

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Brian Cameron <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 22:00:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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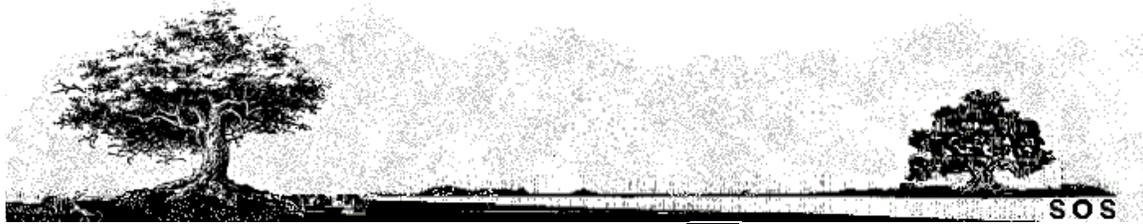
Subject: MALDEF

Message Body:

The MALDEF maps are an unacceptable example of political gerrymandering and should be rejected by the commission!. These Maps defeat the purpose of redistricting.

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Save Open Space ✧ [REDACTED] *Agoura, CA 91376*

May 27, 2011

Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains (SOS) represents one thousand citizens in the Santa Monica Mountain's region. SOS supports the 1991 district boundaries because these boundaries are geographically connected and defined by the Malibu Creek Watershed and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. (SMMNRA) From the watersheds to the many cross mountains roads that residents use to go to work, UCLA, or for recreational, the Valley, Westside, Las Virgenes and Santa Monica to Malibu cities, have a lot in common. Many of us live in or near the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The mountains and the ocean are our "community of interest"

For the past 20 years our area has been combined with the south and west parts of the SF Valley, the Westside, Santa Monica - Malibu and the Las Virgenes cities. The entire Santa Monica Mountains area from west of the Hollywood Bowl to the Pacific Ocean has been in the same supervisory and legislative district since 1991. That's why the residents of the following areas should stay together. - Las Virgenes (Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village and the mountain communities of Topanga to Malibu. The Santa Monica Mts and Ocean connect Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Bel Air, UCLA (has facilities at Stunt Ranch and King Gillette Ranch in the SMMNRA), Bel Air, Beverly Hills (the westside) and into the SF Valley (Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills and West Hills (mostly south of the 101). We are connected by the SMMNRA, the ocean and the roads that connect us. It was my initial understanding that the official deadline was today for these comments.

Mary E. Wiesbrock, Chair Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains

**Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains (SOS) is a grassroots organization.
SOS represents over one thousand residents in the Santa Monica Mountains region.**

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: John Mika <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 22:52:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Mika <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District Boundaries

Message Body:

I believe that as much as practical, the boundaries of a district should be compact, along geological and existing city or town boundary lines, and not stretched or elongated in any dimension to accomodate a peticular voting block. My particular neighborhood is very integrated with representaion of different races and ethnic groups that get along rather well. I would very much dislike to see changes that alienate various groups.

I live in the San Fernando Valley, which has about 1.6 million people, and is like a city unto itself, with different priorities than the Los Angeles which is separated by a mountain range. The Los Angeles south of the mountains is much more densely populated, wheras the San Fernando Valley is more open and less dense. The San Fernando Valley needs to have it's representatives with districts wholly within the Valley and not split as is currently the case with several districts.

I hope you have the courage and wisdom to come up with fair and equitable districts, because what exists now is not good.

John Mika

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From: Alex Burrola <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 16:48:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alex Burrola <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Comment from Long Beach hearing

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Alex Burrola, and I am a resident of Long Beach. I thank you for coming here to our community and taking the time to listen to the voices of those who will be impacted by the work that you complete later this summer.

This city is uniquely placed. Anywhere else in the state it would be a major metropolis in its own right, and it is indeed a world-class destination and leader in commerce, tourism, industry and in other respects. But lying as it does in the shadow of the City of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach is awkwardly and perhaps even uncomfortably placed as it regards how various legislative districts will be drawn in and around the City of Long Beach.

I will suggest to you the overarching priority of keeping the City of Long Beach (and the City of Signal Hill which must necessarily come along for the ride) intact and in its own Assembly, Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts without cutting it into pieces as it currently is in all three legislative districts and in two BoE districts. In fact the population of Long Beach nearly makes it its own Assembly District right off the bat.

Long Beach and its neighboring cities and communities to the north and east make natural communities of interest. So do San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City and sections of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County north of that area; and so does the Palos Verdes Peninsula make a natural community of interest with the beach cities of the South Bay. But all three areas make awkward communities of interest with each other as is currently illustrated by some of the Gerrymandered and inexplicable district lines we have today. I ask the Commission to end that nonsense.

Further, I would emphasize to you the importance of nesting districts to make more orderly and understandable to Californians and constituents the electoral districts where they reside: two Assembly Districts into one Senate District; ten Senate Districts into one BoE District.

To close, I thank you for your attention and efforts and look forward to the draft of your work in June.

Thank you.

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From: Rob Maffit <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 21:52:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rob Maffit <[REDACTED]>

Subject: MALDEF maps

Message Body:

I just saw the MALDEF maps for the Los Angeles area. These are exactly what the CCRC was created to prevent. They violate the intent of the two propositions, and go against what the voters want - fair, compact, geographically meaningful districts. I think the claim that maps like this are mandated by the VRA are obscene misinterpretation of that law.

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