

Subject: FW: Comments from South Gate Mayor Maria Davila concerning Item S-1 Redistricting Proposal

From: CommServ <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 16:54:45 -0700

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

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From: Bryan Cook [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 9:14 AM

To: CommServ

Cc: Cisneros, Edgar

Subject: Comments from South Gate Mayor Maria Davila concerning Item S-1 Redistricting Proposal

Honorable Board Members and Committee Members:

Attached is a letter and attachment from Mayor Maria Davila concerning Item S-1 on today's agenda.

Bryan Cook
Interim Assistant City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 7433

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO
RECONSIDER PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission has recently released maps for new Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is bordered by the Cities of Lynwood, Paramount, Downey, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Los Angeles and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is a member of the Gateway Cities Council of Government, which is comprised of 28 cities which are located alongside or nearby the 710 Freeway Corridor;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the COG is to work collaboratively with other member cities on any number of transportation, environmental, state regulatory and federal funding opportunities;

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is among the largest of those cities and is an integral leader within those communities: and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate's future will be largely impacted by transportation and environmental issues and needs to assure that its interests are being collectively represented by state and federal elected officials whose municipal bodies within those district share a community of interests; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate has a substantially reduced almost non-existent community of interest with the Cities of Inglewood, Monterey Park, Arcadia, San Marino, and the like which are cities currently included within the Congressional and State Senatorial Districts;

WHEREAS, the current proposed district boundaries are inconsistent with the common interests and needs of the communities along the 710 Corridor (henceforth Gateway Cities) in Southeast Los Angeles County. The Gateway Cities share common resources and face similar regional issues, including regional policing activities, transportation, education and commerce, and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate has been working extensively with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and other Gateway Cities along the I-710 Corridor Project. The Long Beach Freeway (I-710) is a vital transportation corridor linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles with the major Southern California distribution centers and intermodal rail facilities. Other regional transportation issues such as the Orangeline Authority and other intermodal transportation programs link the region whereas disparate legislative boundaries make regional

transportation efforts significantly more difficult, and

WHEREAS, students in the City of South Gate attend schools in the Downey, Los Angeles, Lynwood and Paramount School Districts. Additionally, the City of South Gate and the six neighboring cities of Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood and Vernon formed the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. The purpose of the organization is to advance and improve educational outcomes and opportunities of students attending the Los Angeles Unified School District, and

WHEREAS, the District lines should be redrawn to take into full and complete considerations of these commonalities and needs, of which the proposed district lines do not reflect; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate is not advocating for one particular Member of Congress, State Senator or Member of the State Assembly, but for proposed boundaries that reflect the commonalities of the Gateway Cities and will maximize our ability for economic development through enterprise zones, regional transportation projects and education.


NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby request the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission to reconsider proposed legislative districts.

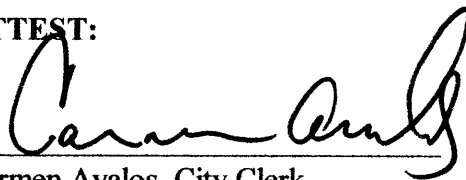
SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of June 2011.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

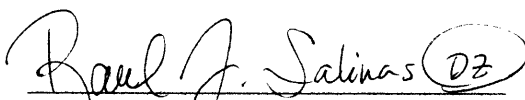

Maria Davila, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

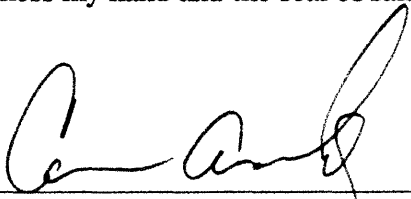
RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION PAGE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 7433 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on June 14, 2011, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Davila, De Witt, Hurtado, Gonzalez and Morales
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on June 16, 2011.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: PATRICIA DE VOE <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 22:49:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: PATRICIA DE VOE <[REDACTED]>

Subject: WESTCHESTER REDISTRICTING

Message Body:

I voted for the proposition creating this redistricting committee because living in Westchester (Los Angeles area)I have felt I was politically gerrymandered into being part of the South Central area of Los Angeles where we do not share many common issues. Westchester needs to be included with the Playa Vista & Playa del Rey areas. The fact that these areas share common costal, geographical & LAX issues needs to be considered. It is just common sense please keep the politics out of redistricting.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Peter Choi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 00:20:23 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peter Choi <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Request to keep Sunset Junction Business District whole

Message Body:

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Commission Fax: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

August 9th, 2011

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request an important change to the redistricting plan proposed by the Citizens Redistricting Commission regarding the 45th Assembly District. My specific concern is the western boundary which as currently drawn would split in two the vital Sunset Junction business district in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles.

