

Subject: end improper gerrymandering!!!!

From: sal alajian <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 11:49:52 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

redistricting committee:

the 36th congressional district must include ALL of torrance & lomita!

the south bay congressional district should be westchester south ONLY!

el segundo, manhattan beach, hermosa beach, redondo beach, torrance, lomita, palos verdes peninsula, san pedro, hawthorne, and gardena belong in the same district. the assembly district should keep el segundo in it.

this is our community. our personal lives, business interests, economic activity and everything else are intertwined with our neighborhood and our community.

i am strongly opposed to this gerrymandering and want a district with commonality.

you need to keep the south bay together, this is very important to us!

let's put an end to this improper gerrymandering practice immediately!

sincerely,
armen & sally alajian
san pedro, ca

Subject: Fwd: Comment Regarding Assembly Redistricting

From: Hans Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 19:59:37 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear CRC Oversight Provider--

I wanted to bring to your attention this important comment (below, with evidence attached) regarding the newly proposed Assembly boundaries affecting 2 Assembly districts in Los Angeles.

The districts are #s 43 and 51, with the boundary cutting through the Silver Lake-Sunset Junction neighborhood. And the concern about the boundary-drawing involves issues of accuracy, legitimacy, and integrity.

That the boundary involves a conspicuous notch (shown in Attachment C) is suggestive of the problem. As a stakeholder and homeowner in one of the addresses affected by this boundary problem, I want to believe the commission is guided by and adheres to its stated and noble aims: respect for communities of interest and detachment from considerations of partisan politics and the interests of candidates, be they challengers or incumbents. Yet I remain concerned about the accuracy, legitimacy, and integrity of this boundary. The aforementioned notch is just one issue. The placement of the proposed district boundary also defies neighborhood borders, involves an alleyway, emerged so late in the process of the CRC's work so as to flout public input, and may additionally appear to exclude from Assembly District 51 a fellow resident of my address who is a candidate for the open Assembly seat in that district.

The issues involved in this comment are of sufficient seriousness to redound adversely on the public standing of the commission and its contractors. They warrant attention, explanation, and remediation.

The CRC has advanced an important mission and undertaken it with diligence and an emphasis on transparency. That this instance may involve an apparent deviation from that standard, or flag a glitch or failure in the commission's procedures, should prompt swift and scrupulous oversight from those able to exert it.

Please be in touch if you have any additional question in looking into or responding to these concerns.

Sincerely--

--Hans Johnson

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90029

ph [REDACTED]
by email: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: wesjoe <[REDACTED]>

To: votersfirstact <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Fri, Aug 12, 2011 8:44 am

Subject: Comment Regarding Assembly Redistricting

By Email, Mail & Fax

August 12, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

[REDACTED]) [REDACTED]

Re: Proposed Boundary between Assembly Districts 43 & 51

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your hard work. I live in the Sunset Junction neighborhood of the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles and have been active in local community organizations – the Silver Lake

Improvement Association and the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council – for the last 10 years. I'm writing with respect to the proposed division of the commercial heart of our area between Assembly Districts 43 and 51.

I understand that one of your mandates calls for respecting communities of interest. Well, Sunset Junction (centered at the intersection where Santa Monica and Sunset Boulevards meet) is the longstanding commercial center of our area. The MTA and SCAG very recently completed a Compass Blueprint streetscape study of the area which calls for the creation of a transit plaza at Sunset & Santa Monica (see Attachment "A"). And our local blog, theeastsiderla.com published an article on this just last month (see Attachment "B").

The current redistricting proposal leaves the blocks immediately to the north and west of the plaza in AD 43, while the rest of the area, including nearby residential hillsides, is in AD 51.

Please don't split up our area in this manner. Attachment "C" is the Google Earth overview of the Sunset Junction area taken from your website. The main intersection is marked with a blue dot, the proposed transit plaza with a yellow triangle and of course the proposed boundary between ADs 43 and 51 is in purple.

