

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jaclyn Hatfield <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:38:05 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Jaclyn Hatfield <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA

Message Body:

Please do not split the VA off from the 90049 zip code. We have worked hard to protect the property and do not want to see it undone. It is a valuable part of this neighborhood. Please do not split it from us.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "B. J. Atkins" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:34:52 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: B. J. Atkins <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

Message Body:

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

So if you are going to divide the city in Senate districts, 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tania Greenberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:34:30 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Tania Greenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

From a concerned resident of zip code 90049:

1. Keep the VA in our district- we have worked diligently with them to improve, maintain and protect the contiguous land and its use.
2. 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: Redistricting

From: Mary Taylor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 09:13:35 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Redistricting Committee:

I have lived in Westchester for 44 years. Please recognize that our community is aligned with South Bay cities and should be included with them in redistricting.

We have similar concerns with South Bay, much more than those shared within the 35th congressional district.

Please allow us to remain Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista.

Sincerely,
Mary Ward Taylor
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA
90045

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Pamela Jensen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:25:30 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Pamela Jensen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: El Segundo a BEACH CITY, NOT an Inland city.

Message Body:

When I saw htat El Segundo will no longer be a beach city in the new re-districting plans I was horrified. My familyy has lived in El Segundo since 1932 and its small town beach city life style has always fit in with cities like Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach. We even have a BEACH named after our town. I invite the Commission to come visit our city, to see first hand to see that our communities of interest are deeply rooted with other BEACH cities.

We are NOT an Inland city and would NOT be properly represented by the new district line.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Richard Kern <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:27:14 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Richard Kern <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of South Bay

Message Body:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Redistricting Commission:

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

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

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

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

worksheet also outlines the Assembly District (AD) we propose for our community.

The below describes the Southbay districts by cities that comprise our community of interest. The populations associated with the cities comprising these districts are presented in the ESCEL spreadsheet attached for your use. I have used 2010 census data to the extent I could locate it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours truly,
Richard D Kern

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: BeccaKeating <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:58:14 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: BeccaKeating <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita valley Senate seat

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: Mike Baumer <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:47:13 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Mike Baumer <[REDACTED]>
Subject: VA redistricting

Message Body:

Why redistrict? Is it to facilitate the developers efforts to get around the will of the donating family about keeping it the way it is? I think the present district is fine and serves the VA and our community well! Don't try to fix things that work!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jon Byk <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:19:28 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Jon Byk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA

Message Body:

keep the VA in our district. Is makes no sense to split our district. We have been working with the VA for many years to the advantage of the community.

Jon Byk

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Linda Carroll [REDACTED] >
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 19:53:56 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Linda Carroll <[REDACTED]>
Subject: City of El Segundo

Message Body:

El Segundo should remain with the Beach Cities districts, not Hawthorne, etc.

El Segundo = Beach City

Please do not redistrict the City of El Segundo. We are a beach city.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Stephen Bauman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:36:54 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Stephen Bauman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Move of VA to a different distyRICT

Message Body:

Please keep the VA in its current district (of which I have been a resident for 38 years). The Brentwood Homeowners Assoc, has diligently worked with the VA to improve, maintain, and protect the contiguous land and its use. Many of its programs and governance are done within our zip code area to strengthen our input as a community.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Robert Vinqvist <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:18:40 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Robert Vinqvist <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RedistrictingH

Message Body:

Hi Iam a resident of Westchester Ca. We have been hijacked by the inland cities of Hawthorne and other inland cities for years. the community of westchester has little in common interest with the inland cities.

We have a career politician Maxine Waters which I feel doesnt represent our community interests.

Now we have a chance to be aligned with the the other beach cities of El Segundo, Manhattan beach, Redondo beach and other coastal cities.

I read in the daily breeze this morning that the commission wants to hijack El Segundo and include it with the inland cities this is rediculous, as an independent commission it is your responsibility yo consider the socioeconomic interests of the community and align Westchester with the other bbeach cities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: James Prunty <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:52:10 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: James Prunty <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Assembly District boundaries (LA, San Gabriel Valley & Foothills).

Message Body:

Residents in the city of Glendora share common interests with neighboring "Foothill" cities, such as San Dimas, La Verne and Claremont. A short list of common interests includes economic development, transportation, education and foothill fire protection. Under the current working draft, Glendora (known as the "Pride of the Foothills") is in an Assembly district with communities who do not share the same priorities in fire protection, transportation and development. As a planning commissioner, I am very well informed on matters concerning transportation and development. I respectfully urge the California Redistricting Commission to draft a district that keeps Glendora with foothill communities of like interests.

To be clear, the current draft does not achieve this goal. I appreciate the difficult choices the commission must be confronting while drawing new districts. Keeping "foothill" communities together would achieve the goal of common interests.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Respectfully,

James Prunty
City of Glendora

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Jeff Vquist <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:49:35 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Jeff Vquist [REDACTED]
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Hello I am a resident of westchester ca when you redraw the boundaries of the new district please include us with the beach cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes.

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Subject: RE: Assembly District boundaries (LA, San Gabriel Valley & Foothills).

From: Jim Prunty [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:54:08 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

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James Prunty

City of Glendora

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Respectfully,

James Prunty
City of Glendora

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Bernice Bubnar <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:10:04 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Bernice Bubnar <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting Hawthorne, california

Message Body:

I support Resolution 7391 of the City Council of Hawthorne, Ca. That Hawthorne be placed in the same congressional district called South Bay as El Segundo, Torrance, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach. It would be like taking the city name Oakland off the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Thank You for reading.

Bernice Bubnar

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Patricia Edie <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:54:18 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Patricia Edie [REDACTED]

Subject: District Lines for our community of Westchester, Playa del Rey & Playa Vista

Message Body:

I am writing to voice my desires that our community NOT be split by new redistricting lines and that our community NOT be separated from the South Bay Beach communities. We are a small community of three cities that has worked hard to build a sense of identity and support. We have a neighborhood council and we share common interests. We are an integral part of the South Bay Beach Cities, sharing the same concerns and issues such as LAX development and coastal/environmental issues. Do not undo all the progress we have made in our community by separating us or by lumping us in with LA Urban city. That is a great misfit!

Patricia Edie
resident Playa del Rey
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Our local Playa Vista, Playa del Rey and Westchester Community

From: "Tyrrell, Catherine" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:45:13 -0400

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

CC: '[REDACTED]'

Please keep our local community as one in the upcoming district boundary decision-making process. My husband and I raised our children in Playa del Rey, and then moved to Playa Vista as our empty-nest home. Through all of these years, Westchester has been an integral part of our local community with friends, church and local businesses mostly located in Westchester. Now as president of the local Friends of Ballona Wetlands, my organization is planning to work with the communities of Westchester, Playa Vista and Playa del Rey on a trail system that ties all of our communities together along the Westchester Bluffs. It really makes the most sense for us to be a community within our voting districts as well!

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Catherine Tyrrell

[REDACTED]

PLAYA VISTA, CA 90094

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Subject: Latino Policy Forum

From: Bob Gutierrez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:19:42 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Commission,

Regarding the region on EVENT and LASFE we believe the following to be more in line with our members. The change would be to remove Reseda out of senate district labeled EVENT and relocate into senate district labeled LASFE, because hispanic voters in that area have expressed great concern with being hooked up with Simi Valley. It makes more geographical sense also to move Reseda over to LASFE. Likewise, you can pick up the population difference of moving Reseda out of EVENT by going into more of Santa Clarita for EVENT. This switch also makes since geographically and there has been significant communittees of interest testimony from a diverse group of advocates wanting Santa Clarita with Simi Valley and Simi with Santa Clartia. In addition none one seems to feel that Simi with Reseda or Reseda with Simi works. In fact, the other Hispanic groups in the Region have expressed that in NO way do they want to see Resenda in the same senate district as Simi Valley.

This is really the only change to that region that we believe will address all our concerns. You have done a great job at getting where you are now, we just have a little bit to go before we get a home run.

Thank you as always for your continued consideration.

Latino Policy Forum

Subject: KEEP WESTCHESTER WITH PLAYA DEL REY & PLAYA VISTA!!

From: "Riess, Susan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:38:38 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Please do not align Westchester, CA with Inglewood and other cities to the east. The city of Westchester has nothing in common with Inglewood or other cities to the east and has everything in common with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista (as Westchester was previously aligned before this proposed realignment).

Our "community" is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and should remain in the same districts. Westchester shares common interests with the South Bay Cities (especially Playa del Rey and Playa Vista) and should be included with them.

Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista are "communities of interest", share common interests and concerns, share transportation issues, LAX issues, and coastal/environmental issues. Westchester shares vastly more with the South Bay cities (especially Playa del Rey and Playa Vista) than Westchester does with the cities with whom we are aligned under the proposed maps.

Thank you for your consideration in keeping our "community" of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista intact and vibrant.

Regards,

Susan

Susan Riess

Executive Counsel/Director

Legal Affairs

Disneyland Resort Legal Department

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Subject: La Habra redistricting

From: Ale Hogue [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:20:51 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To whom it may concern:

I am STRONGLY opposed to La Habra being included with Los Angeles County!!!

After graduating from Whittier College, my husband and I lived in Whittier and Hacienda Heights for six years and then purchased homes twice in La Habra where we have resided for the past 53 years.

My husband and I were both educators and enjoyed having our three children advance through the La Habra City and Fullerton District Schools. We identify totally with Orange County and choose to remain that way. Being a part of Los Angeles County would NOT give us fair representation.

Eileen M. Hogue

[REDACTED]
La Habra, CA 90631

Subject: Gerrymandering

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:46:39 -0400 (EDT)

To: VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov

Placing The Palos Verdes Peninsula and Torrance with Santa Monica is ridiculous.
We should be kept with the South Bay Beach Cities.
Our interests and needs are the same as the other South Bay cities not with Santa Monica.
Please correct this mistake.

Jerome M Sisk
Lt Col USAF (Ret)
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Subject: FW: Redistricting and Maintaining Black Voting Strength

From: Kelley Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:01:07 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>, <[REDACTED]>

Greetings Redistricting Commissioners,

As a resident of district Los Angeles I am expressing my strong desire to remain connected to my current community and political representative district. Preserving representation of African American communities is doable, fair, just, and constitutional. Changes to my current political representative district threatens the viable political representation which ensures that the needs, interests, and needs of my community will continue undiluted. As an active member of my I am willing to do whatever is necessary to see to it that the hard fought voting rights I now enjoy are protected.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

Kelley Johnson

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90061

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 11:05:43 -0700

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: Redistricting and Maintaining Black Voting Strength

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting and Maintaining Black Voting Strength

FYI: Please pass on; you can copy and paste the lower portion of this e-mail to send to the commissioners, unity is power, let's come together on this.....

Dear Pastors and community residents it is dire and critical that you voice your support of maintaing current African American political representation district configurations on the U.S. Congressional 3, California State Senatorial 2, and California State Assembly 4 districts. **Current maps presented by the Redistricting Commission eliminate or greatly reduce districts represented by Congresswomen Maxine Waters (35th), Karen Bass (33rd) and Laura Richardson (37th), California State Senators Rod Wright (25th) and Curren Price (26th), as well as California State Assemblypersons Mike Davis (48th), Steve Bradford (51st), Holly Mitchell (47th) and Issadore Hall (52nd).**

Below is a sample of the letter that should be drafted in your own words if possible. The physical, email addresses, and fax number to which the letters and emails should be sent are:

**Citizens Redistricting Commission 901 P Street, Suite 154-A Sacramento , CA 95814
Votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov and cc'ing aarc@cocosouthla.org. (African American
Redistricting Commission)
Fax to: (916) 651-5711.**

Please do your part to ensure that these letters get out. Remember, An injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere. Let's be heard this time and EVERY time moving forward!

SAMPLE LETTER

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Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

Resident Name

Residents Address

Subject: Citizen Redistricting

From: Andj <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 11:32:11 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Citizens Redistricting:

This is a request to combine our coastal community (recognized by LA as Westchester/Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista all of which are co-located between the 405 and the ocean) with the South Bay Cities District with which we share many common interests including coastal/environmental, LAX, transportation, etc.

It is important to emphasize that we do not share interests with the cities east of us and east of the 405 such as Inglewood, Compton, South Central and Gardena.

Therefore, Westchester/Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista should be in the same district as the South Bay Cities.

Sincerely,

Andrew and Florence Jusko

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

[REDACTED]

Subject: Community of Westchester

From: erin imposimato inatsugu <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:06:44 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To Whom it May Concern;

I am taking this time to write and express my concern over hearing that the community of Westchester is not being recognized as part of the neighboring district of the South Bay. I personally live West of Lincoln and, though I am considered a Westchester resident, sit on the border of Playa del Rey - a seamless "division" of neighbors and neighborhoods with whom we share space, transportation, and community events. Many of our Westchester and Playa del Rey events are touted as just that - literally advertised as Playa del Rey/Westchester (with no separation). We are a beach town, and have the same coastal and environmental issues as the cities within the South Bay district. I truly wonder why Westchester, rather than being partnered with our neighbors, is being lumped in a district with surrounding communities to the East with whom we share very little by way of "community". What reason is there?

I feel strongly that a mistake has been made, and the decision needs to be rethought. Westchester is a part of the South Bay, no question about it. Please acknowledge what the residents already know and have always embraced. **Our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and should remain in the same districts.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Inatsugu

[REDACTED], Westchester

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Erin Imposimato Inatsugu

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contact me via text or voice message:

[REDACTED]

Subject:

From: Kris Keltie <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 11:56:20 -0700

To: "'votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov'" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I have lived in the Westchester community for over twenty years, it is very important to us as a community that we remain in the district with the South Bay Cities, our community IS Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and should remain in the same districts, We share common interests with the South Bay Cities in relation to Transportation, LAX, and Coastal/Environmental issues.

We share vastly more with the South Bay cities than we do with the cities with whom we are currently aligned. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kristin Keltie

From: Jayne Cram <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:07:06 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Please include the Westchester community in the same congressional district as Playa Del Rey, Play Vista and the other South Bay communities that are a part of the current 36th Congressional district. This is more logical and consistent with the State Assembly districts. The people of Westchester will have their views, concerns and issues more fairly addressed and heard by being included with the other more like minded communities currently in the 36th Congressional District.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Long time Westchester resident
Jayne Cram

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Kathleen Garfield <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:38:05 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Kathleen Garfield <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Brentwood Redistricting

Message Body:

As a board member of BCC and MCA I am requesting that you do not carry out the redistricting plan that will separate the VA from Brentwood. The redistricting plan will sever a decades-long relationship that has been of immense value to both the VA and the residents of Brentwood.

Kathleen Garfield

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Subject: Please keep Valley Village intact!

From: Cathy Flynn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:09:52 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear California Commission Redistricting Commission,

My name is Cathy Flynn, and I am a board member of Neighborhood Council Valley Village, located in the southeastern portion of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles.

I am thrilled that you are requesting community input regarding the new boundaries for our representative districts.

I strongly oppose your newest draft, which divides Valley Village into two congressional districts: West San Fernando Valley - Calabasas and East San Fernando Valley - Tujunga . By moving the boundary from Colfax Ave. east to the 170 Freeway, you will keep our community of 25,000 stakeholders intact.

Valley Village's [boundaries](#) are Burbank Boulevard to the north, the 170 Freeway to the east, the 101 Freeway to the south and the Tujunga Wash to the west.

I encourage you to check out the websites of Neighborhood Council Valley Village (myvalleyvillage.com) or Valley Village Homeowners Association (valleyvillageha.com) to see our map and common goals. We discourage the practice of mansionization (building huge box-like homes on small residential properties), densely-packed apartment buildings, and billboards (including digital, supergraphics and those propped on the backs of trailers and bicycles).

We have an extremely active neighborhood council, homeowners association (which includes home and apartment renters) and neighborhood watch.

I call Valley Village *a little piece of the Midwest in the big city of Los Angeles*. I know all my neighbors. And there's almost never a time that I go for a walk or to the market that I don't run into someone I know. There are many others like myself who have flocked to Valley Village for its diversity, its tolerance for other beliefs, cultures and lifestyles, and for its strong sense of community.

Hundreds of Valley Villagers celebrate various neighborhood block parties, and over a thousand march in our Valley Village 4th of July parade. Our home elementary school, Colfax Charter Elementary School (<http://www.colfaxelementary.org>) holds its annual Colfax World Fair the first Saturday in June. Run completely on a workforce of volunteers, this year it attracted approximately 7,000 people and raises money for our arts, music, theatre and computer programs, as well as class aids, extensive garden, field trips, assemblies, and our on-site farm - home to pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs. Only a decade ago, residents sent their children to private schools as an alternative to public school. Today, Colfax is possibly the most sought-after elementary school in the Valley, with tremendously active parents, strong community outreach, and an API that in 2009 passed the coveted 900 mark.

