

Thank you for consideration of our views. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best,

Astrid Garcia
Director of State Election Policy and Redistricting

NALEO Educational Fund

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To whom it may Concern at the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

It has come to my attention that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission recently released their Final Drafts for maps for Assembly, Senate, Congress and Board of Equalization. I believe that the Voting Rights Act has been violated since the power of the minority group (as a majority) vote has been diluted. The cities of San Bernardino, Colton and the community of Muscoy had their clout diluted while the city of Rialto was cut in half in the congressional maps.

I fully support the adjustments in the attached map as it protects more cities under the Voting Rights Act.

Concerned Citizen,

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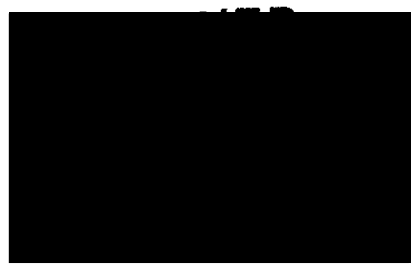


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Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am very concern about the Congressional District that's located in the Southern California Area. Please Remove Torrance and include the Vermont - Knolls into this Congressional District. The Westchester neighborhood needs to be included in the Inglewood Congressional District AS well.

I seriously hope you take my written request into consideration. Please Review the map you have received from AARC. Torrance has totally different views and values. Thank you

Sincerely,

Robbin G. Pratts

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Dear Redistricting Commission:

There are two changes that need to be made during the public comment period.

- ① Torrance needs to be removed from the Inglewood Congressional district. Instead, you should include South Los Angeles (east of 110) and the area south of Jefferson & east of Alameda
- ② Per the sample map you received from AARC, Vermont Knolls needs to be included in the airport Congressional district.

Sincerely,

Captal Crawford

CA Black Women's Health Project

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Members:

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I write to you today to request that the community of Vermont Knowles, bounded by 82nd Street to ~~Normandie~~ Manchester Blvd. and Vermont Avenue to Normandie Avenue be included with the communities of Inglewood and Westchester as all three communities share the common interest of the Los Angeles Airport. It is imperative that the three communities as a unit have a single congressional representative who can balance the interest of the airport with that of the residents impacted by the airport's present, future growth and planned access. Locally, this imperative has already been recognized by the fact that current proposed boundaries for the State Senate and State Assembly includes Vermont Knowles and Inglewood and Westchester as a unit.

Your Commission did receive testimony from numerous community members ^{who} echoed the belief that Westchester, Inglewood and Vermont Knowles are a single community of interest. As a 64 year old resident of South Los Angeles, I urge the commission to correct the omission of Vermont Knowles and join it within the same boundaries as Westchester and Inglewood so all three communities can have their community of interest represented. Thank-you for your attention.

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Attention Redistricting Commission:

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This letter is to address my concerns about the inclusion of Torrance in the Inglewood district. The plans to do this not only seem racially inclined, but a complete devastation to Inglewood residents.

Torrance is larger in population and its population represents extreme ethnic and political differences. The city of Torrance should have its own district or be included in districts other than Inglewood.

If expansion is necessary communities such as South Central Los Angeles East of the 110 freeway, Watts, and neighborhoods East of Alameda and South of Jefferson would better represent a cohesive district with Inglewood.

I understand that you have been presented with alternate maps that show the possibilities in changing what you are voting on. I ask that you consider those and the residents of Inglewood who will suffer if you don't.

Thanks

Lexi Fenton

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Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles for over 60 years ~~and~~ I am ~~am~~ disappointed that the Vermont Knolls community was ~~omitted~~ ~~excluded~~ from the Congressional District final maps. The immediately prior map included this area as part of the whole community to which it has belonged for many decades. It should remain there. They should not be separated from their neighbors because their community of interests have been and remain the same.

African American representation is in danger of decline at the federal and state levels because of your redistricting efforts. Please do not stack us all together so that our voting strength is minimized. The African American population numbers have not declined to the extent that we should be in danger of losing an Assembly or Senate or Congressional seat.

Subject: Citizens Redistricting

From: Akosua Hobert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 10:15:07 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

August 8, 2011

The Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to let my voice be heard during this final public comment period and before you that a final vote on August 15, 2011. It is important that I continue to be able to elect candidates of my choice.

