

Subject: RE: PETITION FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING / MARGHERITA VALENTINI

From: Margherita Valentini [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 14:31:57 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

I FOR ONE AGREE AND SIGN THE PETITION. I WILL TRY TO CIRCULATE THIS EMAIL - I DO HAVE A BOOK ON THIS VERY SUBJECT THAT THE LADIES FROM THE SANTA MONICA WOMEN'S FEDERATED GAVE ME WHEN I STARTED TO VOLUNTEER FOR REPUBLICAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS LAST YEAR! GREAT BOOK , GREAT PEOPLE.

MARGHERITA

Please circulate, scan and email to

[REDACTED]

Don't forget to cc to

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so California Conservative Action Group can track our

submissions to the Citizens Redistricting Commission

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 his reasons for voting against the state and federal legislative districts in California.

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, 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 criteria will not be met if Commissioner Ward is muzzled. All Commissioners should be allowed to file a full and complete minority report to the public on the Commission website and to the media.

Name, Address, Email and/or Phone County Date

1) MARGHERITA VALENTINI / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]
SANTA MONICA BLVD. , SANTA MONICA , CAL. 90404

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Subject: Reject Senate Plan

From: "Lori de Leon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 09:17:19 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

It is with great urgency that we request you to reject the Preliminary Final Map for the California State Senate. Much testimony has been presented to the Commission as to how many Latino voters will be disenfranchised with this proposed plan.

Sincerely,

Lori de León
Business Manager
Dolores Huerta Foundation

[REDACTED]

Subject: Senate map

From: Susan Kopicki <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 20:46:49 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I appreciate the complexity of your job. However, I think it is important to address the imbalance in Orange County, where the Latino community's interests are not effectively represented in the map.

It is important to review the maps again and make sure that the goals of the commission and its responsibilities are clearly met - please make sure the Latino community's interests are effectively represented.

Susan Kopicki

Newport Beach, CA

Subject: This proposed map LAPRW/ Assembly District 57 (AD 57)

From: Sue Soto <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 01:18:50 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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Sue Ann Soto

August 8, 2011

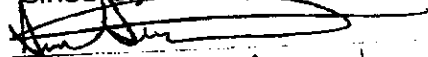
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Sincerely Yours,



Angelica Adewale

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Los Angeles, CA 90043

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Paul

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LA CA 90043
Lynn Gardner
[Redacted]

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Attn: Commissioner Royo

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August 9th, 2011

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Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)

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Re:			

Thank You!

Fax Transmittal



HOPE

August 11, 2011

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

Dear Members of the California Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of **Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)**, I am writing to express our concern about the detrimental impact of the Commission's State Senate preliminary final map on the political progress of California's Latino Community. I urge you and the commission to vote "NO," when the map comes before the commission on August 15, 2011.

Following through with State Senate preliminary final map would critically decrease Latino political progress if enacted. As of 2010 Latinos represent over 37%¹ of the total California population, and by 2020 this statistic is expected to grow to over 42% of the total California population². Thus, the increasing electoral influence of the Latino population deserves to be met with Senate districts that are representative of their demographic make-up. However, the preliminary final map does not provide California's growing Latino population the opportunity to achieve full representation in California's democracy.

Specifically, the State Senate preliminary final map reduces the number of districts from six to five, where Latinas and Latinos can effectively choose their elected leaders. This is true in San Fernando Valley, and Orange County which have been placed in Senate districts with a weaker Latino presence than their current districts.

Additionally, California's Latino community will face significant challenges with achieving fair representation in the Central Valley. The preliminary final maps at the State Assembly and Congressional levels lack the creation of new Latino effective districts.

We urge you to ensure that your map 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 15th.

Moreover, we greatly appreciate the commitment and long hours you have dedicated to the grand task of drawing California's political boundaries, and we are extremely grateful for your service to the State.

HOPE is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to ensuring political and economic parity for Latinas through leadership, advocacy, and education to benefit all communities and the status of women. For over twenty years HOPE has been working to provide a critical voice to Latinas to develop their personal growth, prosperity, and

¹ US census Bureau – <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06000.html>

² California Policy Index – <http://inbox.berkeley.edu/category/demographics/>

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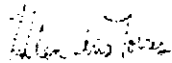
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political clout. Additionally, HOPE has continually advocated for fair and equal representation of Latinas at all levels of government.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Helen Torres
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

4 Los Angeles

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901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Commission Fax: 

Attn: Commissioner Blanco

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Subject: Communities State Redistrictic.

