

Assembly California Legislature

STATEMENT BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER JULIA BROWNLEY, 41st ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Hon. Mayor Antonovich and Supervisors:

I wish to express my very serious concerns regarding this 11th-hour proposal to move 3.5 million County residents into new districts, and who will suddenly be represented by Supervisors for whom none of these residents have had the opportunity to vote.

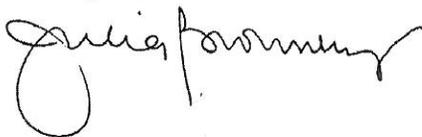
Specifically with respect to my 41st Assembly District, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) forms its geographical heart and has been shared with the 3rd Supervisorial District for a very long time. The sudden and arbitrary move of the mountains into the Fourth District would shred the successful and productive relationships of cooperation and trust that have been built up over years, and will put countless hard-fought environmental protections at serious risk.

These include the North Area Plan, grading and hillside protection ordinances, the Dark Skies Ordinance, and the milestone reached earlier this year of over 50% of the SMMNRA having been placed in permanent public ownership.

The 41st Assembly District; the 23rd Senate District; the 3rd Supervisorial District; the five cities that form the Malibu/Las Virgenes Council of Governments; the Las Virgenes MWD; and countless other groups and agencies constitute long-established communities of interest that are tightly bound by the presence of the SMMNRA at the heart of the area.

I am gravely concerned about the shattering of all of this. The districts that the Board agreed upon prior to this late move are rational, and are fully compliant with all the mandates and guidelines of the redistricting process. The 3rd District must remain intact.

Thank you,



JULIA BROWNLEY,
Assemblywoman, 41st District