Therefore, I am demanding that 1) Vermont Knolls belongs in the congressional district that contains Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and other neighborhoods impacted by LAX and (2) Torrance does not share a community of interest with Inglewood and its adjacent LAX-impacted neighbors. It is critical that the Commissioners keep together the core neighborhoods that make up the Inglewood Congressional District (newly numbered 43--currently known as CD 35).

Sincerely Yours,

Akosua Hobert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Redistricting

From: Gretchen Fourticq [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 14:18:52 -0700 (PDT)

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

CC: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]> Ted Fourticq [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

Please read the following message regarding the redistricting of our neighborhood. We are part of an historic neighborhood in an HPOZ called Windsor Square in Los Angeles and, for some reason, you are considering dividing the neighborhood down the middle during your redistricting. We are outraged by this move. We have little common interest with East Los Angeles. We are a contiguous neighborhood and wish to stay that way. Please read the statement below summarizing our position:

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.

We will continue to pursue this matter until a satisfactory resolution.

Regards,
Edward and Gretchen Fourticq
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90020



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August 10, 2011

Via Electronic Mail

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, I am writing to express our serious concerns about the detrimental impact of the Commission's State Senate preliminary final map on the political progress of California's Latino community, and I urge the Commission to vote against the map on August 15.

The mission of the NALEO Educational Fund is to facilitate full Latino participation in the American political process, and we have engaged in an on-going dialogue with the Commission on how to best ensure that California's new maps provide its Latino community with a fair opportunity to achieve fair representation. Attached is the testimony we submitted on July 21, 2011, which provides a detailed description of how the Commission's State Senate visualizations would severely diminish fair Latino electoral opportunities. The preliminary final map approved by the Commission does not address the significant issues we raised.

In summary, the preliminary final map reduces the number of Latino effective districts in California from six to five. In addition, the map significantly weakens the Latino presence in districts in the San Fernando Valley and Orange County, areas where Latinos have just started to obtain a stronger voice in California's democracy.

As discussed in the attached testimony, we also note that the Commission missed the opportunity to create an additional Latino effective district in the Central Valley in both its Congressional and Assembly preliminary final maps.

We appreciate the extraordinary commitment and long hours you have dedicated to the monumental task of drawing California's political boundaries, and we are extremely grateful for your service to the state. The maps you approve will determine the political destiny of California for the next ten years. During the last decade, Latinos accounted for 90% of the state's growth, and according to Census 2010 data, nearly two of five Californians are Latinos.

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We urge you to ensure that your maps provide California's growing Latino community with a fair opportunity to achieve full representation in California's democracy. This can only be accomplished if you vote to reject the unfair preliminary final State Senate map on August 15.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact Astrid Garcia at [REDACTED] ext 4434 or by email at [REDACTED] should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arturo Vargas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Arturo Vargas
Executive Director

Attachment

Subject: New Congressional District Boundaries

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 2:39:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

For the sake of my city, PLEASE do not split Redondo Beach in half. Being represented by two congresspersons rather than one is not in anyone's best interest.

And I used to live in Malibu. Malibu and Redondo Beach are as much alike as snakes and snails. Not a good match at all. I do not wish to see Redondo Beach needs wagged by the Malibu dog.

Thank you for all your hard work. I realize this is not easy. But splitting cities in half (and Venice in three!) is not good policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy Sartor
Redondo Beach Resident
(Formerly a Malibu Resident)

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: beverly Sanford <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 22:47:27 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: beverly Sanford <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Positive Reaction To Proposed 43rd congressional district

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

AS a Westchester homeowner and 38 year resident. I recognize that you have worked tierlessly to put together the proposed 43rd Congressional District. Thank you for considering that Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Westchester, Inglewood and cities to the east of Los Angeles International Airport do share a common interest. We are bound together by the continual concern of the impact of airport expansion. Strong working relationships have been established as we have toiled for the best interest of our communities. Issues of traffic, noise, safety concerns, the environment and economic opportunities affect us all. As communities with common interests we work together. As a group interacting positively we have the ability to create a better quality of life for all. We are a multi ethnic, multi cultural district and have benefited from our diversity.

The proposed 43rd Congressional District is a good combination of cities. The diversity is beneficial and can allow is to continue working toward our shared goals.