Los Angeles Foothill District

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Dear Commissioner AUG 1 1 2011

I am writing to ~~request~~ request that the following communities be included in the Los Angeles Foothill District:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges - The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor - Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting map be redrawn so that my community is joined with other Los Angeles Foothill District communities that share our demographics and interests:

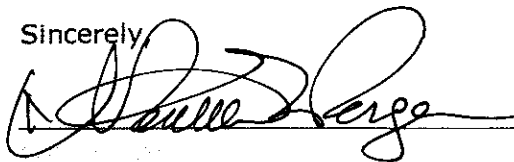
Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; Lake View Terrace - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; La Tuna Canyon - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); Glendale and Burbank - Rural, Suburban and Share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business

*These communities have commonalities and interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District: the **Los Angeles Foothill District.***

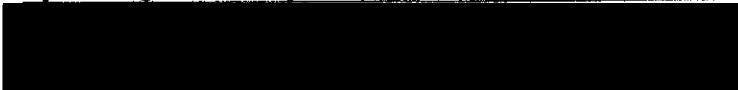
I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



NANNETTE WENGER



SHADOW HILLS CA 91040





Office of the Mayor and the City Council

August 4, 2011

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

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Per _____

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

This request follows our two previous letters in which the City of Monrovia is calling for our community to be kept whole in the redrawn Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts. As Mayor of Monrovia, I am sending this letter on behalf of the Monrovia City Council to call for the Commission to not only restore our City so that it only has one Congressional district, but to also bring to light what can be considered an unfair and non-transparent process.

Monrovia is a city of nearly 39,000 residents. As proposed, the final draft map shows that while we will only have one Senate and Assembly district, the Congressional district will be split at Hillcrest, which is the northern most section of Monrovia. While geographically this cuts Monrovia roughly in half, the population size north of Hillcrest represents about 10 percent of the City's population.

I can only speculate the justification behind the Commission's decision to split Monrovia and cut it at Hillcrest. One theory is that it was done to keep Bradbury, a city with a population of 1,100 just to the east of us, in District 27. If this is the case, one recommendation is a simple switch: place Bradbury within District 32, and keep Monrovia in tact.

In previous visualizations, we only had one Congressional district, but it wasn't until July 17 that we began to see Monrovia split. This took a rapid turn for the worse just 10 days later when, on July 27, the Commission decided – in what appeared to be a hasty decision – to not only divide our City, but to do so in a location that marginalizes about 10 percent of our population.

This decision is questionable because it did not give the public any time to review the final draft maps before the Commission voted. It was not posted on the website until Thursday, July 27 – the same day the Commission adopted the final draft maps, and four days after the Commission decided to redraw the lines. It is difficult to understand, then, at what point the Commission expected the public to truly comprehend and subsequently protest the maps. After all, the maps were posted the **same day** as the July 27 vote. This quick change has led us to question the transparency of the process that the Commission has followed. It also begs the question: if the Commission has taken short cuts at such a critical point in the process, are there other instances where public input has been severely limited?

Our request, then, is one of fairness and equity. We believe that we are entitled to be included in this process, and we believe that our City should be treated equally among those of our neighboring cities.

After all, our neighboring foothill cities such as Glendora, Azusa, Sierra Madre and Arcadia have been kept in tact – why haven't we?

With the eve of the vote upon you, we once again urge you to preserve Monrovia as a uniformed district. This helps reduce confusion, improves communication with legislators, and encourages the alignment of goals for Monrovians. As the elected officials of Monrovia, it is our goal to look out for the best interest of all residents, and having our City arbitrarily split in two will ultimately lead to inequities for our citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Lutz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz
Mayor

CC: [REDACTED]

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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 criteria 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.

Name	County	Date
MARIAN V. LESLIE	LOS ANGELES	8/9/11

Subject: Comments on proposed districts - Del Rey, Los Angeles

From: "Gerard Duiker" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 21:57:01 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attached my comments regarding the redistricting of voting districts that affect the Del Area in West Los Angeles

Thank you for reviewing and hopefully use them to make corrections to particularly the State Assembly and Congressional Districts as proposed

Gerard Duiker

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Los Angeles, CA 90066

August 11, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a resident of Del Rey, which is located in West Los Angeles, between the Ocean, Culver City, Santa Monica, and LAX. More specifically it is an area bounded by Marina Del Rey (West), Culver City (East), Washington Boulevard (North), and Jefferson Boulevard (South), all in the City of Los Angeles.

