Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: [Redacted]

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 02:09:04 +0000

To: [Redacted]

Please continue to maintain and keep the representation for the appropriate African-American community and not reconfigure the districts keeping them for the African-American community.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
I will not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress.
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Geraldine Haynesworth
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:47:37 -0700 (PDT)
To: 

Do not devide my community!
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Kris K <[redacted]>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:19:35 -0700 (PDT)
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>

I am very concerned about the possible diminishment of African-American voting rights in redistricting. Please be fair. I am a proud veteran of this great country. Sincerely, Kris Keiser
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Sharon Yendunian <[redacted]>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:54:34 -0700
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>

I am a school psychologist and member UTLA. I will not accept any African American political representation of any kind at any level Assembly, State, or Congress. Help sustain fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially your Congressional district if you live in the 33rd, 35th, or 37th districts.

Best,
Sharon
Sent from my iPhone
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Hal Wolkowitz
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:00:45 -0700
To: 

I understand that the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) is threatening to divide the 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts in an illogical manner, essentially eviscerating African American political power in Los Angeles.

I, as a Los Angeles County citizen for more than 50 years, urge you to reconsider. I am not African American. When my family and I came to Los Angeles in 1959, we moved into a magically integrated neighborhood on Cloverdale Avenue between Pico and Venice Boulevards. I grew up with African Americans and Asian Americans and Latino Americans. No minority should have their political power eviscerated, and especially not through illogical district divisions. Don't do this. It isn't fair and I and many like me do not support it.

Sincerely,

Harold Israel Wolkowitz
This is just as gerrymandered as it was before. I live in Venice, CA and this plan has me connected with Palos Verdes, a narrow strip of San Pedro, the south bay coastal cities, so far exactly the same as it is, then you add Santa Monica, and Pacific Palisades & Topanga, not too unusual, but Beverly Hills, Brentwood, and Bel Air? Are you doing this by economic groupings? Where's the fairness in this?
I am totally insulted that the CRC would want to infringe upon my rights as a voter and an African American by trying to weaken the powerful vote our community has developed! I disagree with the restructuring that is being attempted to tear our community apart! As a South LA native, I take pride in the developments our community has strived for and can only continue to strengthen if the districts remain the same! If redistricting occurs, those votes will no longer stand together and will be torn apart where African Americans will no longer have a voice to what occurs in our neighborhoods and communities by those who actually live and work in the area!

Judith McIntyre
SOUTH LA NATIVE
where I continue to LIVE and WORK!
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Maria Cortinas <MariaCor@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:41:33 -0700 (PDT)
To: 

Hello!

My name is Maria Elena Cortinas and I live in the 33rd district. I'm emailing because I got word that you are in the process of eviscerating the little political power that we have by dividing congressional districts 33, 35 & 37. Please don't do it! Doing so will have a catastrophic impact on our already disenfranchised community - from pollution to health services, and the list goes on and on.

Please do not do it!

Thank you!
Maria Elena Cortinas
33rd District
My name is Shamara McFarland and I live in the 51st District - Vermont Knolls - between Vermont and Florence. Respectfully, I will not accept a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress.

I am an African American Woman who owns also owns homes in 51st and 37th Districts. I do not desire to lose representation in the 37th District, especially in the Congress.

Respectfully,

Shamara McFarland

Citizen, Homeowner, Property Owner, Taxpayer
We will not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level, Senate, Assembly, Congress.
I stand against redistricting boundaries efforts- I want this vote tomorrow to be "NO!!" I have lived in this community for 46 years, and this would have an extremely negative effect on our communities... If the best person for the job runs, then he/she will be elected- no re-division tactics would be needed.
I work in the area of Los Angeles, CA 90037. I am writing to let you know that I will not accept a reduction in political representation at any level – Assembly, Senate or Congress, but especially in my Congressional district. I want to ensure that African Americans have a voice in the redistricting process.

Thank you.

Jean Franklin, Executive Director
United Job Creation Council
Los Angeles, CA 90037
I do not agree at all with the redistricting that is proposed for Los Angeles. You must not do it.
I am a voter.

