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To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: FW: Redistricting: Moving Past Racial Politics and Partisanship
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From: p [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 12:23 PM
To: Don Knabe
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Redistricting: Moving Past Racial Politics and Partisanship

Hon. Don Knabe
L.A. County Supervisor
District #4

Dear Friend & Colleague,

In my 24 years as an elected official representing Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, parts of La Mirada, La Puente, and Downey, I have never seen such a chorus of voices requesting to remain part of the 4th Supervisorial District. This includes communities that are presently represented by Supervisor Molina in 1st District (e.g., Santa Fe Springs) who have enjoyed a close relationship with neighboring communities.

I could not agree with you more when you say this is not a racial or partisan issue! If that were so a Latino/Democrat (myself) would not think so highly of you personally, nor would I be advocating to keep the entire community of Whittier (Incorporated & Unincorporated) together as part of the 2010/11 redistricting plan.

As you know, I have worked closely with 1st & 4th district for many years. I appreciate all of the efforts of both you and Supervisor Molina! It just makes common sense to have the ONE supervisor who has represented the majority of my community over the past decade to continue to do so.

In my humble opinion we can take the political intrigue out of the equation, the calculus points to rolling all of the Whittier area into 4th district... Period.

Kind regards & Godspeed!

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Pacheco

Governing Board Member, *Whittier Union High School District**
Vice President (& Past President), *Whittier County Community Coordinating Council* (WCCCC)*
President, *Whittier Area School Trustees Association* (WASTA)*

Past State Board Member, District Director/Civil Rights Representative & State Education Advocate -
California League of United Latin American Citizens (CA LULAC)*
Charter Member, *National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials* (NALEO)*
Board Member (& Charter Member), *Whittier Area Evangelical Ministerial Alliance* (WAEMA)*

* Names used for ID purposes only.

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From: Don Knabe <don@lacbos.org>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, Aug 11, 2011 12:22 pm

Subject: Redistricting: Moving Past Racial Politics and Partisanship



Dear Fourth District Residents,

This week, the Board of Supervisors began its review of the Plan A2 Redistricting Map, which was approved by the Boundary Review Committee. Let me start by saying: Wow! I want to thank all of you who took the time to come downtown to testify. I know it was a long day for many of you.

As we have been discussing and was certainly evident on Tuesday, the Fourth District is the most vulnerable to dramatic changes. Under another alternative discussed, over 1 million residents would be shifted into or out of our district. As many of you said, that will destroy the connections and relationships we have built over decades.

Some of the discussion and news coverage have turned redistricting into a racial divide. But they are getting the story wrong; it's not about race. The Fourth District is the most diverse in the County, with Whites, Latinos, Asian-Americans, African-Americans and many other minority groups. Under the [plan I submitted](#) on Tuesday, Latinos represent the largest population at 43% of our district. I have always welcomed diversity in our district and loved getting to know the many cultures we have in our communities. My staff and I have worked hard to gain your trust, learn your issues and be as responsive as we can be.

While I really appreciate the very kind words that were said at the hearing, it's also not about me. It's about you and your neighborhoods, communities and cities. You've been loud and clear that you do not want to be moved, and I agree with you. I can't support splitting up longstanding communities of interest just because some lawyers say we might get sued.

In fact, the County's independent legal counsel has determined that Plan A2 clearly meets the County's obligations under the Voting Rights Act. As such, any dramatic changes are unnecessary and undeserved. We've heard a clear message from all of you that have come down and testified and written nearly 1500 letters that you don't

want to be needlessly reassigned to different districts. We should respect those wishes and side with the people of Los Angeles County.

Our next review meeting is September 6th. It is my hope that we will move past the racial politics and partisanship and focus on what you elected us to do: solve problems and help those in need.

As always, thank you so much for your support!

DON KNABE

Los Angeles County Supervisor, 4th District

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Don Knabe](#); [Michael D. Antonovich](#); [Gloria Molina](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Yaroslavsky, Zev](#)
Subject: Letter-to-the-Editor: Open letter to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors re: Supervisorial Re-districting
Date: Sunday, August 14, 2011 1:47:12 PM

We are citizens & residents of Los Angeles County. We are living in the United States of America. We deserve that our elected representatives represent all of us. The Supervisors of Los Angeles County, and all other elected officials, should not be elected to represent us by race, gender, religion, or any other bias. They are elected to represent ALL of their constituents. This is not naïveté: this is how the system is supposed to work.

In the 1950's & 1960's, the citizens of this country rose up against prejudice & bias. We have come a long way since then, and we obviously still have room for improvement. But our leadership is held to a higher moral standard. You don't "Pack" districts by ethnicity to gain a seat for representation. This is not leadership. It is playing politics. Partisanship & special interests have already ruined our State & Federal governments' abilities to function.

You can make the change. At the County level, where you have much more direct impact on your constituents lives, show us that the system can work the way we expect. Set district boundaries based on keeping communities together and evenly distribute the voting population. Lead by example. Represent all your constituents fairly & honestly. You should get re-elected based on your actions, not your special interest biases. Your constituents deserve nothing less, and demand more.

