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Saturday, July 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Commissioners:

Please find attached our comments for proposed Senate District **EVENT**, Assembly District **LAMWS** and Congressional District **WLADT**.

We have serious concerns with Senate District **EVENT** – the current boundaries do not work. Instead, we propose boundary alternatives for **EVENT** that do work and that have the support of the citizens.

The Assembly District **LAMWS** and Congressional District **WLADT** are excellent and we ask for minor but important border tweaking.

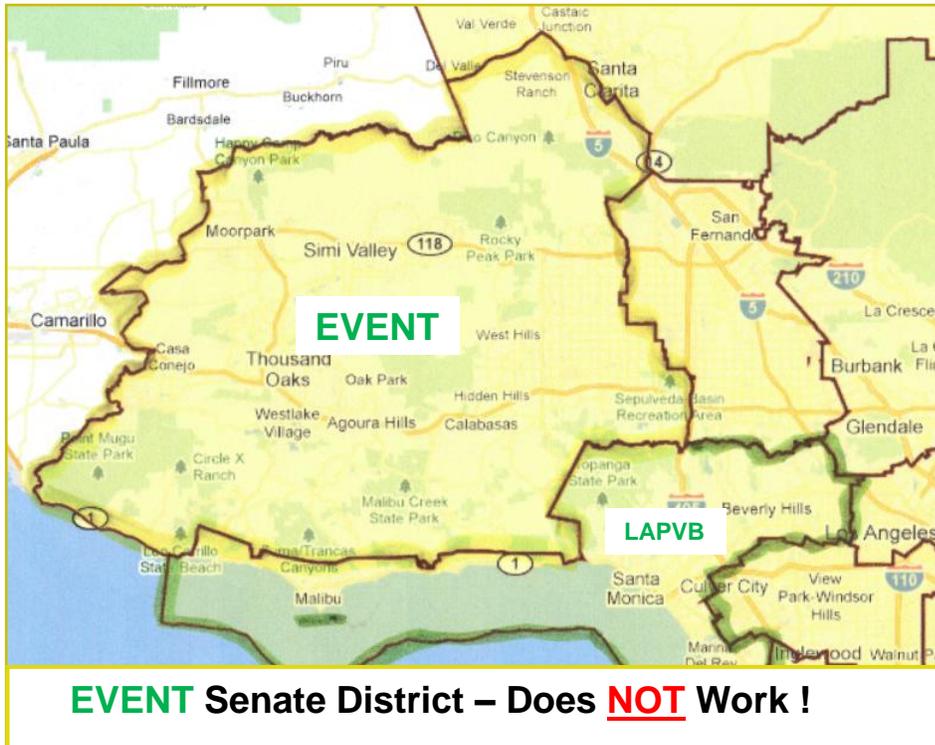
Thank you very much. Your consideration is most graciously appreciated.

Kim Lamorie  
President  
LVHF

## SENATE - PROBLEM

### PROPOSED SENATE DISTRICT **EVENT** DOES **NOT** WORK

These **EVENT** boundaries do **NOT** work in any way as they combine two distinct and completely unrelated areas. *Simi Valley, Moorpark, Santa Clarita* and other communities north of the 118 Freeway are a north INLAND corridor and the **Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal communities** are a south **COASTAL** corridor.



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

gerrymandered north-south line. The Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal areas should not be amalgamated into a Senate District with these northern inland communities because we are adjacent to numerous other neighboring populations **east and west** with whom we share **“all”** of our communities of interest!

We do not share any transportation/commute corridors either – the Santa Monica Mountain/Coastal region has the 405, 101 and the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and the northern *Simi Valley, Moorpark* and *Santa Clarita* areas have the 118,126 and Interstate 5.

These **EVENT** boundaries even split up the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG and the SMMNRA – tearing off Malibu along our coastline and Topanga State Park – leaving the rest of the mountain/coastal communities heading more than 50 miles inland to unrelated areas of *Santa Clarita/Simi Valley/Moorpark* .



## ASSEMBLY LAMWS – Excellent Return COG cities of Calabasas and Hidden Hills to LAMWS

LAMWS is an excellently drawn mountains/coastal Assembly District which recognizes the communities of interest between the mountains and coastal communities, etc.

Please revisit your *original* LAMWS Assembly District map that you drew on July 14<sup>th</sup> that also included the city of **Calabasas** (pop. approx. 23,000) and Hidden Hills (pop. approx. 2,000). Both cities should be returned to the mountain/coastal LAMWS Assembly District - they should not have been taken out in a subsequent drawing and placed in the LAVSF Valley District where they do not belong.

Just looking at the map below, it is an obvious boundary that should be re-drawn. Calabasas is “the gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains” and its communities of interest lie with the mountains/coastal as opposed to the San Fernando Valley. Calabasas and Hidden Hills are also part of the Las Virgenes–Malibu COG – and these Assembly lines split Calabasas and Hidden Hills off from the other members, mountains and coast and thrust them north into the San Fernando Valley that does not work.



LAMWS - Excellent Assembly boundaries that work. Take COG cities of Calabasas and Hidden Hills out of LAVSF and return them to LAMWS.

## CONGRESSIONAL WLADT – Excellent Return COG city of Hidden Hills to WLADT

WLADT is an excellently drawn mountains/coastal Congressional District! Thank you for listening to the citizens, reuniting the COG cities, unincorporated county areas and coastal/mountain communities of the SMMNRA and Westside.

Please **keep these lines intact** and not make any line changes that would split up the SMM/coastal communities. Please also reunite the City of Hidden Hills with WLADT.



**WLADT - Excellent Congressional boundaries that work!**  
Hidden Hills (pop. 2000) should also be placed in WLADT.

The Commission already recognizes the Santa Monica Mountains coastal/mountain communities of interest, understands the east-west pattern, transportation corridors, etc., has met their Redistricting criteria, and, drawn those appropriate and very important boundaries for our Assembly District **LAMWS** and Congressional District **WLADT**.

We respectfully request that you do the same for our Senate District and re-draw the lines of **EVENT**, so they work. Our Senate boundary line alternative, “incorporates Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal region voters with similar interests, thereby ensuring these voices multiply in strength” (in accordance with the criteria established in Commission Guidelines) as opposed to being separated, greatly diminished and/or diluted to insignificance” as they currently stand in the **EVENT** Senate map.

Sincerely,

Kim Lamorie  
President  
LVHF

**Subject:** No support for redistributing plans , 33rd, 35th, 37th districts

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

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 21:11:13 GMT

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please note that equity and fairness will be severely compromised if you redistribute the above-named districts, 33rd, 35th, and 37th districts

Thanks,

Donatus Ukattah

**Subject:** Changes for LAVSQ

**From:** "Bro. Kokayi" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 12:59:33 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

July 22, 2011

Re: Concerns about Assembly District LAVSQ

Dear Citizen Redistricting Commission:

The BCCLA is an independent and social activist organization dedicated to representing, promoting and protecting the economic interests and well being of the Black community. As members of this politically engaged body, we have been following the redistricting process very closely. Our specific interest is to ensure that the African American community maintains strong political representation on the state and national level.

While we recognize the enormous and difficult task facing the Citizen Redistricting Commission (CRC), BCCLA is concerned that the latest visualizations contain an error that must be immediately addressed. After further examination we discovered that the Assembly District titled "LAVSQ" go as far south as Manchester Avenue in the areas between Van Ness and Vermont. Its southern border then goes to 90<sup>th</sup> Street between Vermont and the 110 freeway. From our perspective this is grave mistake that will seriously damage the political participation of African Americans in such a key district.

Some of the most politically active African American residents in this District live below the currently conceived borders of LAVSQ and their absence from this area would constitute disenfranchisement of a vital segment of our community. These residents have lived their entire lives as part of incorporated South Los Angeles in stable communities such as Magnolia Square and West Park Terrace. They are members of South Los Angeles neighborhood organizations (i.e. 108<sup>th</sup> Block Club, Empowerment Congress Southwest Neighborhood Council and Community Coalition) that contribute positively to the City of Los Angeles. Their children go to schools in the area like LaSalle Elementary, Bethune Middle School and Fremont High School. They are constituents of the 8<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles City Council District and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) District 1. In other words, they share resources and institutions with other South Los Angeles residents and have little in common with communities to south such as Compton and Carson.

In order to correct the current visualization of LAVSQ, we recommend the following changes. The west and southern border of this district should go like this:

1.) **As far west as Van Ness/Century**

**2.) Then go east along Century until Normandie**

**3.) On Normandie go south until Imperial Highway**

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to reviewing the next set of maps produced by the CRC.

Sincerely,

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**BCCLA Redistricting Letter July 22 2011.pdf**

**Subject:** California Senate District 34., PLEASE,

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

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:42:19 -0700

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

I am writing to the Redistricting Commissioners with much respect to not break the 34th District. This area is a high immigrant (Latino) working class with many children being English learners. These areas should be kept together under one representative in the State Senate.

I am a community parent volunteer named: Erika Diaz and on behalf of my entire community, we ask to not break the 34th District.

Thank you for your valuable time in this important matter.

Respectfully, E.D.

Sent from my iPhone

**Subject:** Congressional Redistricting

**From:** "Lim, Cheng-Sim" <chett[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 13:30:50 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

I am Asian American and a 15-year resident of Los Feliz, which is currently in Congressional District 33. I am writing to object strenuously to the new visualization maps released by the Commission to attach Los Feliz, which is in Los Angeles, to a Congressional district with the two separate cities of Burbank and Glendale.

My community of interest is within the ethnically and culturally diverse city of Los Angeles, including majority Latino and African American neighborhoods to the south of Los Feliz, such as the mid-City area and Crenshaw/Leimert Park. Diversity defines Los Angeles. My family, like many others in Los Angeles, is racially mixed. Angelenos do not live racially balkanized lives.

Breaking Los Feliz away from where it belongs -- the city of Los Angeles -- and sticking it as a balkanized add-on to the "whiter" cities of Burbank and Glendale is an insult both to the history and reality of Los Angeles as it is lived everyday by Angelenos.

Do not balkanize our Congressional districts by race or class. Respect Los Angeles' diversity. Keep Los Feliz in a Congressional district within Los Angeles.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Cheng-Sim Lim  
Los Angeles



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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 18:47:12 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

CRC I will **not accept** a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Fair political representation is needed at the congressional district, State Assembly and Senate levels.

Winsome Villiers

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

**From:** Alan Kenney <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 19:49:55 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alan Kenney <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles Downtown

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident just west of Downtown, I enjoy my time in the Downtown area, especially to have recently served for jury duty at the Downtown Courthouse.

There are new restaurants and things to do at the LA Live Area and the Staple Center. It is wonderful to see changes and be able to participate in the various activities that make it different from the Westside.

I respectfully ask you to please keep Downtown together in the same district.

The Westside has no commonality with Downtown. I do remember the residents and business leaders fighting hard to create and have something like the LA Live and Staples center built along with the gentrification of the real estate, retail and restaurants.

Please re-consider your decision particularly since the community has garnered great success based on the current Representative, business leaders and community advocates for the last 10 years.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alan Kenney

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

**From:** "Black Community, Clergy and Labor Alliance" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 19:38:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Black Community, Clergy and Labor Alliance <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LAVSQ Change

Message Body:

Black Community, Clergy and Labor Alliance (BCCLA)

July 22, 2011

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**Subject:** Public comment - observation re: Assembly Districts LAPRW and DBRYL

**From:** Eugene Lee <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 14:16:40 -0700

**To:** Voters First Act <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** Daniel Ichinose <[REDACTED]> Joanna Lee <[REDACTED]> Deanna Kitamura  
<[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As we watch the Commission's meeting today, and after seeing the live-streamed visualization of Assembly Districts LAPRW and DBRYL, we respectfully offer the observation that DBRYL appears to be non-contiguous, based on what we can tell.

Specifically, the portion of DBRYL containing Walnut seems not to be connected to the rest of DBRYL that includes Diamond Bar and adjacent areas.

Best regards,  
Eugene Lee

**Eugene Lee**

*Voting Rights Project Director*

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

**From:** Rush Stringfellow <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:27 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Attention Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Please do not divide the 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts and eviscerate African American political power in Los Angeles. A reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress would a crime. Help sustain fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels. Please take it upon yourselves to protect the fair representation of all of our citizens, no matter what their race, color, creed, religion, or sexual orientation may be.

Thank you for your service,  
Rush Stringfellow

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

**From:** Larry Horn <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 19:45:08 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Larry Horn <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

My first question is why are you doing this and my second question who will this benefit? It is a shame that we as African Americans, Blacks, Negroes and Coloreds continue to be viewed less than a man. What is at state is our voting rights that once again they are seeking to silence or minimize the voice that we have. Why as a people do we have to continue to fight for to have an effective voice in our communities. Again, I ask that that you reconsider your plan redraw the districts in California!!!

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

**From:** Vernessie Green-horn <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 19:34:51 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Vernessie Green-horn <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Redrawing of districts

**Message Body:**

I am opposed to the redrawing of districts. As an African American we have fought to secure the voting rights that we have and now to be facing that realignment would diminish the voice that we have. Who would benefit; surely not the African American community? I ask that you reconsider and leave the district lines as they are.

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

**From:** Charles Johnson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 17:15:23 -0700 (PDT)

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

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Los Angeles County, I am asking that you do everything in your power to Protect South LA - Please Don't Divide our Community!

Sincerely,

Charles Johnson

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

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

**Date:** Sun, 24 Jul 2011 00:08:45 GMT

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Los Angeles County, I am asking that you do everything in your power to Protect South LA - Please Don't Divide our Community!

Sincerely,

S. A. Johnson

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

**From:** Annie Hargrove <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 20:47:49 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Annie Hargrove <[REDACTED]>

Subject: The African American Vote

Message Body:

I urge you and your commission to drop your plans for dividing the districts that would up root the gains and voting privileges that African Americans have achieved in this city, state. and country. African Americans have contributed to this country more than any other ethnic group(free slave labor). Please Be respectful and mindful.

Sincerely,

A voter of Los Angeles County

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

**From:** Carmela White <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:25:51 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Do not redistrict. We have problems more important that our leaders need to address.

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

**From:** Peb Conrad <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 23:58:09 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Peb Conrad <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Bay/Torrance

Message Body:

I just watched your proceeding where you cut Torrance in half with your comments on the Japanese area of interest. I'm declared Native American in the last census and you are way off base in splitting Torrance where Japanese and all other Asian nationalities are spread throughout Torrance, especially in the West area. I grew up in Gardena (not Gardenia as one person said) and currenctly Gardena is a very diverse area. Area of interest is a rather loosely termed idea. The South Bay is a more defined concept for area of interest which is approximately South of the 105 Freeway and West of the 110 Freeway. Get your act together about the Southern part of LA County.

Keep working on the maps for the South Bay! I live in West Torrance and WE have nothing in common with Santa Monica, Venice or Beverly Hills (maybe Westchester)!!!!Torrance and Lomita go up on the Palos Verdes Peninsula so you can make at least one Congressional district look like it's not "Gerrrymandered"(200 year old problem but we're not in Massachusetts).