Joan Temple
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: "Lopez-Garza, Marta C" <[redacted]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:45:29 -0700

To: [redacted] <[redacted]>

to The Citizens Redistricting Commission;

i am a Latina from California's 31st District, Xavier Becerra's 31st District. i am nonetheless concerned about the threat to divide the 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts - eviscerating African American political powerr community. I do not accept a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress.

Cordially but adamantly,

Marta Lopez-Garza, Professor

Gender & Women's Studies Department
Chicana/o Studies Department
California State University, Northridge
Northridge, CA 91330-8251
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: [Redacted]
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:18:23 -0400 (EDT)
To: [Redacted]

To the State Assembly and Senate:

I am a resident of Compton, CA. I am also against the diminishment of the 32nd, 35th, and 37th districts. This would negatively impact the African-American communities. Please think carefully when you cast your votes.
Thank you for your careful consideration.

Regards,
Angela Y. Lewis
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: "Marc Rich" <Marc Rich>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:04:24 -0700
To: "Juan Parrino" <Juan Parrino>

I oppose any redistricting plan that dilutes the representation of African Americans in our democracy!

Marc Rich, UTLA Representative, LA County Federation of Labor
Please protect African-American voting rights by protecting the district lines; not destroying them. PLEASE protect African-American solidarity in the voting arena!

Sincerely,

LynnAnne Johnson-Lange
a voter
I live in the 33rd district represented by Congresswoman Karen Bass. I do not and will not accept a reduction in political representation at any level; Assembly, Senate, or Congress and will listening and watching on Saturday.

Thank You
Linda Patterson

President & CEO
Dazzle & Design

Los Angeles, Ca 90008

www.dazzleanddesigndecor.com
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Jackie Cullum <>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:00:47 -0700
To: 

Do not change the districts.
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Linda Taheripour <linda.taheripour@example.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:54:49 +0000
To: <removed>

From: Linda Taheripour <linda.taheripour@example.com>
Subject: Don't divide Brentwood

Message Body:
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 (90049) area to strengthen our input as a community, please do not divide Brentwood.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Message Body:
I had no problem viewing your commercial. I did however have difficulty viewing your 'line drawing.' I have been informed that it dilutes my voting impact. I am willing to believe this based on your commercial. You said that you did not want representative to feel "so comfortable." If my vote only counts when connected to my neighbor's and my neighbor's is now in a different part of the city where my views and needs are dissimilar, our votes potentially cancel each other out. Doesn't seem reasonable to me.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Message Body:
As a downtown LA business owner/attorney, I have a vested interested in the revitalization of downtown businesses & homes—not only for aesthetics, but for safety and efficient transportation. The current district boundary mirror Downtown LAs “natural” boundaries: it is surrounded by the 10, 110, and 101 freeways. Dividing downtown as proposed does not preserve communities of interest, since the many county, state and federal buildings that were once in this district (found along Temple Street, conveniently off Metro Red/Purple lines) are intimately tied to the other state and county buildings found within downtown due to its proximity and shared interests. Traffic congestion, rail alternatives, parking, pollution/litter, sight-seeing/tourism, homelessness, and security/safety have been typically addressed across the whole downtown region. Assigning the responsibility between two people could result in duplicative work or no work at all (one senator thought the other was working on a particular issue).

Reassigning the bulk of downtown LA (other courthouses, LA Live, Convention Center, etc.) with Culver City and the Crenshaw Corridor makes little sense. The residents and businesses of Culver City and its neighbors share little in common regarding safety & homelessness; construction, congestion & bike use; high-rise advertising, etc.

Please re-examine your data. But first, take some time to ride the subway or dash in downtown. Keep downtown intact—either all of it goes with Culver City or it remains intact with it’s current neighbors.