Kitty-corner from the transit plaza, where Sunset meets Manzanita, is a new 43-unit condominium complex at 4111 Sunset Boulevard (marked with a green dot on Attachment "C"). About 7 years ago the developers appeared with their proposal before our new Neighborhood Council. This project has a block long façade along Sunset Boulevard. But rather than placing the main entrance in the center of the building, they purposely put it at the east end of the complex facing Sunset Junction, with the expectation that this would be the direction in which pedestrian traffic would flow. (See Attachments "D" and "E")

Having served on the group that drew the boundaries between our Neighborhood Council's districts (we call them "Regions"), I understand why all of Silver Lake could not have been placed in AD 51. The northern portion has too many people and would throw the numbers out of balance. (Our Neighborhood Council boundaries are noted in Attachment "F" from the NC website.) But the western sliver of Silver Lake which is located in Sunset Junction – the portion between Sanborn and Myra -- could easily be moved out of AD 43 and consolidated with the rest of Sunset Junction in AD 51.

In fact, it appears that AD 43 has a surplus of over 2700 persons, whereas AD 51 has a deficit of 31. So moving the area east of Myra into AD 51 would actually put things more in balance.

Please give your strongest consideration to this. Moving the strip of land along Sunset Boulevard between Sanborn and Myra into AD 51 would preserve a demonstrated community of interest intact, would provide more conformity with the community of interest defined by our Neighborhood Council, and would provide for a better overall balance in terms of the numbers of persons residing in each Assembly District.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and once again for all of your work.

Sincerely,

Wes Joe


About

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL?

In June, 1999, the voters of Los Angeles approved a new City Charter which created the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Its purpose is to promote more citizen participation in government and to make government more responsive to local needs through a citywide network of neighborhood councils. Each council is responsible for representing the diverse interests of its "Stakeholders."

WHO ARE SILVER LAKE'S "STAKEHOLDERS?"

In Silver Lake, a stakeholder is anyone who lives, works, owns property, or owns or operates a business within the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council boundaries; or who is a member of a community group, school, or religious institution in the community; or who works for an adjacent school or religious institution, which serves the community. To serve on the Governing Board of the SLNC, or to vote in Boardmember elections, stakeholders must be at least 14 years of age and fill out a stakeholder registration.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES -

North: LA River/Riverside Terrace

South: Clifford/Mayberry/101 Fwy

East: 2 Fwy/Glendale/Coronado/Waterloo

West: Hoover/Myra/Hyperion



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Los Angeles, CA 90029



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The grand plan for Silver Lake's Jiffy Lube island

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011

IN ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN, FEATURED



City engineers and the winners of a design competition are now working on how to build a monument and small plaza at Sunset Junction next to the Silver Lake Jiffy Lube. But that \$100,000 monument – part of a larger \$1.5 million street improvement project – is only phase one of an ambitious plan to change the look of the intersection where Sunset and Santa Monica boulevards meet. In a few years, if long term plans and promised funding comes through, the Jiffy Lube that has sat alone in a triangular island bounded by Sunset, Santa Monica and Manzanita Street will be replaced by an approximately 20,000-square-foot transit plaza with solar-powered bus shelters, bike parking and room for a community gathering space.

Los Angeles Sunset Junction Streetscape Vision



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Timeframe: 2008 - 2009

Project Partners

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO)

City of Los Angeles

Project Services

- Open houses and meetings
- Photorealistic visualizations
- Public workshops
- Urban design solutions and visualizations

PROJECT RESOURCES



- [Project Report](#) (3.5MB pdf)
- [Project Fact Sheet](#) (94KB pdf)

This project helped the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority identify streetscape improvements for the Sunset Junction area

These improvements are desired by the community and will help support activities within the neighborhood. A series of public workshops and outreach events paired neighborhood leaders with regional transportation agency representatives to collaborate on possible solutions to facilitate more efficient transit service while also realizing local community goals.

Goals:

- Strengthen the Sunset Junction area business core and identity.
- Improve transit integration and efficiency.
- Improve the walkability and the pedestrian experience.
- Improve bicycle facilities and markings.