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

**From:** william haines <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 21:26:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: william haines <[REDACTED]>

Subject: el segundo

Message Body:

having lived in and worked in El Segundo, i feel that it really is absurd to not have that city included in the beach cities congressional and assembly districts

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

**From:** Charles Sulahian <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 21:03:29 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Charles Sulahian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Division of Valley Village.

Message Body:

I'm writing to you in strong opposition to plans on redistricting Valley village with new boundaries. Im a business owner ,property owner and I'm a board member on the Valley Village Neighborhood Council.

The new boundaries will negatively redefine our tightly knit neighborhood. Many of our constituents that are also my clients/customers are opposed to this re-mapping of Valley Village.

I urge you to reconsider this action as it will negatively impact the way of life in our vibrant city.

Sincerely,

Charles Sulahian

Valley Village Neighborhood Council.

Board Member.

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

**From:** Alana Yanez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 22:23:34 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alana Yanez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Downtown Los Angeles

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you not to remove LA Live and The Staples Center from Downtown Los Angeles. As a Los Angeles resident that currently works in Downtown Los Angeles, I can testify that these two entertainment campuses are the heart of Downtown. Without them, Downtown would just not be the same.

LA Live and The Staples Center were the beginning of the revitalization of Downtown Los Angeles and if you remove them you would be dividing a community of interest.

The natural borders of Downtown LA are the 110, 5, 101, and 10 Freeways. I ask that you keep the 10 freeway the southernmost border of Downtown Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Alana Yanez

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

**From:** Mindy Owes <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:51 AM

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

To the CRC:

I live in the 35th District and our community will not accept a reduction in political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. We want to protect your political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially your Congressional district. Mindy Owes

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 23:42:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

As a resident of the South Bay Area of Los Angeles, I urge you to preserve our voting district. We need fair representation now more than ever.

Mary View-Schneider

Rancho Palos Verdes

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

**From:** "Michael S. Metcalfe" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 20:46:58 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Michael S. Metcalfe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Communities of common interest

Message Body:

Please keep the West Los Angeles VA campus areas on the north & south sides of Wilshire Blvd. unified with the Brentwood community adjacent on the west, so that these areas remain in a unified District. Thank you for your important work.

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**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Aryeh Cohen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 23:42:20 +0100

**To:** [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Commission,  
As a resident of the 33rd District I am puzzled by rumors that the district will be redrawn along racial lines. This goes against every tenet of representative politics for the past 40 years. As a resident, I strongly feel that my neighbors of all races and ethnicities have the same interests as I do and it is in the interest of the city, the county and state to listen to and preserves multi-ethnic and mutli-racial districts. Diversity is a strength of our community and it is not the task of the redistricting to destroy that diversity.  
Sincerely,

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Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, Ph.D.

**Subject:** URGENT: Proposed South Los Angeles Districts

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 12:34:39 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

The California Black Women's Health Project, the only statewide organization solely devoted to improving the health of California's Black women and girls, is writing to express our deep concern about the proposed new Assembly, Senate and congressional districts for South Los Angeles.

In the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, it is critically important that Black/African-American voting power not be diluted. We urge you to comply with your duties under federal and state law to maintain the voting power of Black/African-American citizens as you work to finalize the new districts. Given the legacy of discrimination against African-Americans, this issue is especially important.

We urge you not to dilute Black/African-American voting power to any degree.

Best regards,

Crystal D. Crawford, Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer  
California Black Women's Health Project

[REDACTED]

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(310) [REDACTED]

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[www.cabwhp.org](http://www.cabwhp.org)

**Subject:** removing Westchester from the beach cities boundaries is wrong

**From:** Rob Franz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:23:36 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Westchester needs to be included in the boundaries with there north and south neighbors. We have MUCH more in common with Playa Vista, Playa Del Rey, El Segundo, Manhattan beach etc., then area's east. The majority of Westchester's community involvement is with these communities.

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Rob

**Subject:** Westchester

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 19:16:45 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

As Common Interests are important, please keep all of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista together in the Beach Cities Region where El Segundo is also placed. The three communities would be the Northern Portion of district #36, Beach Cities with Torrance on the Southern End.

Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista deal with LAX issues along with El Segundo and the Beach Cities.

Thank You

Dianne Landis

6307 Riggs Place

Westchester, Ca. 90045

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting issues

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 17:48:34 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Commission:

I have lived in Brentwood for many years and this area referred to as South Brentwood has always been considered an integral part of Brentwood, not West LA! We have also always been proud to have the VA in our district, where we can influence policies that are, in fact, a benefit to veterans, as the original legacy intended. We in Brentwood and South Brentwood have worked closely with the VA over the years as a partner and neighbor, and we are opposed to any redistricting that would prevent this in the future. No one cares about the VA except it's Brentwood and South Brentwood neighbors, and we would like to ensure that by keeping the VA, South Brentwood and Brentwood together in one logical congressional district, that we are able to continue to work together for the betterment of the community and the betterment of the VA services and facilities.

There are those commercial interests that would like to separate the VA from those citizens who will fight against development of the VA land, and it is perhaps their influence that has resulted in the new Congressional lines that would bring this about.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Axelrod

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Subject:** Redistricting in Los Angeles

**From:** Carol Newton <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 15:59:25 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Redistricting Commission,

I am opposed to any redistricting plan that would diminish the diversity of our current district. As a longtime resident of CD 33, this vital community that embraces people of many races, religions, and cultures has an important role to play in shaping the future of Los Angeles and California.

I am white female, age 71, and my life is enriched by my experiences with my fellow citizens who represent many ethnicities and viewpoints. I have always enjoyed the beautiful racial mix of the 33rd Congressional District. It fully expresses the great miracle and promise of America for all, and fully equal. Now, as California is redistricting to "break up safe districts" in an effort to bring more fairness, others are trying to eliminate nearby communities from their new districts along racial lines. I have heard that "white people do not want to live in the same district as African Americans and Latinos", and that "white people don't want our representatives to be minorities". This does not reflect my values.

The Commission has heard from neighborhoods asking for limits on racial and ethnic mixing. This is totally contrary to the Voting Rights Act, and is illegal, but the Commission may be listening to them because the new law permits communities to ask to be grouped with "communities of interest". Race should not be considered an "interest". Our community of interest is to be a diverse community.

I do not want to be attached to a district including Burbank and/or Glendale. I chose to live in the City of LA, and I want to be represented by a Congressperson in the City of LA.

I am part of a neighborhood group of activists and we have worked closely with Congresswoman Karen Bass. Her leadership on issues for our community has been outstanding. I need to have a voice in our community, and she listens and acts on our behalf.

Our district has represented the diversity of Los Angeles. I like that. That's why I live in the city of Los Angeles.

Please make sure that the spirit of the new law is expressed in actually improving outcomes. We will not be served by diminishing the quality of political discourse or voter participation.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak,  
Carol Newton

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90027-3010  
[REDACTED]



**Subject:** Redistricting for Westchester

**From:** Charles Plehn <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 12:39:39 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To who it may concern,

I am a 22 year resident of Westchester, California.

I am writing to let you know that I feel strongly that the current US congressional boundaries for Westchester included communities that do not share the same community interest as Westchedster.

I believe that we share common interests and concerns that are more closely aligned with the coastal communities west of us (Playa del Rey, Marina del Rey, Venice & Mar Vista), north of us (Playa del Rey) and the south of us (El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach & Redondo Beach)

Our issues are really more related to the issues that concern the communities noted above including the coastal, environmental, transportation & LAX issues . Your support in the effort to redistrict our communities with these like minded communities would be greatly appreciated.

This is in keeping with the Voters FIRST Act that the voters of California passed in 2008.

**Charles R Plehn, MD, FACS**

[REDACTED]  
Westchester, CA 90045-1254  
[REDACTED]

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

**From:** "O'Brien Gary" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:55 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I firmly stand against the voting rights of African Americans! This goes against the US Constitution!!  
Gary O'Brien

**Subject:** Westchester

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

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:43:47 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

It is important to make the distinction between demographics if ethnicity, and real interests that bind our community to those to our immediate west north and south. Nor is this a liberal vs. Conservative thing. Our economic interests are inextricably tied to the bay and airport communities. Just look at our chamber of commerce. It's name and membership prove the point. Absent a properly drawn district line, the values of our businesses, schools and homes are not being leveraged as well as they might. Maxine has ably represented her community. And us, where the interests are in common. But we are entitled to be in a district that looks less like Governor Edmund Perry's salamander and more like the organic community of which Westchester is naturally a part. =====

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**Subject:** Westchester/Inglewood Border

**From:** Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:32:38 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

You can move the area east of the 405 to Centinela on north, La Cienega on east is in WESTCHESTER

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Nilo Michelin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 15:36:46 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

As a member of the Hawthorne Elementary School District School Board, I request that the City of Hawthorne be included with the Beach Cities in the drawing of political districts. Hawthorne is part of the El Camino Community College School District which includes the South Bay. Historically, Hawthorne was part of Rancho Redondo which covered the South Bay area. Hawthorne is also part of the SBWIB, which includes the South Bay. Hawthorne was also involved in the relocation of the LA Air Force base, which is in the South Bay. Hawthorne is part of a community of interest which includes the South Bay. Thank you for your consideration.  
Nilo Michelin

**Subject:** ARCADIA and SAN MARINO Redraw the Lines

**From:** Marie Taylor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:36 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing about the proposed redistricting lines for Arcadia and San Marino.

These two communities should be included with the common "communities of interest" in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains (LASGF). Arcadia with San Marino are being divided and forced to join other cities farther south with which they have nothing in common. This is wrong.

Here the compelling reasons to keep Arcadia and San Marino in the LASGF:

1. Arcadia & San Marino share a common interest with other foothill communities with east-west transportation on the 210 Foothill freeway, public traffic roads, and the construction of the Gold Line Foothill Extension
2. Arcadia & San Marino have intercity contracts and agreements with other foothill communities for law enforcement, fire protection, medical services, and upper watershed management & conservation
3. Arcadia & San Marino have an entirely different socio-economic base, environmental issues, quality of living standards, and contributions to local 'communities of interest' than the cities farther south.
4. Arcadia's & San Marino's unity and strength is in knowing that they're a major foothill neighbor with ties to local cities that share mutual support and co-dependence of the equal flow of resources and employment in the northern vicinity.
5. Arcadia & San Marino are already known for its largely diverse population of ethnic groups which wellmeets the Voting Rights Act standards.

For at least the above reasons, please redraw Arcadia and San Marino to be included in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountain area (LASGF) in the assembly, senate, and congressional districts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Marie Taylor

[REDACTED]  
La Canada, CA 91012

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(See attached Fuller Alternative Maps for Comparison)

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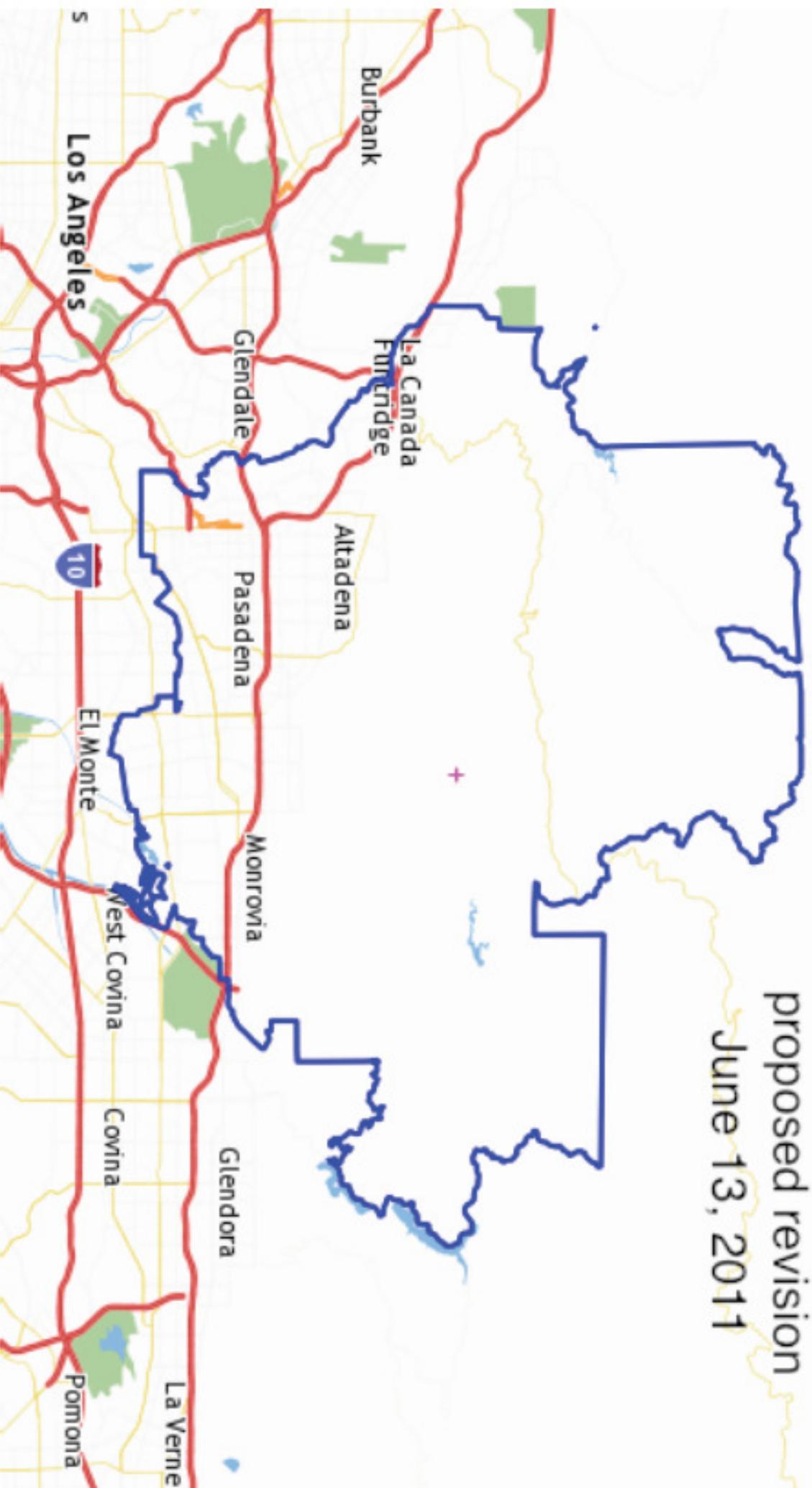
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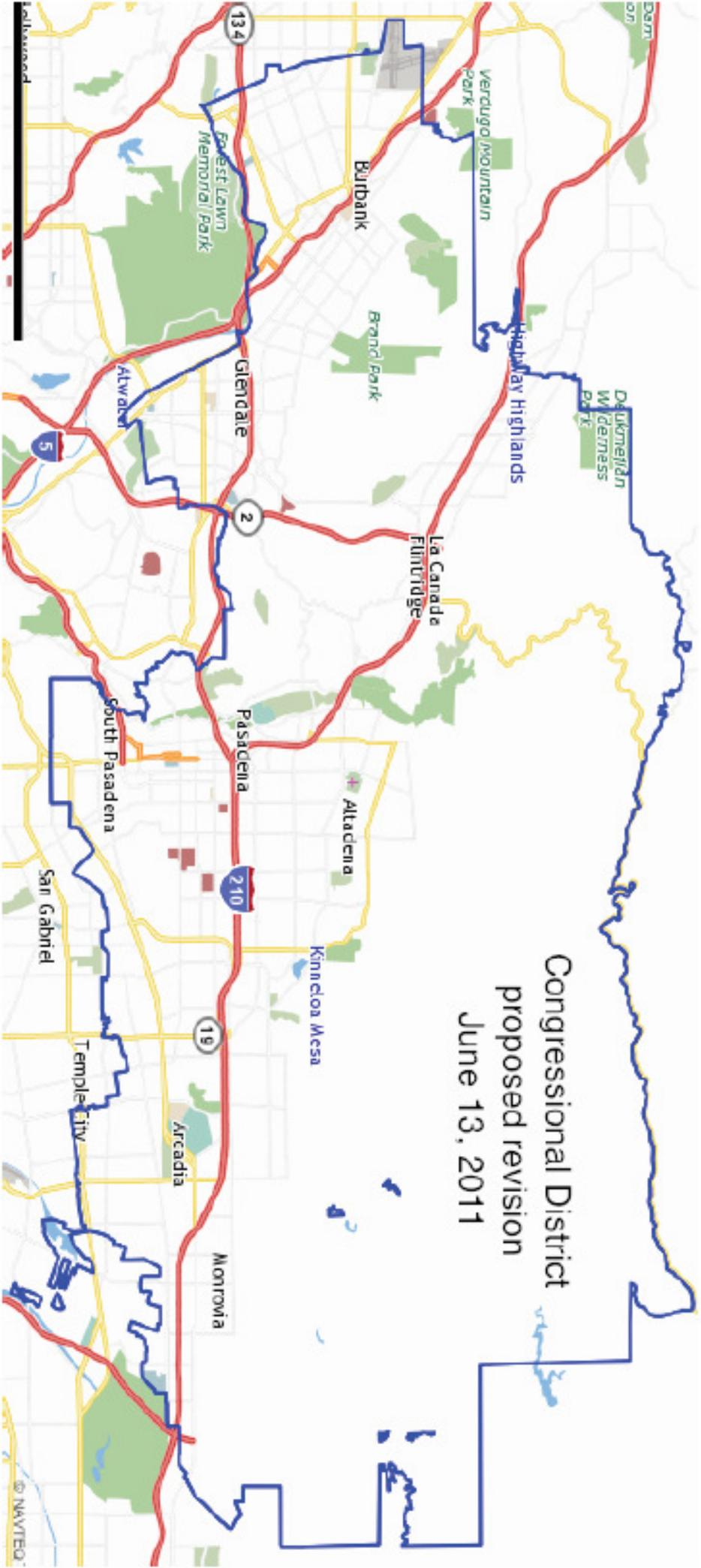
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June 13, 2011