Cheers,

Juan Dotson
Attorney at Law
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "D.Feldman" <d.feldman2000@att.net>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:15:51 +0000
To: LosAngelesCitizensRedistricting@gmail.com

From: D.Feldman <d.feldman2000@att.net>
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:
Do not allow Santa Monica and Venice to be part of the 36th District. It makes NO sense! Further more Torrance is a natural part of the Beach Cities.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
To Whom It May Concern:
I will NOT accept a reduction of African American political representation at any level and I disapprove of the redrawing of California's Senate, Congressional, or Assembly districts.
This action is wrong and unacceptable.
To my knowledge it is unconstitutional.
Sincerely,
Susan Cantu

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: "K.Feldman" <k.feldman@citizensredistricting.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:13:00 +0000
To: info@citizensredistricting.com

From: K.Feldman <k.feldman@citizensredistricting.com>
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:
Don't gerrymander the 36th district so that the peninsula is ignored at the ballot. Why on earth would the Peninsula be in the same district as Santa Monica? And Torrance IS part of the beach cities. Sincerely, K.Feldman

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Redistricting 35th Congressional District / Westchester

Message Body:
I live in the Westchester area of Los Angeles, zip code 90045, just West of the 405, and North of Manchester Avenue. I lived in the same house in this area for the last 13 years.

I strongly support redistricting Westchester with El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. I believe that our community has much more in common with those communities than with Inglewood and South Central Los Angeles.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Rowley

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: sueellen douglas <sueellen.douglas@citizensredistricting.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 03:37:51 +0000
To:  

From: sueellen douglas <sueellen.douglas@citizensredistricting.com>
Subject: keep VA in our district

Message Body:
We have worked very hard to keep the VA a special place for the vets. We help maintain it, and want to protect it from development. Most of our programs are within our 90049 zipcode--the VA is part of our community. I have sponsored 10K runs for the Epilepsy Foundation and we help with the gardening projects with the Vets--The VA has been part of my community for 70 years!! please don't split it off--we care for these men who have served our country--sue ellen douglas

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Protect
From: Paul Ngwoke <[
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:24:42 -0700 (PDT)
To: [

PROTECT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTING POWER IN LOS ANGELES. DO NOT SPLIT THEM.

Paul.
We urge you not to diminish African-American voting rights in any way.
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alina Bokde <alina.bokde@example.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:55:02 +0000
To: 

From: Alina Bokde <alina.bokde@example.com>
Subject: Downtown Los Angeles

Message Body:
Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Los Angeles that works in Downtown, I am strongly opposed to LA Live and The Staples Center being carved out and placed into the Culver City/Inglewood District.

Downtown Los Angeles has natural borders that include the 110, 5, 10, and 101 freeways. Removing LA Live and The Staples Center is clearly dividing a community of interest. These two entertainment centers share many of the same issues the rest of Downtown LA is facing including homelessness, transportation, tourism, and revitalization.

I urge you to keep these two entertainment centers within Downtown Los Angeles as this is where it rightfully belongs.

Sincerely,

Alina Bokde

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Reject Segregation, Protect the 33rd
From: Joshua busch <JoshuaBusch@Sample.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:36:36 -0700
To: Redistricting Commission <RedistrictingCommission@Sample.com>

Dear Redistricting Commission,

As a 9-year resident of the Palms neighborhood in Los Angeles, I urge you to keep intact the wonderfully diverse 33rd Congressional District. Residents in our District have worked together across racial lines for over a generation to focus on our common issues and find solutions. The Congressional Representatives in this District have enjoyed tremendous popularity as they have been able to address the needs of all racial and ethnic groups.

I am outraged to hear comments floated that residents in the Mid-Wilshire area would prefer to be grouped with "beach cities" like Malibu instead of with their neighbors to the South. This is simply coded racist language by White residents who are saying they don't want to associate with their Black neighbors to the South. The idea that a white person in Culver City has more in common with another white person 15 miles away in Topanga Canyon, as opposed to their Black neighbors 2 miles to the East, is simply absurd. The only way someone could come to this conclusion is by solely looking at skin color. The 33rd District is part of the urban core of los angeles, and residents share common bonds in terms of basic quality of life issues - e.g. effective transportation, green space and parks, public safety, health care and other services, etc.

I urge the Redistricting Commission to reject these thinly veiled racist arguments and backwards thinking. As a White person in Los Angeles, I am proud to be part of the diverse 33rd District, which is really a representation of California. Our District is a model for the rest of California on how interethnic collaboration can work for everyone. Please don't take us back to the 1950's, and reject the calls for racial segregation.

