

Subject: Redistricting of 43 and 33
From: [REDACTED]
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to encourage you to reconsider the way you have drawn Congressional maps 43 and 33. As a 35+ year resident of Westchester, I believe you have made a serious mistake in not including the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista (zip codes 90045, 90293 and 90094) in the same district as the coastal cities with whom we share far more interests than those in the proposed maps.

What your map has done is split communities of interest. We share many similar interests with the Beach Cities that we do not share with the communities with which you have lumped us in: transportation issues, coastal and environmental issues, quality of our homes, educational levels, employment location, income levels, property values, our general lifestyle and culture, proximity to the beach, our shopping and dining centers and many more.

A small part of Westchester is east of the 405 but, the 405 freeway is really a line of demarcation, and community similarities begin to fall off rapidly as you move east and past the 405 freeway. Our west and northern boundaries are significant geological boundaries with the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Ballona Creek to the north.

While the proposed map looks similar to the existing Congressional map, there is no doubt that the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista do not feel that they are fairly represented in the current district in any way, shape, or form. The new map falls painfully short of your goal of fair representation for all.

I do not envy the task that you have and understand that you cannot intimately know every community. So I ask you to listen to the voices from this community who are pleading that you align Westchester Playa TOGETHER and WITH THE BEACH CITIES.

Sincerely,
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