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proposed revision  
June 13, 2011



Congressional District  
proposed revision  
June 13, 2011



**Subject:** LA Congressional recommendation

**From:** Bob Gutierrez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 5:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Comission,

This request is only for the Latino CDs in LA. We did not attempt to redraw the adjacent districts and the unassigned population would be equal to three more Congressional districts.

Instead of 6 Latino CDs in Los Angeles County, we have 7 that are a majority Latino Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP).

We eliminate the Latino packing in the DOWNTOWN CD and we make the COMP CD a majority Latino CVAP district.

If a majority CVAP CD can be created, you must legally create it.

It is very important that the Voting Rights Act followed and that optiins are considered to avoid a challenge

We realize that you may think that we waited to long to submit our plan but we have been waiting for the Commission to unpack the DOWNTOWN CD. This had only recently been done which why we are just responding.

We unpacked the DOWNTOWN district and gathered surplus Latino CVAP population from adjacent districts.

We will be submitting a map for your review this evening.

Thank you,

Bob Gutierrez  
Latino Policy Forum

**Subject:** LAPVB - Westchester

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:23 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Please keep all of Westchester in the LAPVB district. This would respect it's neighborhood council boundaries. There is a point in the Inglewood Denate district.

David Coffin

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles CA 90045

**Subject: LASFG San Gabriel Foothill Mountains**

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:22 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>



Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members:

I would like you to consider changing the boundaries for the proposed new district referred to as the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains (LASFG). The foothill communities of Arcadia and San Marino should and must be an integral part of this district. However, in your proposed district, the foothill communities of Arcadia and San Marino are being divided and forcibly attached to cities to their south---with which they have nothing in common. I went to school in Arcadia and now live in Monrovia. Arcadia and Monrovia have always been sister communities. As a matter of fact at one time there was no Arcadia High School and high school age children from Arcadia went to high school in Monrovia. Also, high school age children from Duarte (another foothill community) also attended high school in Monrovia. At that time---and for many years---the high school was called---Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, High School. That's an example of how close the foothill communities have always been and still are.

Arcadia and San Marino have always been foothill communities.

Arcadia and San Marino have many common interests with other foothill communities that are close to the 210 Freeway.

Arcadia and San Marino have absolutely nothing in common with communities to their south (whom they have been attached to in the proposed boundaries). Those southern cities are not foothill communities. The character of those southern cities were formed by their proximity to the San Bernardino Freeway.

Arcadia and San Marino have a largely diverse population of ethnic groups, which meets requirements of the Voting Rights Act if they should be joined with other foothill communities in the proposed boundaries.

The foothills district only makes sense when the southern boundary of the proposed district becomes the southern borders of the cities of San Marino and Arcadia.

The eastern boundary of the foothills district should not extend as far as Claremont and Upland. Claremont and Upland are part of the Inland Empire and have absolutely no common interests with Arcadia, San Marino, Monrovia or Pasadena.

The foothills district should include communities that have always had a passionate interest in the historical trails, areas of interest, wildlife and natural resources to their north, these cities have always included: Pasadena, Arcadia, San Marino, Monrovia, Duarte, Sierra Madre.

Please redraw the lines and include Arcadia and San Marino in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountain area (LASFG) for the proposed assembly district, the proposed senate district, and the proposed congressional district. That is the only thing that makes any sense.

Thank You

Sincerely

Roland Phillips

[REDACTED]  
Monrovia, CA 91016

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** LOMITA @ Congressional

**From:** Tan Damina <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:42 PM

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

Little had been said about Lomita during your sessions; what has been said did not do us justice with all due respect.

You should know that in the 1950s many of Lomita's adjacent cities, including the cities of Torrance and Rolling Hills, attempted to annex major portions of Lomita's original subdivision. Torrance succeeded and by the early 1960s, only 1.87 square miles of the our original 7 square mile subdivision remained. Torrance has always wanted more but on June 30, 1964, after a couple of unsuccessful attempts, Lomita was incorporated as a city.

I say all this to demonstrate that Lomita's fate is inextricably linked to that of Torrance. We are not in fact a beach city, but a landlocked one. Clearly we would be the proverbial odd man out within the proposed LA beach cities Congressional District, effectively stranded amongst a sea of coastal concerns. Thus we'd like to request the following:

- 1) Join Lomita with WLADT (about 20,256 people).
- 2) Join the entire beach-oriented part of Torrance, West of Hawthorne, to IGWSG (about 19,817 people). Continue adjusting for population in Central Torrance, East of Hawthorne.

Although we've shrunk from its original 7 square miles to a meager 1.87 square miles, Lomita has managed not only to survive, but to mature. Boundary disputes, land divisions, natural disasters, civil wars, world wars, and cold wars, oil booms, stock market busts, and even annexation to surrounding communities couldn't consume little Lomita. Please respect this small but mighty history, and execute this simple swap on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Tan Dimina, on behalf of the Lomita Citizens Advisory Council

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

**From:** Jimmie Gray <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:47 PM

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

I live in the 33rd and feel that any radical changes would destroy a highly diverse district that works well together. In all the districts I believe that keeping groups together in the 37, 35, 36. Is better the way it is or as nearly as possible is better for the people in the districts .  
I need to have equal and fair representation.  
I don't see any reason to change the 33rd CD.  
Jimmie Woods Gray

Sent from my iPhone

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

**From:** Valerie Davidson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:53 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

**From:** Therese Green <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 1:28 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

I opposed the redistricting as much needed services for the community will be lost. As a voting stakeholder ( i.e.homeowner, business owner, and teacher of 26 years) in the 33rd District, I am aware of the problems that may occur as a result of this. Do not redistrict our community!

Sincerely,

Therese Wong Green  
[REDACTED]

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:02 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I Stacia Trimmer strongly oppose the newly proposed redistricting map as it has a devastating impact on African Americans such as myself. Stop this political massacre now. Minorities in inner cities have been hurt significantly by the recession and their voice is in "their" community not a new one that doesn't really represent them. Los Angeles politics has to be a reflection of each community as in Korea Town to South Central to East LA to the Beach City Communities as Malibu. Let's continue to fairly represent the collective voice of thos within  
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**Subject:** Protect South LA - Don't Divide my Community

**From:** Valerie Davidson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:06 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Oppose proposed redistricting. Unfair to African-American community and will set them back what took years to achieve.

Valerie Davidson Mason

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:20 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

The Citizens' Redistricting Committee's redrawing of California's congressional districts will eviscerate the 33rd, 35th, and 37th districts, which hold a politically significant amount of African-American voters. This is unconscionable and untenable. Stop the CRC from doing anything that would, knowingly or unconsciously, weaken African-American voting strength.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue,

Tom Sanchez

[REDACTED]

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

**From:** James flournoy <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:02 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: James flournoy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LACVN- LAPRW etc

Message Body:

The little bulge north from LAPRW  
We have written about this affinity before

Remove all 91770 zipcodes homes from LAPRW and add to LACVN  
There is a big hill and little transportation between unincorporated South San Gabriel and  
Montebello/ East Los Angeles  
whereas  
all roads connect with Rosemead (91770)  
Put them in LACVN  
90640 zipcodes belong to LAPRW for the same reason

On the Puente HILLS landfill  
you had it right for a brief moment  
There is NO AFFINITY with the City of LA Puente which is across a river, a freeway and the  
City of Industry.

the Landfill - which is not closed but is closing  
but is a part of a park and "Habitat authority" with Whittier and La Habra, Rose Hills, Rio  
Hondo college  
So put your line back up at the City of Industry boundary  
The "transfer station" is irrelevant  
With Whittier or Industry- both would want it

What were you thinking on Castaic, Castaic lake and Pyramid Lake area  
They are connected only via the 5 freeway with Castaic Junction/ Newhall/ Santa Clarita  
not with Palmdale/ Lancaster  
you can't get there  
There is a big mountain between them

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

**From:** Sherell Rostad <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:12 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sherell Rostad <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Valley Village zoning

Message Body:

I have two properties in Valley Village between the 170 and Colfax near Colfax Elementary. I have been informed that there are plans to rezone the area and turn our properties addresses into a different congressional district. About 25 years ago, my husband and several of our neighbors were part of the group who petitioned for our area to become Valley Village. We have remained part of the city all of that time and it is part of the appeal of buying property and living in the area. North Hollywood is not our area and we do not want to be lumped in with that city. We choose to be part of the district that our fellow Valley Village residents are part of.

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

**From:** james flournoy <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:17 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: james flournoy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: congressional

Message Body:

The map I'm looking at splits the City of rosemead.

The City of Rosemead and neighboring south San gabriel

Zipcode 91770 has affinity with Monterey Park and El Monte and none with 90640 Montebello and East Los angeles

The Montebello Hills seperate and their are few roads between the two

Move the southern boundary to the Northern Montebello City Limits

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**Subject:** Redistricting of Westchester; Playa Del Rey, South Bay Cities, etc.

**From:** Emily Lee <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:21 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Playa Del Rey, CA, and I am writing to ask that our neighboring Westchester community PLEASE be drawn within the lines of the same district as Playa Del Rey and neighboring South Bay Cities. Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and other South Bay cities share common interests and concerns regarding transportation, LAX, and coastal and environmental issues. In addition, Playa Del Rey and Westchester are neighbors that function together, and our residents attend activities and events within this area and other south bay communities. So not only do we share similar concerns, but we are friends and neighbors who unite in the same causes to affect change for the better in OUR AREA. Westchester should not be aligned with South Central and other communities to its east.

Thank you,

Emily Lee  
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting the San Gabriel Valley

**From:** Lindsey Harnsberger <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:29 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission 1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
DATE: July 23,2011

Re: ARCADIA and SAN MARINO Redraw the Lines

Dear Commission Members:

I and other like-minded citizens agree that the current plan to redraw Arcadia and San Marino with communities farther south pose significant problems. The following letter written by another local citizen describes my position well. Please take our request to heart.

Please redraw Arcadia and San Marino to be included with the common “communities of interest” in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains (LASGF). Even the lines that are currently drawn, Arcadia is gerrymandered between by neighboring cities of Sierra Madre & Monrovia. Instead, Arcadia with San Marino are being divided and forced to join other cities farther south with which we have nothing in common. This is wrong.

- Arcadia & San Marino share a common interest with other foothill communities with east–west transportation on the 210 Foothill freeway, public traffic roads, and the construction of the Gold Line Foothill Extension
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of the equal flow of resources and employment in the northern vicinity.

- Arcadia & San Marino are already known for its largely diverse population of ethnic groups which well- meets the Voting Rights Act standards.

For the above reasons and more, please redraw Arcadia and San Marino to be included in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountain area (LASGF) in the assembly, senate, and congressional districts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Lindsey C. Harnsberger  
Pasadena, CA

**Subject:** Redistricting Westchester

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 5:44 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Committee and Other Interested Parties,  
I've been living in Westchester for over 20 years. As a resident of the Los Angeles community of Westchester, I am writing to request that you recognize the communities of Westchester/Playa del Rey/ Playa vista should be combined in the same congressional district as the South Bay Cities. Please understand that: (1) our community is should remain in the same districts, and (2) we share a multitude of common interests and concerns with the South Bay Cities ( such as transportation issues, LAX issues, and coastal/environmental issues) and should be included with them.

This had been a biggest concern in our community. We do not share much in common with the cities to the east and therefore should not be included in the same congressional district as those cities. Doing this, our community will have opportunities to be heard the community's interests and concerns in timely manner. Thank you for your consideration of and attention this matter.

Sincerely,

Mikki Hunt, Westchester resident for 20 years

**Subject:** Redistricting

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:10 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am a voter in the 33rd District and I want to be represented by a Congressperson from the city of Los Angeles.

Robert E. Balter

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90026

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

**From:** P Bilovsky <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 1:51 AM

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

Sent from my iPad

**Subject:** SGV Congressional

**From:** James Flournoy <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:23 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Congressional districts

Los Angeles

San Gabriel Valley

we have written about this before

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Place the southern boundary of the district at the northern City Limits of Montebello

**Subject:** STATE SENATE DISTRICT NOW NAMED "EVENT"

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 6:02 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your service.