One hundred children or more walk across Colfax Avenue every day to reach their home school – the very street that you are proposing to use as your boundary. This means that my son's elementary school, my local post office, and four-fifths of my Valley Village neighbors will be represented by West San Fernando Valley - Calabasas . And for my neighbors in the larger 80% chunk - their local park where they walk their dogs and their children gather on the playground will belong to East San Fernando Valley - Tujunga .

You have asked citizens to inform you of reasons why their community should be separate from another area. If your team had the opportunity to see our neighborhood first-hand, your decision would be obvious. Besides the 170 Freeway forming a boundary that is much more distinctive than Colfax Ave. (a small two-lane road), it is immediately apparent that the community east of the freeway is vastly different from Valley Village. This area is known as the NoHo Arts District, a vibrant, urban community filled with restaurants, live music and theatre, art galleries, recording studios, and businesses like the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (the Emmys). It's home to the end of the Red Line - the Metro Link station that links North Hollywood with downtown Los Angeles, and the Orange Line - the new designated bus line that connects North Hollywood to the west end of San Fernando Valley. The park that lines the eastern border of the 170 Freeway is eight times larger than our little park, and is the host of carnivals, organized physical fitness activities, and a shady refuge to NoHo's urban dwellers.

In NoHo, the buildings are taller, the houses and apartment buildings bigger and closer together, and it's a great place to enjoy nightlife. Valley Village residents love to travel under the 170 overpass to experience a night out on the town, but then are home to their sleepy little neighborhood by 11:00 pm – just when NoHo really starts rolling.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope that you will make the decision to keep our wonderful community in one piece. And if you ever find yourself in the LA area on the morning of the 4th of July or the afternoon of the first Saturday in June, I encourage you to join us for our annual parade or Colfax World Fair. Like thousands of others, you may find yourself longing to move to the wonderful community of Valley Village.

Cathy Flynn



Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Michael E. Murphy" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:35:43 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Michael E. Murphy <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting Congressional Districts

Message Body:

I am a 48 year resident of the city of El Segundo and just learned of the proposed redistricting of our city.

Anytime the South Bay Beach Cities are mentioned, whether in conversation or print, El Segundo has certainly always been a very viable member of this section of Southern California and in my opinion has forever been thought of as the Northern boundary of the South Bay.

To make the propose change and include El Segundo with the proposed land locked cities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, Lennox, West Athens and other inland cities' would be a great injustice and a slap in the face to one of the most productive beach cities in the state. We are fortunate to have lived and raised our family in this wonderful beach community for many years and when we are gathered on our deck with a beautiful ocean and mountain view, it confuses and disturbs me as to how El Segundo could be thought of as anything but a beach community.

Not so much for my wife and I but for our children, grandchildren and all the residents, present and future of this unique and wonderful beach town, I respectfully request that El Segundo continue to be part of the congressional district that includes El Segundo, Manhattan, Hermosa, Redondo, Torrance and Palos Verdes.

In my humble opinion, the old saying, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" certainly applies to this matter.

Respectfully,
Mike Murphy & Family

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Subject: WESTCHESTER needs to be in the 36th Congressional district, not 35th!

From: Robert Mollett <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:58:45 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Please include the Westchester community in the same congressional district as Playa Del Rey, Play Vista and the other South Bay communities that are a part of the current 36th Congressional district. This is more logical and consistent with the State Assembly districts. The people of Westchester will have their views, concerns and issues more fairly addressed and heard by being included with the other more like minded communities currently in the 36th Congressional District.

Thank you,

Robert Mollett

Robert Mollett Photography
[REDACTED]



Subject: Westchester belongs with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista

From: Becca Zambotti [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 19:01:33 +0000 (GMT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: [REDACTED]

Anyone that lives in or around Westchester knows that we share MUCH more in common with the Playa and neighboring beach cities and virtually nothing with the cities to the east and southeast.

Please use common sense and keep the beach communities together when drawing district lines.

Subject: Westchester is a Beach City

From: Joanne DeRitis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:56:47 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Please allow Westchester to continue to build a strong community with the Beach Cities whom they share common interests and concerns. They share transportation issues, LAX issues, coastal/environmental issues. Please re-outline the borders placing Westchester in with the Beach Cities.

Joanne DeRitis

Subject: Westchester redistricting

From: Julie Lasry [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:24:00 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Hello,

I am appalled that my area of Westchester would be lumped in with the areas to the East, rather than the South Bay communities that we have so much in common with. Do the politicians drawing the maps even know anything about Westchester? Have they ever been here? We share numerous common interests with Playa del Rey/ Playa Vista/ South Bay including LAX, coastal and environmental issues, traffic, etc. We share nothing in common with South Central. A simple look at community and demographic info will show you that our income, education levels, prices of homes, professions, crime rate, family makeups are in line with those in the areas the CITY OF LOS ANGELES recognizes us as being part of, and that is Westchester/ Playa del Rey/ Playa Vista. I sincerely hope that you will recognize the fact that it is in the residents of Westchester and their families best interests to keep us in a voting district with areas that share our common interests, not areas that we couldn't be more different from.

Julie Lasry

[REDACTED]

LA, CA 90045

[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester area redistricting boundaries

From: Margaret Chevedden <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:09:56 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I understand that the Citizens Redistricting Commission is currently assessing district lines and where boundaries will be drawn. It was brought to my attention this morning that Westchester has been split from the Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, South Bay district to be included in the area which covers Inglewood and other cities to our east.

As a resident of Westchester who grew up in Playa del Rey, I can strongly state that the interests of the Westchester area directly align with those of the South Bay/ beach side communities.

LAX, located in Westchester, expands west and south into Playa del Rey and El Segundo. Living in the area for over 50 years, I have witnessed the impact environmentally, economically and politically of this major transportation hub. Our interests and concerns in Westchester are the same as our neighbors in Playa del Rey and El Segundo as to how the airport interacts with the community affects all of us to a very large degree.

As a school board member and head of marketing for a local area grammar school I can attest that area grammar schools such as Westchester Lutheran, St. Anastasia, American Martyrs, Visitation, and Westchester Neighborhood School all compete for students within the same Westchester/Playa del Rey demographic. Loyola Marymount University, which borders Playa Vista and is located within the neighborhood of Westchester, shares security issues, environmental concerns and hosts community events with Playa Vista, it's neighbor due north.

As a Westchester resident, my children grew up with their friends in Playa del Rey, summers were spent at beach camps in El Segundo, at annual volleyball events hosted in Playa del Rey and Manhattan Beach, or riding their bikes to their grandparents who still live where I grew up in Playa del Rey.

The interests and concerns of the Westchester community are not the same as those of our neighbors to the east. There are no common ties there and quite frankly, there never have been.

To align the interests of Westchester with those of Inglewood, Compton, Lennox and Gardena (all fine areas), does not make sense. Their needs are different and quite unique and need to be analyzed as such.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Margaret Chevedden

Subject: Westchester Belongs In Coastal District!

From: "Bill Russell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:07:47 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Please make our community of Westchester part of the Los Angeles South Bay coastal district. It is MUCH more closely allied with these other coastal communities than with inland ones: LAX issues ally us with El Segundo; business, shopping, and our Neighborhood Council with Playa del Rey, Marina del Rey, and Playa Vista; and transportation routes and geography clearly favor inclusion in a coastal district – just look at a map!

Thanks for your consideration.

William S. Russell

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles CA 90045

Subject: Topanga

From: Mike Stark [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:38:56 -0700 (PDT)

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Most urgently, the currently drawn Senate district lines of **EVENT** definitely **do not work**. Simi Valley, Moorpark and Santa Clarita are a north INLAND corridor and the Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities are a south COASTAL corridor.

The Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities should be together in an east/west District that does not include the north inland communities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, or Santa Clarita.

Thank You,

Michael Stark
[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista

From: Rich Schoenfeld [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:56:08 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of Playa del Rey, although for some foolish reason, my home is located in the 35th Congressional District. There are a small group of homes to the west in the 36th Congressional District, where the gerrymandered district narrows before heading north and expanding. We belong in the 36th District too with other South Bay cities!

Our community is known as Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and our community interests are far more closely aligned with the 36th District and the South Bay cities. These common interests and concerns include transportation, LAX, and coastal & environmental issues just to name a few. Our community is recognized by the City of Los Angeles as well.

As I stated, we share common interests with the other South Bay cities and have very little in common with the cities to the east we are presently grouped with including Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, and several parts of Los Angeles including South Central, West Athens, Westmont and Florence-Graham. Their issues are dramatically different from our issues.

Please consider these facts when redistricting and include Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista with the South Bay cities... where we belong.

