

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Joy Aoki <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 16:51:04 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Joy Aoki <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Dividing Torrance

Message Body:

Good morning,

I have been very disheartened by the latest plans for redistricting. I do not know what your motivations are, but all I can say is that drawing a line right down the center of the City of Torrance is a huge mistake. Torrance and its residents have always been part of the greater beach cities community and for us to become represented by the same people as those that represent the urban cities of Compton and Inglewood are just plain wrong. While I greatly respect the job that those elected officials do to represent their constituencies, their followers CAN NOT and DO NOT have the same interests as the suburban residents of Torrance. Not only will you be drawing a line directly down the center of our city, but you are removing the voice of half of its citizens. (I find it painfully ironic that the politician I volunteered, donated and voted for in the 36th District Special Election will not even represent me). Please reconsider and put Torrance BACK with the beach cities where !

they belong. I have included some maps which I think are more appropriate for our community. While I believe that the Congressional district should also extend to the city's Western Avenue border, I see how there can be size limitations. Thank you.

Joy Aoki

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Steven Alper <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 20:19:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Steven Alper <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Beachwood canyon.

Message Body:

I think it is unreasonable to split up my neighborhood, Beachwood Canyon into separate districts.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Warren Moore <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 14:30:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Warren Moore <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congresssional Map Splits a small community

Message Body:

How did gerrymandering still manage to get into this process? The small community of Playa Del Rey is split in half so that Congressional District 33 can continue up the coast. I live a block east of Pershing, but our community center is west of Pershing. I would prefer if you keep the airport, Westchester, El Segundo & Playa Del Rey together in one Congressional district. They have far more common bonds then they do with the community around the 110 freeway.

Regardless of how you split the priority is to keep communities together. Do not split Playa Del Rey.

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**Subject:** Request to connect

**From:** Daniel Ling <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 13:41:00 -0700

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

Dear Commission Members and Staff:

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Please unite these two areas together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Ling

Sent from my iPad

**Subject:** Senate District 22

**From:** Jacqueline Wu <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 16:09:58 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Regards,

Jacqueline C. Wu

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Senate District 22

**From:** Jacqueline Wu <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 16:10:00 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** To the California Redistricting Commission

**From:** "Aarde V. Atheian" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 03:36:51 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

1. Who We Are. We are voters who live in the community known as Greater Wilshire in Los Angeles. Our community includes 15 residential associations with histories dating back nearly 100 years. Our two largest and best known neighborhoods are Hancock Park and Windsor Square. Our eastern boundary is Western Avenue. Our western boundary is La Brea Avenue. You have proposed to split us in half at Plymouth Boulevard in your draft redistricting maps.

2. The Redistricting Mission. You are obliged to keep our century-old neighborhood intact in your redistricting effort, pursuant to the following governing rule: "The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

3. Required Corrections to Draft Maps:

a. State Board of Equalization. Please return us to the LA district for the State Board of Equalization. We lie at the midpoint of Los Angeles, but you have inexplicably removed us and placed us in a district called East, where we claim no community of interest.

b. Congressional Districts. In each of the 3 options, you have divided us in half at Plymouth Boulevard. We belong with WLADT. The westernmost boundary of ELABH should not begin until Western Avenue.

c. Assembly Districts. In both of the 2 options, you have divided us in half at Plymouth Boulevard. We belong with LAMWS or with LADNT, but the entirety of Greater Wilshire from La Brea Avenue to Western Avenue must be included in one or the other, not both.

~Aard

Aarde V. Atheian, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90004-1411, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** bill patton [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 3 Aug 2011 00:06:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: bill patton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting proposals

Message Body:

It seems to us that the South Bay area would be better served by geographical boundaries that include the Peninsula, San Pedro, Torrance, Redondo Beach and northward as needed to make the appropriate census representations.

The greater South Bay has similar demographics and beliefs and differs with those from Marina Del Rey northward.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Lori Erlendsson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 23:47:06 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lori Erlendsson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westchester

Message Body:

Thank you for redrawing the Congressional maps and, thus, including Westchester, most of Playa del Rey and Playa Vista with the communities to the east of us with which we share the benefits and challenges of proximity to LAX.

As I wrote previously, we have excellent long-standing working relationships in this richly diverse area regarding airport and transportation issues, as well as the involvement of Loyola-Marymount University in schools throughout these neighborhoods.

Many in the beach cities with whom we were grouped in your earlier maps have worked toward solving airport issues in ways that have been damaging to our residents and businesses. Thus I am pleased at the prospect of continuing to work with those who have been in our district, who have a deep understanding of the needs of the variety of residents throughout Westchester and this region.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Marcy Rothenberg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 3 Aug 2011 03:58:53 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marcy Rothenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional district map

Message Body:

How can you possibly think that chopping a small neighborhood out of its obviously connected community and attaching it to a district on the other side of a mountain range, to which it has absolutely NO connection, either geographically or socially -- not even the same school districts! -- is giving us fair representation? My 2-mile square bit of Porter Ranch is the only piece of the North Valley NOT to be represented by a Calley congress member. How is that acceptable? We have NO logical connection to Santa Clarita, Palmdale or Simi Valley. You are disenfranchising us -- our needs will no longer be represented in Congress. FIX THIS ERROR and give us back a representative by returning us to our local community!