The Sunset Junction Area Streetscape and Transportation Vision provides a modern blueprint for turning the Sunset Junction district into a model of coordinated bicycle, pedestrian, and transit activity that will benefit the community, local business, and the region. The vision suggests transit, pedestrian and bicycle improvements along three main commercial lifelines within the area: Sunset, Santa Monica, and Vermont Boulevards. Improving streetscapes and better integrating transit services in the district will increase community satisfaction and boost the multi-faceted use of these main arterials.

The Vision for the Sunset Junction area is a program for tactical improvements to the public realm: the sidewalks, the alignment and width of the road network, the location and design of transit stops, and the location of features including parking and open space within the study area.

Subject: Gerrymandering

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 21:50:40 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

What the heck are you guys doing? The 36th district should have all of Torrance in it along with Lomita. It should be Westchester and South including El Segundo. These districts have similar interests and should not be lumped in with the other far left communities. Our voices will not be heard with this ridiculous attempt at gerrymandering. Joseph DuRoss

Subject: Gerrymandering is vote fixing

From: Philip Gallanders <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 23:05:37 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Philip Gallanders <[REDACTED]>

Politics is a dirty game. It is generally not given to seeking the will of the people. Rather, it is geared into an artificial rigged game, where one party tries to suppress the greatest number of voices from the other party.

It is not a matter of supporting policy, but of supporting existing political jobs.

The current re-districting plan for Cal 36th District, is an insane, blatant effort to suppress votes. It is plain to see, in what is being planned for shape of the Cal 36th District, that fairness is of no consequence in the plan. Neither is democracy.

What is plain to see, is the virulent expression of entrenched power brokers, keeping their influence through suppression of voter's rights to be fairly represented.

I have lived in the South Bay since 1959. I work in Gardena. I go to church in Lomita. I went to high school in Palos Verdes, I live in Harbor City. These communities are home to me. My community is from LAX to San Pedro with all points in between.

I am not at home in Santa Monica, or Beverly Hills, or Malibu or Encino. They are at home together and they have different interests, philosophies and politics. Let them have their own district.

I think that this plan must be scrapped. It is clearly and manifestly unfair.

A new plan, with an intact, integral South Bay should be drawn up.

Best regards,
Philip Gallanders

[REDACTED]
Harbor City, CA, 90710

Subject: gerrymandering the south bay

From: pamela goeppner <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 14:06:15 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

REQUEST OF A TORRANCE CITIZEN:

PUT ALL OF TORRANCE AND LOMITA BACK INTO THE FORMER 36TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
THE SOUTH BAY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHOULD BE WESTCHESTER SOUTH ONLY
EL SEGUNDO, MANHATTAN BEACH, HERMOSA BEACH, REDONDO BEACH, TORRANCE, LOMITA,
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, SAN PEDRO, HAWTHORNE, AND GARDENA BELONG IN THE SAME
DISTRICT. AND THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SHOULD KEEP EL SEGUNDO IN IT.

THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY!

Subject: Gerrymandering!!!

From: Megan Dowling [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 12:33:51 -0700

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
- The South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only

Sent from Andromeda

Subject: I am opposed to redistricting as currently proposed.

From: "mr g" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 15:00:22 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Please

Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th

Congressional District

The South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south
only

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance,
Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong
in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo
in it.

Thank you

Gavin Schuette resident [REDACTED] Hermosa Beach CA, 90254

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<http://www.fastmail.fm> - mmm... Fastmail...

Subject: I live in torranec

From: Enrique Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 22:14:25 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
- The South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only

Subject: IMPROPER GERRYMANDERING

From: Debbie <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 16:36:02 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

The current proposal to create a beach district and divide the South Bay is unacceptable to members of this community. You have drawn up unfair and biased new boundaries that will be effective for 10 years. We are strongly opposed to your gerrymandering and want a district with commonality.

- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
- The South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only
- El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

This is our community. Our personal lives, business interests, economic activity and everything else are intertwined with our neighborhood and our community.

We in the South Bay ask that you keep us together. This is very important to us. It's not about party or ideology. It's not about race or ethnic makeup. It's about our neighbors and having a representative who knows our community and can actually represent us.

Thank you,

Mr/Mrs. Anderson

Hawthorne, CA 90250

Subject: Insane plan for redistricting

From: Rod Walti [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 11:33:18 -0700

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Please rethink you current plan for congressional redistricting. Please keep Palos Verdes peninsula, Torrance, Lomita and San Pedro in one unified congressional district.

Thank you for you consideration.

Rod Walti
Rancho Palos Verdes

Subject:

From: "Bernie Keach" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 11:05:08 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Bernie Keach
Western Regional Sales Manager
Broadcast Division
Marshall Electronics, Inc.

[REDACTED]
El Segundo, CA 90245

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[REDACTED]

Subject: keep the congressional districts together and not spread out

From: Yvetta Williams [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 22:26:57 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

This new plan is not as good as what we have now. We are strongly opposed to this gerrymandering and want a district with commonality.

PLEASE keep us together. This is very important. It's not about party or ideology. It's not about race or ethnic makeup. It's about our neighbors and having a representative who knows our community and can actually represent us.

Thank you for your support. Let's put an end to this improper gerrymandering practice by acting now to be more fair and keep a district together and not spread out so much.

Yvetta Williams-
Rancho Palos Verdes,

Subject: My input on what the Redistricting Commission is trying to do

From: Cynthia Tooredman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 22:16:25 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

The following is what I have posted on Facebook, Twitter, and my blog. It expresses my opinion about what you are doing. Let me add that what you're doing is so pig-headed, it almost defies belief. How dare you! I can only pray that the commission will be unable to agree and have to come up with new maps. Also, I think it is despicable that you are silencing Michael Ward. Again, how dare you!

Totalitarian Dictatorships Have Historically Taken Power by Legislative Coup

Is California next up for this tactic?

In a breathtaking display of Orwellian irony, the California Redistricting Commission is citing the 1964 Voting Rights Act, which prohibited "voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure" and made it illegal "to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color." The Commission cites this act, but intends to do the exact opposite.

How did we come to this? In 2008, California voters approved Proposition 11, which empowered a citizens commission to draw boundaries for the California Assembly districts and the California State Senate and that these boundaries would be redrawn every 10 years following the US Census. Last November, California voters approved Proposition 20, which expanded the commission's authority to also draw boundaries for US Congressional districts. Both propositions sound great, don't they? Congressional districts were to be determined by citizens rather than politicians. Constituents would be able to choose their representatives rather than having their representatives choosing their constituents.

Congressional districts were to be formed by "communities of interest. Prop. 20 defines a "community of interest" as "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, 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."

So how in the world could this commission justify sawing Pasadena in half? How could it justify carving out the historical conjoined siblings of Pasadena—San Marino and Arcadia? How could it justify including the far-flung communities of San Dimas, Upland, Claremont, and La Verne, which you have to drive forever to get to?

It couldn't, unless it were corrupted somewhere along the lines by developing an agenda to bestow privilege on particular racial groups which reliably vote Democrat (why blacks and Hispanics

vote Democrat when it is not in their interest to do so as powerfully demonstrated by the decline in median income and employment in those communities since the Democrats took over the Federal Government in 2008 is another story). The real goal of the commission was to create partisan redistricting favoring Democrats by using an utterly absurd interpretation of the Voting Rights Act to appeal to everyone's desire to avoid racial prejudice.

Does anyone really truly think that the way to avoid racial prejudice is to create race-based congressional districts? Who the hell cares what color or ethnic background a voter has? Only Democrats. Democrats have long supported the balkanization of our great nation, advocating continued segregation under the guise of "multiculturalism." Democrats have long nurtured suspicion and mistrust between the races. They like it that way. Repeating the lie that Republicans and Tea Partiers are racist over-and-over¹⁰⁰ (have to use scientific notation to accurately describe the number of times this crap is repeated daily on television) is the only trick they've got to try to separate us.