Best Regards,

Richard A. Schoenfeld

[REDACTED]
Playa del Rey, CA 90293-7902

Subject: Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista Redistricting - Not Acceptable

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:41:14 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Westchester should continue to be part of South Bay/Beach Cities along with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista as it has been for some time. Westchester absolutely is a perfect fit with the South Bay/Beach cities community since they are the Communities of common interests, share common goals and concerns, transportation, LAX, and coastal/environmental issues. Since this has been working so harmoniously and well for years, why change? It is obvious that the proposal of separating Westchester is a mistake because it is not based on an informed and competent decision.

When finalizing the boundaries, please consider all pertinent information and history paying attention to the fact that our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and should remain in the same district. 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.

I appreciate your diligence and understanding in making a sound and informed decision by keeping Westchester where it belongs, part of the South Bay Cities.

Thank you for your time.

Lily Hoffman
EA&T, FieldLink, ISD
AHM Co., Inc.
[REDACTED]

Subject: voting district lines

From: "Justin Tolton" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:16:00 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

CC: "'Cyndi Hench'" <[REDACTED]>

As a resident and business owner in Westchester, it is my strong opinion that Westchester should be included with Playa del Rey. They are one community, and to separate them is absurd.

Justin C Tolton, CPA

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90045

Phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista

From: "Abitante, David" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:13:05 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To Whom It May Concern-

I am a resident of Westchester, CA, and have been one since 2002. My address is [REDACTED]. I am married with two children, 8 and 5. Both my wife are registered voters and vote during elections. Together we earn a significant salary and, therefore, pay our fair share of taxes, including property taxes on our Westchester home.

Recently, I was made aware of a situation this is extremely concerning to me, both as a voter and a taxpayer. It is my understanding that the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) is trying to have our districting lines redrawn to align Westchester with the South Bay communities of Los Angeles. This is exceptional news for us, as we do not align **AT ALL** with the current districting zones of the 35th Congressional District. Maxine Waters does not represent the people and families of Westchester and is out of touch with our community, our interests, and our concerns. However, as has been the case as of late in California and the United States in general, politics is getting in the way of the people getting done what they want and need. Our community is indeed more aligned and has more in common with the South Bay communities than the communities to our east. If you do not believe this, I would urge you to visit these communities and see for yourself. There are many families in Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and Playa Vista that this affects. So this decision is not one that is taken lightly by our residents. Please do the right thing and allow the CRC to redraw the districting zones as they see they should be. It will be a benefit to us all.

Kind regards,

David Abitante

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Subject: Westchester

From: "Laura Padilla" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 11:31:14 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To whom it may concern -

If I could trouble you for a moment to read this email regarding Westchester, I would greatly appreciate it.

I understand the governmental district lines are being reassessed and before you made your final decision I wanted to plead our case to be grouped with the South Bay/Beach Cities.

My family lives in Westchester and has since 1990.

Our community is really comprised of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista.

The residents in our area very much believe we should be included in the same districts with which we share common interests.

All our major interests (transportation, LAX issues, coastal and environmental interests) are truly shared with South Bay/Beach Cities.

We really don't have any shared interests with the cities to the east of us that I can think of.

I'm sure there are other things that you all take into account when making these decisions, but I just wanted to weigh in on the subject, with hopes that it might make a difference.

I hope you will take this into consideration?

And thank you very much for your time!

Westchester/Playa del Rey forever!

Laura Padilla
[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester, a beach city

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:53:54 -0400 (EDT)

To: Votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: [REDACTED]

This email is to plead with you that Westchester remain a part of the Playa del Rey, Playa Vista district. We do consider ourselves a beach community and a part of the South Bay area. In fact, my husband and I belong to synagogue that is in Manhattan Beach. We have so much more in common with the So Bay area and share many of the same concerns, problems, and needs. It makes sense for us to be a part of the South Bay and not of communities east of us.

Dr. Sanford and Ileene Morris
Westcheter Residents for 55 years

Subject: Response to Proposed Maps for Senate Redistricting

From: Kathleen Garfield <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:59:40 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

As a board member of the Brentwood Community Council and most importantly a board member of the Mandeville Canyon Association I am writing in support of letters sent by MCA Board President Kathleen Durbin and fellow MCA board member John Rosenfeld.

The Malibu-Topanga-Pacific Palisades-Santa Monica-Brentwood-Encino-Sherman Oaks community of interest must remain in tact to protect the common interests of local residents who share concern for the unique issues related to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Moreover, Mandeville Canyon Road should not become a dividing line between districts. MCA has a long and productive history working with all the residents of the Canyon so to divide us into two separate districts would be counterproductive to our tradition of serving the community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Garfield
Board Member, Mandeville Canyon Association

Subject: Redistricting--Please Help Us
From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:38:56 -0400 (EDT)
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Sirs & Madames,

I am a thirty-plus year 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, again.

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. This is our chance to fix the current mistake.

Sincerely,

Linda Shumake

Westchester Resident

Subject: Redistricting Westchester

From: Jackie Lyons [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:38:20 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To Whom it may concern,

I have been advised that Westchester is in the process of being redistricted with the community of Inglewood and other cities heading east. Westchester has no connection or interaction with Inglewood, but has much more in common with its current south bay partners Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. With Playa del Rey and Playa Vista, Westchester has a sense and feel of a Community, as well as sharing common interests and concerns, such as LAX and coastal / environmental issues.

Redistricting Westchester with Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, South Central, West Athens, Westmont and Florence-Graham would serve no purpose to Westchester and would take away that positive connection it has already established with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

Please leave Westchester as it is since it works for us and we're happy with our current partners.

Thanks in advance.

Jackie Lyons
Westchester Resident

Subject: Redistricting the 36th Congressional District

From: "Bernard Marchant" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:47:28 -0700

To: <VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov>

Dear Committee,

Please keep Torrance as part of the 36th Congressional District and the South Bay should be Westchester South only.

Bernard Marchant
Manhattan Beach, CA.

Subject: Redistricting

From: "C. J. Ruona" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:52:50 -0700

To: <VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov>

As a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes I urge the Commission to include in our congressional district the communities of Torrance, Westchester, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro & Wilmington.

I also think that Torrance should be in the same assembly district as the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Thank you.

C. J. Ruona

Subject: Redistricting

From: Illece Buckley Weber <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:32:14 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To the Members of the Redistricting Commission:

As a resident of Agoura Hills, I would like to request that the 5 COG cities stay together. Our City has common interests with Calabasas, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood and the 101 corridor. I agree with the City of Santa Clarita that we dont have much in common and should not be joined together in one Senate district. It would be very difficult for any State Senator to represent the interests of these two very different areas.

With 931,000 people in a State Senate District, extending our "community of interest" to Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, the 101 corridor communities in the SF Valley as well as Thousand Oaks and Oak Park in Ventura County makes more sense than adding us to Santa Clarita, Simi Valley etc. Please reconsider the proposed boundary lines.

Illece Buckley Weber
[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting Westchester

From: margaret <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:00:54 -0600

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Citizens Redistricting Committee,

I am writing you to request that you please recognize my community of Westchester, California as a member of the South Bay/ Beach Cities district as we share more borders and interest with Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach.

Thank you,

Margaret and Matt Schmidt

Homeowner

[REDACTED]

Westchester, CA 90045

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistrict Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista with other South Bay cities

From: John Rosso <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:21:30 -0800

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To the redistricting commission:

The communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista should be in the same district as the other South Bay Cities on the West side of Los Angeles. These communities all share common interests and concerns, and should be included together.

Please place these communities together when drafting the current maps.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Rosso

Subject: re: redistricting of Westchester

From: kara Nau <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:49:35 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Westchester since 1999.

Our community shares common interests with South Bay Cities, Playa Del Rey, and Playa Vista. Westchester should be aligned with these cities, and NOT with the cities to the east e.g., Inglewood, Compton, Lennox. South Central etc., with whom we do NOT share common interests such as transportation, LAX issues, coastal/environmental concerns, shopping areas, schools, churches etc.

I feel strongly that Westchester would be better represented included with the South Bay/beach communities district.

Sincerely,

Kara Nau



[REDACTED]

Fwd: Governmental district lines

Voter [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Fri, Jul 22, 2011 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Governmental district lines

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 07:06:29 -0700

From: Gail [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please recognize that 1) our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles, and 2) 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. Please classify our district with the South Bay Cities. We are in the same area as Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista and should be recognized as they are.