Sincerely,
Joshua H Busch
Los Angeles, CA 90034
To Whom it may concern,
I am sending this message in behalf of my family members and friends. We, Westchester, want to stay with Marina del Rey and Playa del Rey. Please do not change to another group. The change would not work.

Thank you,
Ariadne Ellison
Dear gentlepersons: I live in Los Feliz, 90027-1118, am Caucasian and wish to emphatically inform you I support a diverse Congressional community. In fact, my husband, and my neighbors, LOVE the way our Congressional district has been distributed. Please bear this in mind if changes are going to be made.
Sincerely, Carol Gordon

Carol A. Gordon
Jacobs & Associates
Suite 1830
Los Angeles, CA 90010
I have lived on and off in this district for 20 years, and I choose to live here due to the wonderful racial mix of the area. I chose NOT to live in an all white community even though I am indeed white. The ethnic mix creates a splendid variety of stores, neighborhoods, and neighbors. I appreciate the character of this district and will be quite upset if it is broken up. We are nothing whatsoever like Burbank or Glendale - we are LA and must be represented as such.

Please consider this when making your decision - your actions affect ALL of us here.

Thank you,

Connie Winsberg
To whom it may concern:

Regarding the redistricting of the 33rd congressional district, I just want to make it clear that I DO NOT wish to be attached to Glendale and Burbank! I am a white classical musician, and the thing I love about living in the City of L.A. is the diversity and the multi-faceted nature of this town. I've been here for twenty years, and I can't believe that this is even on the table. What a travesty!

Once again, I want to be represented by a congressperson in the City of Los Angeles, NOT Glendale or Burbank -- towns that I can't even relate to. Diversity is what makes us tick. And that's what the City of L.A. has to offer!

Thank you very much,

Susan Craig Winsberg
Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I live in the 37th district and I work 33rd district. The Citizens Redistricting Commission members have a charge; which if not handled appropriately, has the potential to accomplish the following:

- Wreak havoc in the 33rd, 35th and 37th districts;
- Eliminate the political power of African Americans in Los Angeles County;
- Promote division and animosity in culturally diverse communities;
- Set aside the peace that exist in the communities and fuel racial conflicts;
- Eliminate the voice of African Americans and other groups of interest;
- Feed the sentiments of historic slavery of African Americans;

The Citizens Redistricting Commission members must have the cultural competence to recognize that division and/or elimination of the 33rd, 35th and 37th district is discriminatory to African Americans. Any plan which results in the elimination of power for African Americans, as a group will not be tolerated.

We cannot and will not accept any plan which results in the reduction in political representation whether in Congress, State Assembly or Senate.

The 33rd, 35th and 37th Districts give African Americans and other groups of interest a voice in the community.

The current redistricting plans only serves to promote division and blatant racism against African-Americans. THIS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. It took African Americans decades to build this power and it cannot and should not be removed.

The 33rd district is culturally diverse and represents the thread of California and America. Maps should not drawn which support the racist intentions of a few and threaten that diversity, a major strength of the community.

Thank You.

Virgie P. Walker
Dear Sirs,

As residents of Westchester for over 25 years, we 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). Westchester has always shared much more common interests with South Bay Cities and Marina Del Rey than South Central LA regarding LAX, transportation, coastal/environmental issue (Westchester Bluffs, etc...) We share very few common community interests with the rest of District 35.

Thank you,

Eric & Louise Berg
Westchester, CA 90045
Subject: re proposed LA redistrict boundary
From: [Redacted]
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:54:27 -0400 (EDT)
To: [Redacted]
CC: [Redacted]

Members of the Commission
I am a long time resident and voter in Valley Village, CA, a community within the San Fernando Valley portion of the City of Los Angeles, westerly of the 170 freeway and northerly of the 101 freeway. Valley Village was established officially as a unique and distinct district within the City of Los Angeles in the early 1990s when a "Specific Plan" was approved for the community by the City with defined boundaries. Valley Village is recognized as a distinct area by the Post Office, Metro transit, and City of Los Angeles, political entities and maps are published defining the boundaries of the Village.