As both a small business owner of 10 years in the Sunset Junction and a former Chairman of the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce, I can testify to the intense cohesion of residents and the neighborhood. Indeed, I bought my first home in this community and was proud to serve as a founding Governing Board member of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, whose jurisdiction encompasses this important and historic neighborhood

I understand that the Commission's mandate is to respect communities of interest in creating new boundaries and that one strong, defining component of a community of interest, according to the Commission's own legal guidelines, is an area of common business reliance by residents, or a local commercial hub.

The Sunset Junction business district in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles constitutes exactly this sort of community of interest.

Thus it was with great alarm that I noted how the proposed map for the 45th State Assembly district divides the Sunset Junction business district - and the Silver Lake neighborhood itself - between two separate districts.

The proposed boundary line cuts through the heart of the Sunset Junction business district, failing to respect a thriving community of interest and commonly observed neighborhood boundary. This current plan would split the vital Sunset Junction business district literally in half and cause serious harm to the both the neighborhood of Silver Lake and the area in general.

It would be in the best interest of the community for the Commission to amend its plan and extend the western boundary for the 45th Assembly District 2 blocks further west on Sunset Boulevard to Bates Avenue ensuring that the Sunset Junction business district may remain intact and retain its historic cohesion.

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Both Silver Lake and the Sunset Junction business district have a proud history of diversity, inclusion and tolerance. The Black Cat bar - located in the Sunset Junction

business district - was recently commemorated as a historical site for its role in the gay liberation movement that pre-dated the Stonewall riot in New York City. To exclude any section of the Sunset Junction would tarnish the proud history of this neighborhood.

In addition, the annual Sunset Junction Street Fair is among the largest in the state and extends west to Bates Ave. Neither the footprint of the neighborhood nor the fair itself should be irrationally split.

In summary, I respect and acknowledge the great work done by the Citizens Redistricting Commission and it is in this spirit of appreciation that I strongly feel their work would not be complete until this boundary is corrected.

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Thank you for your time and attention. Congratulations on the great work you have done for the people of California.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Choi, Owner
Serifos, Inc.

[REDACTED]
Silver Lake / Los Angeles, CA 90026
[REDACTED]

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From: Scott McCaverty [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 06:06:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Scott McCaverty <[REDACTED]>

Subject: El Segundo Re-districting

Message Body:

I fail to see any similarities between El Segundo and any of the other proposed cities that Sacramento is suggesting. We are a beach community, a very safe town, our schools play fellow beach cities and there is a reason we do not live in cities, such as Inglewood. Please reconsider this concept and let us maintain our current districting. Sacramento has bigger issues to deal with right now. Do not ruin this awesome town with monetary influenced politics.

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Subject: Request for Change to Redistricting Plan

From: Peter Choi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 17:18:54 -0700 (PDT)

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

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Commission Fax: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: Arcadia Ignored?

From: CommServ <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 09:51:03 -0700

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

From: Michael D. Antonovich

Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 8:36 AM

To: CommServ

Subject: FW: Arcadia Ignored?

From: PA2k [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 6:15 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Michael D. Antonovich; [REDACTED]

Subject: Arcadia Ignored?

Subject: REDRAW ARCADIA LEGISLATIVE LINES into LASGF

Dear Commission members:

Why are the legislative lines not being redrawn for Arcadia? Know that many citizen residents have written to the commission, but that it seems to fall on deaf ears. Even our city council has sent a letter to your attention. Virtually, all the LASGF Foothill communities have had their lines redrawn, except Arcadia. It appears that there is a prejudice or bias against our foothill city by this commission. Is there? Still have faith in the commission to conduct itself with transparency, integrity, and fairness.

