

Subject: Final Appeal

From: John and Barbara Owens <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 11:17:22 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to encourage you to reconsider the way you have drawn Congressional maps 43 and 33.

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While the proposed map looks similar to the existing Congressional map, there is no doubt that the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista do not feel that they are fairly represented in the current district. The new map falls painfully short of your goal of fair representation for all.

I do not envy the task that you have and understand that you cannot intimately know every community. So I ask you to listen to the voices from this community who are pleading that you align Westchester Playa TOGETHER and WITH THE BEACH CITIES.

Sincerely,

Barbara Owens

Subject: Redistricting

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 18:28:08 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

We are residents of Westchester and are writing to let you know that our community is Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista and is recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles and we all should remain in the same district. We share common interests with the South Bay Cities and should be included with them. We do NOT share much in common at all with the cities to the east. We are a community of interest with the South Bay Cities - we share common interests and concerns, we share transportation issues, LAX issues and coastal/environmental issues. We share vastly more with the South Bay cities than we do with the cities with whom we are currently aligned.

Keep Westchester aligned with the South Bay Cities.

Julie and Tom Glass

Subject: Redistricting

From: Mary Ann Braus <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 00:44:51 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Mary Ann Braus

Robert Braus



L.A. 90045

Subject: [REDACTED]
From: "Smith, Gary" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 08:14:27 -0700 (PDT)
To: [REDACTED]

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Give us fair representation!

Thank You

Gary P Smith
[REDACTED]
LA, Ca 90045

Subject: Westchester is a Beach City

From: Anita and John <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 21:25:05 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Westchester, California, is a beach city. We are part of a family of beach cities, including Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

Our community shares “communities of interest” with coastal cities, not those east of the 405.

We should be included together in the districting maps. Please revisit and redraw Congressional maps 43 and 33, to correct this major oversight.

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Sincerely,

Anita Bevelheimer

10-year resident of Westchester

[REDACTED]
Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: Redistricting of Valley Village

From: Richard Bergstrom <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 16:42:42 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

As a resident of the Valley Village neighborhood in Los Angeles, I am concerned that the latest Congressional Map Boundary divides our otherwise unified community into two separate and disparate entities. I believe that common interests should create common communities, and to that end, I am asking that the redistricting line be redrawn to follow the 170 Freeway, as the prior version reflected. People of common goals and interests should be represented in a manner which maximizes their political influence, engages their involvement, and avoids encouraging indifference. This can only be accomplished by people uniting with others of similar concerns. The east Valley Village district boundary lines as presently shown on the latest map will not accomplish this. Please reconsider your decision in this regard.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this comment.

Rick Bergstrom

[REDACTED]
Valley Village, CA 91601