One objective for the creation of this redistricting Commission was to recognize community boundaries. Once again there is an attempt to keep Valley Village split into various political camps. Please relocate the proposed eastern boundary to the 170 Freeway in order that the Valley Village community will be represented by one congressional district and litigation may be avoided over abuse of the public criteria announced for consideration of boundary changes.

Thank you
Tom Paterson

Valley Village CA 91607
Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

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Thank You.

Virgie P. Walker
I recognize I offer a perspective contrary to what you've heard from the South Bay thus far, but my friends in East and Central Torrance do not have the time or money to fly up to Sacramento and fight for our rights the way the more well-heeled in West Torrance might.

At the Congressional level, your Commission should feel free to split Torrance and know that you will be doing both the halves of the city a tremendous service. As an East Torrance resident this is a decision that makes sense when considered within the actual context of the city's three segments.

- On the East side (east of Crenshaw Blvd) you have more apartment buildings and working class families.
- In the Central side (east of Hawthorne Blvd), you find more of the commercial or industrial aspects of the city...some of which provide the base in which those of us from the east side work.
- On the West side (west of Hawthorne Blvd), you have expensive single family homes and white collar families who work in far-flung places such as the JPL campus off in the LA Mountains. The folks on the West side never slum it in Central or East Torrance despite completely dominating our city's politics.

I hope that as you refine the districts, you consider allowing the portion of Torrance located west of Crenshaw Blvd to orient themselves toward the Beach Cities, while leaving East Torrance in with our peers to the East. Although Torrance residents are connected by our common city boundary, the truth is that we are as much a "tale of two cities" as Long Beach; the East and West sides have very different interests and characteristics...one of which is likely to get muted by the other if we are left together.

Thank you.

Sasha Lina Robinson
We will not accept the reduction of African American voting strength. Mr. & Mrs. Brian Adelstein
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Claudia Zuniga <claudia.zuniga@protectsouthla.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:09:23 -0700
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>

DO NOT redraw the congressional districts!

Ms. Claudia Zuniga, MEd
I will not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress.

Please dont even consider a reduction at all. That is asinine to even consider it.

Regards,

Kevin S Jordan
Teacher
LA Unified
To The Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I do not want a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress.
I want fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially for Congressional district in which I live and do business which are the 33rd, 35th or 37th district! Do not silence my voice by redistricting in an unfair manner. Do not eviscerate African American political power in Los Angeles.

Bridget Turner
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: [Redacted]

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 04:44:48 +0000

To: [Redacted]

I will not accept the diminishment of African American voting rights through redistricting. African American communities have worked long and hard to have a voice and have earned the right to be heard.

-B. Riggins

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: D <**********>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:25:08 -0700
To: *********** <**********>

Do not dilute African American voting power in Los Angeles!

Sent from my iPhone
As a resident of Los Angeles, I am against diminishing the voting rights of our African American voters.

Linda J. Garrett
Dear Redistricting Commission,

According recent report by the LA times, the new boundaries of the 36th District in the South Bay Area looks like a real funny picture drawn by a 2-year old kid.

Instead of keeping the 36th District in the South Bay area, look like you are fixing the district lines to favor special interest groups.

Does it make any sense? What are the reasons for you to draw the lines in this way?
The message that you sent was undeliverable to the following:

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Possibly truncated original message follows:
This is a MIME message. If you are reading this text, you may want to consider changing to a mail reader or gateway that understands how to properly handle MIME multipart messages.

As a small business owner in the Jewelry District of Los Angeles, I have taken great pride in the unity that the Downtown district represents. This new plan to divide Downtown LA is not only a bad business model but it takes away from the success of the business owners who support one another with various methods to promote business relations.

Please allow this email to note that Downtown LA remain as a contiguous area.
Dear Re-Districting Committee,

As a small business owner in the Jewelry District of Los Angeles, I have taken great pride in the unity that the Downtown district represents.
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Georgia <[email]
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:50:41 -0400 (EDT)
To: [email]

Please protect the hard won voting rights of African-Americans in California. We deserve a voice!
i am totally and completely against redistricting that will lower african american voting rights and representation. i urge you to not redraw the districting maps...
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Patrick A Arcadi <[redacted]>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:57:35 -0700
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>

I teach in Los Angeles and this redistricting will not protect the rights and privileges of our African American parents and children.