Gail [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

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TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission

FROM: Fredrick Sykes, Former Planning Commissioner West Covina California

DATE: July 21, 2011

RE: Division of West Covina

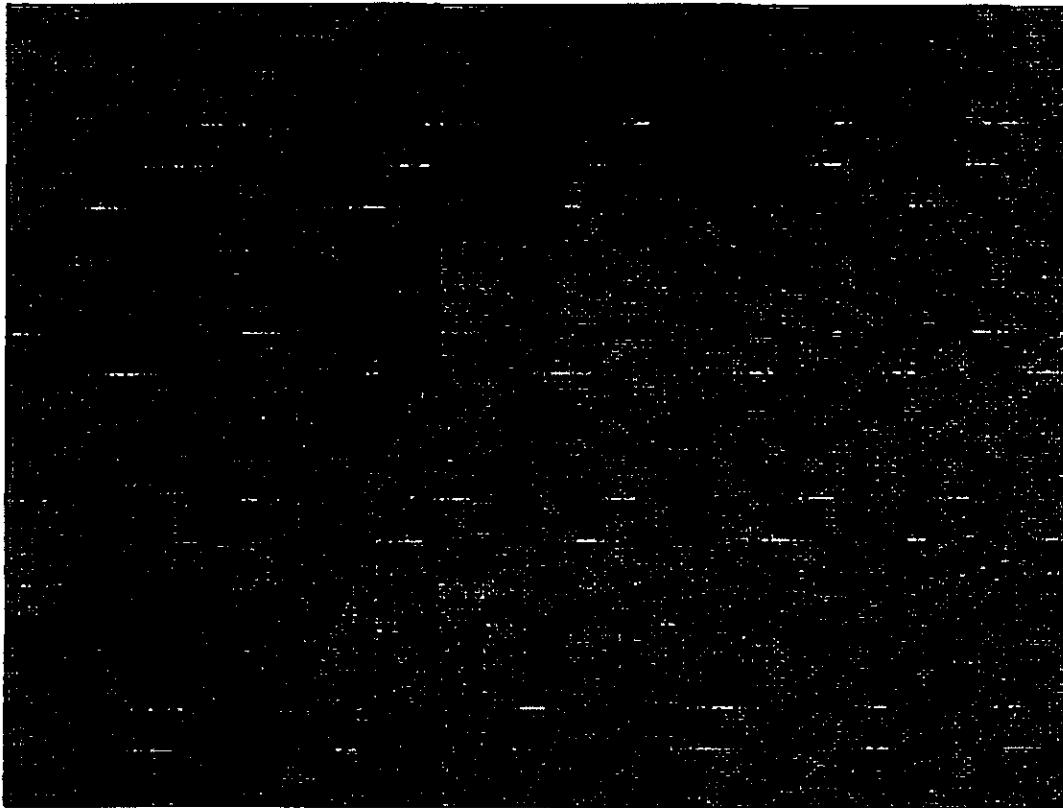
In your Assembly and Senate plans you are splitting the City of West Covina. As with every city we also have a strong desire to be kept whole. At this point we realize that is likely not going to be possible.

However as a former planning Commissioner in West Covina I want to alert you that your current split is non-contiguous with two separate fingers extending into our city. While doing your "live line-drawing" I would ask that you rectify this by making the split of West Covina in the Assembly and Senate plans contiguous. As with your current lines the split should be identical in both plans to ensure continuity of representation.

With the help of the Los Angeles redistricting center I would suggest adding census tracts 407900, 408003 and 408004 to the Covina districts and census tract 408005 to the Walnut districts.

This would create only one finger into West Covina. It would also use a major road, California State Highway Route 39 (Azusa Avenue), as a recognizable district boundary. It exchanges one heavily Asian neighborhood for another so it does not impact your attempts to keep the Asian community of interest in the eastern San Gabriel Valley whole. Finally it would not affect the Section 2 status of the LACVN Assembly district.

Thank you,



Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Carol Elliott <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 21:13:06 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Carol Elliott <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Latest testimony re senate district EVENT

Message Body:

The testimony by VICA given today in Sacramento absolutely does not represent what the vast number of residents desire. the recommendations of the COG cities and the Las Virgenes homeowners federation are more compatible with the desires of the communities to include the mountain and coastal areas including malibu, hidden hills and immediatiately surrounding areas. There is no area of common interest with those proposed by VICA. No to Santa clarita or the east San Fernando valley etc

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kelly <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 22:05:31 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Kelly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VA Hospital

Message Body:

Please keep the VA in our district. We have worked very hard with them to improve, maintain and protect our connecting land. VA is our immediate neighbor and what happens there directly affects Brentwood Glen. We want to be in sync with what goes on so PLEASE keep the VA with us!!! Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kirk Cartozian <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 23:18:31 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Kirk Cartozian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Southeast LA County Congressional Districting

Message Body:

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission -

As a former Mayor for the City of Downey, and a former teacher at Downey High School, I have zero explanation for our residents, particularly my former constituents and students in Downey.

After all of the controversy following the 2000 Census, the closure of the 38th Congressional District, and the forced retirement of my former boss, Congressman Stephen Horn, I can't believe we're here again.

Just when I thought some intelligence and fairness for communities of interest was going to prevail here post-Census 2010, I was again corrected. Why is it so difficult to put cities of interest together? Why is it so difficult to keep cities (mainly in the 562 area code) together? Why is it that cities like Downey, Whittier, Cerritos, Bellflower, Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs are magically put together in a prosposed congressional district, and then remapped, broken apart and piecemealed out to dissimilar communities like industrial Los Angeles and Vernon?

How is it that the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) has a better understanding of communities of interest than this state commission, supposedly in charge of looking out for the people's best interest?

Anyone who lives in Southeast LA County knows that we are the 562 area code. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission should keep our congressional district one with communities of interest intact. Anything less would simply be a gerrymandered puzzle.

Regards,
Kirk Cartozian
Former Mayor/City Councilmember
City of Downey
2000-2008

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lisa Clyde <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 21:31:35 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Lisa Clyde <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Valley Village intact

Message Body:

Please keep our Valley Village community in tact. Move the boundary line the170 freeway not Colfax. Thanks

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Subject: Redistricting Commission

From: Linda Hodnett <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:54:21 -0700

To: "'votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov'" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

CC: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kathleen Bergstrom <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 21:09:57 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Kathleen Bergstrom <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village

Message Body:

I live in Valley Village, and am very upset about the new map dividing Valley Village. The map needs to include the part of Valley Village that goes to the 170 Freeway. This is only a couple of blocks.

Our neighborhood should not be divided into two!

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DARYL HOFMEYER
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Vice Mayor

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City Council
(562) 220-2223

July 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of my fellow City Councilmembers and the Paramount community, I would like to express our strong disagreement with the Congressional District maps labeled LA Options 1 and 2 put forth by the Commission. Far more appropriate for our City, for a number of reasons, is LA Option 3, which leaves intact much of our historical boundaries and connections to similar communities with longstanding ties.

Paramount has become completely interwoven with those neighboring cities of LA Option 3 and shares many of the same issues and concerns with them. Relationships have been developed and trust has been built with officials in these cities. To break us off from these traditional friendships and working partnerships would fracture our community and be a disservice to our town.

Our college students go, primarily, to schools in Option 3 – Long Beach City College (to which we run a City-funded shuttle) and Cal State University, Long Beach. Our residents patronize retail and service establishments mainly found in the Option 3 area, from Long Beach through Lakewood and up to South Gate.

We have witnessed major progress and positive change in Paramount over the years. Much of this progress – involving shared demographic, economic and social issues – has been mirrored in these Option 3 towns through programs and initiatives that grew from shared information and strategies. This is another sign of our sense of common bonds and historical reliance on relationships with these cities.

We strongly feel that remaining in a Congressional District of this makeup will preserve a vital continuity as we move into the future. That stability is critical for the benefit of our residents and business community.

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The commonality of interests among the communities of LA Option 3 – the cohesiveness suggested herein – would also provide the Congressional representative with a District unified and related by shared concerns.

As you consider district boundaries, please take into account that Paramount would be avidly against our relocation to the vastly reconfigured districts as outlined in LA Options 1 and 2. We feel that the commonality of interests shared with our closest neighbors, as represented in LA Option 3, make it imperative that this map be approved.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl Hofmeyer", written in a cursive style.

Daryl Hofmeyer, Mayor

h/cm/letters/council/dh/RedistrictingCommission

Subject: Redistricting for the communities of Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and Playa Vista

From: "Nate Johnson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:20:35 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Attn: Citizens Redistricting Commission

My name is Nathan Johnson and I have owned a home in Westchester for close to 10 years. I have founded a successful business that I have based in the community, my children attend local schools, and I have family ties in Westchester going back three generations.

I was recently informed that the current redistricting process has segmented the community of Westchester from Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista and furthermore included our community in the same district as the communities of Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, and South Central. I am writing to voice my opposition to the inclusion of Westchester in this district and to advocate for the inclusion of Westchester in a district with similar cities in the South Bay along with Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista.

Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and Playa Vista share more common interests and concerns with the beach cities of the south bay than with communities to the east. Transportation, LAX, and environmental issues are just a few of the common concerns for our communities.

Recently the Los Angeles times performed a project called Mapping LA. They surveyed readers and had them define their communities and boroughs. As you can see, Westchester was clearly identified as part of the south bay and not part of South LA.

<http://projects.latimes.com/mapping-la/neighborhoods/region/south-bay/>

I hope this information will be enough to have you reconsider this districting decision. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Nathan Johnson

Nate Johnson
CEO - Reliam Inc.

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting for the areas of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista

From: HomeTown News [REDACTED] @ [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:43:27 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of our community, I strongly urge you to maintain as your primary focus the desire of **communities of interest** to remain in the same County, Assembly, Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. The areas of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista are closely linked and connected communities that share similar issues and concerns, including issues regarding LAX, transportation, the environment and the coast. These areas are so closely related that they are encompassed in the same Neighborhood Council and chamber of commerce. It would be detrimental to the community and the people that live there if these areas were split into different various districts.

I also urge the commission to include the Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista areas with South Bay/Beach Cities. We share much more in common with this area than the cities we are currently aligned with.

Keeping the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista within the same district and aligning our area with the South Bay/ Beach Cities will increase the quality of service to constituents and make sure our community's voice is heard.

Thank you,
Stephanie Davis
HomeTown News
Westchester / Playa / Marina

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re Westchester

From: Harriet Grossman [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:43:34 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I am writing to urge you to consider the importance of keeping Westchester in the community district of Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. Our needs and common interests are much more closely allied with these communities than those to the East as we share transportation issues, issues re: LAX, and coastal issues with the South Bay coastal communities and NO issues with districts to the East.

Thank you for your time and for, I hope, your support,

Harriet Grossman

Kentwood/Westchester

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Redistricting and Westchester/ Playa del Rey and / Playa Vista

From: "SternRoss" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:11:05 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I am a native Angelino and 20 year resident of Westchester. My wife and I have raised our children in Westchester. Our children have greatly benefited from the educational sports and cultural facilities and programs offered in Westchester, and its adjoining communities of Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and El Segundo.

For too long, Westchester residents have been denied a voice and fair representation by being gerrymandered away from their adjoining communities of Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and El Segundo. Westchester is geographically, socially and politically intertwined with Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and El Segundo. The residents of these communities share common interests, concerns and public facilities including LAX, Westchester Park, Westchester High School, beach and costal issues, open space and real estate development issues, and transportation issues. The current redistricting cycle affords Westchester an opportunity to again have fair political representation by being linked with communities with which its shares these common concerns and facilities.

My understanding is that the original proposal of the commission was to include Westchester in a district along with its adjoining communities of Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and El Segundo. The renewed political effort to again gerrymander and segregate Westchester out and away from its natural seating in a district with the communities with which its residents share common political, economic and social interests and concerns without the benefit of fair representation will reignite the frustration that Westchester residents have had with the political process.

Instead of segregating Westchester residents, please vote for retaining the Westchester as part of a community with Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and El Segundo with which it shares common interests and facilities. Thanks.

Jack B. Ross
Stern & Ross

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90067

[REDACTED]
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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Frank Arenson [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:27:36 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Frank Arenson [REDACTED]

Subject: Santa Clarita Senate Seat

Message Body:

The City of Santa Clarita has four(4)distinct communities - Valencia, Newhall, Saugus and Canyon Country.

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 the said local communities of interest and easily falls within the deviation.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Margaret Heymann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:37:46 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Margaret Heymann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles

Message Body:

The VA complex in Brentwood should not be altered. It is at the heart of this community as a way of "Giving Back" in a helpful, supportive and mutually appreciated manner.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Betty Arenson <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:24:29 +0000
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Betty Arenson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

Message Body:

If you are going to split the city of Santa Clarita then PLEASE honor the boundaries of our 4 (four) 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 in advance for your consideration.

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Subject: Please put the Westchester section of Los Angeles in the same congressional district as Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, and the South Bay cities

From: "James Kallis" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:59:38 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Citizens Redistricting Commission:

In reaccessing the governmental district lines, please put the Westchester section of Los Angeles in the same congressional district as Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, and the South Bay cities. This group of areas is a community of interest, which shares common interests and concerns. We share transportation issues, Los Angeles International Airport issues, and coastal/environmental issues. We do not have much in common with the cities to the east of Westchester.

James Kallis

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90045-1096

Subject: Los Angeles Westchester community concerns...

From: Kyle Lemons <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:37:27 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Citizens Redistricting Commission,

My name is Kyle Lemons. My wife and I are long term residents of LA's Westchester community. It is my understanding that you are considering the redistricting of my area. I would like to express my long time disappointment in Westchester's 35th Congressional District. In our many years in this area, Congressional elections have always been dominated by voters from the inland communities of Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, South Central, West Athens, etc. These communities dominate each election so completely that I have stopped voting for my own Congressional District. Why waste the ink. I would like you to consider moving the Westchester community into another Congressional District, one where it more closely shares common issues and concerns (i.e. transportation, LA Airport, environmental). We seem to more closely share issues with the adjacent beach communities in the South Bay (areas such as El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, etc.). Please consider my request during your deliberations.

Thank you for listening,
Kyle and Marcia Lemons

Subject: Keeping Westchester with Playa/Southbay

From: Meredith Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:15:10 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To whom it may concern -

I just want to express my deep concern that Westchester could potentially not be recognized with Playa del Rey/Playa Vista. Please consider that for a number of reasons it only makes sense for it to stay this way. We share common interests with the South Bay and Playa areas, and not many with areas **east** of Westchester. We all feel like we are part of the same "community" and I don't want to lose that for my neighborhood or my family. We are a beach city and the coastal/environmental issues that arise are a common interest for the communities and I hope we can all stay together.

Please consider this and I urge you strongly to keep the communities together that make sense.

Thank you,
Meredith Rodriguez
[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

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Subject: Keep Westchester aligned with Playa del Rey/Playa Vista

From: Roberta Borer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 21:48:06 +0000

To: "'votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov'" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I am a 20+ year resident of Westchester. I'm sending this note to request that as redistricting efforts move forward, Westchester be aligned with Playa del Rey/Playa Vista/South Bay/Beach cities RATHER THAN communities in the 35th congressional district with whom we have little in common.

I have constant business and social interests in the Beach cities; I am NEVER in the communities of Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, South Central, West Athens, Westmont and Florence-Graham. I request that you keep us in the same district with the South Bay/Beach cities, with whom Westchester shares common interests.

Thank you ,
Roberta Borer Stock

Roberta Borer
Senior Vice President
Bristol Associates, Inc.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90045

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Subject: PLEASE RECOGNIZE

From: Bahar Schmidt [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:27:58 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Hi,

My name is Bahar Schmidt and I am a homeowner on [REDACTED], Los Angeles, CA 90045-2307.

I would appreciate it if you recognized us as part of the Playa Del Rey community and not INGLEWOOD, we live only 1/2 block from the Play Del Rey zip code and have nothing in common with the Inglewood or EAST Westchester community, I have 2 children and they are always either on the beach or on playdates in the Playa Del Rey community. WE have much more in common with the Bay area and WOULD LIKE YOU to seriously consider including us in their district and zip code, right now we are in between 2 cities and PREFER to be part of the Bay Area/ Playa Del Rey community.

PLEASE KINDLY acknowledge and respect mine and my families interest's as the HOME we own was highly priced because of it's lcoation.

Bahar

Subject: LAMWS district

From: "Marc Chopp" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:30:07 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To Whom it May Concern:

I live in the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood. I wanted to bring to your attention that the Jewish Orthodox community in the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions. I feel that the only way that the Orthodox community will have a voice in the Assembly is if Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood are all in the "LAMWS" district. There are many personal connections between these communities. Some of us who live in one neighborhood send our children to school in the other neighborhood. Same with shopping, community activities, charities, classes, etc. By uniting our community into a single district it will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

I thank you for putting some of the Pico-Robertson neighborhood into the "LAMWS" district, but u ask that you do not divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half. All of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills.

Sincerely,

Marc Chopp

Subject:

From: "Yadranka Draskovic" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:01:45 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Hello

I am a resident of Westchester, and I ask that please allign us with the South Bay communities. We have a common interest with these cities, namely LAX.

Thank you

Yadranka Draskovic

-- Sent from my Palm Pixi

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mary Ellen Strote <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:47:44 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Mary Ellen Strote <[REDACTED]>

Subject: VICA, a "special interest" voice

Message Body:

The person from VICA who just spoke to you represents a special business interest! He is NOT speaking for the cities of Santa Monica or Malibu, which DO NOT WANT to be separated from their COG and the other Santa Monica Mtns. communities.

