

REGION 5: VENTURA



City of Thousand Oaks

MAYOR ANDREW P. FOX

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

RE: REGION 5 – FIRST DRAFT DISTRICT MAPS

Honorable Members of the California Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City of Thousand Oaks, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you in person with Mayor Pro Tem Jacqui V. Irwin and Legislative Affairs Manager Mina M. Layba, during your meeting last week at Oxnard College Performing Arts Center. Based on the limited time we had to testify, I wanted to restate the interests of the City of Thousand Oaks for your consideration in developing the second draft maps for the region.

The City of Thousand Oaks should remain whole and entirely within Ventura County. The first draft maps currently have the City divided into two districts for the State Assembly and State Senate, with half the City integrated into Los Angeles City/County. The City of Thousand Oaks is a master planned community, which incorporated over 46 years ago.

The City of Thousand Oaks differs from the San Fernando Valley in distance and density. The San Fernando Valley is considered a suburb of the City of Los Angeles. Thousand Oaks is approximately 20 miles from the San Fernando Valley and is surrounded by a ring of "open space" which contains 75 miles of trails for hiking, biking, or walking.

Ideally all cities within Ventura County should be maintained as a whole district for the State Senate and Congress and divided into two State Assembly districts. The region shares the same common interests, economic and social levels, human/social service providers and programs along with interests to protect our military operations, and works together in supporting local homeland security efforts.

The Commission has been quite clear about asking members of the public to provide alternatives rather than just state their disdain for the first draft maps. Realizing that the region has disparities in meeting the required district numbers to keep the county whole, we offer you alternative solutions to meeting your requirements.

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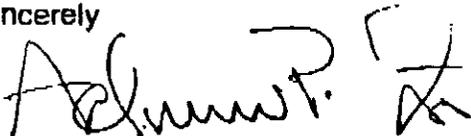
The City seeks your consideration of the following options to keep the City whole within one State Senate and State Assembly district in Ventura County:

- A. **Shift coastal cities located at the west end of the County.** The cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme are divided and perhaps unifying them would assist in redrawing the eastern end of Thousand Oaks into Ventura County.
- B. **Consider shifting the northwestern cities in the County.** These cities are contiguous to the City and County of Los Angeles; this would also create consistency with the proposed Congressional first draft map.
- C. **Split the County between the "inland"— U.S. 118 freeway based cities and the "coastal" U.S. 101 freeway based cities.** It would not only unify the currently divided City of Thousand Oaks but would also unify the City of Oxnard. This arrangement would also be consistent with the proposed Congressional first draft map.

It is important to note that in an effort to keep the City of Thousand Oaks whole, **the City is not interested in inadvertently being pushed out entirely into an L.A. County district.** Should this be a possible outcome, the City of Thousand Oaks would rather remain in the districts as proposed in the first draft maps.

I hope our reiteration of our interests provides you with helpful direction in considering the second draft maps.

Sincerely



Andrew P. Fox
Mayor

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REGION 5: VENTURA MOORPARK

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
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RE: Draft Congressional District Map-Ventura County

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Moorpark would like to go on record in opposition to any Congressional Redistricting Plan that would divide Ventura County. The First Draft Map indicates a plan to include the Cities of Moorpark and Simi Valley in a District that includes Santa Clarita, the Antelope Valley and parts of the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles County. This plan is not in the best interests of either City or Ventura County.

Eastern Ventura County is separated from Los Angeles County by geographic barriers and also by our sense of community. The County of Ventura and the individual cities of Ventura County have a commonality of interest far more than with Santa Clarita, the Antelope Valley and the San Fernando Valley, and this should be respected when considering Congressional as well as State Assembly and Senatorial Districts.

On behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Moorpark, I am asking that you keep all of Ventura County together in the same Congressional District and Moorpark and Simi Valley with other cities in Ventura County for the State Assembly and Senatorial Districts.

Respectfully,

Janice S. Parvin
Mayor

c: Honorable City Council
Steve Kueny, City Manager

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June 24, 2011

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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your hard work! In creating new boundaries for California's legislative districts for the Senate and Assembly, I hope you will consider keeping the entire city of Thousand Oaks united with the rest of Ventura County rather than dividing the city into multiple districts.

A bifurcation of Thousand Oaks divides a community of interest and splits half the city from its common interest with the rest of Ventura County. Splitting the city into multiple Assembly and Senate districts would create confusion and a lack of cohesion and would be a detriment to the residents of the community.

Alternatives that illustrate keeping Ventura County's cities whole have been presented to you by CAUSE, the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy. They propose that Ventura County's two largest cities, Oxnard and Thousand Oaks, remain undivided. I wholeheartedly agree and urge you not to split our County's cities.

The draft map for Congressional districts rightly retains the complete city of Thousand Oaks within one district. I hope maps for State Assembly and Senate districts will follow suit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Linda Parks
Supervisor, 2nd District



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