According to the California Constitution,

"A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

(Cal. Const., Art. 21, Sec. 2 (d)(4).)

The maps so far developed by the Commission are in violation of this section. It should be noted that "community of interest" is defined in terms of geographical interests. The foothill community of towns have common interests not shared by the cities further south which those maps have placed in the same district.

It should be noted that race and ethnicity are not part of the definition of a "community of interest." Hopefully, we live in an color-blind society where race and ethnicity are merely natural facets of an individual (along side such aspects as gender, age, size, talents, intellect, health, gregariousness, intellectual interests, hobbies, backgrounds, vocations, handicaps, etc.)

To make such vistas into "communities" assume that all individuals in such categories are unthinking robots with the same mentality, views, needs and preferences. That would be wrong. It would also be a divisive regression towards primitive tribal segregation. Its "logic" would need to extend districts globally across state and national boundaries.

Furthermore, most people are a mixture of various ethnic stocks & diversities. Each individual citizen (regardless of racial or ethnic background) has a right to the equal protection of the laws. No such category can be allowed to favor one person over another. Yesterday's "majority" is today's "minority." We are all Americans first and foremost, one person one vote.

RESOLUTION

Please redraw Arcadia to be included with the common "communities of interest" in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains (LASGF). The way the lines are currently drawn, Arcadia is gerrymandered by her neighboring cities (especially Sierra Madre and Monrovia). Even in a diverse society, Arcadia is being divided and forced to join other cities with which we have nothing in common either economically or sociologically. This is wrong and needs to be changed.

Please pull up, visit, and compare the following 3 maps for a more balanced deviation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/ R.W. Thee


Arcadia, CA 91007

The following are the Brian Fuller Alternative Map overlays with population details:

My assembly map with the CRC Visualization map in the background

<http://tinyurl.com/3onhlje>

My congressional map with the CRC Visualization map in the background

<http://tinyurl.com/3ztyunh>

My senate map with the CRC Visualization map in the background

<http://tinyurl.com/3zxkm3n>

Subject: FW: Letter from Councilman Mario A. Guerra to Citizens Redistricting Commission Regarding Downey
From: CommServ <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 09:51:36 -0700
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

From: Michael D. Antonovich
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 8:37 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: Letter from Councilman Mario A. Guerra to Citizens Redistricting Commission Regarding Downey

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From: Mario A. Guerra [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 5:59 PM
To: Mario A. Guerra
Subject: Letter from Councilman Mario A. Guerra to Citizens Redistricting Commission Regarding Downey

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[Downey Kept Whole in Statewide Redistricting "Visualizations," But Separated from Traditional Neighbors and Regional Partners...Will have an impact on Downey for many years to come](#)

Downey, CA, July 19, 2011: California Citizens Redistricting Commission, electing not to release second round draft maps for state legislative and congressional districts, last week posted several versions of district "visualizations" on its website www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov.

In these visualizations, the City of Downey appears to be kept intact in proposed congressional, state assembly, state senate, and board of equalization districts. But are being separated from our traditional regional partners. This will have a large impact on our City for many years.

As expected, Downey will be paired with its traditional Gateway Cities Council of Government neighbors and partners in Southeast Los Angeles County, at least when it comes to the assembly district. However, the visualizations available on the Redistricting Commission website show proposed congressional districts have grouped Downey with neighborhoods and areas that are not traditional regional partners. We are being gerrymandered together with areas that are NOT communities of interest with Downey.

The final district maps are set to be released by the Redistricting Commission before August 1 and will be adopted on or before August 15. It is unusual that the new maps do not appear to respect the larger cooperative relationships and communities of interest long established in the Southeast Los Angeles area.

The City of Downey is a vibrant and well respected community in Southeast Los Angeles County. It has traditionally worked very closely with neighboring cities on significant economic, transportation, water, and air quality projects that address the distinctive needs of the Southeast L.A. region, particularly with the cities of Norwalk, Paramount, Bellflower, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, Whittier, La Mirada, Cerritos, Lakewood and Long Beach.

