

**Subject:** South Bay Redistricting: Torrance

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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

While I applaud the mission of the commission, I adamantly oppose the redrawn lines for my hometown, the city of Torrance. While I do find the redrawn lines for the State Assembly amenable, I disagree with the proposal of splitting Torrance in 2 for the U.S. Congressional and State Senate lines. Not only does this dilute our vote, but these maps are not representative of our communities of interest. It makes absolutely no sense to include parts of Torrance with Malibu, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, or portions of South Los Angeles.

I have lived in Torrance for nearly 30 years and we like to think of ourselves as a member of a larger community called the South Bay. This is essentially all the southwest cities from the LAX to Los Angeles Harbor (Just look at our local newspaper, the Daily Breeze). We visit and do business with each other as well as share a similar culture that differs significantly from the more northern cities in the newly redrawn districts. I can definitely say that most of us very rarely visit or even drive through Malibu, Beverly Hills, or South L.A.

I hope the commission will reconsider redrawing the lines that will not split the city of Torrance in 2 and leave the South Bay intact which is representative of our common interests.

Sincerely,

Samuel S. Lee