I reviewed and compared the proposed Board of Equalization, State Senate, State Assembly, and Congressional districts with an expressed interest to avoid a splitting Del Rey among separate districts. Currently Del Rey is in 3 different State Assembly Districts and 3 different Congressional Districts. I am pleased that the Commission proposes Del Rey to be in one State Senate District and one Board of Equalization District, but question the logic for splitting Del Rey again among different State Assembly and Congressional Districts. It serves the residents, its leadership and the City of Los Angeles to minimize overlapping districts so as to promote sound planning, appropriate development, and good governance.

The Commission's latest proposals place Del Rey in two (2) State Assembly Districts and two (2) Congressional Districts. The Commission can do better and refine the proposed Assembly and Congressional Districts boundaries to coincide with those of Del Rey by small deviations from Del Rey's accepted boundaries and thereby address the state's "community of interest" provision.

State Assembly District

The Commission proposes to split Del Rey among 2 Assembly Districts. Accordingly, most of Del Rey will be mostly placed in one District that partly shares Washington Boulevard as the northern border. A second district uses Washington Boulevard as its southern border, but inexplicably expands further south into Del Rey from where McConnell Avenue crosses Washington Boulevard to include a good number of residential blocks. Washington Boulevard is the northern boundary for all of Del Rey. The Commission used a long and narrow stretch of commercial properties along Washington Boulevard annexed by Culver City and expensed it into a large residential area in Del Rey. This is Gerrymandering. There is no benefit to Del Rey residents and it complicates development planning and governance when there is significant residential and commercial development and construction. Current commercially zoned areas along Washington Boulevard and the inexplicable expansion should be in the same district as Del Rey to encourage sound planning, appropriate development, and good governance.

Congressional Districts

Del Rey is also proposed to be divided among 2 different Congressional Districts. While most of Del Rey would be in District 33, several peripheral commercially zoned areas in Del Rey are excluded. It raises question of transparency if the accepted Del Rey boundaries which were carefully arrived at in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles and various community groups are ignored. Overlapping districts complicate communications, create conflicting agendas, and deter transparent planning, development, and governance. Relatively small adjustments that affect relatively few residents will place Del Rey in one district and align its boundaries with that of the 33rd district.

Congressional Districts-Community of Interest Concerns

Del Rey differs from Congressional 33 in location, community assets, and its socio-economic priorities.

Location: Del Rey is a small community of 2.45 square miles, located next to the Marina del Rey and the Santa Monica Bay. It is separated from the rest of the 33rd District by man-made (I-405) and natural barriers (Baldwin Hills). The proposed Congressional District 33rd spans from Del Rey in the West to the 110 Freeway in the East, the latter a north-south transportation corridor in South Central Los Angeles. The 33rd District's midpoint is the Baldwin Hills-Crenshaw area in in Central Los Angeles. By comparison, Del Rey lies west of the I-405, a north-south transportation corridor in West Los Angeles that separates Del Rey from its neighbors to the east. Further east are the Baldwin Hills, the site of a very large park and oil drilling activities that form a natural barrier between West Los Angeles and the Central Los Angeles area that comprises most of the 33rd District.

Community Assets: Del Rey is among the communities that ring the Santa Monica Bay and shares with similarly situated communities certain community assets that distinguish it from other parts of Los Angeles. Among others are the temperate climate, adjacent harbors, exposure to beaches and the ocean. These assets found in West Los Angeles set it apart from the areas east of the 405 and the Baldwin Hills that define the 33rd district and Central Los Angeles.

Socio-economic priorities Del Rey is a diverse community with a long history reaching back over 100 years, which

is different from the socio-economic profile of the 33rd district. We are concerned that a merger with a much larger and more homogeneous district such as the 33rd district will diminish Del Rey's diversity and affect the planning, development and governance priorities accordingly. Del Rey is an area that exhibits a vibrant economy and is a destination for tourism and related marine activities which are quite different from the economic issues that drive the Central Los Angeles priorities. There is little that supports a "community of interest." If Del Rey is included in the 33rd District, with one local office that is about 12 miles from Del Rey. Del Rey belongs with Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, Venice, Santa Monica and Mar Vista, which are all contiguous and in West Los Angeles. I urge the Commission to revise its proposals that affect Del Rey and place Del Rey in one district for each of the four categories, and consider "community of interest" a principal driver for redistricting and not an afterthought after having equalized voters among voting district.