As regards **SD EVENT**: as a 5-decade resident of the Santa Monica Mountains, first in Encino foothills just south of the 101, then for the past almost-40 years in the **unincorporated town of Topanga Canyon which rises above the Santa Monica Bay from Topanga State Beach (managed by the County), crossing PCH north to Route 27, (both state-run "highways") on Topanga Canyon Blvd 9.5 miles to the SMMC's Summit overlook above Woodland Hills**, I feel compelled to point out some grave inconsistencies in trying to marry this region and our surrounding historical neighbors with an entirely different region some 20-30 miles north in an entirely different valley with entirely different mountain ranges, watersheds, and valleys. And no ocean.

Having lived in L.A. County for 50 years, raised a family in the mountains, driven to work, schools, appointments, the beach, recreation,. entertainment, evacuated from threat of fire, I can attest to **the need to respect geography, and hope the commissioners give important attention to this important criteria you set. Geography is destiny, in our region, as well as any other well-defined geographic region.**

**Planning and maintaining our transportation corridor, which at its core encompasses the 101-cross mountain commuter roads Kanan, Malibu Cyn., and Topanga Canyon Blvd, (which carries 20,000 daily from the valley to the sea and back again), the PCH, the 405, demand collaboration among...these activities require collaboration among many stakeholders.** These stakeholders have formed communities of interest like the **PCH Taskforce** (Kuehl) over a decade ago, combining the engineering (**Caltrans, Public Works, Waterworks, Utilities, Sanitation**) with the enforcement (**CHP, Sheriff, LAPD, SMPD --- PCH from the Ventura County line south to the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica includes 4 different traffic enforcement agencies and 5 different segments, with the communities, homeowners, cyclists, businesses who want to keep PCH running and safe, continues to address all manner of issues including the messaging that needs to go up on the 101 all the way into Ventura County when there are closures on cross-mountain roads, and PCH due to accidents, road-work, or emergencies, which is another example of the connectivity between the seashore and the mountains all the way to the 101 and those areas of the SFV that need and depend upon this transportation corridor on a daily basis.**

I can assure you that no such warnings are going out to Santa Clarita what is going on at PCH, and vice versa. That is because **the Simi Valley/Santa Clarita region have an entirely different geography and thus transportation corridors. The 126-118-5 corridor defines this part of the EVENT map. By combining these two distinct transportation corridors into one Senate District, I fear you are actually diluting the ability of citizens of both ends of this ill-configured EVENT to organize, work**

**with their government leaders, agencies, and citizens to solve problems in their very real "communities of interest". As a citizen, I do not a SD that will have to compete against each other for already scarce-enough resources.**

Also, the idea of **cutting Topanga State Park out of Topanga is ludicrous** and I've heard the 50-year old volunteer organization of Topanga State Park Docents are shocked. The Trippett Ranch family considered themselves "Topangans", the main entrance to the park is in Topanga, in fact t he majority of the entrances are in Topanga, the lines you have drawn are misleading as most of the park is in the Topanga Canyon Watershed, emptying at Topanga State Beach. The Lower Topanga State Park, acquired back in the late 1990's, completed an uninterrupted 9-mile stretch along Topanga's eastern length.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the EVENT lines. **I urge you to put back the contiguous areas of the Topanga Creek Coastal Watershed (the 3rd largest in the Santa Monica Mountain/Bay Watersheds), which would include Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Santa Monica. In fact, at one point it looks like you've got a little bit of sand that keeps Malibu and Santa Monica "connected", at Topanga State Beach which is in the unincorporated area of the County. The County line is actually at Coastline and PCH, so this is really very confusing; you can't call something a "coastal district" and leave out the coastal mountains and communities like Topanga that bring the sand to the beach! The Malibu Creek Watershed starts that process up in Thousand Oaks and West Hills.**

**No to current EVENT map.** Bring back all Santa Monica Mountain/Bay Watersheds into one district, lose the Simi Valley and Santa Clarita to the north. Not a drop of water that falls on those Simi Hills or the Santa Clarita Valley goes to the Santa Monica Bay. jThe Santa Monica Bay is fed by the Malibu Creek Watershed and sub watersheds north, by the Topanga Creek Watershed, the Temescal and Santa Monica Canyon Watersheds; we collaborate on the State Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, these areas are individually represented, none of them are called the South Bay. The South Bay is recognized as its own distinct part of the bay/watershed as a whole on the Bay Commis sion.

Sincerely,

Arthur H. Nissman

  
Topanga, CA 90290

**Subject:** West Adams assets

**From:** E Teasley <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:02 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

Don't need the whole area. Just to LaSalle to capture FAME and GSM might be what Commissioner Parvenu is looking for.

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Erica Teasley Linnick, Esq.

Coordinator

African American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC)

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Los Angeles CA 90044

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**Subject:** WLADT - Westchester placed in uncompetitive Inglewood Congressional District

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

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:03:26 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Because members of the redistricting committee can't possibly know every geographical area and what ties them together, public comment is important absolutely important. Particularly to understand what are justifiable community interests and what are merely political interests.

The task of the Re-districting committee is to create fair, competitive districts with an effort to honor common community bonds, characteristics, and interests. The current West Los Angeles Congressional district fails to do that because it takes Westchester out of its natural coastal communion with other beach communities to the South of it and places it in an uncompetitive Inglewood Congressional district. See map below:

Westchester is a coastal beach community with common characteristics with communities to the south of it. These shared characteristics include K-12 educational concerns, household education, shopping centers, household income, childrens activities, entertainment, traffic, jobs (aerospace and beach tourism), limiting airport expansion, concerns on the coastal environment.

The proposed maps such as above badly fails the test of competitive districts because it places Westchester back in the historically uncompetitive Inglewood congressional. The map 'looks' like gerrymandering in both the Westchester area where the coastal area is squeezed down to the width of the beach, and the Torrance area to the south.

**Test:** A) Would a resident of Westchester have any chance of winning a congressional seat in this district or B) would Westchester residents have any chance of having a candidate that represents them win a congressional seat?

Answer: No. The Inglewood/South Los Angeles geographical area would continue to dominate elections and place it's own representatives political establishment. This is an ongoing historical fact.

**Recommendation 1:** The Westward 'Bulge' beginning at Marine Ave should be eliminated so that Westchester could go back to WLADT. Instead the north/south line at Inglewood Ave should instead continue north to the 105 freeway, turn west t the 405 freeway and then follow the 405 freeway north. (To add population back to IGWSG expand the lower south east boundary toward Carson.)

**Recommendation 2:** Use the lines drawn in first draft. These lines did a better job at respecting the cohesiveness of the Beach communities.

David Coffin

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

# **DO NOT DO THIS**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2011 5:58 PM  
**To:** Stokes, Steven  
**Subject:** FW: VALLEY VILLAGE CONGRESSIONAL MAP

F. Go Idberg  
Valley Village

We have only one more week to voice our concern regarding the proposed congressional map boundary - so please e-mail or fax today!

Thank you!

## **VALLEY VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

As you might know, the California Citizen's Commission is redrawing legislative boundaries in California ([www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov)). The first map that was distributed was very "good" for Valley Village, and we were able to give our support to the map as presented.

***Earlier this week a SECONO map was released. If you look closely at the map, where the red arrow is, it moves a very small part of Valley Village into a separate congressional district. This is VERY disturbing. We want the map redrawn and 170 Freeway to be the south boundary, NOT Colfax Avenue.***

We only have a few days to get our point across. THIS MAP BECOMES PERMANENT BY AUGUST 1. PLEASE HELP US CALL IN OUR CONCERN.

Here are three things we need you to do:

**1. Go to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov) and send an email that says:**

**SUBJECT: PLEASE CHANGE THE LATEST CONGRESSIONAL MAP BOUNDARY WHICH DIVIDES THE COMMUNITY OF VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA.**

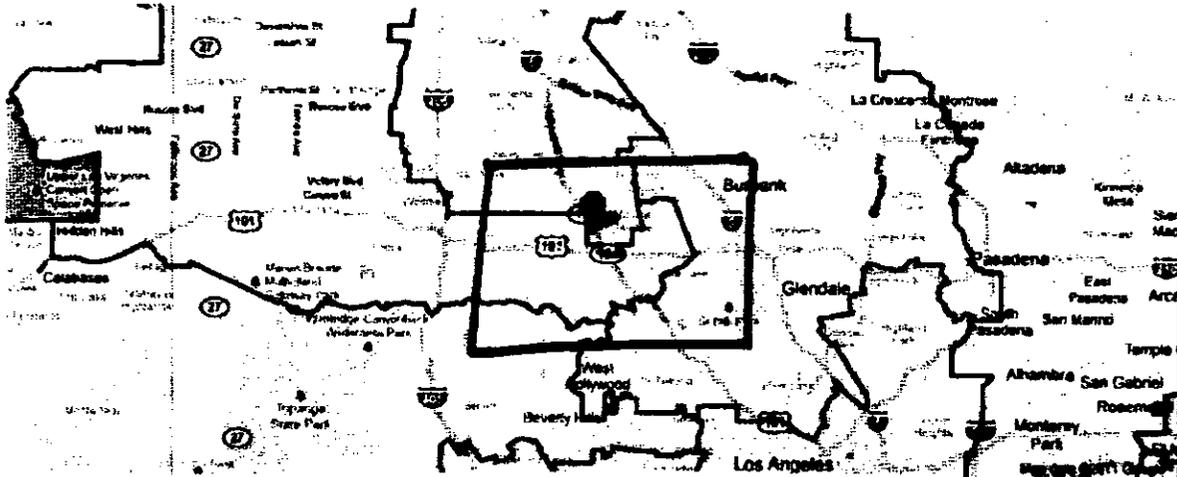
**COMMENT: I live in Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. I am very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district.**

**2. Also FAX this message along with the map on the back of this page to The Citizens Redistricting Commission (916) 651-5711**

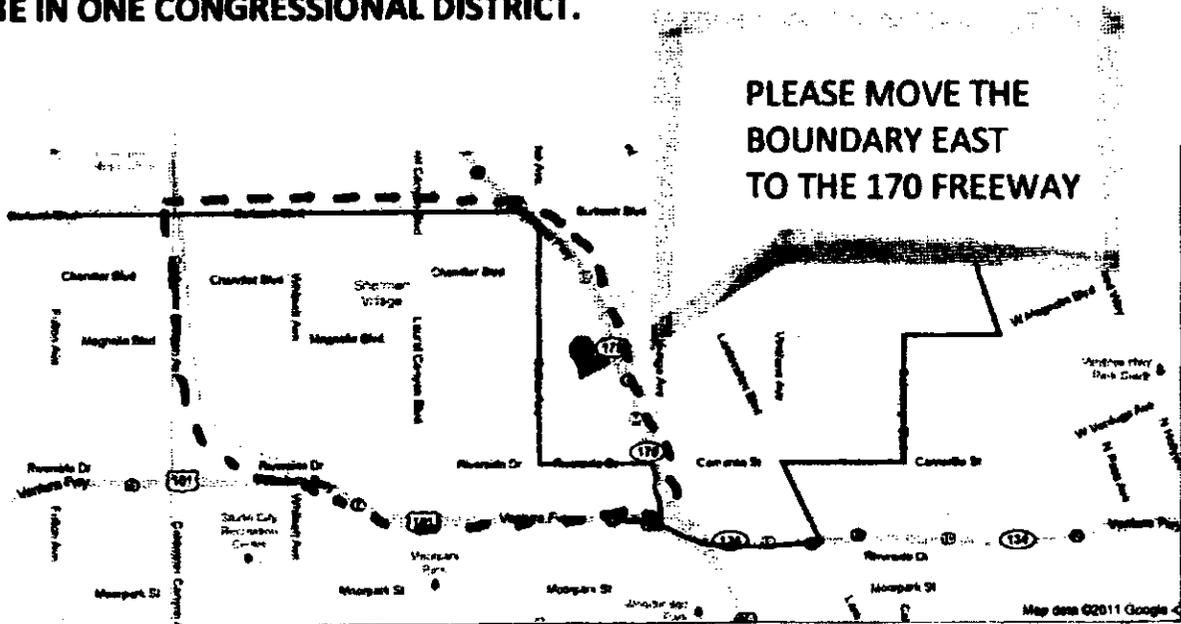
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# KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE CALIFORNIA TOGETHER

The current draft of the map divides the 25,000 persons in Valley Village California into two congressional districts. **WE OPPOSE THE MAP AS PRESENTED BECAUSE IT DIVIDES OUR VALLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY INTO TWO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.**



**IF YOU MOVE THE BOUNDARY LINE TO THE 170 FREEWAY, IT TRACKS ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF VALLEY VILLAGE AND ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS WILL BE IN ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.**



**WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU REDRAW THE SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY OF THIS DISTRICT TO KEEP VALLEY VILLAGE IN ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

- - - - DENOTES CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF VALLEY VILLAGE

REGION 4: LOS  
ANGELES

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

July 23, 2011

re: July 20<sup>th</sup> letter to the Commission from the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments

Dear Commissioners,

In my April 30<sup>th</sup> testimony to the Commission I emphasized the importance of the Commission not splitting up the public agencies that make up the Las Virgenes area of the Santa Monica Mountains. Yet that is exactly what has been done. Why?

- The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD), which encompasses four of our cities has been divided among the "LAVSF," "EVENT," and "LAMWS" Assembly Districts and among the "SFVWC," "EVENT," and "WLADT" Congressional districts.
- The Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD), which encompasses four of our cities. has also been divided among the "LAVSF," "EVENT," and "LAMWS" Assembly Districts and the "SFVWC," "EVENT," and "WLADT" Congressional Districts.
- The Las Virgenes- Malibu Council of Governments (M/LV COG)—which represents our five local cities has sent the Commission a letter from its Executive Director, dated July 20<sup>th</sup> protesting the way redistricting has divided up the "COG" into the "LAVSF," "LAMWS," and "EVENT" (Ventura County) Assembly Districts, the "LAPVB" and "EVENT" Senate Districts, and the "SFVWC," "EVENT" (Ventura County), and "WLADT" Congressional Districts.
- How does the Commission expect Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and Malibu—the cities of the "COG" - to join together to represent their interests with a single voice in Washington or Sacramento when the Commission has scattered their representatives among an average of three different legislative and congressional districts?
- This is a clear case of dividing up a "Distinct Community of Interest," to the detriment of its component cities and public agencies, which have been made less able to speak and act with one voice on critical issues affecting their citizens.
- It is within the Commission's power to correct this situation by placing all member cities of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments in the same Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts.

  
David M. Brown, [REDACTED] Calabasas, 91302

## REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

July 22, 2011

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

Dear Commission,

As a resident of the City of Long Beach, I am writing to request that you strongly consider drafting a Congressional District map that allows for more than one U.S. Representative to serve our city. Long Beach has a long history of being an ethnically diverse, multi-cultural city, and I know that our community will continue to be better served by having more than one representative in Washington. Long Beach has a rich cultural composition that should be reflected in our city's representation so all residents feel a part of the democratic process.