Legislative boundaries should be drawn faithfully according to language of Prop. 20 (see above). Ask any resident of Pasadena, San Marino, Arcadia, Altadena, and Sierra Madre where they shop, dine, go to movies, go to worship, and so on, and they'll tell you they pretty much stay in these areas. They do not—repeat, do not—drive to San Dimas for dinner. Ask any resident of Pasadena whether its historical homes and areas should be split off from the rest of Pasadena because it has a majority black population and they'll look at you like you're nuts. I never thought I'd see the day when logic and history were turned on their heads, when it would be somehow deemed an act of justice to promote racial segregation.

For interested residents of the San Gabriel Valley, the commission's maps have now been published and you can see them at:

State Assembly District 41: <http://tinyurl.com/3ot2rlr>

State Senate District 25L <http://tinyurl.com/3q12hwx>

US Congressional District 27: <http://tinyurl.com/3eem8eq>

Democratic politicians Judy Chu and Anthony Portantino have already announced candidacy or interest in representing these new districts (so much for constituents choosing their representatives!). The only way we can stop this travesty is to contact the Redistricting Commission by the end of the day on August 15 (that's two days from now) and object strenuously. Email them at 

Also, please visit <http://www.fairthelines.org>. Commissioner Michael Ward is being prohibited by the commission from filing a public minority report on his reasons for voting against the proposed maps. Also, please read the Flash Report by constitutional and election law attorneys Eastman and Bell: <http://www.flashreport.org/blog/2011/07/22/eastman-bell-the-constitutional-role-of-partisans-in-the-redistricting-process/>

Subject: Please Keep Torrance and Lomita as Is

From: WENDY HIRANO <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 13:55:09 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting that our citie boundaries be left along.

Please put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District

Also, the South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only.

Thank you for your urgent and immediate care and concern with this important matter.

Resepctfully,

Wendy Hirano

Torrance Resident

things in the data:

- There are 19,737 census blocks where the total Citizen Voting Age number is greater than zero, but the Census total population figure is zero. I think the assumption would be that there should not be any CVAP population in a block if the 2010 census population is zero.
- Of those, 774 census blocks have a total CVAP number greater than 50, but the Census total population figure is zero. Apparently the problem is not just a rounding error.
- Of those, 191 census blocks have a total CVAP number greater than 150, but the Census total population figure is zero. While there could be differences between the ACS data on CVAP and the 2010 Census total population data, it would be unlikely to explain this large of a difference.
- Of those, 20 census blocks have a total CVAP number greater than 1,000, but the Census total population figure is zero.
- Of those, 4 census blocks have a total CVAP number greater than 2,500, but the Census total population figure is zero.

The census block with the biggest discrepancy has a total CVAP figure of 11,020 and a census total population of zero.

It appears that in the process of disaggregating the data from the Census Block Groups to Census Blocks, something went wrong. But without an explanation from the Statewide Database regarding their methodology, I cannot confirm what it is that went wrong. Given that the plan data files were only released yesterday I have not had the time to determine if the differences could drop any of the barely-majority CVAP districts below 50%.

- Doug

Douglas Johnson

Fellow

Rose Institute of State and Local Government

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[REDACTED]

From: Douglas Johnson [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2011 9:36 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Problems with Commission's CVAP data?

[Please acknowledge receipt.]

Though the message below was sent July 29th -- prior to your initial vote on the plans -- its receipt has not been acknowledged nor has this message appeared on the "public comment" section of the Commission's website. And no response of any kind has been provided.

This silence is troubling, given that there are clear significant concerns regarding the integrity of the key data used by this Commission in developing its plans. And the problem described is easily checked by your consultant in just a few minutes to confirm the problem exists.

And why, at a minimum, would this not be posted online with the other public comments?