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Subject: Citizens Redistricting Committee

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:46:51 EDT

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Westchester and have been for 40 plus years. Now that I am able to voice my request, I am pleading that you keep Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista together as a community when you contimplate the redistricting of our area.. All to long we have been a split community although we have the same issues--LAX, coastal'enviornmental issues/education of our children. Our problems are more closely aligned with the South Bay cities. Please allow us to be a whole community . It's our turn.
Thank you.

Monica Weisbrich, RN

[REDACTED]

[Support the Nurses' Float](#)

[REDACTED]

Subject: District Boundaries in South Bay, Southern California

From: john fracisco [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:51:19 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I have lived in the South Bay (El Segundo, Playa del Rey, and Westchester) for 18 years. I know this district and its natural boundaries.

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 36th 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 36th 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!

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,

John Fracisco

Westchester, 90245

Subject: Westchester

From: Jerry Shourds [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:24:39 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Westchester should be part of the South Bay not the inland Cities. Please have Westchester put in with the South Bay Cities.

Thank You jerry

[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester Redistricting

From: Suzanne Walsh [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:49:36 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear Voters First Act - Citizens Redistricting Commission:

This letter is being written regarding the congressional redistricting of the Westchester area of Los Angeles County.

By way of introduction, my name is Suzanne Walsh, I am 57 and a lifelong resident of California. I have lived in Westchester for over thirty years. For most of those years, Westchester was part of the 36th Congressional District which made a great deal of sense. Westchester is literally sandwiched between Marina Del Rey, Playa Vista, and Playa Del Rey to the north and El Segundo and other beach cities to the south. Westchester is very much a "beach community" that has close ties and coastal interests with its neighboring cities and communities. Moreover, Westchester's interests, transportation and environmental concerns regarding LAX are most closely shared with El Segundo.

The voters of California supported Voters First Act in 2008, to bring back some common sense in drawing the congressional district lines for our state. Essentially, we the voters wanted closed door political maneuvering taken out of the process. I am a Democrat so I do understand the politics of why Westchester was redistricted out of the 36th District and into the 35th District after the 2000 Census. However, when politics are put aside, it is clear that the common interests, needs and concerns of Westchester residents, and their neighbors in the "beach communities" of the 36th District, would be much better served by returning Westchester to the 36th District.

Sincerely,

Suzanne E. Walsh

Subject: Westchester redistricting

From: Pam Nelson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:28:33 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I am a resident of Westchester, CA 90045. It has come to my attention that after finally being redistricted with the South Bay areas that share our concerns over LAX and coastal issues as well as other community and economic interests, that we are in danger of once again being redistricted into an area that has other priorities. Please consider our geographic location and proximity to the neighborhoods of Playa Vista and Playa del Rey as well as the other South Bay Cities as well as the demographic and socio economic make up of our neighborhood before putting our neighborhood back into the 35th Congressional District. We deserve the right to join forces with communities that have our shared concerns and in which we conduct business and enjoy social activities so that our voices can be heard.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

Pam Nelson
[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester redistricting - please read

From: Amy Kot [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:28:31 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To whom it may concern,

I live in Westchester with my family, and am concerned about plans to redistrict my community. As a long-time Westchester resident and business owner, I strongly recommend and request that Westchester remains aligned with our neighboring communities of Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

We have long been recognized as a group of integrated and aligned communities by the City of Los Angeles, through our neighborhood council and assorted program and project teams, and we share similar demographics and interests. Westchester is clearly *not* aligned with any of the communities in Eastern LA, including Inglewood, Compton, etc.

Thanks,
Amy Kot

[REDACTED]
Westchester CA 90045

[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester Redistricting

From: s brennan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:52:37 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I have lived in Westchester since 1986 and have raised my 4 children there. I am very familiar with the community, as I have lived, shopped, eaten, exercised, and socialized there for 25 years. For all who live in Westchester, there is no meaningful difference between it and Playa del Rey. Likewise, we share common interests and concerns with the adjacent communities of Playa Vista, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach and Marina del Rey, such as the potential traffic effects any LAX expansion will have on Sepulveda and Lincoln Boulevards. Just read the local community newspaper (The Argonaut) and you will see the commonality that exists between these beachside communities and Westchester.

This cannot be said with regard to Inglewood, Gardena, Compton, Lennox, etc. These inland communities have their own and distinct interests and they deserve to have a representative who keeps them front and center. But so does Westchester, and as currently mapped, our voice is lost. Please correct this situation and use the redistricting process to allow the district map to reflect the current reality.

Thank you,
Steven Brennan
Westchester

Subject: Westchester is a beach city

From: "Goldberg, Barney" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:35:22 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I am writing to ask that Westchester remain in the district that was determined by the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Our issues (LAX, Coastal/Environmental, Common interests) are far more aligned with the South Bay Cities than with the 35th Congressional District.

As a Westchester resident, I would appreciate you placing us in the district that shares our concerns; the district that the Commission saw fit to place us in originally.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

Subject: WESTCHESTER needs to stay a part of the SOUTH BAY CITIES

From: Amy Sieman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:27:36 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To whom it may concern,

I understand you are currently in the process of redistricting Westchester to include Westchester with Inglewood and other cities to the east of us. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS. Westchester needs to stay aligned with the South Bay Cities as we are now --- we are already a close knit community and share common interests and concerns, including transportation issues, LAX issues, and coastal/environmental issues. We have much more in common with South Bay cities than we do with the cities you are trying to align us with, so please keep us aligned with the South Bay Cities where we belong.

Thank you,

Amy Sieman

Westchester Resident

Subject: Westchester/Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista

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

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:53:35 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

The above listed communities should be grouped together with South Bay cities such as El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach, as a new redistricting area. I am a resident of Westchester and the above cities have many, many things in common with the South Bay cities, such as: LAX expansion, transportation issues (Green Line), coastal and environmental issues, to name a few. As the district lines stand today, we are not being represented.

Sincerely,

Andre' Belotto
Westchester, CA 90045

[REDACTED]

Subject: Westchester/Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista

From: "jim " [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:18:15 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I have been a homeowner in Westchester for 31 years. Please understand that our community is Westchester, Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista.

I believe that State laws for the Citizens Redistricting Commission call for districts to be compact and recognize "communities of interest."

We share common interests and concerns with Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista. We share issues about LAX, transportation issues, coastal and environmental issues. We share vastly more with the South Bay cities than we do with the cities we are currently aligned with.

Please do not bow to political pressure. Please do the right thing. As I said, I have lived here for 31 years and have raised a family here. Please get this right so we have the appropriate representation.

Thank You,

Jim and Kathy Wiles

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA

Subject: Westchester/Los Angeles Redistricting..Don't change it

From: "David Swan, CPA/ABV" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 22:49:11 +0000

To: "'votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov'" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

Do not change the existing districting. Westchester/Playa Del Rey belong with their sister cities, as they are upscale neighborhoods that share many things with the South Bay cities (LAX, schools, beach and coastal concerns). The 405 freeway is the dividing line between cultures and cities. We have nothing in common with Inglewood.

David Swan, Resident on Altavan Avenue, Westchester.

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Subject: Westchester

From: "Valerie Guziak" [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:05:13 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I am a concerned citizen of Westchester. I grew up here and I chose to stay in this community to raise my own family.

PLEASE:

We are one community -- Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista. We raise our children together in Mom's Groups and Mommy and Me. We go to church together. Our children are on the same sports teams. And yet, we are lumped together with other communities when it comes time for districting. Why is that? Money?

When our 3 communities share common interests and concerns, LAX issues, coastal and environmental issues, we should be grouped with the South Bay cities instead of the inland communities that we have nothing in common with.

We are one community and play and even pray together. Please, let us be one DISTRICT too. Anything else just reeks of gerrymandering.

Thank you,
Valerie Guziak

Subject: Westchester

From: "Mark Calde" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:33:38 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I strongly believe that the community of Westchester should be aligned with the South Bay/Beach cities with which we share common interests and concerns including transportation, LAX and coastal and environmental issues.

Thank you,
Mark A. Calde

Subject: Westchester (Los Angeles 90045) should be re-assigned to the 36th Congressional District

From: "Dan DesForges" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:53:13 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

As a long-time (>25 years) resident of Westchester/Playa Del Rey, I would urge that Westchester be included in California's 36th Congressional District (currently represented by Janice Hahn), as opposed to the 35th District (currently represented by Maxine Waters).