The City has previously submitted letters supporting the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission's stated

principles of keeping communities whole and respecting geographic and other existing boundaries. I encourage our residents to go on line and voice your opinions. This is vital to our future.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter I sent today to the committee and urge you to consider doing the same...I welcome your thoughts and comments. The web link is <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/contact.html>

I hope all is well...All my best...God Bless.

Mario A. Guerra

Councilman

City of Downey

[REDACTED]

Downey, Ca. 90241

[REDACTED]

Letter to Redistricting Commission From Downey Councilman Guerra.pdf



City of Downey

FUTURE UNLIMITED

July 19, 2011

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Honorable Members of the Commission:

As elected representatives of the City of Downey, we have been following your proposals for our area with great expectation. When California enacted laws that allowed your commission to take responsibility for drawing the new district lines we were pleased. To know that politics would finally be taken out of the redistricting process was refreshing.

Up until July 14th we were beginning to see true Communities of Interest being formed. Downey and its residents certainly have deep connections with the communities of Cerritos, Bellflower, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Whittier, La Mirada and Pico Rivera. The congressional map you had drawn PRIOR to the three new Congressional District options you recently published, were a true representation of our community. At a simple glance the map was a whole nugget that took away any appearance of gerrymander drawing and at a closer look, the districts fit with the spirit of Proposition 20.

Then, you suddenly produced very different maps that left us perplexed as to the logic in forming these proposed districts. Downey does not have common interest with cities on the path to Los Angeles. Issues and needs are very different and from a historical perspective, takes us away from Cities we have partnered with in the past for regional issues. Yet all three newly proposed options have cities drawn West towards Los Angeles. At a simple glance, the figures of the three new maps look so elongated and distorted, that it is hard to find how such drastic changes have occurred.

We understand the legal challenges that have been placed upon you in this process and we respect the commission members and all participants for undertaking such important work. Yet, as we observed and participated in the public hearings, it was hard not to also notice the parade of special interest groups advocating for political clout.

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July 19, 2011
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Our concern is that these political campaigns to form maps under the auspices of rule of law, drown the voices of the communities that will have to live with the burden of being misrepresented in our State and National Capitols.

We urge you, please do not link our city with cities on the path to Los Angeles. Our communities of interest in culture, business, family bonds and demographics are to our South and East. Please consider redrawing your maps to reflect the maps before July 14.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mario A. Guerra".

Dn. Mario A. Guerra
Councilman

Subject: FW: Redraw Arcadia - S.G. Foothill Mountains

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"Visualization" Maps – Berkeley/ CA State Wide Data Base
www.swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011/

Maps Referenced:

State Assembly ARC–LA Opt1 – 2011-07-14 @ 8:42AM

State Assembly ARC–LA Opt2 – 2011-07-14 @ 08:42AM

State Senate ARC–LA – 2011-07-15 @ 10:30 AM

Congressional ARC–LA Option 1.2 2011-07-15 @ 5:59PM

Mapping Narrative: Redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill Mountain
"Communities of Interest" (LASGF)

- **ARCADIA Assembly District (AD):** the northern neck is gerrymandered between Sierra Madre & Monrovia with no common contiguous connection – redraw Arcadia to the Foothill mountain "Communities of Interest" (LASGF)
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These lines are radically changing the political landscape of our district while blatantly disregarding the “communities of interest” guidelines. The CCRC maps make no sense whatsoever, lines are drawn vertically rather than horizontally, leapfrog over boundaries and districts, and lack contiguous borders.

Redrawing the lines (by a friend and cartographer Brian M. Fuller) to include Arcadia is a fair and balanced option by swapping out other non-COI cities. The attached maps clearly show that Arcadia can be redrawn with the required derivatives, population deviation, and remain contiguous with all the Foothill 'communities of interest' in line with Sierra Madre> Monrovia> Duarte> Bradbury> et alia along the San Gabriel mountains.

Have written to the Commission before, attended the hearings, and still seems to be no real effort to make any changes to Arcadia's legislative lines. Yet, Arcadia's northernmost border extends into the Angeles National Forest in the San Gabriel Foothill Mountains and is gerrymandered / split between two cities of common interest. It's southern-most assembly & congressional border elbows into East L.A. and atop of Montebello (below the 60 Pomona freeway) This is both questionable and wrong.