Sent from my iPad
To Whom it May Concern:

I live in Lakewood, Ca and I would like for the 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts to be preserved. Furthermore, I will not accept a reduction in political representation at any level. This includes the Assembly, the Senate, and/or Congress. If the 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts must be divided, it should be done in such a way that preserves political representation at all levels.

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Brittney Mull
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

From: Sandra Trutt <[redacted]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:57:56 -0700

To: [redacted]

Please rethink the divisions of the 33rd, 35th and the 37th Congressional Districts. The African American community should be kept together to preserve their hard-won voting rights. This goes for State Assembly and Senate levels as well. They deserve to be intact.

Thank you.

Sandra Trutt

LA 90025
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: Ginny Atherton <ginny.atherton@domain.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:28:23 -0700
To: <remove>
CC: Ginny Atherton <ginny.atherton@domain.com>

Please don't destroy this voting community.

Ginny Atherton
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Becca Doten
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 04:59:27 +0000
To: [REDACTED]

From: Becca Doten
Subject: Downtown Los Angeles

Message Body:
Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I am very disturbed to see that in the most recent iteration of the Senate maps that you have distributed, Downtown Los Angeles has been split into two, separating the government center and centers of housing and business from the South Park area, including the Staples Center and LA Live.

As a resident of Downtown Los Angeles and a person who works in DTLA as well (I work only .8 miles from my home), I strongly disagree with the choice to break up Downtown, a thriving, vibrant and growing community of interest. Ask any person who lives and/or works in Downtown LA, and they will tell you that LA Live is as much a part of Downtown as City Hall, the Disney Concert Hall or Little Tokyo.

When reviewing previous maps, it appears to me that the 10 freeway is a natural border for Downtown and I believe it should stay the Southern most border. After the 10, the area moves in to the USC / Figueroa Corridor and South LA, and no longer shares the Downtown community of interest.

Cutting a chunk out of the district - especially one as visible and active as the South Park / LA Live / Staples Center area - is a slap in the face of all the people who have chosen to make Downtown their home over the last decade. There is a strong, distinct sense of community that has risen out of the Downtown population - all people who have chosen to come to an area that has not historically been a population center - and feel very strongly about the new image of Downtown that has emerged - an image of a whole, connected urban core. We are Downtowners - and it would not be fair to split our community. Downtown is newly emerging and has real potential for continued development of business, housing and night life. But we cannot be ensured the strong representation that we need if you take a crucial economic portion of the district and split it off into another district.

I hope in the coming iterations of the maps that you release, you will return Downtown to its rightful place in the maps, as a whole community, not cut into pieces. We deserve to be served by one representative who will have the interest of our community in their hearts.

Many thanks,
Becca Doten

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Proposed Redistricting of the US 33rd District

Message Body:
I've been a resident of the 33rd District for more than ten years, and I sincerely believe that our newly-elected Representative, former Speaker of the CA Assembly, Karen Bass is doing an excellent job in continuing the legacy of former Representative Diane Watson, by representing the interests of ALL of her constituents! I fear that if the District is redrawn, we, the members of the 33rd District, with a largely underrepresented population (within mainstream American society), will lose the chance of ever achieving fair and equal representation. Therefore, I ask that the Commission not redraw the lines for OUR District! Thank you for your consideration!

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Donna Murray <[email protected]>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 06:08:28 +0000
To: [Redacted]

From: Donna Murray <[email protected]>
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:
We cannot accept a reduction in African American political representation. Please help sustain fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Ann McClain Guerra <annmc@doe.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 05:42:52 +0000
To: citycouncil@downey.ca.us

From: Ann McClain Guerra <annmc@doe.com>
Subject: City of Downey Congressional Districts

