

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Greg Stratton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 8 Aug 2011 19:22:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Simi Valley Gerrymander

Message Body:

The Ventura County representative on the Redistricting Committee has raised the interest and ire of many who claim he has violated disclosure rules over issues that would have disqualified him. I don't know if Gabino Aguirre had a conflict of interest or not. But I do know that he violated the spirit of the new law by taking a very personal interest in the Ventura Congressional District. He has modified that district to remove Simi Valley (and Congressman Elton Gallegly) from the District and tack it on to the Santa Clarita district.

The staff drew districts that created a Ventura County District. Since the population of Ventura County is too large for a House District, they placed Thousand Oaks in a district with the rest of the 101 corridor cities, including a chunk of Los Angeles, similar to today's district. At the hearing, Aguirre led the charge to modify that district and put back Thousand Oaks and the 101 corridor cities except LA, removing Simi Valley and Moorpark and attaching them to the Santa Clarita district. The rationale given to the public was that this allowed Thousand Oaks to be with the rest of Ventura County in one of the districts. Yet Simi Valley eventually ended up in no other district primarily based in Ventura County, and Thousand Oaks ended up in two. The suggestion that the Santa Clara Valley had a more logical tie (SR 126) to Santa Clarita was dismissed by Aguirre as unacceptable - to him!

But this new district map included part of LA County - including Malibu that really doesn't have anything in common with the rest. So the LA portion was removed and Moorpark and part of Simi Valley returned to the Ventura County District. That left most of Simi Valley even more isolated, a small appendage connected to the rest of the district by mountains. Hardly anyone's definition of compact.

If this isn't enough proof of manipulation, look at how the line in Simi Valley is drawn. It ignores the obvious border of Madera road and swoops around Gallegly's house and then reaches into Simi Valley all the way to Erringer. Puts the Reagan Library out of the Ventura County district as well. What a gerrymander! Can anyone tell me the line was drawn without knowing what was there?

It may be too late to fix this mess correctly. But if that line in Simi Valley is just a coincidence, the commission should redraw it to prove that. If they don't, then we know.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Guy Nohrenberg [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 8 Aug 2011 19:49:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Guy Nohrenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Simi Valley debacle

Message Body:

I've been in Simi Valley for over 20 years. We are a part of Ventura County. We have concerns relative to Ventura County.

The New Congressional District Map now SPLITS our city of Simi Valley, placing most of it into a representative district of Los Angeles County, to share concerns with the desert folks of Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster.

Bad move. We do not share their concerns. We are more BEACH PEOPLE than DESERT PEOPLE. Please fix the congressional redraw in the following manner. We are not happy with this decision or those making this decision to have us mis-representated.

1. Entire Simi Valley must be in one Congressional District.
2. Entire Simi Valley must be represented by someone who also represents similar concerns ie. the person who represents Ventura County.
3. The names of those on the commission who made this decision must be forever known to those in Simi Valley as the people who screwed up the map and tried to link us to Palmdale.

Thank you very much. Now FIX IT and get it done quickly. This is going to be a "Thing" for which you will all be known, by name.

Get it done.

Thank you,

Guy Nohrenberg

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: mitch sommers <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 8 Aug 2011 16:00:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: mitch sommers <[REDACTED]>

Subject: do not want to be part of santa clarita

Message Body:

I moved to simi valley in 1995 to stay and get away from la county now I here that simi will be part of a county that is 2 mountain ranges away . VERY DUMB IDEA I LIKE A LOT OF MY NEIGHBORS DO NOT WANT TO PAY HIGHER TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS

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