Arcadia is a major player in the Foothill 'communities of interest' and shares the 210 Foothill freeway along with the Gold Line Metro Rail Transportation network with her Foothill neighbors. Arcadia's reputation for mutual support services in the northern communities include law enforcement, fire prevention, health care and medical assistance. It has many established assets and contributes regularly to the mountain communities, and will expand East & West (not North & South) with its planned growth and development.

Please redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill Mountain 'Communities of Interest' (LASGF).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/ R. W. Thee

[REDACTED]
Arcadia, CA 91007

(See Comparison Map attachments)

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These lines are radically changing the political landscape of our district while blatantly disregarding the “communities of interest” guidelines. The CCRC maps make no sense whatsoever, lines are drawn vertically rather than horizontally, leapfrog over boundaries and districts, lack contiguous borders, and make Picasso look like a still life artist. Arcadia will expand East & West (not North & South) with its planned growth and development.

Submitted by,

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Arcadia, CA 91007-6103

2011-07-19

ASSEMBLY – ARCADIA – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP

CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-14 8:42AM assembly la opt 1” (option 2 is similar)

I. ARCADIA AD: the northern neck is gerrymandered between Sierra Madre & Monrovia with no common contiguous connection. Arcadia is drawn out of a contiguous district pattern. – Redraw Arcadia into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)

II. ARCADIA AD: stretches south to the top of East L.A. & Montebello (with no common factors) – Redraw Arcadia into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)

III. ARCADIA AD: is detached from Monrovia which leapfrogs over Azusa to reconnect with San Dimas & Upland (the latter 2 communities could reasonably be drawn into the West Covina area district) – Redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest” (LASGF)

IV. Duarte & Bradbury are redrawn into the West Covina district (swap with San Dimas & Upland) – Redraw Arcadia back into the Foothill mountain “Communities of Interest”

V. ARCADIA AD: the Monterey Park district could grow eastward to make the population deviations balance again and close up the over-extended southern lines.

ASSEMBLY – ARCADIA REDISTRICTING REDRAWN Alternative Map (Blue Lines)

VI. More superior revision “Communities of Interest” with balanced populations

SENATE – ARCADIA – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP

CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-15 10:30AM senate la” (only map proposed)

VII. ARCADIA SD Lines seem to be fine But why hop-skotch over Azusa and Glendora to gerrymander San Dimas and Upland when they could be reasonably drawn into the West Covina district?

SENATE – ARCADIA REDISTRICTING REDRAWN – Alternative Map (Blue Lines)

The revised district logically combines Burbank, La Canada/Flintridge, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Altadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, & Bradbury.

Congress – ARCADIA – CCRC REDISTRICTING MAP

CCRC Proposed Map “2011-7-13 10:16AM congress la opt 1” (one of four similar)

VIII. CCRC Congressional lines are drawn too far south. Either move Monterey Park eastward into West Covina or west into Los Angeles.

IX. Redraw Monrovia, Duarte, & Bradbury into the Foothill lines (swap San Dimas & Upland)– Keep these COI cities together with Arcadia, Sierra Madre, San Marino, et al.

CONGRESS – ARCADIA REDISTRICTING REDRAWN Alternative Map (Blue Lines)

X. The redrawn lines are more intact with “Communities of Interest” and more compact for legislative representation. Far more superior than the CCRC map.

XI. Swap exchange with San Dimas and Upland into West Covina district

Submitted by: R. W. Thee

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Arcadia, CA 91007

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Joanne Solov <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 18:59:25 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joanne Solov <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting re: the VA

Message Body:

Please do NOT take the Va away from its current district. We and our representatives have been diligent in trying to protect that area for the Veterans and I fear that another district would not have enough time to get up to speed on the issues facing the community and the VA. The VA is an integral part of our community!