Additionally, I ask that you consider the fact that Long Beach is a large city with a mix of business, industry, academic institutions, and more. Currently, the city enjoys three members of Congress to address our needs and they have produced positive results for the many constituencies that comprise the city. These several Members of Congress sit on various committees that would be impossible for only one representative to manage. Each of our current three members of congress have developed expertise and an understanding of issues that greatly affect our communities. For this reason, it is extremely valuable to the city and its residents to keep more than one person working on our behalf.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my position. I look forward to following the Commission's progress.

Sincerely,

Alma C. Allen  
ALMA C. ALLEN

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90803

**Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal**

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Dear Commissioners:

Per \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

**Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank**

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

**Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges - The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor - Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment**

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting proposal be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

**Kagel Canyon** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; **Lake View Terrace** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; **Shadow Hills** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; **La Tuna Canyon** - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; **Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge** - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); **Glendale and Burbank** - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business

***These communities have commonalities and Interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District.***

I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Catherine Cameron*

Signature

*Catherine Cameron*

[Redacted Address]

Street *Sunland, CA 91040*

City [Redacted]

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

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Thank you for your hard work and diligence in drafting the new boundaries for our Congressional, Board of Equalization, Senate and Assembly Districts. My name is Floyd Livingston. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach Community.

I support your current visualizations that place all of North Long Beach into the same Congressional and Senate Districts as neighboring Carson, Rancho Dominguez and Compton. However, your recent visualizations propose a map that divides North Long Beach into three separate Assembly Districts.

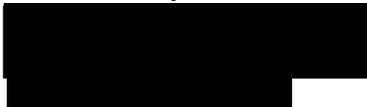
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This will ensure that North Long Beach residents have appropriate representation and are connected to similar communities of interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd Livingston



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Thank you for your hard work and diligence in drafting the new boundaries for our Congressional, Board of Equalization, Senate and Assembly Districts. My name is Al Austin. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach Community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Al Austin



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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Linda Wilson. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach community.

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Sincerely yours,

Linda Wilson



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Sincerely yours,

Juan Zermeno



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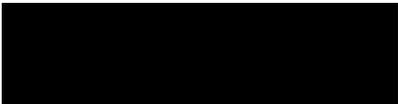
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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Viki Ornelas. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach community.

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Viki Ornelas

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

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Sincerely yours,

Doris Felix

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Leo Gomez. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach community.

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Sincerely yours,

Leo Gomez



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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Reginald Hughes. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach community.

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Sincerely yours,

Reginald Hughes



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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your hard work and diligence in drafting the new boundaries for our Congressional, Board of Equalization, Senate and Assembly Districts. My name is Tresalyn King. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach Community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Tresalyn King



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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Nancy Castellanos. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach community.

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Sincerely yours,

Nancy Castellanos



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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to this extremely challenging effort to redistrict our state. My name is Anna Soto and I am resident of North Long Beach.

The city of Long Beach has many communities of interests which have forged long standing relationships over time. This has been as a result of residents knowing their elected representatives in the different levels of government, operating with confidence in their familiarity with that official.

These relationships along with the relationships of synergy amongst the neighborhoods would be disseminated if the city of Long Beach was re-districted to have multiple Assembly districts for one city.

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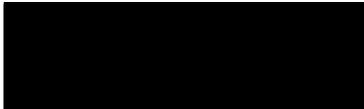
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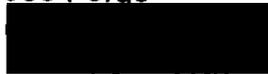
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Sincerely yours,

Joe Forge



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Sincerely yours,

Floyd Cecil Livingston  
[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90805

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Daysha Austin



Long Beach, CA 90807

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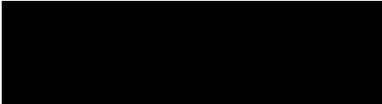
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Charles Snyder

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Long Beach, CA 90805

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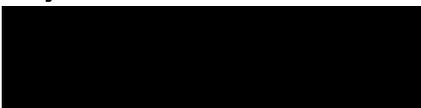
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Sincerely yours,

Bryan Davis



Long Beach, CA 90805

**Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal**

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Dear Commissioners:

Per \_\_\_\_\_

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I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Hicks  
Signature

Margaret A. Hicks  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street

Tujunga, CA 91042  
City and Zip Code

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Phone

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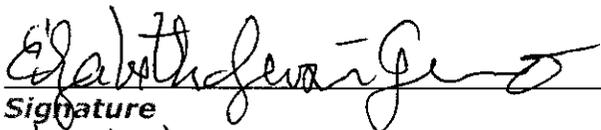
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Sincerely,

  
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Signature

Elizabeth Jenson-Germara  
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Shadow hills 91040  
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City and Zip Code

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Jenifer Harris. I am writing you on behalf of my particular community of interest, the North Long Beach community.

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Sincerely yours,

Jenifer Harris



Long Beach, CA 90802

Est. Hottel road

Sunland, CA 91040-2388

July 18, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P St. Suite 154A

Sacramento, CA 95814

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Members of Commission:

I live in Sunland (just west of Tujunga) which is at the far western end of the Crescenta Valley.

Though often listed as the N.E. San Fernando Valley for some political purposes notably to indicate it lies within the city limits of Los Angeles, it is geographically distinct, lying between the San Fernando Valley and the San Gabriel Valley and known sometimes as the Balcony of Los Angeles.

We are situated due north of Burbank and fall within its sphere of influence.

We shop there and attend movies there. Sometimes we attend a movie theater in La Canada/Flintbridge to our east.

We are not oriented to the San Fernando Valley, and our population is not predominantly Hispanic as is the East San Fernando Valley area which

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you propose to include us in  
with your recently <sup>discussed</sup> proposed  
California Congressional District.  
(also State Assembly and State senate districts?)  
I feel strongly that this districting  
would not serve our interests.

Our community lies at the foothills  
of the San Gabriel Mts as do the communities  
of La Crescenta, N. Glendale Arroyo and  
Unincorporated Eastern half of <sup>and Granada</sup> La Canada  
Elitridge. This region ends at  
Devils Gate Dam / Western Pasadena Arroyo area  
and can be seen as distinct when flying  
over it in a plane. The curves in a  
crescent - hence the Crescenta Valley name.

It would be more appropriate to  
include us in the Burbank / Glendale area  
(La Crescenta is in the sphere of influence of  
Glendale)

The community to Sunland's west -  
Shadow Hills is also part of the geography,  
as we are (with the other communities)  
north of the Verdugo Hills.

We should be included with our  
appropriate cities.

Sincerely,  
Eric Hathaway

*Jesse B. Johnson, Jr.  
4243 Victoria Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90008*

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JUL 25 2011

Per \_\_\_\_\_

July 22, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners,

As a former public servant (City of Long Beach Diversity and Economic Opportunity Officer) and current community leader I am submitting this letter to you with great concern of dissolution of boundaries and representation that I have come accustomed to and enjoy. My state and local council representation serves our community as a whole with the current diversity in mind and keeps us abreast of which issues and concerns we should get involved with and assist their constituents with many resources and information.

My interest in keeping our African American representation of our current seats that currently consist of two senators, three congressional seats, and four assembly seats. The unity map would represent the African American community at large as it is drawn currently.

I would also like to have the area of the 33<sup>rd</sup> District as it was prior to the establishment of the commission for the redrawing of the lines to include Hollywood, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake back as contiguous sites connected to Los Angeles for purposes of inclusivity and diversity to maintain well deserved and needed resources.

Again, please consider my suggestions in your final redistricting decisions.

Sincerely,



Jesse B. Johnson, Jr.  
Former City of Long Beach Diversity & Economic Opportunity Officer  
[REDACTED]  
Long Beach Branch NAACP, Vice President

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 5:11 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Empowerment of African American voters is important to me. Please be sure any changes to districts in South Los Angeles do not undo what years of voter work have achieved!

Donna Buell, teacher; resident of Hawthorne, CA



# Santa Monica Malibu Schools

July 21, 2011

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

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JUL 25 2011

Per \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

As Superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and at the direction of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education (SMMUSD), I write to you to express our opposition to the July 14 visualization for the redistricting of the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu. Our school district, substantially comprised of these two non-adjacent cities, would be negatively impacted by this redistricting vision; it would hamper our abilities to continue the excellent working relationship between the two cities we serve and jeopardize our achievement success and our educational objectives for the students in both locales.

Our district of over 11,500 students has a rich history of collaboration between our communities that has created a stellar public education for the students of Santa Monica and Malibu. A united voice and vision has been an integral part of our success and an ongoing strong relationship between the two is vital to continuing to improve student achievement and educational experiences. Your proposal would diminish that unity and create unnecessary barriers as we collaborate to have a single voice representing the students of Santa Monica and Malibu, both within the community and at the State level. Your proposal would be detrimental to the education of our students by building blocks and not bridges between our communities.

The SMMUSD's seven-member Board of Education is elected at-large by the citizens of both cities. Citizens of our entire District also vote on local measures such as parcel taxes and bonds and we have been extremely successful in these efforts. Dividing the district into separate Senate Districts will create unnecessary confusion for the voters and potential division that will result in reduced support of the students of SMMUSD.

One of the purposes of the Citizens Redistricting Commission is to respect geographic integrity and community interests. The proposed Senate district does neither and will, in fact, divide a united community and create unnecessary governing obstacles that could dramatically impact the education of our children.

In addition to the abovementioned points, we wish to echo the reasoning set forth so thoughtfully in the July 15, 2011, letter to the Commission from Richard Bloom, Mayor of the City of Santa Monica.

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District**

Board of Education: Ben Allen • Oscar de la Torre • José Escarce • Maria Leon Vazquez • Laune Lieberman • Ralph Mechur • Nimish Patel  
Sandra Lyon, Superintendent

We strongly urge you to craft a revised redistricting plan that includes the entire Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and which includes the cities of both Santa Monica and Malibu in their entirety, in the same State Senate District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Lyon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sandra Lyon  
Superintendent  
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

CC: SMMUSD Board of Education  
Senator Fran Pavley, 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District  
Assemblymember Julia Brownley, 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District



PAT FUREY  
COUNCILMAN

# CITY OF TORRANCE

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JUL 25 2011

Per \_\_\_\_\_

July 19, 2011

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

Dear Commission Members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Pat Furey  
Councilman, City of Torrance

PF:maw

cc: Mayor Scotto  
Council Members  
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

Sabrina Sanders / [REDACTED] Long Beach, CA / 90805

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your hard work and diligence in drafting the new boundaries for our Congressional, Board of Equalization, Senate and Assembly Districts. My name is Sabrina Sanders and I am a resident of Long Beach, California, specifically the North Long Beach Community

I support your current visualizations that place all of North Long Beach into the same Congressional and Senate Districts as neighboring Carson, Rancho Dominguez and Compton. However, your recent visualizations propose a map that divides North Long Beach into three separate Assembly Districts.

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Additionally, I have lived in Imperial Valley, San Diego community and Santa Ana, California. Long Beach is the most diverse and complex community that I have ever known. Breaking up the community will prove detrimental to the goals and objectives of meeting the needs of the community. When you look at the diverse needs related to the socio-economic/poverty issues affecting our community, the rate of asthma and lung cancer due to pollution at the port, the educational goals of the Long Beach Promise, bringing together Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University in developing a pipeline right into higher education for all Long Beach students. These are issues that a representative not specific to the community will not be able to advocate for. I am available to answer any other specific questions as it relates to any of these issues, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Thank you,



Sabrina Sanders, Resident of City of Long Beach

Employee, Long Beach City College

District Captain, 9<sup>th</sup> District –City Councilmember Steve Neal

Studio City, CA 91607  
July 17, 2011

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JUL 25 2011

Per \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you. I hope my letter is in time for your consideration.

According to your June 10 maps, Studio City has been split between two Senate districts (LASCV and LADNT). I really would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors.

Studio City has nothing in common with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman) nor with the LADNT district (downtown and southern communities). Our community of interest is the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and also the communities along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains.

I commute back and forth over the mountains all the time especially using the mountain roads like Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon and Sepulveda. I never go to Santa Clarita or Valencia and have not done so in 20 years. I do go to Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Valley Village, Sherman Oaks, Encino, etc. every week. These communities are linked together in so many ways that they belong together. It makes no sense to artificially tie us to communities further north or all the way downtown.

Please make Studio City one Senate district and nest the two proposed Assembly districts (Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mountains and Westside-Santa Monica) in this Senate district.

Thank you for your consideration. Please keep Studio City whole!  
All the best,



Ron Vacchina  
[Redacted]

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JUL 25 2011

Per \_\_\_\_\_

July 20, 2011

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

Dear Sirs,

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I do not support the status quo.

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

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

Sincerely,



LEO F. COFINCO

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Cerritos, CA. 90703

July 20, 2011

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Sacramento, CA. 95814

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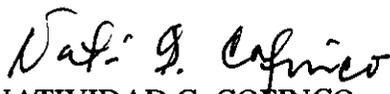
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Cerritos, CA. 90703

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

**From:** Keith Jewett [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 6:04 AM

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

Do not diminish the voting power of African Americans through redistricting.  
Sincerely, Keith Jewett [REDACTED] Lane Valencia, CA 91355

Sent from my iPhone

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

**From:** Meteka Patterson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 6:25 AM

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I was recently made aware of your plan to redistrict voting communities such as South Los Angeles which would greatly diminish voting power among African Americans. I am writing at this time to urge you not to do so as this action would undermine our nation's democratic ideas and promises of equality as actions speak louder than words. Please do not weaken the voice of African Americans in my community!

Respectfully,  
Meteka Bullard

Sent from my iPhone

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:00 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC):

I am a UTLA Member who fully supports the protection and preservation of African American voting rights. Therefore, I do "not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially in Congressional districts 33, 35, and 37 must continue. I am a concerned Los Angeles resident who stands against the diminishment of African American voting rights."

Thank you!

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

**From:** Tonya Boyd <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:10 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please do not change the current district lines so that African American voters are slighted.



FRANK SCOTTO  
MAYOR

CITY OF  
TORRANCE

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

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On June 27, 2011, the City of Torrance sent you a letter expressing strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance in the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional district. As noted in the previous letter, parts of the city of Torrance have a Redondo Beach zip code of 90277. Although they have a Redondo Beach zip code, these areas are a part of the Torrance community and as such, receive vital services from the City of Torrance.

As Mayor of the City of Torrance, I urge you once again to re-evaluate the proposed redistricting map that splits the city of Torrance. It is imperative for the City and for the Congressional district that the City of Torrance remains contiguous and cohesive. Through the years, the City as a whole has been served well by a single Congressional (36<sup>th</sup>) and Senate district. With the entire City served by a single district, our entire community members have benefitted from consistent messages about issues affecting our entire city. The harmony, stability and quality of life our residents currently experience are vital to the continued success of the City of Torrance, thereby, the South Bay region given Torrance's significance in the area. Splitting Torrance as part of the redistricting efforts could put our community at odds with one another on certain issues. Consequently, I respectfully urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to seriously consider this input; redistricting changes would adversely impact our community.