Message Body:
Please change our boundaries to reflect our true communities of interest for our congressional district. Your maps before July 14th did a lot to honor your goals. The new maps do not make sense and aligns us with Cities that are not our regional partners. Please reconsider going back to your "correct" map from before Juky 14th. The current ones just do not make sense and seem to gerrymander us into Los Angeles and East Los Angeles where our interest and needs are so different. Our communities of interest are to our East and South of us. Thank you.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles
From: Janet Hoffman <janet.hoffman@citizensredistricting.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 06:54:25 +0000
To:(PropertyName)

From: Janet Hoffman <janet.hoffman@citizensredistricting.com>
Subject: Valley Village

Message Body:
The most recent Congressional district map splits the community of Valley Village, cutting off the eastern side by stopping at Colfax Avenue rather than the 170 freeway. Valley Village truly is a community, with a homeowners' association and community events including a 4th of July parade. One of the primary goals of redistricting is to keep communities together, and this new map violates that. Please reverse this change.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Pamela Taylor <pamela.taylor@example.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 04:48:13 +0000
To: citizensredistricting@california.gov

Subject: 30th Congressional District

Message Body:
Please maintain the current boundaries for the 30th Congressional District. Importantly, please include the VA campus as part of our district.

Respectfully,
Pamela and Jeffrey Taylor
20-year residents of the 30th Congressional District

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: General Comment
From: Kathleen Hernandez <kathleen_hernandez@citizensredistricting.com>
Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 05:59:46 +0000
To:  

From: Kathleen Hernandez <kathleen_hernandez@citizensredistricting.com>
Subject: final redistricting maps

Message Body:
I will not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress and I am a white voter. I live in Topanga, CA 90290

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
I object to the re-districting is it disenfranchises African-Americans,

Dan Moran
(11-year LAUSD elementary teacher)
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: ANA CORIA
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:16:09 -0700
To: [Redacted]

REALLY? 2011 AND STILL BATTLING FOR A SEAT AT THE TABLE? NOW MORE THAN EVER AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES NEED TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD. WHY WOULD YOU EVEN CONSIDER REDISTRIBUTING SOUTH L.A.?

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS BAD PLAN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS.

RESPECTFULLY,
A. CORIA
The CRC is supposed to redistrict more fairly, but dividing up these districts in this disjointed manner will enable the disenfranchisement of the minority community. This is discrimination. This is wrong.
Subject: Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community
From: "Margaret N. Turner" <margaret turnout@someemail.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:03:07 -0700
To: 

I am a concerned Los Angeles resident and I stand against the diminishment of African American voting rights.

I'm appalled that this is even an issue...really? WTF?...In 2011 this is happening?

Sincerely,

Margaret Turner
I am writing as I am very concerned about the redistricting proposal to divide the Brentwood community. Those of us who live in South Brentwood are an integral part of Brentwood -- not West Los Angeles. We have worked effectively as a community for many years. Please allow all of Brentwood to remain united in the same district. We also request that the Veterans Administration remain in our district. We have worked closely with them for many years as their partner and neighbor.

Sincerely,

Bette Harris

Los Angeles, CA  90049
Subject: Victory to diversity!
From: "Lily L. Diamond" <[redacted]>
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:26:11 -0700
To: [redacted]

I live in apartment building in East Hollywood (border of Los Feliz) which has American citizens of the following ethnic groups:
   English/French/Scottish/Irish descent
   Armenian
   African-American
   Latino
   Russian

My whole neighborhood is like this with the addition of:
   Thai
   people.

I love diversity, that is why I live here. I myself am "White" and grew up with only "White" people in a very privileged neighborhood in Orange County. I was aware from early childhood that others did not live in the same kind of world I did, and I wanted to join them, rather than exclude them. I have lived in Santa Barbara, New York, London, Paris and Boston and still, I believe in the greatest of Los Angeles.

Our representation needs to reflect this.

Thanks!