Sincerely,

Gerard Duiker

[REDACTED]
Del Rey, Los Angeles, CA 90066

cc. Board of Directors, Casa de Marina Townhomes Association
cc. Ms. Elizabeth Pollock, President Del Rey Homeowners and Residents
cc. Mr. Eric DeSobe, President Del Rey Neighborhood Council
cc. Council Member Bill Rosendahl, District 11, Los Angeles, California

Attachment: Casa de Marina Motion regarding Redistricting Proposals

Attachment

Casa de Marina Townhomes Association
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California 90066

Motion regarding Redistricting Proposals by the Citizens Redistricting Commission-Approved 8/10/2011

The Board of the Casa De Marina Townhome Association, representing 100 homeowners located in the Del Rey Neighborhood of Los Angeles, urges the Citizens Redistricting Commission to:

- 1 Locate Del Rey entirely within one State Assembly and one Congressional District.

Currently, Del Rey is split between three State Assembly and three Congressional Districts. The Commission's

proposals again split Del Rey among s different Assembly and Congressional Districts.

- 2 Include Del Rey in a State Assembly and a Congressional District that represents the interests and priorities of West Los Angeles, not those that focus on Central Los Angeles interests and priorities.

Del Rey is accepted as a distinct planning and development area in West Los Angeles and it is among the communities that ring the Santa Monica Bay. It is a vibrant community with a diverse population and an economy that focuses on tourism, the ocean, boating and a wide range of retail and personal service commerce.

Subject: Del Rey Redistricting

From: Elizabeth Pollock <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 22:45:43 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

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DEL REY HOMEOWNERS AND NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

August 11, 2011

VIA EMAIL and U.S.P.S.
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: "Final" Maps for Del Rey, Los Angeles County.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please do NOT approve the proposed "final" Congressional and Assembly district maps. The redistricting still splits the community of Del Rey into multiple districts, rather than maintaining our community of interest in a single district.

Attached is a digital map showing the community boundaries for Del Rey and its 30,000 residents (per Census 2010). These lines have not been followed in the proposed "final" maps.

Please make the following changes in the proposed Congressional district:

1. The western border should be on Lincoln Blvd., which separates Del Rey from Venice and Marina del Rey;
2. The district should include the land between Culver Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd.;
3. The industrial area bounded by Centinela Ave., Jefferson Blvd. and the 405 freeway (the "Mesmer Triangle") should be with the rest of Del Rey, not with Playa Vista or Culver City.

The borders of the proposed Assembly district should be drawn so that the Assembly district maintains the distinction between Del Rey, which is part of the City of Los Angeles, and Culver City, which is a separate municipality. Specifically, the Glencoe-Maxella part of Del Rey (bounded by Washington Blvd., Glencoe Ave. and Maxella Ave.) should be kept with Del Rey, not joined with the strip of Culver City that runs along Washington Blvd.. Similarly, the southeast corner of Del Rey (between Jefferson Blvd., Centinela Ave. and the 405 freeway) should be in a district with the rest of Del Rey, rather than combined with Culver City.

We do appreciate having all of Del Rey in a single state Senate district.

Very truly yours,

DEL REY HOMEOWNERS & NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

Elizabeth A. Pollock
President

Enclosure: Map of Del Rey

Cc: Los Angeles Councilmember Bill Rosendahl (District 11)
Eric deSobe, president, Del Rey Neighborhood Council

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DRH&NA – [REDACTED] – Los Angeles, CA 90066

www.delreyhome.org

Subject: Petition submission

From: VICKI & SAM GOODMAN <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 07:49:43 -0700 (PDT)

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

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

To the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission:

The attached is a petition requesting that the Commission permit Commissioner Michael Ward to file a minority report.

