

From: Michael, Erin & Jacob Trust [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 7:31 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Yaroslavsky, Zev
Subject: both redistricting plans

Dear Supervisors:

If a white person proposed what's proposed, it would be pilloried as "racist"; when "minorities" (whatever that means these days) propose it, it's "progress" and "equal rights". Hogwash. It's gerrymandering at its worst and racist at best. There is absolutely no legal, ethical, or moral issue to change supervisorial districts. Shelve these plans. Move on to important matters, of which these are not.

Michael, Erin & Jacob Trust
District Three



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From: Michael Meyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 12:32 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: District Boundaries

I support leaving the supervisorial district boundaries close to the current boundaries with only minor modifications to balance the population. I oppose the S2 and T1 proposals.



Michael P. Meyer

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From: george martinez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 12:15 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Fwd: FW: Second Latino district?

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From: **Katz, Alisa** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2011 at 11:35 AM
Subject: FW: Second Latino district?
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Hi Mr. Martinez, I am Supervisor Yaroslavsky's Chief Deputy. Would it be possible for you to communicate your thoughts on the redistricting to the entire Board of Supervisors? We have a special e-mail address, commserv@bos.lacounty.gov, for public comment on redistricting. Thank you.

Alisa Belinkoff Katz
Chief Deputy to Supervisor Yaroslavsky

From: george martinez [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 11:47 AM
To: Yaroslavsky, Zev
Subject: Fwd: Second Latino district?

Hello Mr. Yaroslavsky,

As an American of Latino descent you can count on my unwavering support regarding your position on redistricting.

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From: **george martinez** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Aug 20, 2011 at 11:42 AM
Subject: Second Latino district?
To: [REDACTED]

Ron, John:

I enjoyed reading your story.

LA county supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky is absolutely correct in "condemning the proposal to create a second Latino district". I believe that he is correct that the fallout would "potentially undermine the ability of communities to speak with one voice as advocates for their common interests". I also agree that the proposals are "unnecessary".

Supervisor Molina's representation of her own district over the years has not resulted in any visible and substantial progress to change the working and living conditions and improve the way of life of her constituents. A white supervisor can be as effective in representing a largely Latino district. The mayor of Philadelphia is African American and he is an able and fair representative for Blacks, Whites, Latinos, Asians and others.

Former San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom was just as effective in representing the city of San Francisco as former mayor Willie Brown was. You may argue that supervisory districts are different in its demographics and I would agree. But keep in mind that I am driving home the point that the issue of re-redistricting should not be base strictly on the color of the skin or cultural background. Just because Latinos would end up with a Latino supervisor does not guarantee change, maybe hope but not necessarily change. Millions of African Americans are unemployed and have lost their homes. But they should no blame president Obama because he is African American. Many African Americans liked president Bill Clinton and they even referred to him as "our black president". I'm sure you remember that.

One final point. The Latino population is a tricky proposition in terms of voting patterns. Sure, they may represent almost one half of the county population (but who is they). There is disjoint between Mexicans, Central and South Americans, and Cubans and Puerto Ricans. They also may represent about two thirds of "eligible" voters. But we don't really have factual information because the US Census has a difficult time coming up with real data. Former governor Schwarzenegger believed that Latinos should learn to speak English to succeed in American society. That is very true. Willie Brown made a statement many years ago while Speaker saying that "Hispanics don't vote". Well his point was that they voted in very small numbers and were not too enthusiastic about participating in our political process. It is very difficult to really understand the hard and true numbers of the Latino population, let alone its voting power. There is more De facto segregation than assimilation along these lines.

San Franciscans and Sacramentans are culturally diversified, but politically they usually speak with one voice. They are at a higher level of political awareness.

I believe that supervisor Yaroslavsky got it right.

George

From: Gavin Greer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 10:21 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: In opposition to the T1 and S2 Los Angeles Redistricting plans

Hi,

I wanted to write an **email in support of Zev Yaroslavsky's position opposing both the T1 and S2 redistricting plans**. I believe they are unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer resources.