While we do understand the needs for and the challenges you face with redistricting efforts, we urge you to consider our concerns and proceed cautiously in your efforts for reasons stated. The City of Torrance would be served best by one voice. The Assembly redistricting map is an example of keeping the city cohesive. I would like to recommend that the Assembly redistricting map be used in the redistricting of the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and Senate district.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto  
Mayor

/maw

cc: City Council Members  
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager



**Patrick O'Donnell**  
City of Long Beach  
Councilmember Fourth District

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July 19, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

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

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

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

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

Best regards,

Patrick O'Donnell  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

**Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal**

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Dear Commissioners:

Per \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

**Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank**

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

**Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges - The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor - Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment**

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting proposal be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

**Kagel Canyon** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; **Lake View Terrace** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; **Shadow Hills** - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; **La Tuna Canyon** - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; **Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge** - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); **Glendale and Burbank** - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business

***These communities have commonalities and interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District.***

I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Gerard Orban*

Signature

*Gerard Orban*

Print Name

Street

*Sunland CA 91040*

City and Zip Code

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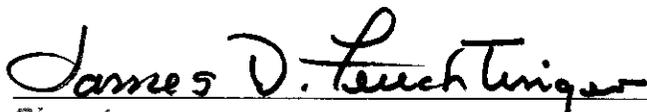
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Signature

JAMES D. FEUCHTINGER

Print Name

Street

SUNLAND, CA. 91040

City and Zip Code

Phone

**Subject:** Arcadia Ignored?

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 6:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

Subject: REDRAW ARCADIA LEGISLATIVE LINES into LASGF

Dear Commission members:

Why are the legislative lines not being redrawn for Arcadia? Know that many citizen residents have written to the commission, but that it seems to fall on deaf ears. Even our city council has sent a letter to your attention. Virtually, all the LASGF Foothill communities have had their lines redrawn, except Arcadia. It appears that there is a prejudice or bias against our foothill city by this commission. Is there? Still have faith in the commission to conduct itself with transparency, integrity, and fairness.

According to the California Constitution,

"A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

(Cal. Const., Art. 21, Sec. 2 (d)(4).)

The maps so far developed by the Commission are in violation of this section. It should be noted that "community of interest" is defined in terms of geographical interests. The foothill community of towns have common interests not shared by the cities further south which those maps have placed in the same district.

It should be noted that race and ethnicity are not part of the definition of a "community of interest." Hopefully, we live in an color-blind society where race and ethnicity are merely natural facets of an individual (along side such aspects as gender, age, size, talents, intellect, health, gregariousness, intellectual interests, hobbies, backgrounds, vocations, handicaps, etc.)

To make such vistas into "communities" assume that all individuals in such categories are unthinking robots with the same mentality, views, needs and preferences. That would be wrong. It would also be a divisive regression towards primitive tribal segregation. Its "logic" would need to extend districts globally across state and national boundaries.

Furthermore, most people are a mixture of various ethnic stocks & diversities. Each individual citizen (regardless of racial or ethnic background) has a right to the equal protection of the laws. No such category can be allowed to favor one person over another. Yesterday's "majority" is today's "minority." We are all Americans first and foremost, one person one vote.

### **RESOLUTION**

Please redraw Arcadia to be included with the common "communities of interest" in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains (LASGF). The way the lines are currently drawn, Arcadia is gerrymandered by her neighboring cities (especially Sierra Madre and Monrovia). Even in a diverse society, Arcadia is being divided and forced to join other cities with which we have nothing in common either economically or sociologically. This is wrong and needs to be changed.

Please pull up, visit, and compare the following 3 maps for a more balanced deviation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/ R.W. Thee

  
Arcadia, CA 91007

The following are the Brian Fuller Alternative Map overlays with population details:

My assembly map with the CRC Visualization map in the background

<http://tinyurl.com/3onhlje>

My congressional map with the CRC Visualization map in the background

<http://tinyurl.com/3ztyunh>

My senate map with the CRC Visualization map in the background

<http://tinyurl.com/3zxkm3n>

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

**From:** LINDA MOORE <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:19 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear CRC CA:

This effort to manipulate voter power by race is appalling. Clearly this is the mindset behind these redistricting efforts and it is outrageous. Please immediately abandoned this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. C. Moore

PS For the record, I am a middle age white female teacher

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

**From:** Andrew Terranova <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:26 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

As a citizen who is concerned with the future of fair, democratic representation in Los Angeles, I am writing to you today to urge you not to divide the 33rd, 35th, and 37th districts.

thank you,

Andrew Terranova

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:44 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I'm totally against this. Please avoid the passing of it.

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

**From:** Ricki Averbach <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:45 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am opposed to the diminishment of African American voting rights. A concerned citizen. Ricki Averbach

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:47 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

We stand against the diminishing of African American voter rights.

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:55 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hello,

I live in South Los Angeles, 90047, in the 8th Councilmatic District.

I am writing to ask that you not alter our districts any further in a way that might further reduce our political representation in the Assembly, Senate, or Congress. More than ever, we need politicians who reflect and represent our best interests. We will not stand for anything less!

Thank You,

Angela D Herbs

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:10 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

WILL NOT ACCEPT REDUCTION IN REPRESENTATION AT ANY LEVEL  
LOSING A VOICE IS A VERY SERIOUS CHANGE AND I CERTAINLY DONT WANT IT  
THANKS LEVONE

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

**From:** Tim Jones [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:16 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern.

The 33rd Congressional District is rapidly become a unified and cohesive multicultural neighborhood again. This is due in large part to the leadership of Congresswoman Karen Bass. Changing the dynamics now may undue what many years of dialogue and learning to trust one another has accomplished.

Trust, respect and community cannot be regulated nor designated. It happens over time as people come to know one another and appreciate and celebrate our cultural differences. Changing this now is not in the best interest of our community.

Timothy Jones, Voter

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90008

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

**From:** Andre Morris <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:25 AM

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

Please protect our voting rights!

Andre K Morris

Sent from my iPhone

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:59 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I will **not accept** a reduction in African American political representation at any level.

Elgin Scott

**Subject:** CHIRLA input testimony

**From:** Horacio Arroyo <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:08 AM

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

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

Dear commission, attached you'll find CHIRLA's testimony for the final round of public comment as you consider the last version of our district lines.

if you have any questions, please let us know.

— Attachments: —

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# COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES

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July 23, 2011

## **RE: Comment for Final Redistricting Draft Maps**

Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the over 120 member organizations that make up The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), a non-profit multiethnic coalition of organizations and individuals founded in 1986 to advance the civil and human rights of immigrants and refugees in Los Angeles, we would like to ask the Redistricting commission to respect communities of interest in South Los Angeles. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to give feedback and commend your ongoing effort to redraw our state and congressional district lines.

Our coalition allies and members agree that one of the best ways to strengthen community relations in South L.A. with both Immigrant and African American communities is to preserve district lines that keep communities together and don't dilute the community influence of both of these communities or pit them against in other in order to preserve coastal preferences. We strongly support the priority consideration of the crucial Voting Rights Act where, under Section 2, we believe that both South L.A. communities deserve the opportunity to be given the opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.

We believe that your commission should consider both opportunity districts and communities of interest for both African Americans and Latinos in South L.A. We believe that under the recommendations of the African American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC), the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MADEF), and National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Education Fund, all of whom have submitted public comment, there is room both communities of interest to benefit from your redistricting process.

We again, commend for your ongoing work to provide our communities with districts that offer fair representation and opportunities to all our immigrant families and our neighbors. Thank you for accepting this public comment and consideration of our community concerns as well as our recommendations.

Please contact me at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED] to let me know about your availability or if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Horacio Arroyo', written over a white background.

Horacio Arroyo  
Director of Community Education and Civic Engagement

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:07 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I urge you to ensure that in the redistricting process is fair, so that African Americans continue to have a representative voice .

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:17 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please make sure to create the appropriate boundaries in the South LA voting district to make sure that the voices and votes of African Americans are included, participatory and have an opportunity for inclusion in the political process with authentic voices!

Protect South LA!

Sincerely,

Patricia Giggans

Executive Director

Peace Over Violence

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:18 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please protect the voting rights of African Americans, and don't divide the community.

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:29 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** "'Geri Kenyon'" <[REDACTED]>

To the Redistricting Commission:

The African American community has worked for decades to obtain fair representation, as an entity with specific characteristics and critically important needs that are separate and distinct from the broader community. Please do not destroy the ability of this community to continue to marshal organized representation within our governmental structure as seen in your current restructuring plan. To do otherwise is to deliberately still unique and necessary voices within our diverse democracy. You must see that African Americans continue to have specific representation at all levels of government – local, state and national.

Geri Kenyon  
Topanga, CA 90290

**Subject:** Protect voting Rights for South LA and other communities of color

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:08 AM

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

1) Do NOT eviscerate African-American voting rights, or Latino voting rights, by chopping up current districts in ways that disempower whole communities! You WILL have multiple Voting Rights lawsuits on your hands if you do!!!! We will not stand for disenfranchisement!!!! My family and our friends and neighbors are particularly concerned, as responsible members of our communities, about South L.A. as well as other communities in our city of Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles, including the Eastside and parts of the San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley. Pay attention!

2) And while you're at it, I hope that you have abandoned your ludicrous plan for a "foothill" district stretching all the way from Eagle Rock and Pasadena into Kern County! That would chop up so many different communities of interest, and include so many disparate fragments wholly unrelated to each other, that it would be more like a bag of confetti than a voting district. For goodness' sake, fix that too! Thank you in advance for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

Anne Zerrien-Lee, public school teacher and community activist

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles CA 90042

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Protect

**From:** Richard S Munoz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 5:45 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern:



I want to protect the voting rights of the African american.

Deborah A.Munoz

**Subject:** Protect

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 6:29 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am writing to let you know that it is **not acceptable** to make a reduction in the African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Please help sustain fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, and especially our Congressional district if you live in the 33rd, 35th and 37th district.

thank you

Laurie Armer

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Protect

**From:** SHARON DAVIS <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:13 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear CRC

I will **not accept** a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Please sustain fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially my Congressional district. I live in the 33rd congressional district.

Sharon Davis

**Subject:** protecton of African American Voting Rights

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 1:15 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

July 22, 2011

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am opposed of redistricting the 33rd, 35th or the 37th Districts. To do so would diminish African American Voting Rights. It took many years of dedication and hard work to build the voting strength and power of the African American "VOTE". If you divide these Districts, I, as well as the communities at large, will perceive such division as a "Jim Crow", prejudicial act, Specifically to discriminate against the African American Community at Large.

Therefore, I strongly request that you do not destroy the voting power of the African American Community by dividing the 33<sup>rd</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and the 37<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Mrs. Vaishie Ratzinger  
Concerned Citizen

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

**From:** "Daniel V. Henrickson" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:08 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Daniel V. Henrickson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Promote compact districts

Message Body:

I choose to live in a diverse, urban area in Los Angeles, 90034. I'm better served sharing a district with my nearest neighbors, regardless of differences in ethnicity, race, income, etc.

One of the earlier drawings had me at the edge of a congressional district including beach cities, canyon communities and towns in the San Fernando Valley with which I have little in common!

Please promote districts like ours where we're all either in one of two cities (instead of several) and are geographically compact.

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**Subject:** Congressional redistricting

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:08 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

The Redistricting Commission needs to go back and start over. The objective of redistricting is to provide fair representation for everyone.

1. Harbor Area of Los Angeles: San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, and the southern part of Harbor Gateway are part of the city of Los Angeles. They share the common interest of the Los Angeles Harbor. We are separated from the city of Long Beach by a river, the Alameda corridor rail lines, and by psychology. Throwing Wilmington into a district with Long Beach to provide a safe, "rich people's" district to the west is gerrymandering of the worst sort.

2. Further north, the lines seem to have been drawn to reduce representation for African Americans.

Let's go back to redistricting by elected officials who can be held accountable. People didn't vote for the commission to make things worse.

Mary Stewart

[REDACTED]  
Wilmington, CA 90744

[REDACTED]  
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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

**From:** "Carl H. Winton" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:11 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carl H. Winton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting 33, 35, 37

Message Body:

Do not do it.

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

**From:** "Mrs. Vaishie Ratzinger" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:47 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mrs. Vaishie Ratzinger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Protection of African American Voting Rights

Message Body:

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

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at Large. Therefore, I strongly request

that you do not destroy the voting power of the African American Community by dividing the 33rd, 35th, and the 37th Congressional Districts.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. Mrs. Vaishie Ratzinger, Citizen

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

**From:** Mercy Van Delft [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 1:57 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mercy Van Delft <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Preserve Minority Voting Rights

Message Body:

I strongly disapprove of the proposed division of the 33rd, 35th, and 37th congressional districts, which seems calculated to divide and dilute the voice of the African-American community.

Although the "literacy tests" and other blatantly discriminatory practices that prompted passage of the 1965 Voting Act may be gone, they have been replaced by more subtle schemes. That the minority vote remains under attack is well-documented by repeated Congressional investigations prior to reauthorizing the act (most recently in 2006).

This past March, the Illinois State Voting Rights Act of 2011 was signed by the governor. The act followed the federal investigation, and reverses a redistricting that was very similar to what is proposed for the 33rd, 35th and 37th districts.

At a minimum, we can learn from Illinois, and spare ourselves years of litigation, with its cost in dollars, energy, and strife, by drawing fair districts, compliant with federal law, that protect all our citizens.

Or maybe we can do a little more, and be an example of inclusion and celebration of the many people and cultures that enrich and define our city. To deprive any group of its voice is not only unjust to the those suppressed, it is an offense to the whole.

Given the likely outcome of this division of the voting bloc, I can not and do not support it.

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

**From:** Yasmin Dixon <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 6:41 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Yasmin Dixon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting 33, 35, 37th Congressional Districts

Message Body:

Please be advised that any attempts to diminish/dilute the voting strength of African American voters by redrawing district lines in the 33rd, 35th and 37th congressional district are unacceptable. The People have spoken.

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

**From:** Lola Smallwood Cuevas <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:39 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lola Smallwood Cuevas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: comments on impact to African American Voting Power

Message Body:

Inadale Block Club

July 22, 2011

Re: Concerns about Assembly District LAVSQ

Dear Citizen Redistricting Commission:

The Inadale Block Club is a neighborhood watch and care organization representing more than 65 families. As a community committed to building community and preserving the quality of our neighborhoods, promoting and protecting the economic interests and well being of the Black community, we recognize the enormous and difficult task facing the Citizen Redistricting Commission (CRC).

Inadale Block Club is concerned that the latest visualizations contain an error that must be immediately addressed. After further examination we discovered that the Assembly District titled "LAVSQ" go as far south as Manchester Avenue in the areas between Van Ness and Vermont. Its southern border then goes to 90th Street between Vermont and the 110 freeway. From our perspective this is grave mistake that will seriously damage the political participation of African Americans in such a key district.

Some of the most politically active African American residents in this District live below the currently conceived borders of LAVSQ and their absence from this area would constitute disenfranchisement of our community's voice. These residents have lived their entire lives as part of incorporated South Los Angeles in stable communities such as Magnolia Square and West Park Terrace. They are members of South Los Angeles neighborhood organizations (i.e. 108th Block Club, Empowerment Congress Southwest Neighborhood Council and Community Coalition) that contribute positively to the City of Los Angeles. Their children go to schools in the area like LaSalle Elementary, Bethune Middle School and Fremont High School. They are constituents of the 8th Los Angeles City Council District and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) District 1. In other words, they share resources and institutions with other South Los Angeles residents and have little in common with communities to sou!

th such as Compton and Carson.