From: Douglas Johnson [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Friday, July 29, 2011 8:49 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Problems with Commission's CVAP data?

Throughout this process I have noticed differences between the Citizen Voting Age Population numbers that I get when I run the data and the numbers that the Commission releases. On 4 different occasions over the past 5 months I have asked Q2 and the Statewide Database team for the description of how they disaggregated the Census data from the block group to block level, so that I could figure out why these differences appear. Despite repeated pledges to request the information from the Statewide Database technicians, no answer has been provided.

In the absence of any information from the Statewide Database, after the plan files were released yesterday our Rose Institute team attempted to analyze the difference on our own. What we found

is concerning: in the Citizen Voting Age data used by the Commission, there are some troubling things in the data:

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Douglas Johnson

Fellow

Rose Institute of State and Local Government

m [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Redistricting of District 36

From: "Steve Robinson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 22:38:00 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I've seen what the commission has proposed for district 36 and I am very concerned. How does removing part of Torrance from the district and all of Lomita, keeping Palos Verdes Peninsula and the beach cities....also a narrow string of Dockweiler Beach, Venice, Santa Monica, Malibu, Bel Air and all the way to Beverly Hills, Topanga, Calabasas, Agora, and parts of L.A. while removing all of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Gardena, Hawthorne and Carson serve the South Bay?

What does Bel Air, Beverly Hills, or Agora have in common with the interests of Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach when they are miles away and have no common borders? You may as well make a thin line all the way up to San Francisco and lump us in with that district.

Please reconsider the damage done to the citizens and the state by this kind of districting.

Sincerely,
Steve Robinson
Torrance, CA

Subject: Redistrict lines

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 13:23:24 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
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El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

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We in the South Bay ask that you keep us together. This is very important to us. It's not about party or ideology. It's not about race or ethnic makeup. It's about our neighbors and having a representative who knows our community and can actually represent us.

Subject: redistricting

From: Greg Raizk <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 10:26:23 -0700 (PDT)

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

I am a resident of El Segundo and have been for 40 years. I do not like the lines you have drawn that would give me henry waxman. Keep the southbay together. Westchester, the beach cities, pv, torrance

Greg

Subject: Redistricting

From: Katy Yates <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 12:10:31 -0600

To: [REDACTED]

Redistricting Commission:

Really? This is the best you can come up with? I realize you are trying to make things "fair" and keep career politicians from winning in their base...but this is crazy. To think that San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Gardena, Hawthorne and Carson do not have the same interests as Lomita, Torrance and PV Peninsula is not right. They are a solid community and deserve to be fought for by the same district/representation. The beach cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa and Redondo should stay with coastal communities.

Our personal lives, business interests, economic activity and everything else are intertwined with our neighborhood and our community. I am strongly opposed to this gerrymandering and want a district with commonality.

We in the South bay ask that you keep us together...as the South Bay! This is important to us. Its not about party or ideology. Its not about race or ethnic makeup. Its about our neighbors and having a representative who knows our community and can actually represent us.

Please don't make a decision for the sake of change. Make a decision that is best for the residents of this community. And that decision is keeping us together!!

Sincerely,
Katy Yates

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Lloyd L. Wilson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 11:20:25 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am sick and tired of the commission messing with my voting rights. We here in Lakewood voted our Republican rep years ago. The commission changed the lines and we got Susan Snachez forced on us. I did not vote for her but the lines insure that a Republican cannot be elected here. It is bad enough we have Boxer.

This is total Democrat voter fraud.

Lloyd L. Wilson

[REDACTED]

Lakewood, CA 90713-1731

Home: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: 36th Congressional District

From: Dan Kerr <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 18:35:38 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Hello Redistricting Commission,

Please put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District.

The South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only.