The Beach Cities Congressional District does not share the unique interests of the proposed 43rd Congressional District. The proposed 43rd, as a cohesive group, with communities of interest, has the ability, with concerned representation to work for the good of all. Our current Congressional Representative, Maxine Waters, has represented my community fairly and with diligence and concern over our issues

Your time and interest is most appreciated. Thank You.

Respectfully,

Beverly Sanford

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: j coke <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 15:17:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: j coke <[REDACTED]>

Subject: maps

Message Body:

terrible web site. can't access maps from state data base and maps don't show enough detail. putting a map easily accessible for the public on the web site should be the easy stuff!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jacqueline Cloidt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 22:05:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jacqueline Cloidt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Vote Against Map

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

The citizens of California voted to form a people's commission to draw voting lines to overcome political bias and ensure fair voting politices.

It seems the Commission has broken that trust and put together maps that show strong bias in favor of Deomocrats.

I urge all the Commissioners that are concerned about the result to vote 'NO" to adopting the maps.

Jacqueline Cloidt

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kate Brady <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 23:03:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kate Brady <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Final Senate & Assembly maps

Message Body:

The preliminary maps were tolerable.

I would have liked to have seen draft

two (2) in order to complain. The Assembly one is worse than the Senate map. El Segundo will be an island in the final Assembly map. It will be separated from the northern district cities of Los Angeles & Inglewood by 3600 acres of LAX, and share a scant two mile border with Hawthorne on the east. We do not have anything in common with the eastern cities, but share aerospace employment, police & fire mutual aid services, small governance issues, infrastructures, problems, & unified school district issues & small city beach concerns.

The Senate map area is too large. The addition of all the cities north of Marina del Rey do not have anything in common with the small beach cities.

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Subject: Re: City of Lakewood comments

From: "Paolo Beltran" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 08:29:18 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attached please find the city of Lakewood's comments on the final redistricting maps.

Best regards,

Paolo Beltran
Senior Management Analyst
City Manager's Office
City of Lakewood
ph: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
www.lakewoodcity.org

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August 8, 2011

Ms. Jodie Filkins Webber
Chair, Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Filkins Webber:

The City of Lakewood has reviewed the Commission's recently released preliminary final maps for its proposed Assembly, Senate, and Congressional district boundaries. While we appreciate the amount of work the Commission has done in crafting these districts, we have concerns with the Assembly District (known as "LASGL") and one of our Senate Districts (known as "LALBS") in which our community would reside.

As currently drawn, the boundaries tie the most northwestern point of the Gateway Council of Governments (COG), Bell/Huntington Park, to the most southeastern, Lakewood/Long Beach. It goes without saying that the social, economic, and transportation issues of these vastly different corners of the Gateway COG vary greatly.

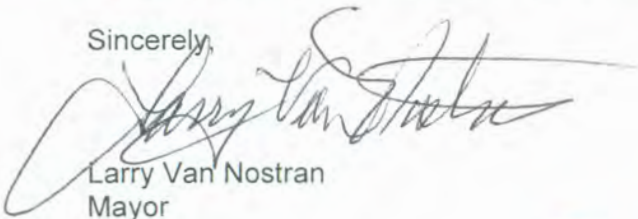
We agree wholeheartedly with the Commission's goal that the division of communities of interest should be minimized. Lakewood's two current Assembly districts and Senate district are drawn to include cities with similar characteristics – primarily residential bedroom communities with less than 100,000 residents. Lakewood is most similar to communities like Cerritos, Norwalk, Downey, Paramount, Bellflower, Artesia, and Hawaiian Gardens, with whom we share lower densities and local economic and transportation interests, and common fire and law enforcement agencies.

In addition, in our letter to the Commission dated June 28, 2011, proposing an alternative Assembly District, we previously submitted data that supports our commonality with the cities mentioned above. We found that the area has similar household median income (the majority of the area falls in the \$42,890 - \$59,215 range); similar type of housing data (the majority of the area is owner-occupied housing units); and the area is very diverse as evidenced by the high diversity index. Our proposed plan met a preponderance of the Commission's criteria for a community of interest.

Areas on the northwestern half of the proposed district are much more urbanized, have greater densities, and have little of the environmental and transportation interests with Lakewood and the other southeastern cities and are not a good fit as a community of interest.

Please reconsider our request to be in a district that is more a community of interest. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Larry Van Nostran
Mayor

Lakewood