In order to correct the current visualization of LAVSQ, we recommend the following changes. The west and southern border of this district should go like this:

- 1.) As far west as Van Ness/Century
- 2.) Then go east along Century until Normandie
- 3.) On Normandie go south until Imperial Highway
- 4.) From Normandie/Imperial Highway go east until the 110 Freeway

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to reviewing the next set of maps produced by the CRC.

Sincerely,  
Lola Smallwood Cuevas  
Vice President  
Inadale Block Club

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Re: Redistricting 2011

**From:** "Yongho Kim (KRC)" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 4:45 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** "DJ (KRC)" <[REDACTED]> "Shawn Kim (KRC)" <[REDACTED]>

July 23, 2011

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Executive Director  
Korean Resource Center



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Los Angeles, CA 90019

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Korean Resource Center

**Subject:** redistricting of the 33 rd C.D.

**From:** Joyce Brody <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:25 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Re: The 33rd Congressional District lines.

I liked your first drawing of the lines much more than this new one. I like the connection to diverse ethnicities, that s what L.A. is all about . I live in Los Feliz and should be connected to Silverlake / hollywood / Echo park / Downtown / Mt Washinton and south to Pico or even lower south.

Why in the world would you put us with two other cities, Burbank and Glendale ? I thought you were supposed to put cities together. What in the world happened to create this strange district ?

I know you have a very hard job and thanks for trying , but better to go back to your original drawing,

Appreciatively,

Joyce Brody

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, ca 90027

**Subject:** Redistricting RE: Westchester/Playa del Rey

**From:** "Marjorie A. Bates" <margiebates@att.net>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:29 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission,

A governmental district should encompass a group of communities with common concerns and goals. As residents of Westchester, my husband and I ask the commission to recognized the commonality between our community (i.e., Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista ) and the neighboring South Bay cities. We urge you to draw district lines accordingly. These coastal communities have much in common and are all deeply concerned about crucial issues that affect our coastal region. These concerns include the future plans for LAX, further development of public transit as well as roadways, environmental issues such as the health of our bay, coastline and wetlands among other things.

Communities should share representation with other communities with which they share the same needs, views and goals, and not with other communities with which they have less in common. Please do the right thing and draw district lines that are reasonable and realistic.

Thank you,

Marjorie Ann Bates

**Subject:** Redistricting Westchester - urgent

**From:** Beata Dickens <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 1:05 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear District Law Makers,

I live in Westchester and being here every day and bringing my 2 kids to Westchester schools, I'm urging you to help our district Westchester to be aligned to ShouthBay Cities/

Westchester has been so mislabeled and mistreated due to not being considered part of " Inglewood and its vicinity.

Community in Westchester and in Playa del Rey or Playa Vista has many common interests and common needs plus,

Westchester is such a nice, community area, and family oriented district that I find it absolutely unfair to compare us to the districts with NO common interest and concerns.

Active resident of Westchester, CA

Beata Dickens

[REDACTED]

Westchester, CA 90045

Ph. [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re-Districting

**From:** "Melzer, Sara" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 1:26 AM

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

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

Dear Members of the Re-districting Commission:

I have been a resident of South Brentwood for 20 years and have taken a great interest in the VA hospital. I am distressed to learn of the proposal to separate South Brentwood from the rest of our neighborhood. We are all one community. It would cause great damage if one of our integral parts were severed from our body. Please do not re-district our community since it goes against the best interests of the community itself.

Sincerely,

Sara E. Melzer

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Subject:** CRC Re-Districting Decision

**From:** smchndlr [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:01 AM

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

Dear CRC:

Please do not dilute the African American vote with the-districting scheme you are considering. Many, through our history, have died to simply be allowed to place a vote. Please allow this right to continue to be exercised.

The final bastion of freedom is a secure vote. Voices of minorities can only be heard when they speak together.

Yours, Stuart M. Chandler  
West Los Angeles, 90066

**Subject:** Testimony from a Concerned Citizen: Keep Our Lines and Our Voice

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 5:03 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Geraldine Lawrence  
3537 Clarington Avenue #19  
Los Angeles, CA 90034

July 22, 2011

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

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

After seeing the latest congressional maps and the threats they pose to communities of interest, I am deeply concerned and confused. I do not understand why lines have been drawn that thins the voice of people who contribute and continue to contribute so greatly to this country. My community deserves better than this, which is why we ask you redraw the maps to right what has been wronged in your recent drafts.

I live in a diverse working and middle class communality the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. I am strongly connected to where I live and feel and affinity to the people in my district. It is very upsetting to find that new lines now take away our ability to elect candidates of choice, threatening to leave my community voiceless.

We all know the stakes of redistricting. It is one of the most powerful tools used to empower communities, and has the ability to do just the opposite when done incorrectly. I write to you in hopes that you heed the words of so many and that your new maps reflect support of communities of interest. I speak specifically about the following communities: Palms, West Adams, Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, Culver City, Crenshaw, Jefferson Park, Hyde Park, View Park, Leimart Park, Windsor Hills, Playa Vista, and Pico-Robertson. I entreat you to please keep our lines the same so that we may keep our voice.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Geraldine Lawrence

**Subject:** the South Bay Cit

**From:** Ann Madden <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:15 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please recognize the following:

My community is Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista area. This is the City of Los Angeles! This area is well connected with the South Bay area and should remain as such. We share common interests with the other South Bay Areas. Please allow us to flourish as contiguous neighbors.

I have been a residence of Westchester for the last 58 years plus. Please allow us to with common interest to be represented as one. Our community interest with those cities to the east of us have limited (very limited) common interest.

Thank you.

Ann Madden

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Subject:** African American voting rights

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:18 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

As a white person, it continues to amaze me how afraid so many of the "white" people are of losing what they consider they divine right to be in power. As they see this power diminish they turn to more and more corrupt though legal means of lessening the power of the people they are afraid of, ie, the black population.

As a concerned VOTER, I ask you the CRC to leave the Congressional Districts alone.

Elizabeth Bradbury

36th District

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:12 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I strongly urge the commission to protect and preserve African American voting rights in California. I will not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level of our government (State Assembly, State Senate, or Congress). Do not divide the 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts in an illogical manner that will harm African American political power in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,  
Janet Ho

**Subject:** Comment on 7/21/11 Redist. Com. meeting and proposed counsel

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:16 AM

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

7/23/11 9:25 a.m. PDT

Re: comment on choice of counsel for defending redistricting and possible conflicts of interest  
Mr. Wilcox:

My understanding is that several of the major law firms in LA represent political parties, political action committees, politicians and others with potential and actual conflicts.

Have you asked the two firms, Gibson, Dunn and Forester, if they are presently or have in the last five years represented any political parties, state Republican or Democratic party committees or their officials, California politicians or California government entities that may have an interest in redistricting or if any of their counsel have participated in giving advice about redistricting? Have you asked them to do a "conflicts check" of caseloads and clients over the last 5-10 years?

One time I found one law firm representing the City of LA Police Commission, the LA Co. Sheriff and the Chief of Police for the City of LA on a hot topic that they were all at odds about.

Regards,

JOAN LAVINE in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles, Ca. 90004

In a message dated 7/22/2011 9:13:34 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, [REDACTED] writes:

Press Release  
July 22, 2011

For Immediate Release  
Contact: Rob Wilcox  
Communications Director  
[REDACTED]

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

# Citizens Redistricting Commission

## *Meeting Summary for July 21*

Sacramento, CA (July 22, 2011) --

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission held a business meeting yesterday with the following activities:

- Heard public comment from over 40 speakers.
- Received an opinion from the Commission's Chief Legal Counsel on the issue of a 14 day period of public review of maps released by the Commission as stated in the Voters First Act. The Commission let stand its previous plan to release preliminary final district maps on July 29th and have a public review period until it votes to adopt and certify the maps on August 15th.
- Commissioners Blanco and Forbes, who have delegated authority to recommend legal counsel to the Commission for possible post final map litigation, reported on their interviews of five law firms. The Commissioners recommended to the full Commission that both the firms of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher and Morrison and Forrester be retained as Co-Counsel. The Commission will hear from and question representatives from the two

firms during its meetings today and Saturday. A third law firm may still be considered by the Commission.

- Will continue to take public comment to inform the maps through July 23rd, via e-mail at [REDACTED] and by fax at [REDACTED]. Any comments received after July 23rd will no longer be able to impact the maps, as the Commission's line-drawing phase will have formally closed, but will still be reviewed and posted.
- Began a discussion it will continue in its meetings today and Saturday on the issue of State Senate district numbering and deferral issues.
- Discussed post August 15th issues such as future Commission activities, frequency of meetings and long-term staffing and will consider these issues in more detail in its meetings next week.

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**Subject:** DO NOT DIVIDE VALLEY VILLAGE INTO TWO DISTRICTS

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:29 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Valley Village is a wonderful place to live. It makes no sense to divide our wonderful community into two districts. We take pride in the neighborhood. I personally have been here 31 years and own one of the houses, a very famous one featured in a page and a half story in the New York Times just last month, in the section that would be separated from the rest of the district if the new division lines take hold. Please reconsider your decision to split us into two districts. It's really not fair to those of us in the East portion of it who have been so much a part of the community.

Thank you,  
Allee Willis

**Subject:** Fw: Keep downtown as one

**From:** Sarkis Nourian <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:52 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** Sarkis Nourian <[REDACTED]>

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Keep downtown as one

**Sent:** Sat, Jul 23, 2011 5:11:38 AM

We, Downtown jewelers and business owners for over twenty years are against splitting downtown into two district.

We need to be representing in the same district by one assembly member and senator, we have nothing in common with culver city or Baldwin hills.

Downtown needs to remains a whole protected by one elected official.

On behalf of Armenian jewelers Association who have majority of downtown businesses as members we strongly believe to remain as one.

As the CEO of Oro Diamanté and the GM of Gerge and AJA active board.

thank you Sarkis Nourian

**Subject:** I live in Los Feliz-please keep us in CD 33

**From:** Lyn Goldfarb <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:25 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I am a long term resident of Los Feliz in CD 33 and I chose to live in Los Angeles because it is a city which reflects my values and dreams, nurtures my creativity and community involvement, and shapes who I am as a person. The core value that I treasure is the diversity of the city.

I am a 61 year old white, Jewish woman with friends and colleagues of many different races, ethnicities and ages. My son, who is at UC Berkeley, graduated from John Marshall High School-a Los Angeles public high school with an extremely diverse student body. Our children are growing up in a world where race and ethnicity unite rather than divide them. It is what makes him a better person and makes all of us well informed and active citizens. It is our diverse community which makes this possible.

I love being part of CD 33. I am part of a leadership council which reflects the rainbow of diversity of our city. Our Congresswoman Karen Bass is a coalition builder and represents all of us well. I know that I have a voice in our community.

Our district represents the diversity of Los Angeles. I like that. That is why I moved to Los Feliz. That's why I live in the city of Los Angeles.

I am asking the Redistricting Commission not to divide us according to race and class. Please preserve the 33<sup>rd</sup>. We have worked hard to make it a district that reflects and represents all of us.

I am also asking the Redistricting Commission not to put Los Feliz and Silverlake in the same district as Burbank and Glendale. Our community interest is the City of Los Angeles, not the independent cities north of the 5 Freeway. We have nothing in common with them.

My community of interest -the places I shop, the restaurants I eat at, the events I attend, the political activities I engage in —are in Hollywood, downtown, midtown, Leimert Park and Culver City. My friends live in the city of Los Angeles. My neighborhood and community is in the city of Los Angeles.

I am proud to live and work in Los Angeles. Please do not take my city and my community away from me.

Thank you..

Lyn Goldfarb  
Independent filmmaker  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Keep Westchester, PdR and PV Together As A Community!!

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:10 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I write to advise that my family (homeowners in Kentwood/Westchester) believe that Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista should remain together as a cohesive community, and that this combined neighborhood shares more in common with other beach cities to the south than with our neighbors to the east. My family feels strongly about this outcome and we vote. We are also very outspoken on social media and will fight any proposed division of our neighborhood.

Thank you!

Tracy Thrower & Doug Conyers

Tracy, Head Blogger

[REDACTED]



**Subject:** In support of your redistricting efforts

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:21 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you. We FULLY SUPPORT what you have drafted. Thank you. Ann and Greg Moore  
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

**Subject:** Please maintain diversity in Congressional districts

**From:** Maya Barron <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:57 AM

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

To the California Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support of maintaining diversity in our Congressional Districts. As a lifelong Angeleno, I believe that ethnic diversity is at the heart of our city. I myself exemplify this diversity – I am half white and half Japanese-American. I am also Jewish. Growing up, I felt great pride in my mixed heritage. Now as an adult, I greatly appreciate living and working in diverse communities. Both the districts where I work (CD 33) and where I live (CD 31) are represented by a Congresspersons of color. This diversity enriches my life and the lives of everyone I know, and I hope you take this into consideration when making decisions about redistricting.

Thank you,  
Maya Barron

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Maya Barron

Lead Organizer, Southern California

PIA & JFSJ: One Organization. One Vision for the Future.



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

**From:** Messina3rd <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:36 AM

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

I will **not accept** a reduction in African American political representation at any level!!!!

Michael Messina

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

**From:** Larisa Melamed <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:45 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hello,

I am join public against the diminishment of African American voting rights.

Sincerely,

Larisa Melamed

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

**From:** robin fabricant <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:00 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am alarmed by the Citizens Redistricting Commission's plan to redraw districts 33, 35, and 37. Your current map proposal diminishes the African American community's political power. They do not have a lot of power in Southern California, and to reduce their voting rights would be unconscionable and unfair. Please reconsider your proposal. I, for one, would be willing to actively pursue legal means to block and/or reverse this backwards move, and we all know the state cannot afford another lawsuit. You need to rethink this maneuver.

Sincerely,  
Nancy R. Alderman

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:00 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Don't turn your back on people that need your help.  
Nancy Amarillas

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:01 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

You MUST find a way to allocate districts that does not diminish African American representation in Sacramento. The current plan lowers Af - Am representation. Please change right away.

Joanne Nagy

Granada Hills, 38th Assembly District - at least up to today.

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

**From:** DORAINE THETFORD <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:05 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It may Concern:

What you guys are doing is a travesty, congress cannot take away the rights for the citizen of Los Angeles to vote. This was a long and hard fight for African Americans to have that right revoke is unconstitutional.

I hope that is unseemilgly act be reconsiderd and not go forward.

Very Concern

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

**From:** Dolores Lopez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:33 AM

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

Hello,

Please don't divide the district and take away voting rights of African Americans. To do such a thing is un-American.

Best,

Dolores lopez

Sent from my iPhone

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:46 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I'm writing to urge you not to divide California's 33rd, 35th and 37th districts in a way that will dilute black voting strength in Los Angeles. Your current plan, which does that, is ill-advised. It should be scrapped and re-done.

