

Subject: Westchester Resident

From: Brian Swink <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:00 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Committee and Other Interested Parties,

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Vicky Swink Westchester resident for 16 years

Subject: WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DEL REY/PLAYA VISTA ARE SOUTH BAY CITIES

From: Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 3:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

My community of WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DEL REY/PLAYA VISTA is one community and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles as demonstrated by the existence of the Neighborhood Council for that area. Our community of Westchester/Playa is indeed a COASTAL COMMUNITY with shared issues and concerns with the other South Bay communities. The current 35th CD, of which much of Westchester is a part, includes about 640,000 people and 95% of them are in an area called South LA. How can this little 5% community with issues that are very different than the cities to the east be fairly represented? It is absolutely reasonable that the issues of the 95%, which are more in common with one another, get the attention. The little 5% piece is truly a misfit and a step child. However, the issues of LAX, coastline, environmental, transportation, schools, etc. are shared with the South Bay communities and are the issues that need attention in the South Bay - including Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

Please keep Westchester/Playa together in the Congressional, State Senate and Assembly districts. And as the "South Bay Supporters" from Redondo Beach, Torrance and Rancho PV have said "The South Bay should be Westchester and south only."

Thank you,
Cyndi Hench
Westchester Resident of 23 years

From: "Julie Camarillo" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:09 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you for your consideration of and attention to this matter.

Julie Camarillo, Westchester resident for 10 years

Subject: Citizens Redistricting Commission - PLEASE REVIEW WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DEL REY/PLAYA VISTA DISTRICT

From: "The Stevenson Group" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 5:14 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I have lived in Westchester (90045) since 1995 and feel strongly, as do virtually all of our friends/neighbors that the community of Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista should be connected AND in the same district as the South Bay Cities. We have always been considered one community. We are recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles. We share churches, schools, shopping areas and have the same concerns for our community. Splitting us has no merit - except possible political agendas. We do not share common grounds with the communities east of us. I have lived in the area for over 40 years and graduated from Inglewood High. I am one of very few in our community who is familiar with the communities to our east. When I do head east on occasion, I am reminded by my neighbors & family - and the merchants & residents of Inglewood et.al. that we are welcome and friendly, but worlds apart .

We need to be able to vote for the issues that concern us. This would mean aligning us with the South Bay Cities. We are all concerned with the same issues - transportation, LAX, coastal/environmental plans, schools, cultural and public events - just to name a few.

In conclusion, we are a coastal community connected with the South Bay Cities and should be districted as such. We do not share ties with the cities to our east, with whom we are currently aligned.

Please correct this.

Sincerely,

Debra K. Stevenson

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90045-1136
[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: redistricting Westchester

From: Katherine Williamson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Send your email to: [REDACTED]

Here's a template you can use if you want:

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Katherine Williamson, Westchester resident for 12 years

Every 10 years, governmental district lines are reassessed. In accordance with the Voters FIRST Act that the voters of California passed in 2008, the state has assembled a group of volunteers to redraw the lines. This group is known as Citizens Redistricting Commission. They have been looking at our area and at first, determined that Westchester/Playa shared more with the South Bay/Beach Cities and included us with them (Hallelujah!) HOWEVER, politics have interfered and the current drafting of the maps has Westchester again with Inglewood and other cities to the east and Westchester is split from Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

I am jumping on a plane in the morning and going to Sacramento, along with mayors and councilmembers from other South Bay cities, to plead our case to keep us together. For the past decades, Westchester has been a misfit amongst communities of Inglewood,

Compton, Lennox, Gardena, South Central, West Athen

Subject: Fwd: WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DEL REY/PLAYA VISTA ARE SOUTH BAY CITIES

From: Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 3:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Looking at Senate la option 2 - Please check your NORTH EASTERN boundary of Westchester.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

Date: July 23, 2011 3:37:14 PM PDT

To: [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Cyndi Hench

Westchester Resident of 23 years

Subject: Letter of concern re:district plans

From: Betty Allard <bett[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 4:56 PM

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

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Elizabeth Allard, Westchester resident for 47 years.

Subject: Please include Westchester w/ South Bay Cities, NOT cities to the East!

From: Tom Mesozoic Prods <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 12:49 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Polititians,

Please recognize that:

1) Our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and should remain in the same districts.

2) We share common interests with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them. We do not share much in common with the cities to the east, such as Inglewood.

Thank you,

Thomas R. Dickens

IMDB [REDACTED]

AlienGrey Zone-X 1B, LLC (CEO/President): AGZ-X.com

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MESOZOIC, INC. (Special Visual Effects/Production): Mesozoic.biz

Visual Effects Society (VES) Member

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Member

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Redistricting - Keeping Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista Communities with South Bay Cities!

From: RJ B <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 5:13 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you for your concern and attention to this matter.

Ramon & Margaret Brown
Westchester resident for 51 years

Subject: Westchester CA

From: Brian Swink <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Brian Swink Westchester resident for 17 years

Subject: Westchester placed in uncompetitive Inglewood Congressional District

From: "David Coffin" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 3:19 PM

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. 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.

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