Respectfully,

Beth Hojnacke

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Rowland Heights, CA 91748
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: District 3 Supervisory Boundaries
Date: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:39:08 PM

Tarzana Property Owners Association

Neither the proposed T1 or S2 make sense. The previously released draft boundaries for District 3 preserve the community of interest of the San Fernando Valley and must remain essentially as previously designated. The proposed T1 and S2 boundaries are a perfect poster child of gerrymandering. As you may recall, the term comes from the resemblance to a salamander of the boundaries of Essex County, Mass. drawn up in 1812 to favor the party of the then governor of the state. The proposed T1 and S2 boundaries for District 3 retain exactly that flavor! That is exactly what the citizens of California voted to do away with. Keep the District 3 boundaries as previously proposed.

David R. Garfinkle
President, Tarzana Property Owners Association

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

As an elected official representing So. Whittier I am writing you today in support of proposed redistricting plan S1.

The status quo plan, A2, does nothing to increase adequate representation for the San Gabriel cities as they will be divided among three separate supervisorial districts.

For example, the San Gabriel cities are dominant members in associations like the L.A. County Contract Cities Association which meets monthly to discuss and advocate for municipal issues. We rarely see any coastal cities involved. Very, very few of them are even members. We don't share many issues with them.

The geography of these areas is very different. The San Gabriel Valley runs along the 605 freeway and branches out to the 10, 60, and 5 freeways and part of the 105 and 91 freeways. The Coastal Communities from Long Beach all the way north encompass the 405 freeway and Pacific Coast Highway with some branching out along the 710, 110, 105, 134, and 10 freeways.

The San Gabriel Valley does not have anyone to champion its problems and concerns, unlike other parts of the county. We don't even have a public hospital in the San Gabriel Valley.

One of the Supervisors' appointees was quoted in the paper that his main concern was creating a district that would allow a Supervisor of the same political party to run and win again, rather than providing representation for the County's constituents. Your main concern must be representation, not protecting incumbency.

Will the Board of Supervisors choose to disenfranchise the San Gabriel Valley? I am asking that representation be the highest priority. Nothing more.

That's why we need real representation, *NOT* the status quo. The Board has set up districts before that were safe for incumbents rather than allow for the best representation. Please don't do it again. We need the real Redistricting Plan S1!

I urge your support for Plan S1.

Sincerely,

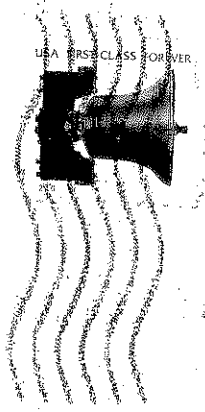
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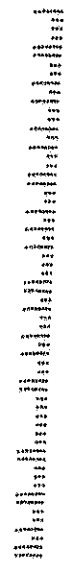
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: Supervisor's Re-districting Fiasco
Date: Friday, August 19, 2011 1:48:53 PM

Having been a life-long resident of Los Angeles, I have come to trust Zev Yaroslavsky unlike any other local politician. Zev's description confirms my suspicions of the way in which the redistricting is being pursued. I agree with Zev, let's not "cross the line" of the intent of redistricting. Please consider Zev as my advocate and take action in the spirit of the law without corrupting our voices.

... and yes, I have voted for a ethnically diverse cross section of candidates whenever I felt they were the best one for the job.

Regards,

[Lynn Segal](#) | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]

From: [Cynthia Scott](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Third District in jeopardy
Date: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:03:34 PM

I have lived in Zev Yaroslavsky's district for over 20 years moving my family from Silverlake, Melrose, the Wilshire District and finally to the unincorporated area of Topanga where we have resided for the last 15 years. I am greatly distressed to see that the maps proposed this week by the Honorable Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina which purporting to protect the Voters Rights Act are a thinly-veiled power-grab. Their schemes would significantly impact my community's ability to collaborate to improve transportation, provide continuity on land development issues, extend health care to our underserved population and protect the fragile environment of the Santa Monica Mountains and the north Santa Monica Bay. While some minor adjustments may need to be made with every Census conducted each decade, this is an unnecessary overhaul the constituents of the Third District will not benefit from or abide. Please consider the voice of the people and not move forward with these absurd and destructive plans.

Thank you,
C. Scott and family

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [ExecutiveOffice](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Plan S1
Date: Thursday, August 18, 2011 5:29:10 PM

The following e-mail is being forwarded to you from the Executive Office's Public Response e-mail for your review/information.

From: Yvette Stevenson-Rodriguez [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 12:31 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: Plan S1

August 18, 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

As an elected official representing Orchard Dale Water District I am writing you today in support of proposed redistricting plan SI.

The status quo plan, A2 does not provide adequate representation for the San Gabriel cities. The division of the San Gabriel cities will further disenfranchise voters.

For example: the San Gabriel cities are dominant members in associations of L.A. County Contract Cities Association which meets monthly to discuss and advocate for municipal issues. We rarely see any coastal cities involved. The coastal cities are rarely involved because it is obvious both cities are not afflicted by the same socio-economic issues.

The geography is another gapping example of how unrelated the two cities are as the San Gabriel cities reside along 605 freeway and branches out to the 10, 60, and 5 freeways reaching part of the 105 and 91 freeways. The coastal committees from Long Beach all the way north encompass the 405 freeway and Pacific Coast Highway with some branching out along the 710, 110, 105 and 134 freeways.

The voters of the San Gabriel Valley will not be able to elect an individual which will champion issues on behalf of this population. As a voter and a former resident of Rosemead, I ask that the Board of Supervisors consider supporting Plan S1.

I urge you to Support Plan S1.

Sincerely yours,
YSR

Yvette Stevenson-Rodriguez
Director

Orchard Dale Water District