Thank you,

Vicki Goodman

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	Name, Address, Email and/or Phone	County	Date
1)	<i>Samuel B. Goodman</i> [Redacted] Long Beach, CA 90807	Los Angeles	8/10/11
2)	<i>Vicki P. Goodman</i> [Redacted] Long Beach, CA 90807	Los Angeles	8/10/11
3)			
4)			
5)			
6)			
7)			

Please circulate, scan and email to [Redacted]
 Don't forget to cc to [Redacted] so California Conservative Action Group can track our
 submissions to the Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Preliminary Final Maps

From: "Mary P." <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 21:34:43 -0700 (GMT-07:00)

To: [REDACTED]

[The Citizen Redistricting Commissioners.pdf](#)

August 11, 2011

The Citizens Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I have review the redistricting preliminary final maps for U.S. congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and Board of Equalization districts scheduled to be voted on for adoption August 15, 2011. This letter is to let my voice be heard during this final public comment period and before you take the final vote. It is important to me 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,

Mary L. Prater

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed new 27th Congressional District

From: Jill Fosselman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 10:28:18 -0700 (GMT-07:00)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Marv Gross <[REDACTED]> Arnie Siegel <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

As a Boardmember of Union Station Homeless Services (USHS), I was disappointed to learn that the west side of the Rose Bowl/Arroyo and the City of La Canada were removed from the proposed new 27th Congressional District. USHS cares for our community's most vulnerable residents, providing housing, supportive services, emergency shelter, and job retraining for the homeless. As an organization, we are greatly concerned that removing the wealthy and influential neighborhoods on the western side of our community will adversely impact our ability to advocate for and care for our clients.

Specifically,

1. All of Pasadena needs to be kept together in the revised Congressional District - splitting Pasadena is contrary to the goals of the Redistricting Committee. Pasadena is a 125 year old charter city and a cultural, business, educational, and non-profit leader in the San Gabriel Valley.

2. La Canada, our adjacent foothills neighbor, has great commonality and history with Pasadena, including Jet Propulsion Lab, the Hahamongna watershed and Devil's Gate dam, and the Arroyo.

3. Union Station Homeless Services provides housing and supportive services predominantly to west-San Gabriel Valley homeless residents, and specifically Pasadena and La Canada residents. As a non-profit serving the most vulnerable in our community, we deserve representation of our entire community -- not just one half -- to ensure balance, continuity, and harmony.

For these reasons I request that the Commission include all of the City of Pasadena and the City of La Canada in the final approved 27th Congressional district. Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Jill Fosselman, Board Member
Union Station Homeless Services
Pasadena

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Gail Noon [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 14:21:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gail Noon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I think I've already given you my comment, but I will do it again to stress my objective.....

I want ALL of San Pedro put BACK INTO Janice Hahn's district.

We used to be part of Jane Harman's Congressional district, then when the lines were changed (to protect Jane in her re-elections), the south end of San Pedro was given to another representative who covered the Republican Palos Verdes Peninsula and the wealthier parts of Long Beach, Seal Beach.

Well, we now have Dana Rohrbacher (a radical Republican Congressman) elected in due to all the GOP'ers in those coastal towns -- I do NOT like Rohrbacher AT ALL !!!!!

I want Janice back to cover ALL of San Pedro, clear down to Point Fermin's cliffs, which will also then include Janice's residence (because she lives only a few miles from us here down on Point Fermin).

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Leslie Minor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 23:58:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Leslie Minor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LA - REgion 4

Message Body:

Ms. Leslie Minor

[REDACTED]

Gardena, CA 90247

California Citizen's Redistricting Commission

916 "P" Street

Sacramento, California 95814

I am writing on behalf of my mother and her neighbors who still maintains our family homes in the "Harbor Gateway" Area.

Harbor Gateway is currently in the Congressional Map joined with Gardena, Hawthorne and other cities. Harbor Gateway in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County and unfortunately NOT a part of any neighboring city because it is on LA County, ALL services (education, refuse, fire, etc.) are provided by the County NOT THE CITIES.

For decades Harbor Gateway has been left out of decisions and representation. Our preference would be to stay with our neighbors in Rancho Dominguez that is also an unincorporated area of LA County where we share the same problems and the same services to solve them.

Please consider helping the only the only 100-150 neighbors by putting us in the "Compton" map with our neighbors in Rancho Dominguez where we share communities of interest by being un-incorporated and receiving all our services from the County and not neighboring cities.

Thank you

Leslie Minor

[REDACTED]

Gardena, CA 90247

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tom Carr <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 22:12:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tom Carr <[REDACTED]>

Subject: El Segundo

Message Body:

El Segundo does not have anything in common with the other cities in the proposed re-alignment. Inglewood which has no reason to cooperate with el segundo due its district setup would disenfranchise the voters in El Segundo.

There would be no reason to vote. We belong with the beach cities in our current district.

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