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**Subject:** Asian Americans and redistricting

**From:** sandra chen lau <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 13:28:29 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Please unite these two areas together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Chen Lau

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Lisa de Vincent <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 02 Aug 2011 22:31:44 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I'm opposed to the new redistricting boundaries they make no sense for the population that lives in these new outlined areas. The new outlined areas lump communities together that have nothing in common with each other when it comes to the needs of those communities. Everyone loses, people that live in Eastern L.A. and their needs would not be served if arbitrarily thrown in with Pacific Palisades and visa versa. Redistricting would put the V.A. in an area that would not serve their best interests.

This is an important issue and should not be passed off as inconsequential, please leave the boundaries as they are so communities that need more help get what they need in the areas needed.

Sincerely,

Lisa de Vincent  
IWOSC Board Secretary  
Columnist Santa Monica Star  
[REDACTED]  
L.A., CA 90049  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION - PUBLIC WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM CITY OF GARDENA - STATE ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING

**From:** Nancy Ward <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 18:20:04 +0000

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

**Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,**

**On behalf of Mayor Paul K. Tanaka and the City of Gardena, please accept, and give your consideration of, his comments in the attached letter, in which he expresses his concerns and urgently requests a boundary revision to the July 19, 2011, Map of the proposed State Assembly Districts:**

**With much appreciation,**

Nancy Ward, Executive Office Assistant  
City of Gardena Executive Offices  
Mayor / City Council / City Manager / City Attorney

[REDACTED]  
Gardena, CA 90247

[REDACTED]

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**CITY of GARDENA**

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August 1, 2011

**TO: CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**  
**SUBJECT: PUBLIC (WRITTEN) TESTIMONY FROM A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST**  
**PROPOSED JULY 19, 2011, STATE ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING MAP**

The City of Gardena has reviewed the proposed State Assembly Redistricting Map, dated July 19, 2011. The proposed map divides the City of Gardena into two (2) different Assembly districts.


The City has had long-standing relationships with the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, El Segundo, and Inglewood. Dividing our city/community into two different Assembly Districts would be a major disadvantage to the City of Gardena. As proposed, two-thirds (2/3) of the City would be aligned with a city with which Gardena does not have an ongoing relationship.

We strongly urge the Commission to adjust the boundary so that the entire City of Gardena is within one Assembly District, along with the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, Inglewood, and El Segundo.

Prior to the previous redistricting process, the City of Gardena was divided between two (2) Congressional Districts. This was a difficult and cumbersome position for the City.

We, as a City, believe that we need cohesiveness with our neighboring communities, and would appreciate the Commission's careful and vigilant consideration of maintaining this critical and shared local government relationship by keeping Gardena within a single Assembly District.

On behalf of the City of Gardena, we urge your immediate consideration of this concern, and thank you for giving your time and attention to this important request.

Sincerely,  
  
PAUL K. TANAKA  
Mayor

PKT:nw

c: City of Gardena Councilmembers

**Subject:** Please respect the ties that bind our Armenian American community!

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 13:09:44 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Raffi Haddad

[REDACTED]  
Canyon Country, CA 91351-1638

August 2, 2011

2011 Redistricting Commis California  
CA

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Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Please respect the ties that bind our Armenian American community!

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 11:39:44 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Arpa Gregorian

[REDACTED]  
Glendale, CA 91201-3524

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

**From:** Julie matthews [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 16:30:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Julie matthews <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Changing countys

Message Body:

I am appalled that the City of Santa Clara, which the valley and the county are named after would even be considered to be moved to another county. It would be detrimental to our past, present and future. Shame on you.

An incredibly disappointed Santa Claran and registered voter.

Julie Matthews  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 11:29:44 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Helen Parnagian`

[REDACTED]  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413-5222

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Helen Parnagian`  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Please respect the ties that bind our Armenian American community!

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 05:44:40 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

m. shirinian

[REDACTED]  
los angeles, CA 90029-0554

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Sincerely,

m. shirinian

**Subject:** Please respect the ties that bind our Armenian American community!

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 14:49:46 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Zaven Aloojian

[REDACTED]  
Lakewood, CA 90712-1326

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Sincerely,

Zaven Aloojian



**Subject:** Please vote to CONNECT West San Gabriel Valley with East San Gabriel Valley For Senate District 22 - LACVN  
**From:** Choi Cathy <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Tue, 2 Aug 2011 15:25:38 -0700  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Cathy Choi <[REDACTED]>

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**Sincerely,**

**Cathy Choi**

**[REDACTED] Alhambra CA 91801**  
**[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]**