David Drum, taxpayer

**Subject:** Los Angeles County

**From:** Cesar Salgado <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 8:22 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

7/23/11

Dear CRC:

In finalizing the district maps, I respectfully request that you comply with the VRA requirements in Los Angeles County by increasing the number of Latino districts to reflect the growth in Latino populations.

In view of the significant growth of the Latino population, the VRA requirements, and recent legal recommendations, fairness dictates that the map drawing reflect these factors to provide fair representation for these Latino communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

C.J. Salgado

Los Angeles, CA 90022

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

**From:** Leslie Lewis <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:04 AM

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

I support the protection of African American voting rights. Please do not eviscerate these rights by illogically dividing the 33rd, 35th and 37th Districts.

Thank you.

Leslie Lewis

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

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:09 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am a high school history teacher. One of my final units before summer break was on the Civil Rights Movement. I taught my students about the incredible struggle of African Americans and their allies for voting rights after World War II.

The CRC's potential decision to divide the 33rd, 35th, and 37th Congressional districts threaten to bring back elements of a time when African Americans were disenfranchised.

I urge you to preserve African American voting rights - any reduction of African American political representation is unacceptable. African American representation in the Assembly, Senate, and Congress is critical to a functioning pluralistic society.

Please consider your decision and do not divide the 33rd, 35th, and 37th district.

Thank you,

Rebecca Solomon  
High School Social Studies Teacher  
LAUSD

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

**From:** Brent Russell <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:16 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please refrain from GERRYMANDERING the districts that have primarily African-American constituents.

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

**From:** "Yvonne A." <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:17 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I will NOT accept a reduction of the African-American vote at any level! Where is the fairness and democracy of this action?

I am counting on my representatives to do the RIGHT THING!

Sincerely,

Y. Acosta

Gardena, CA

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

**From:** Kenisha Wiggs <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:57 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hello -

As an unemployed middle/working class African-American that has worked, I will **NOT ACCEPT** a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- **Assembly, Senate or Congress**. All communities must sustain fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels.

Sincerely,

*Kenisha Wiggs*

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

**From:** jacqueline villagomez [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:03 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

**From:** "Mrs. Zakem" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:17 PM

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

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not divide the 33rd, 35th, and 37th Congressional Districts. If this is done, it will impact the political representation of African Americans. Please do not go backwards by taking away what so many people worked hard to achieve.

Thank you,  
Rashanda Zakem

Mrs. Rashanda Zakem   
Teacher, Calvert Street Elementary School  
K/1 Combo

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

**From:** "Lee D. Collier" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:50 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lee D. Collier <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional district 36 and Assembly District 53

Message Body:

I live in Redondo Beach.

I am very troubled by the proposed redistricting that combines the Los Angeles south bay beach cities with Santa Monica and Malibu. We have no common ties with those communities, and having a district that stretches along 40 of coastline in an area as populous as Los Angeles is ridiculous.

We share much in common with the other south bay cities (Torrance, Lomita, etc.) and should be districted with them, not with an area most of us have little contact with.

Sincerely,  
Lee D. Collier

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

**From:** "Lori O'Bryan" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:43 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lori O'Bryan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita UNDIVIDED in all districts

Message Body:

So...after watching your online meeting today I THINK I GET IT! You feel you must divide Santa Clarita up because of the Val Verde higher black population and the Hispanic Newhall population so that they can be clumped together with other like voters. However, because I am white and live within a higher Hispanic voting population, I MUST LOSE MY RIGHT OF HAVING REPRESENTATION TOGETHER WITH THE REST OF MY PRIMARILY WHITE SANTA CLARITA POPULATION. You are discriminating against all white residents in Newhall/Castaic and other areas where minorities have moved into.

The Hispanic and Black populations moved to the Santa Clarita Valley because it is a better place to live than the other places not named in LA or California. They want the representation that the Santa Clarita Valley has provided for them. The Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts need to be united for the entire Santa Clarita Valley, including Newhall and Val Verde, Castaic, and any other cluster of a minority population.

If you continue with the policies you are putting forth, then you are going to "in essence" tell the white people they need to move to a white community if they want fair representation, Hispanics to move to a Hispanic community, and all the other minority groups seeking representation to move to "their neighborhoods" to get the best representation for their minority.

PLEASE KEEP SANTA CLARITA VALLEY TOGETHER!!! UNDIVIDED IN ALL MAPS

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Opposition to Westchester Redistricted to Beach Citites Congressional District

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 7:37 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the hard work you are doing for all Californians.

My name is Sheila Mickelson and I am a 20+ year resident of Westchester. I appreciate the opportunity to reiterate my testimony of June 16<sup>th</sup> where I testified at the commission hearing in Culver City. I am writing to strongly support keeping my Westchester community along with Playa del Rey as part of the IGWSG congressional district and not part of the Beach Cities district.

Westchester is the home of LAX and we share economic benefits and impacts with our LAX community of interest neighbors to the East of us not the proposed Beach Cities congressional district. Over the years we have built strong relationships with Inglewood, Lennox, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Gardena and other LAX community of interest neighbors currently in the 35<sup>th</sup> district. We share a multitude of common interests and concerns ranging from traffic, noise, safety concerns, environmental concerns, airport expansion as well as the economic benefits.

We do not share a community of interest relationship with the Beach Cities Congressional district other than El Segundo. I urge you to keep Westchester/Playa del Rey in the IGWSG congressional district in the final outcome of the redistricting process.

Thank you again for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sheila Mickelson

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90045

[REDACTED]

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

**From:** Brian A Smith <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:49 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Brian A Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Senate Seat

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

It is my understanding that population numbers require a split the city of Santa Clarita. Please keep the neighborhood communities: - Valencia, Newhall, Canyon Country and Saugus from being broken up.

Valencia & Newhall could be joined with East Ventura County's Senate district and Saugus & Canyon Country joined with Antelope Valley's Senate district.

Thank you for your efforts to make more community bases districts.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith

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

**From:** Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:55 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 07-19 visualizations not showing up

Message Body:

Thank you for posting the maps-- but the maps you asked for are not visible in your system. Please fix this so we can follow along.

Thanks so much,

Judy Mintz  
Redondo Beach

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

**From:** Charles Goodwin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:07 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Charles Goodwin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep VA in our district

Message Body:

We want the VA to remain in our district. There is a long history in our district and community to work with the VA and to protect the contiguous land and its use.

The VA should not be removed from our district.

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

**From:** judy mintz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:09 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: judy mintz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LAIHG/LAPVB

Message Body:

Commissioners,

You are over by a few thousand in LAIHG and under by a couple thousand in LAPVB, I believe.

If you swapped El Segundo for Alondra Park/El Camino Village, you would solve your population deviation for both districts. Recommend you put El Segundo into LAPVB and take EL Camino Village/Alondra Park out and into LAIHG.

Thanks,

Judy Mintz  
Redondo Beach

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

**From:** "Adam M." <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Adam M. <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please keep Downtown, LA together

Message Body:

Dear CA Citizens Redistricting Commission:

After reviewing the current draft map for the Downtown - Los Angeles area- I have concerns regarding the boundary lines.

I am kindly requesting that you please re-consider the option to keep the Downtown- Los Angeles area as a WHOLE which would include: Civic Center, City Hall, Courthouse, Disney Center, Staple Center, LA Live, Fashion District, Flower Mart, Jewelery District, Art District and Pershing Square. Also, please keep the Hollywood Area within the Downtown - Los Angeles area together.

As a Stakeholder working in the Downtown area, i know that the tourists, business stakeholders and the residential community all relate to each other. The Hotels, entertainment attractions and the communities are all within 15-20 mins of each other. Having the same Representative already knowing our issues, concerns, needs and wants currently keeps us united.

Splitting Downtown - Los Angeles area would only divide us.

Please re-consider to keep us together under one district.

-Adam

p.s. thank you for your hard work..keep it up!

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**Subject:** Redistrict

**From:** "Harris, Sybil" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:17 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I will not support this redistrict proposal if it is going to put restraints on the African American community. This community needs to be supported and the students that I teach everyday at Crenshaw high need the best opportunities for successful productive lifestyles.

Thank you,

Ms. Harris, Educator

**Subject:** Re-Districting Concerns

**From:** Sunny & Ray <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:49 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express shock, disappointment, and anger that our Westchester district is being subjected to re-redistricting out of the South Bay and to the Los Angeles Inglewood district.

We implore you to recognize that we share common interest with the South Bay Cities, such as LAX, transportation, coastal/environment issues, and should definitely be included with them. We do not share similar concerns with the cities to the east of us.

Our community has been recognized by the City of Los Angeles as the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista district and should remain as such.

We hope that you will take these important issues into consideration when considering the re-redistricting and breaking up a community that has worked hard to address the issues stated above.

Sonya M. Martin

**Subject:** Redistricting Recommendation

**From:** Jesse Johnson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 11:12 AM

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

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

Dear Commissioners,

As a former public servant (City of Long Beach Diversity and Economic Opportunity Officer) and current community leader I am submitting this letter to you with great concern of dissolution of boundaries and representation that I have come accustomed to and enjoy. My state and local council representation serves our community as a whole with the current diversity in mind and keeps us abreast of which issues and concerns we should get involved with and assist their constituents with many resources and information.

My interest in keeping our African American representation of our current seats that currently consist of two senators, three congressional seats, and four assembly seats. The unity map would represent the African American community at large as it is drawn currently.

I would also like to have the area of the 33<sup>rd</sup> District as it was prior to the establishment of the commission for the redrawing of the lines to include Hollywood, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake back as contiguous sites connected to Los Angeles for purposes of inclusivity and diversity to maintain well deserved and needed resources.

Again, please consider my suggestions in your final redistricting decisions.

Sincerely,

Jesse B. Johnson, Jr.  
Former City of Long Beach Diversity & Economic Opportunity Officer  
Founder 100 Black Men of Long Beach, Inc. & President Emeritus  
Long Beach Branch NAACP, Vice President

**Subject:** Redistricting

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 10:55 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

From: Irma Silverstein

As a Westchester resident for many years, I can tell you that we are a "community of interest" with Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

Our interests concern LAX, the coast, the beaches, and overdevelopment of the area. Keep us together in the redistricting process so we can have impact on current and future plans.

**Subject:** State Redistricting

**From:** CAROLE BLAKE <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:16 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

We would like to respond to the redistricting that would put La Habra in the districts made up of Los Angeles County Cities. My husband and I are adamately opposed to La Habra being removed from their Orange County district. We need to maintain, on behalf of our City, officials who are aware of and will work for our priorities. This will be critical in the coming years. We believe to be put in a Los Angeles County district would be the diametric opposite and our city would suffer. We are tied in with the Cities of Brea, Yorba Linda, and Fullerton and need to maintain that relationship. We would be best served in the Diamond Bar-Yorba Linda, or Anaheim-Fullerton Assembly districts. We ask that you do everything possible to see that we do NOT get thrown in with the Cities of Los Angeles County. We have come a long way in the last 9 years, and I am proud of what our elected officials on the Local and State level have accomplished. We need to continue on that path for the future.

Carole and Richard Blake

[REDACTED]

La Habra CA 90631

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

**From:** Jacquelyn Temple <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:05 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I need to add my voice to those who are protesting this dispicable move---Leave South Los Angeles ALONE!!! Dont' divide us, and try to dilute our power!!!!

L\*ve, Pe@ce & Nappine\$\$!!!

**Subject:** Westchester community

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

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:27 PM

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

Voter's First Act,

As a member of the Westchester community I am writing to express my desire and concern for the Westchester community to be grouped with Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista when the governmental district lines are reassessed. The City of Los Angeles recognizes Westchester, Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista as a community of common interests. We share concerns for coastal and environmental issues, LAX issues and transportation issues to name a few. Private schools, daycares and social activities for youths and adults are targeted at Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista as a whole. Westchester has much more in common with the beach cities than the cities to the east. Please consider this when assessing district lines.

Sincerely,

Laura Stevenson

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90045

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Westchester, 36th district

**From:** PAUL ROMEO <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/23/2011 9:53 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

I have been a Westchester resident for 34 years and I feel strongly that Westchester/ Playa del Rey/ Playa Vista should be included in the beach cities 36th district as we have far more in common with these areas than areas to the east. I regularly do my shopping and have my business here as well as have property in the beach cities area. Thank you, Paul Romeo

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

**From:** "Robin Wynne-Davis" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 13:59:53 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I think that it is unfair and inappropriate to divide the community. DO NOT DIMINISH African American voting rights. I will not accept a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress!

Robin Davis  
Elementary School Teacher  
Los Angeles, California

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

**From:** Jennifer Zelazny <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 15:23:23 -0700 (PDT)

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

Attention CRC: To protect the future of Los Angeles for my students I will **not accept** a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. We need to sustain fair political representation at the State Assembly and Senate levels, but especially in the 33rd, 35th or 37th district.

Thank You.

Jennifer Liebi Zelazny

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

**From:** Rudy and Almitra <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 14:51:19 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hello,

My name is Rudy Mc Donald and I am very cocerned.

I am sending this e-mail in protest of the breaking up of the 33rd, 35th, and 37th congressional districts. As a registered voter I stand against minimizing the effectiveness of my collective voice. Please do not divide my community!

Thank You,

Rudy Mc Donald

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

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

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 13:40:45 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

My understanding is that the CRC maps you have drafted would unfairly divide established African American communities in the current 33rd, 35th and 37th Congressional Districts. I am writing to protest the diminishing of their ability to vote for representatives that would most effectively reflect their views. Wasn't the purpose of your commission to avoid gerrymandering? How can you justify illogically splitting these neighborhoods? It certainly does not appear to be fair, balanced or impartial.

I am very opposed to your plan to put these proposed maps into effect.

Sincerely,

Pamela Gibberman

Panorama City, CA

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

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

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 20:09:15 +0000

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

I am against the plan to divide my community. This sounds like the segregation policies of the 1960's.

Carrie P. Jones

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

**From:** Eloise Porter <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 12:36:27 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

As a resident of Los Angeles, I strongly object to any re-districting that diminishes or disenfranchises the African American vote. While gerrymandering generally stinks in general, dividing blocks of traditionally marginalized groups does not service our community, county, or state of California.

We voted to set up a policy that would improve representation, not diminish it. I hope this plan won't end up in a court battle--as it surely will if these kinds of groups perceive they have lost any clout they fought long to gain.

Thank you,  
Eloise Porter  
5061 Topanga Canyon Blvd  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

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

**From:** Catherine Daley <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 13:13:29 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern:

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

Most sincerely,  
Catherine Daley

Catherine Daley  
Intervention Coordinator  
Ricardo Lizarraga El. School  
[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90011  
[REDACTED]

FAX [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:32:27 -0700

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

The draft redistricting lines make no sense. As a resident of Downtown for the last 10 years, I am shocked and appalled that the core of Downtown is tentatively redistricted not with Downtown and outlying districts, but instead with the Westside. These district boundaries make no sense. Please reconsider.

Sent from my iPhone

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

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:26 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Please do not accept** a reduction in African American political representation at any level -- Assembly, Senate or Congress. Don't divide the power structure of people who have worked so hard to be a part of this city and state. That is not the way we need to live.