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

Thank you,

Dan Kerr

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Lloyd L. Wilson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 13:11:56 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

To: <[REDACTED]>

[Name correction](#).....Second e-mail

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[REDACTED]

Lakewood, CA 90713-1731

Home: [REDACTED]

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Subject: REDISTRICTING

From: Rick idoknow <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 12:08:09 -0700 (PDT)

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

Subject: REDISTRICTING

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We in the South Bay ask that you keep us together. This is very important to us. It's not about party or ideology. It's not about race or ethnic makeup. It's about our neighbors and having a representative who knows our community and can actually represent us.

Subject: Redistricting

From: Russell Neglia <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 10:25:43 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

When we voted for a commission to re-draw the Congressional Districts we voted for a fair and geographically drawn districts. The new 36th Congressional District is worse than the old one - re-drawn to favor the Democrats. This is pure insanity. I urge you to re-consider and come up with a fair district.

Russell Neglia
Redondo Beach

Subject: Redistricting Commission

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 13:16:27 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Redistricting Committee

From: Robert Ishii <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 14:21:20 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

What in the world is going on? Why are parts of Torrance and Lomita out of the 36th District? And, why are we stretched out past Westchester?

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

You are supposed to be fair and what you're doing is very unfair!

Sincerely,

Robert I. Ishii

Subject: Re-districting of the 36th district

From: "R&D Herbert" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 11:09:39 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

As a concerned citizen it is of grave concern to me that Lomita and Torrance will be removed from the 36th district. The district should include Westchester south. Our communities have always worked together and we are intertwined in all respects. Please keep us together.

Ruth Herbert

President Friends of Lomita Library

Teacher in Torrance Adult School

Subject: Redistricting...

From: "L.Thomas" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 14:33:58 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

What is happening with our district??

This has become a HUGE mess!

I urge you, please!

- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
- The South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only
- El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena **belong in the same district.**

Please...we are counting on you to do the right thing!

Thank you.

Mrs. Linda D. Thomas

Subject: South Bay Redistricting

From: "Dar Weston" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 20:23:27 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Folks,

I heartily concur that Torrance and Lomita should be included in the former 36th Congressional District; that the South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only; and that:

El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

Sincerely,

Darvin Weston
President, ExportAlert

[REDACTED]
El Segundo, CA 90245

[REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Website: www.exportalert.com

Subject: Stop Gerrymandering the South Bay 36th District !!

From: Arlene Dubas <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 21:32:02 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Redistricting Commission:

We are protesting your proposed plan for the formation of new 36th District!! What in the world does the South Bay cities have in common with Venice, Santa Monica, Malibu, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Topanga, Calabasas, Agoura, and parts of L.A.?! NOTHING!! If this isn't gerrymandering then I don't know what it is!! You are dividing our community for your political purposes!! Put ALL of Torrance and Lomita back in the former 36th District. It should only go as far south as Westchester! It should also be El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena. What you are trying to do is so unfair and we strongly protest!!!

Tom and Arlene Dubas

[REDACTED]
Torrance, CA 90503

[REDACTED]

Subject: Torrance should be added back in the 36th Congressional District

From: Rob Rimmer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 22:29:36 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing today to express my concern that our 36th district will be drawn fairly by the redistricting commission. There should be no gerrymandering! I am asking that:

Torrance should be added back in the 36th Congressional District (and Assembly District) . The South Bay should be Westchester and south of that only. The cities that share commonality and should be together are: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district.

Thank you.

Robert Rimmer

[REDACTED]

Torrance, CA 90503

Subject: 36th Congressional District

From: Donna Crawford <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 10:47:37 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I recently read that you have recommended removing Lomita, Torrance and San Pedro (among others) from the 36th Congressional District. This outrageous recommendation is far from the fair and balanced redistricting that you promised.

Lomita, San Pedro and Torrance are, and have always been, an integral part of the South Bay and should remain in the same district as Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Regards,

Donna Crawford

[REDACTED]
Lomita, CA

Subject: Torrance should be added back in the 36th Congressional District

From: Rob Rimmer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 22:30:32 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Rimmer

[REDACTED]

Torrance, CA 90503

Subject: what's going on ... need different districting

From: Jim Brennan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 22:05:40 -0700

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

Hi,

I voted for a redistricting that would be fair. From what I am reading, I am not see that.

