subject: Redistricting  

Message Body:  
Would you please consider leaving the cities of Glendora, LaVerne, San Dimas and Monrovia together. We work outside our cities together so often and I feel that it is not a reasonable way to split them up. Thanks,  
Kara  

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: michael romano <michael.romano@crc.ca.gov>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:19:03 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: michael romano <michael.romano@crc.ca.gov>
Subject: El Segundo Redistricting

Message Body:
Please include the city of El Segundo in the beach cities map. We have much more in common with the local beach cities than cities like Lennox and West Athens. We are part of the south bay cities, we actually have a beach and our way of life is tried with the other cities along the coast.

thank you, mike romano, resident

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Melissa Pennington <>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:17:25 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Melissa Pennington <>
Subject: Brentwood & VA

Message Body:
The VA should stay in our district. We have for years and are continuing to work for it's improvement. It is the gateway to our community and we have a vested interest in it's welfare and use.

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