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## Fwd: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

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**Subject:**Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

**Date:**Wed, 27 Jul 2011 17:39:54 +0000

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

**To:**[REDACTED]

From: David Laiufer <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Congressman Gallegley

Message Body:

I object to Rep. Gallegley's placement in a district that does not include his home in Simi Valley. It appears as calculated effort to place him in a district of another Republican Incumbent. This is not fair. Simi Valley is his home, he is a former Mayor of the City and his roots are in this community. Please include him in his Ventura County Congressional District that he has represented for 13 terms.

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# CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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

RE: Line Drawing Instructions – July 16, 2011

Dear Honorable Members of the Commission:

On Thursday, July 14, 2011 I provided testimony before your Commission opposing the proposal to include Simi Valley in the Antelope Valley-Santa Clarita Congressional District. I provided an oral statement and distributed a packet of maps and a comprehensive proposal to the Commissioners that would place *Simi Valley in the East Ventura Congressional District*. The proposal outlined the three steps that the Commission could implement to place Simi Valley back in the East Ventura Congressional District, make Santa Clarita whole, and rebalance the populations of the three districts affected by this change.

In preparation for my testimony, Commission staff was contacted to verify the amount of time I would be allotted to make my statements. We were advised that Public Comment is limited to two minutes per speaker; therefore my testimony was prepared to maximize the two-minute time frame. Upon arriving at the meeting, I was informed that a one and a half minute time limit would be imposed on my comments. As a result, I was unable to present my statement in its entirety, and although it was provided to the Commission in writing, along with our comprehensive proposal for *placing Simi Valley in the East Ventura Congressional District*, actions taken subsequent to my interrupted testimony indicate the City's proposal was not fully reviewed.

The July 16, 2011 Line Drawing Instructions posted on the Commission's website contain a note related to my submission stating that "Simi Valley sent a handout drawing attention to a possible split in Santa Clarita." The final direction states "Make sure Santa Clarita is whole." Based on the notes made and published, it appears the Commission has misinterpreted the City's position *to respect Simi Valley's community of interest with Ventura County*, instead selectively choosing pieces of information from our proposal.

The City of Simi Valley's primary area of concern *was not and is not the split of Santa Clarita*. I urge the Commission to review the City's comprehensive proposal again in its entirety and full context. The proposal's focus was on placing Simi Valley back into the East Ventura Congressional District and it provided the steps the Commission could take to implement the proposal. Included in those steps, was a graphic illustration of the linkages that the City of Thousand Oaks has along the 101 Corridor with Los Angeles County cities, the opportunity to make Santa Clarita whole, and the methods the Commission could use to balance the populations in the three districts that would be affected by placing Simi Valley in the East Ventura Congressional District. Each of these components was based on thoughtful consideration of geography, community associations, and a rational alignment of communities of interest.

The Commission appears to be providing more weight to the testimony provided for some communities than for others. For example, the City of Simi Valley and the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce have both provided testimony to the Commission regarding the City's community of interest with Ventura County. Both the City and Chamber collaborate with other Ventura County agencies on transportation, schools, judicial issues, social services and economic development. Conversely, the City of Thousand Oaks is a member of the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, which represents the cities of Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and Agoura Hills, and promotes social and economic interest among those communities. Westlake Village and Agoura Hills are both located in the County of Los Angeles, *demonstrating the interconnectivity and common interests those communities share across the County line*. This affiliation demonstrates that Thousand Oaks itself has recognized there is a community of interest with cities in Los Angeles County.

From 1992 to 2002, Thousand Oaks was part of the West San Fernando Valley Congressional District, to no detriment of their representation. In fact, a *Ventura County Star* article dated July 8, 2011 quoted Thousand Oaks Mayor Pro Tem Jacqui Irwin as stating City residents should not be overly concerned if Thousand Oaks were not in a district with the rest of Ventura County. Nevertheless, the Commission has repeatedly made accommodations to include the whole of Thousand Oaks with the rest of Ventura County in the line drawing. *Simi Valley has repeatedly communicated and demonstrated a much stronger community of interest with Ventura County, yet the Commission continually places us with districts in Los Angeles County*.

The City of Simi Valley has now appealed to the Commission on five separate occasions through letters, public testimony and a Resolution stating the City's primary priority that the integrity of Simi Valley's borders be maintained and that the communities of Ventura County be kept together to the maximum extent possible. The statement reflected in the Line Drawing Instructions from July 16, 2011 is inconsistent with the testimony provided by our City to the Commission on July 14, 2011 and the testimony we have repeatedly made to the Commission.

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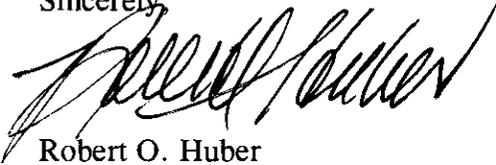
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As the date for the submission of the final maps approaches, we respectfully request that the Commission review all of the testimony provided by the City of Simi Valley and reconsider the statements made in the Line Drawing Instructions to recognize their misinterpretation of the data provided by the City of Simi Valley. To assist you in that regard, I am again submitting my testimony and materials provided to the Commission on July 14, 2011.

Should your staff require further details on our proposal, they may contact Assistant City Manager Laura Behjan at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert O. Huber", written in a cursive style.

Robert O. Huber  
Mayor

Enc.

cc: City Council  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
Assistant City Manager, Government Affairs