Lily

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Lily L. Diamond, MTOM
Green Muse
Inspiring, Creating, Healing & Connecting
We who live in South Brentwood are an integral part of Brentwood...not West LA! Please keep all of Brentwood in the same district!!
Please also keep the VA in our district—we have worked closely with them for years as their partner and neighbor.
Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I live in the 33\textsuperscript{th} district. The Citizens Redistricting Commission members have a responsibility to protect the rights of African Americans and other groups of interest. The maps that you have developed threaten the political power of African Americans in the 33\textsuperscript{rd}, 35\textsuperscript{th} and 37\textsuperscript{th} districts. This elimination of the political power of African Americans will not be accepted. African Americans demand maps which continue to provide a voice while protecting the cultural diversity of the community in which I happily reside. \textit{We cannot and will not accept any plan which results in the reduction in political representation whether in Congress, State Assembly or Senate.}

The 33\textsuperscript{rd} District is culturally diverse. We encourage you to keep it in tact. This action will protect the rights of African Americans and other groups while not siding with the voice of a few who would desire to destroy this diversity.

Thank You.

Lenonda Robinson
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Thank You

Lenonda Robinson
As a resident of Westchester and employee of playa, I would like to request we stay aligned with the south bay cities.

Thank you,

RJ

RJ Kirkland - [Redacted]
I live in 90008. I strongly disagree with any map that destroys African American voting strongholds. We have little say as it is, but we must not be denied fair representation of our interests by dissipating our African American voting districts.

Laura Wiltz
To the CRC:

YOU must work to protect and preserve African American voting rights. I will not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. You must strongly reconsider sustaining fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels. It has taken decades to achieve fair voting districts, especially for our African American residents of Los Angeles.

Equal rights -- equal representation -- means not approving the redrawn district maps.

I hope to hear and read that you, the CRC, has reconsidered your harmful position on the districts 33, 35 and 37.

Marie Altchech
I live in the Hollywood Hills. We LIKE being part of a diverse LA. We do NOT want to be segregated into "white only" enclaves.

This is the beauty of LA! The whole world is here! We can walk to diverse ethnic restaurants, attend festivals that originated on the other side of the globe and live and work in harmony with people or their descendants who also originated thousands of miles away. A hundred years ago our own ancestors were newcomers on this soil, and we cannot ever forget that this country is a nation built by constant waves of immigration.

Mixture, though it may be difficult at times, is actually strength. Separation leads to in-breeding of both people and ideas, and, ultimately, leads to weakness. Keep LA strong!
I am a resident of the Fairfax/Hancock Park area. I note that you have placed part of the Pico/Robertson area in the LAMWS district, and greatly appreciate this, as it makes sense and accurately reflects reality. However, I respectfully assert that the ENTIRE Fairfax/Hancock Park/Pico/Robertson/Beverlywood area should be in the LAMWS district, as these areas are in fact a single integrated community of interest. For example, I regularly conduct business with merchants in the other areas; I regularly attend religious services and study classes in the other areas; my family often dines in restaurants in the other areas; many of my partners and clients reside and conduct their businesses in the other areas; members of my family have attended schools in the other areas; my family makes use of the parks and recreation areas in the other neighborhoods; my home and office are both minutes away from these areas. They truly are a single integrated part of my family’s everyday life. These are just a few examples. Finally, I do not believe placing all these neighborhoods in a single LAMWS district will weaken any other constituency or group. On the contrary, it should strengthen all groups. Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

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July 22, 2011

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am a 10-year resident of Westchester, CA 90045. My husband and I have raised our two young children here, in this wonderful community. The residents here, share everything with the residents of Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista. We attend the same public schools, and have a kinship that definitely blurs the lines between our two communities. We are a family of little beach communities. We are also a family of LAX communities, and we share the protection of the Pacific Division Police of Los Angeles.

It has come to my attention that there are governmental district lines that are being reaccessed, and that Westchester may be pulled apart from our family of beach communities. Please do not let this happen.

It is imperative that we should be districted with our family of Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. We have everything in common with these communities, and we have nothing in common with any of the communities to the East. Our neighborhood is filled with families with professional adults, even some very famous professional athletes, musicians, doctors, lawyers, writers, and movie industry professionals. We are a strong community that cares about each other, and our sister beach communities. A day doesn't go by that I don't share the same roads, shops at the same shops, and drive through Playa del Rey to my workplace in El Segundo. The same can be said for Playa Vista and Marina del Rey. This is our community.

Please keep Westchester, CA in the same governmental district lines with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

I appreciate your consideration,

Thank you,