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- The South Bay Congressional District should be Westchester south only
- El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

Please let me know how we plan on getting this fixed now!

Jim

Subject: Your latest plan.

From: "Fred Taylor" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 14 Aug 2011 01:42:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

Let's keep the contiguous Southbay together. Leaving out Torrance and Hawthorne and including a strip of Venice & SM proves to us you're gerrymandering this district to the radical, money spending left.

Let justice prevail. Keep the Southbay together.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Subject: 36th Congressional District

From: "Tom Bostelaar" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 12:34:37 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am opposed to gerrymandering and want a district with commonality.
Please make the following changes to the proposed new redistricting.

- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
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Thank You,
Tom Bostelaar

[REDACTED]
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Subject: 36th congressional district redistricting

From: Mark and Kristen Michaelian <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 14:00:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I've seen the newly planned redistricting lines for the former 36th Congressional district, and frankly, I am dismayed. This newly planned district is not representative of the South Bay - why in the world would you remove part of Torrance, all of Lomita, all of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Gardena, Hawthorne and Carson from the district,

but add also a narrow string of Dockweiler Beach, Venice, Santa Monica, Malibu, Bel Air and all the way to Beverly Hills, Topanga, Calabasas, Agora, and parts of L.A?

This is insanity. It makes no sense. It puts the districts back in the hands of career politicians. Frankly, this will be one of the worst gerrymandered district in the state!

The suggested boundaries do not represent the interests of the South Bay. We voted for this Commission to create lines that make sense, not ones that divide our community. If this district is to represent the South Bay, then keep it together. Together means El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

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We want our voice to be heard and ask that the Redistricting Commission reconsider this gross perversion of the will of the people.

Sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Michaelian
Torrance, CA

Subject: 36th district boundaries

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 15:35:18 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear commisioners,

In your attempt to create a district representing the south bay area, please do the following;

- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
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El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

Allowing the district to extend northward beyond these cities creates only a politically favorable district for incumbents and does not fairly represent the south bay communities as was proposed.

Sincerely,

Robert Barnes
(Redondo Beach)

Subject: An appeal to your fairness

From: OKeefe <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 10:34:48 -0700 (PDT)

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

Please, Please, Please reconsider the following:

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Thank you for your reconsideration.

Denny O'Keefe, Torrance resident

Vice President Los Angeles Automotive
Business Improvement Worldwide

[REDACTED] / cell
[REDACTED] / office

Subject: DISTRICT CHANGE

From: BARBARA CHALEKIAN <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 10:26:05 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To whom this may concern . . .

WHY ARE DISTRICT CHANGES BEING MADE???????

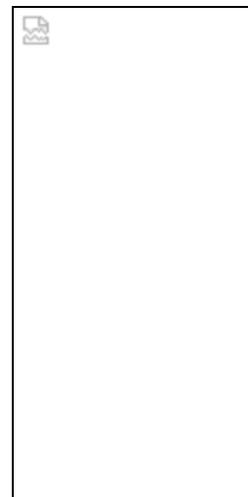
The citizens of this district owning businesses and just in general do not deserve this change.

And the fact that El Segundo being left out is completely unreasonable!!

What are you people so selfish? Why don't you dictators leave our communities the way it is and leave us alone to financially support ourselves and to be able to live decent lives???

It's obvious that none of you care about the communities, only your own personal progress and dictatorship.

Retired and concerned resident of El Segundo



Subject: Districts

From: John Franklin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 13 Aug 2011 11:00:10 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

Please show common sense in the redistricting of our cities.

- Please:
- Put all of Torrance and Lomita back into the former 36th Congressional District
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El Segundo, [Manhattan Beach](#), [Hermosa Beach](#), [Redondo Beach](#), Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Pedro, Hawthorne, and Gardena belong in the same district. And the Assembly District should keep El Segundo in it.

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Please, no gerrymandering.

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Thank you