Subject: Federal Re-Districting

From: Tim Brown <

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 13:10:04 -0700

To: <

I am a resident of Cypress, CA. I strongly disagree with the proposed redistricting measure as it relates to my city. The proposed district would be in two counties (Los Angeles and Orange) and the other city is the proposed district is a coastal city with large/profitable harbors and petroleum producing areas while Cypress is land-locked between other non-beach communities.

Tim Brown
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| Subject: Please VOTE NO on the Congressional Lines!! From: "Shupe, Christina" < Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 07:07:16 -0700 To: Communications Office < | | | |
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| From: Julie Thompson < Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2011 at 4:38 PM Subject: Please VOTE NO on the Congressional Lines!! To: | | | |
| Please see the two attached letters from the President and Vice President of the Vietnamese-American Chamber of Commerce urging you to VOTE NO on the adoption of the Congressional lines!! Please do not split up the "Little Saigon COI" into three Congressional districts as it is now-you have ONE chance left to VOTE NO on these lines. | | | |
| Thank you for your consideration and <u>please read</u> the attached letters. Best, Julie CRC VACoC-VP.pdf | | | |

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

Monday, August 8, 2011

RE: These Congressional Lines Do Not Protect The Minority Vietnamese Population In The Little Saigon Community Of Orange County. Urge "NO" Vote On Final Passage August 15, 2011.

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

ALL of Little Saigon should be included in any Congressional, State Senate or Assembly District lines that the Citizen Redistricting Commission draws – including West Santa Ana, Southwest Anaheim, North Fountain Valley and the entire communities of Garden Grove, Westminster and Midway City. The current district splits our community, splits cities and even splits counties. I urge you to acknowledge this fatal flaw in the California Redistricting Commission's process and vote "no" on their final approval.

Presently, the Vietnamese community has divided representation in Sacramento and Washington. Their voices are unable to be heard based on the districts drawn in the past. It may come as a surprise to find that, in terms of raw population, Santa Ana has the highest number of residents of Vietnamese decent in all of Orange County. A map of the Asian population of Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Anaheim in the current CD47 clearly shows the concentration of Vietnamese voters in east Santa Ana and South Anaheim.

Unfortunately, the Vietnamese community's voice is not represented at the state or federal levels. Vietnamese is the 5th most spoken language in the state yet there are no representatives on the statewide level. Undeniably, the right of all citizens to exercise their political franchises is a cherished one that must be protected. The Voting Rights Act, as amended by Congress in 1982, gives minority and ethnic citizens a realistic opportunity to challenge at large election systems by showing a racial discriminatory effect has resulted from this scheme. Because of the district lines that have been drawn in the past, the Vietnamese are not being represented; therefore Little Saigon needs to be kept in its entirety, in a single district. Little Saigon holds the largest Vietnamese community outside of the U.S. and are a politically cohesive body, thus making their vote a collective one which should be protected.

These Congressional lines do not protect the minority Vietnamese population in the Little Saigon community of Orange County. Therefore, I urge you to vote against final passage of the CRC's Congressional district lines on August 15, 2011. To vote in favor of this continued discrimination would be a tragic injustice and a failure to the people of California who voted to establish a fair redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tam Nguyen
President of Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County.

Garden Grove, CA 92843
office
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Gia Ly, Vice President Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce Of Orange County

Garden Grove, CA 92843 office

Subject: Preliminary Final Redistriciting Maps for Northwest Orange County Cities

From: "Andy Tse" <

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 08:35:08 -0700

To: <

August 9, 2011

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

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the City of Cypress, I am writing to bring to your attention the City's concerns in regard to the preliminary final maps set for final consideration and adoption on August 15, 2011.

As the process moves forward, there have been several different proposals considered for the northern area of Orange County. We believe that the City would be best served by being in a congressional district with other Northern Orange County cities. The City has relationship and collaborations with our neighbors on issues impacting our region, such as regional transportation planning. The current draft map places Cypress in a district with the City of Long Beach, the only non-Orange County city in the proposed district and is the largest in geographic area. Our concern is that due to its size, the needs of Long Beach, such as service needs related to the Port of Long Beach would supersede the interest of other smaller cities in the district, all of which are located in Orange County.

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We urge you to carefully consider the placement of Cypress in districts that are comprised of other Orange County cities in keeping with one of the Commission's principles to keep city and county boundaries intact. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

CITY OF CYPRESS

John B. Bahorski City Manager

Cc: City Council

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: "John B. Bahorski" <

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 15:36:29 +0000

To:

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Subject: Preliminary Final Redistricting Maps for the Northwest Orange County Region

Message Body: August 9, 2011

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Kerrin Estabrook <

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 19:51:11 +0000

From: Kerrin Estabrook <

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Cypress CA 90630 is in Orange County. I have heard that we are being banded with the Long Beach-Los Angeles district. Please note that this will cross county lines and I do not feel this is correct.

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| Subject: Redistricting Cypress CA From: "Kerrin Estabrook" < Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 12:46:18 -0700 To: < |
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| I live in Cypress CA, 90630. This city is in Orange County, not Los Angeles County. Please do not put us into LB District, which is in Los Angeles County. |
| Thank you for your assistance in this matter. |
| Kerrin Estabrook Cypress CA 90630 |
| The mystique and revitalizing benefits of Royal Jelly. Click here to view what Royal Jelly can do for you! Keep your skin younger lookinglonger. Use all 6 products with Royal Jelly |
| Kerrin Estabrook, Jafra Skin Care Specialist |
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PETITION TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

We the undersigned hereby request that the California Citizen's Redistricting

Commission permit Commissioner Michael Ward file a minority report explaining and fully
setting forth his reasons for voting against the new political boundaries for state and federal
legislative districts in California.

Every aspect of the Redistricting process conducted by this Commission should be open to scrutiny by the public and the press. The Commission's Code of Conduct requires commissioners to "disclose information that belongs in the public domain freely and completely." Article 21 of the state Constitution, which formed this Commission, provides in Section 2(a) that the commission shall "conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines."

These goals and critera will not be met if Commissioner Ward is not permitted to file a minority report.

This courageous commissioner must be allowed to file a full and complete minority report which must be disclosed to the public on the Commission website and to the media as soon as possible.

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