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: keneth <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 21:28:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: keneth <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Question: what happens to the current official

Message Body:

I live in west hollywood. I see that both the state senate and state assembly districts here will change significantly. What will happen if my district number changes - will my current incumbent change in 2012? Where do the current incumbents go? (Do they go with the number assigned to them even if it changes?) Thanks.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: William Jablonski <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 16:14:24 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: William Jablonski <[REDACTED]>

Subject: FAA taxes & more

Message Body:

Judy I am concerned of getting matters done now that need attention. I will be looking up the proposed 27th District and get back to you. Have a great day

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Redistricting

From: Antoinette Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 09:03:23 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Antoinette Johnson
[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90008

August 7, 2011

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

Dear Gentle People,

I am writing to ask you to support our communities and keep us together in the same legislative district, so that we can continue to speak with a unified voice and elect people who will represent everyone in this area.

The California Redistricting Commission's (CRC) newly reconfigured district lines do not accurately reflect the communities of interest in South Los Angeles. I live in Leimert Park in South Los Angeles. My neighborhood's boundaries include Coliseum to the North, MLK Blvd. to the South, and Van Ness to the East and Crenshaw Blvd. to the West. My neighborhood is a quiet residential area with a high percentage of hard working middle class families. Many families have lived in this community at the same location for forty years or more. This community should not be divided or split into smaller communities; this could result in a loss of political and economic power for us.

Our communities of interest include: Vermont Knolls, Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, West Adams, Crenshaw, Jefferson Park, Hyde Park, View Park, Windsor Hills, Culver City, Playa Vista, Mid-city Palms and Pico-Robertson. These neighboring residential communities also share similar demographics and should be included in the Congressional District which includes LAX. Your support of keeping our district lines the same would greatly benefit us all.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Johnson

Subject: Redistricting

From: Dennis Donaghu <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 08:55:46 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission,

I know you have received numerous messages regarding your difficult redistricting efforts that affect Pleasant Hill and Martinez. I am also sure that you must be aware from those messages that Pleasant Hill shares no commonality of interest with any of the communities in Yolo, Lake, Napa and Solano counties, but I would like to point out another problem with splitting Pleasant Hill out of the Ramon district. The Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District (a California Special District) includes not only the City of Pleasant Hill, but also some unincorporated areas outside of the city. Thus, if you split Pleasant Hill out of the Ramon district, our Special District will be split between the two districts. You would not split a city, so I am asking that you please do not split our district either.

Sincerely,

Dennis Donaghu
Board Vice Chair
Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District

Dennis Donaghu

[REDACTED]

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

[REDACTED]

Subject: Comments to Assembly Map LAPRW @ 7/27/11

From: Victor Mendez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 21:44:33 -0700 (PDT)

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

Attached please find comments to the subject proposed map from the undersigned, resident and property owner of Norwalk, Ca.

VICTOR D MENDEZ

[REDACTED]
Norwalk, Ca 90650

LAPRW_CRC_VMendez.pdf

August 9, 2011

VIA Email

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed please find a proposed map for File Name: LAPRW/ Assembly District 57 (AD 57). The map would be effective for the 2012 elections.

This proposed map would include most of Norwalk, as well as all of the cities of Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, Whittier, La Puente, and Temple City. It would also include unincorporated South Whittier and Hacienda Heights, among other communities.

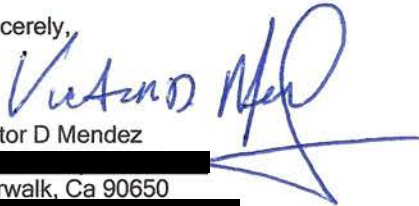
The map is of particular concern since it :

- Fosters deep suspicion over the credibility of the process (the last version kept Norwalk whole)
- Creates an appearance that Sacramento politicians are driving the process versus an independent commission (how and why Norwalk's position from the first draft was made lesser and in a completely different district, with no input from its citizens, is an open question)
- Disenfranchises a block of voters in Norwalk, especially those in the Norwalk La Mirada School District
- Divides Norwalk residents into the neighboring AD by a railroad track (contrary to the Commission Charter)
- Requires the City and its Council to work with 2 Assembly Members
- Incorporates Temple City which is not a community of interest to Norwalk nor to rest of the proposed AD

Please redraw this proposed district by removing Temple City and incorporating those parts of Norwalk which were left out of the current Ad 57 map, dated 7/28/11..

Thank you for your attention and efforts in this matter. Please let me know if you need further information or assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Victor D Mendez

Norwalk, Ca 90650




Figure 1- AD 57 @ 7/27/11

