

Subject: Cong. district 43

From: Kevin Dretzka <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 16:07:17 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear commission -

Westchester SHOULD NOT BE PART OF DISTRICT 43. WESTCHESTER HAS HAS LITTLE IN COMMON WITH DISTRICT 43. PLEASE AVOID THE POLITICAL PRESSURE AND HAVE WESTCHESTER BECOME PART OF DISTRICT 33.

KEVIN DRETZKA

[REDACTED]

LA 90045

Subject: Redistricting

From: Irene <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 20:09:45 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I have been a resident of Westchester going on 24 years now and have always thought of our area as belonging to the Beach Cities. When I heard what you were planning to do, I immediately decided to let you hear the voice of one of those who feel you are making a terrible mistake of 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.

I plead with you to please reconsider the way you have drawn Congressional maps 43 and 33. Your map has split communities of interest.

When we relocated from northern California to southern California 24 years ago, although I worked in Inglewood, we lived in Playa del Rey. I saw already that truly, we shared more similar interests with the Beach Cities than we did with the communities with which you have placed us in. Anyone who lives in our area can see the issues we share with the Beach Cities and with whom we proudly stand with, when it comes to the issues of transportation, coastal and environmental issues, quality of our homes, educational levels, income levels, property values, our general lifestyle and culture, proximity to the beach, our shopping and dining centers, etc.

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

Although the proposed map looks the same as 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 being fairly represented in the current district. The new map falls short of your goal of fair representation for all. I beseech you to please listen to the voices of the people in this community who are begging you to please align Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista TOGETHER and WITH THE BEACH CITIES. I plead with you to please be fair to us. We do not share "communities of interest" in the existing districts and by lumping us with the communities which we do not share a bond with, only shows that our voices are of no consequence to you and that we cannot have any fair representation as long as you do not care for us.

I realize how difficult a job you have and that you cannot really know every community. But when you hear the voices of a community wanting you to know them and pleading for its "identity" with communities of interest they share a bond with, isn't that enough to say, "Here is a community that cares, enough to be heard so that we may know them and listen to their concerns."

I thank you for your kind attention and hope that you decide in our favor, for only then will I believe that someone is willing to right what is wrong.

Sincerely,

Irene Palana

[REDACTED], Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: redistricting

From: Jennifer Elling <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 17:19:36 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to encourage you to reconsider the way you have drawn Congressional maps 43 and 33.

As a 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, 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. 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,

Jennifer Elling
[REDACTED]

Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: Westchester

From: "SternRoss" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 23:44:25 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I have lived in Westchester for the last 25 years. This is the third time that I am writing to you, insisting that you keep Westchester , Playa del Rey and more recently Play Vista together with the Beach Cities, within the 33rd Congressional District. I know from raising my children here that families from these communities know each other and know those commonly shared interests and problems, be they AYSO soccer fields, LMU activity and/or LAX expansion.

Westchester, just like Playa del Rey and Playa Vista, has more in common with the Beach Cities than Inglewood and South Central L.A. Just look at per capita earnings and house prices in these communities to make the point unequivocal.

Thank you for considering my feedback in making your final decisions. I know you will make the right ones.

Very truly yours,
Helen Stern Ross

Subject: WESTCHESTER BELONGS IN DISTRICT 33

From: Madeline Walker [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 16:24:26 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

What is the use of carving Westchester out of all of its surroundings? If you put Westchester in Congress District 43, you break it away from everything above it and below it, and the tiny strip of land to the West of Pershing. Westchester belongs in Congress District 33, not 43. The districts are supposed to be drawn based on Communities of Interest, not political interests. Who stands to gain by throwing Westchester in to areas to the East which have nothing to do with Westchester? Certainly not Westchester. Please put Westchester back with the other Beach Cities.

Madeline and Douglas Walker

Subject: Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista ~~CRITICAL~~

From: "Abitante, David" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 10 Aug 2011 15:55:51 -0700

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

CC: Cyndi Hench <[REDACTED]>

SENDING THIS AGAIN, AS IT DOES NOT APPEAR IT WAS WELL RECEIVED THE FIRST TIME

To Whom It May Concern-

I am a resident of Westchester, CA, and have been one since 2002. My address is 6333 W 83rd Street. I am married with two children, 8 and 5. Both my wife are registered voters and vote during elections. Together we earn a significant salary and, therefore, pay our fair share of taxes, including property taxes on our Westchester home.

Recently, I was made aware of a situation this is extremely concerning to me, both as a voter and a taxpayer. It is my understanding that the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) is trying to have our districting lines redrawn to align Westchester with the South Bay communities of Los Angeles. This is exceptional news for us, as we do not align **AT ALL** with the current districting zones of the 43rd Congressional District. Maxine Waters does not represent the people and families of Westchester and is out of touch with our community, our interests, and our concerns. However, as has been the case as of late in California and the United States in general, politics is getting in the way of the people getting done what they want and need. Our community is indeed more aligned and has more in common with the South Bay communities than the communities to our east. If you do not believe this, I would urge you to visit these communities and see for yourself. There are many families in Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and Playa Vista that this affects. So this decision is not one that is taken lightly by our residents. Please do the right thing and allow the CRC to redraw the districting zones as they see they should be. It will be a benefit to us all. We should be in the 33rd District. Putting us with the 43rd District is absolutely ridiculous and appears to be a politically based decision. Including Westchester in the wrong district will anger many voting middle-class individuals living in this community. The drawings should be in the best interest of the COMMUNITY and not the INCUMBANT. I implore you to do the right thing and take into consideration the individuals actually LIVING in the community of which you are affecting. Anything less is a complete disgrace.

Kind regards,

David Abitante

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