Historically, economically and demographically, Westchester is tied more to the South Bay and near Westside communities than to the communities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, central and south Los Angeles.

The Playa Vista community has arisen over the site of the Hughes Aircraft Company headquarters, which was established in Northern Westchester and was essential to the development of the aerospace and defense industry in the South Bay.

The economies of Westchester and neighboring El Segundo are strongly tied to LAX.

A review of Westchester and its surrounding communities in the excellent *LA Times* "Mapping LA" website shows that the demographics of Westchester are more aligned with those of the communities included in the 36th district than the 35th. Re-assigning Westchester to the 36th district will put it in with communities of similar constituencies.

Thank you for your interest.

Daniel T. DesForges

[REDACTED]
Westchester, Ca 90045

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Subject: Splitting Pico Robertson and Beverlywood

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:34:34 EDT

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Committee Members:

We live in Hancock Park but shop and dine and visit friends and attend synagogue some of the time in Pico Robertson. The Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest with many shared institutions.

The only way that the Orthodox community will have a voice in the Assembly is if Fairfax/Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood are all in the "LAMWS" district. Uniting our community in a single district will not weaken the representation of any other minority group or community of interest.

Thank you for putting some of Pico-Robertson into the "LAMWS" district, but please do not divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half. All of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills

David J. Leonard and Judith Leonard

David J. Leonard

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Subject: Response to VICA comments re: Malibu and Sta Monica

From: Cynthia Scott <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:53:13 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I am watching the public commentary and am shocked to see VICA remarking on the validity of separating the cities of Malibu and Santa Monica from their neighboring Santa Monica Mountain communities. The Valley Industry and Commerce Assoc is located in the San Fernando Valley and has NOTHING to do with these cities. As a 15 year resident of Topanga that IS closely connected with the communities of Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Pacific Palisades and Sta Monica, I urge the Commission to keep these communities together within their historical partnership in one cohesive Senate District.

Respectfully yours,

Cynthia Scott

Topanga, CA

Subject: Redistricting

From: Robert Ustrich <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:26:59 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

As a 35 year resident and business owner in Westchester, I have felt *disenfranchised* with being lumped with communities to the East. My interests and community concerns are more closely related to Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and the South Bay Cities. Please allow me to be represented by someone so predisposed.

Robert N Ustrich, DDS

Subject: Redistricting Westchester

From: "Pam O. Miller" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:12:50 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Currently our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and should remain in the same districts

Let me make it clear 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.

Do not change Westchester

Best regards,

Pam Miller

RE/MAX

[REDACTED] (Direct)
[REDACTED]
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Subject: redistricting

From: "Janet Garber" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:46:14 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I am a resident of Playa del Rey. I have common interests with citizens all along the coast, but not with residents of Inglewood. The political district in which I live should be combined with other coastal communities, not with inner city residents. I have for years resented being wrongly situated politically. I have hoped that this wrong would be righted with the current redistricting process. I still hope so, but with less and less confidence. Yours truly, Janet Garber, [REDACTED], Playa del Rey, CA 90293.

Subject: Redistricting Westchester

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:45:17 -0400 (EDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I am sending this email to voice my opinion as a long-time resident of Westchester that Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista should remain in the same districts and with South Bay Cities.

We share common interests with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them, such as transportation issues, LAX issues and coastal/environmental issues. We share vastly more with the South Bay cities than we do with the cities with whom I understand we are currently to be aligned with. Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista should be kept together and included with the South Bay Cities.

Thank you for your attention,

Tara Marimpietri

Subject: Westchester Congressional Redistricting

From: Mike Osborn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:56:39 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

I was just made aware that through the Congressional Redistricting, Westchester has been included in the 35th Congressional District along with cities like Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena South Central, West Athens, Westmont and Florence-Graham. Really? Has anyone who was involved in the process ever been to Westchester and the above cities?

Westchester belongs in the district with Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and other Beach / South Bay cities as we have common interests and concerns, we have the same transportation issues, LAX issues and coastal/environmental issues.

Please fix this gross oversight.

Mike Osborn
Westchester Resident

Subject: Redistricting Support of New Westside District including Westchester/Playa

From: Peter Semple <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:08:12 -0400

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Westchester homeowner and business owner I want to express my support for the redistricting plan that puts the community of Westchester into a district comprised of other similar westside coastal cities in L.A. County.

As an active member of the community, the businesses, neighbors and issues I find myself interacting with almost always involve other westside people and entities (wetlands, LAX, LAX Coastal Chamber members, cities of Redondo, Manhattan Beach, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Marina del Rey, etc). It's rare that I hear about or am asked to get involved in economic, conservation, transportation, governmental or educational issues with the neighborhoods to our east.

Now appears to be an ideal time to move forward with the redistricting plan that creates a new legislative district comprised of westside voters and residents who share issues related to our coastal communities.

In addition, it seems that relocating Westchester into the new westside district will enable more cohesion and influence for the Eastside district as well. With Westchester removed from their district the central communities to the east will no longer have the distraction of a community (Westchester) that is less aware of its issues or more concerned with separate matters many of which are not important to the Los Angeles central areas.

For these reasons I'm strongly in support of a new westside district made up of similar coastal communities including Westchester.

Thank you,
Pete Semple
Owner The Playa Westchester Hub community website (www.thepwhub.com)

Subject: Redistricting of Westchester. CA

From: Joy McFarland [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:41:54 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I have been a homeowner/resident of Westchester for 14 years and have always considered Westchester/Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista as my community. From my understanding that is how the City of Los Angeles recognizes it also. I believe it should stay that way. I share more interests and have more in common with the South Bay cities than the cities to the east. This makes no sense to me or any of my Westchester neighbors and friends! You will have one upset Westchester neighborhood if we do not remain in the same district as Playa Del Rey/Playa Vista. Thank you

Joy McFarland

Subject: Westchester congressional boundary

From: Tom Nelson [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:25:58 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Hello:

I am a Westchester community resident in Los Angeles. I have never ever before written any political or governmental official or organization for anything. However, it concerns me that the commission's advice to link the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista community to a congressional district that includes South Bay cities with common interests is now being reconsidered. It concerns me enough to write for the first time.

Westchester shares common interests and concerns with South Bay cities, including transportation issues (carmageddon, anyone?), LAX issues and coastal/environmental issues.

Please take the advice of the advisory commission and align Westchester in a way that makes sense. That, after all, was the intention of the law that began this change in the first place.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom Nelson

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Subject: Westchester citizens concerned

From: Daisy Kim <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:37:00 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

We have lived in the Westchester area of Los Angeles for 27 years and feel strongly that our neighborhood should be included with South Bay communities where re-districting is concerned. The areas east of Westchester do not share our concerns with regard to transportation issues, LAX, and coastal environmental issues. We have much more in common with the South Bay cities than we do with cities to the east.

Respectfully,
Daisy Kim

Subject: Westchester 90045 redistricting

From: "Dan" [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:06:09 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I have heard that the redistricting effort will have my community once again included with cities to the east of us. This is wrong. Westchester does not share common interests with Inglewood, Compton, Lennox, Gardena, South Central, West Athens etc

We share common interest with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista and other beach cities.

I was really looking forward to Westchester rejoining the costal district we were once a part of but it appears politics are intervening once again to leave Westchester in a district we will have no voice in.

Daniel and Marianne Lee

[REDACTED]

Westchester Ca 90045

Subject: Fwd: Westchester
From: Gary Molinari [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:00:41 -0700
To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

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From: Gary Molinari [REDACTED]
Date: July 21, 2011 4:55:43 PM PDT
To: "votersfirst@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirst@crc.ca.gov>
Subject: Westchester

As a long time homeowner in Westchester (35 years), I am asking that you place Westchester in the same district as Play del Rey and Playa Vista. Given our shared interests and common issues with the South Bay Beach cities this makes the most sense.

Accordingly I request that Westchester be placed in a shared district with Play del Rey and Playa Vista.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in making this happen.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Molinari

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: LAMWS DISTRICT

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:39:15 -0400

To: "'votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov.'"

Hello - I live in Pico Robertson on S. Sherbourne Dr. Almost all of my and my family's activities are conducted in the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood. I don't see any reason why the Fairfax/Hancock Park neighborhood and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood neighborhood should not constitute a single, integrated community-of-interest (COI) with many shared institutions, as that is the way it is for me and my family and many others in this neighborhood. I even attend yard sales in Hancock Park on Sundays! That is not to speak of the many vendors and services I utilize on a daily basis in this area. Please do not divide Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood in half. All of Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood should be in the "LAMWS" district, along with Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Beverly Hills.
Respectfully, with many thanks,
Simon Ghertner

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