Here is the link to his official comments that I support: <http://zev.lacounty.gov/blog/seriously-crossing-the-line>

Thank you!

Gavin Greer
District 3 constituent

From: Evan Auld-Susott [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 9:50 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Marina Del Rey Redistricting

Chair Pederson,

The proposed boundaries (A-2) retain Marina Del Rey in the Fourth Supervisorial District represented by Don Knabe. Any change in the boundaries will place an extreme hardship on us here at the Marina City Club in Marina Del Rey.

thank you,

Evan Auld-Susott
[REDACTED]
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

From: Gene <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 10:10 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: New boundries for Fourth district

Hello,

It has been brought to my attention that there is an action to remove Marina del Rey from the Fourth District. The proposed boundaries (A-2) retain Marina del Rey in the fourth supervisorial district represented by Don Knabe. Any change in the boundaries will place an extreme hardship on us living at the Marina City Club in Marina del Rey.

It would be difficult for another Supervisor to understand the complexity of our situation. It would also be virtually impossible for a new Supervisor to respond to our needs in a timely fashion.

I would appreciate if you would reconsider any change that is planned to be made.

Thank you,

Gene

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From: CommServ
To: Veis, Andrew
Subject: RE: Long Beach, CA | Long Beach Re-districting

-----Original Message-----

From: Veis, Andrew
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:25 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: Long Beach, CA | Long Beach Re-districting

Thank you!

Andrew Veis
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From: Ask Don Form [mailto:noreply@knabe.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:45 PM
To: AskDon
Subject: Long Beach, CA | Long Beach Re-districting

From: Nancy Salem <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Long Beach Re-districting
City: Long Beach, CA

Message Body:
Mr. Knabe,

The Long Beach District has improved during the time that you represented us in the County's Board of Supervisors. There are many project and initiatives that you sponsored, such as the Homeless Prevention Initiative and the Multi-Service Center. As one of your constituents, I want to you to know that I am against dividing Long Beach into two Supervisorial Districts. I hope that you continue to represent our beautiful City.

Nancy Salem

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This mail is sent via the Ask Don form on <http://knabe.com/>

From: CommServ
To: Baruch Cohon
Subject: RE: redistricting

-----Original Message-----

From: Baruch Cohon [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 5:20 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

With all due respect,

It's time to go back to the drawing board on this gerrymandered redistricting plan. As an ordinary LA County voter, I strongly object to being part of some 40% of us shoved into a new district to be represented by a supervisor we never voted for. Latino voters are well represented now, and arguably will be no better served by this lame plan. You can surely do better than this.

Barry Cohon

From: CommServ
To: Carrie Weil
Subject: RE: redistricting

-----Original Message-----

From: Carrie Weil [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 1:29 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

I think it's too disruptive to move over 35% of people in the county from one district to another. I don't want to find myself in a district represented by someone who I didn't vote for. Yaroslavsky has been working with Yaroslavsky to find solutions to homelessness in the city where I live (Santa Monica).

Carrie

From: Barbara Broide <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2011 9:52 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting Comment: Please do not approve the currently proposed maps for new district areas.

Dear Supervisors:

I have reviewed the two maps that have been proposed for future LA County Supervisorial districts and do not believe that either one improves upon the current district boundaries. In fact, the need to shift large numbers of residents into new districts (and into districts where they did not vote for their representative), coupled with the fragmentation of existing communities suggests that the current boundaries should be retained and slightly adjusted if population figures warrant an update.

The County has the good fortune of being able to fashion its own maps -- no citizen appointed panel has been charged with this important task. And yet it seems that the individuals involved with the responsibility of creating the new districts lack the knowledge of how our communities relate to themselves and to one another. While those fashioning the maps may be well-versed in the numbers of types of voters, they seem unable to grasp the importance of community identity and of the relationship of voters to their supervisor and district. The new plan could actually **alienate** voters from their county government which I must believe was not a goal of those involved in creating the new county maps.

I respectfully write to request that you vote to reject the proposed district maps and instead seek a new plan -- one that better reflects the communities that you represent and one that does not disenfranchise large portions of the county's voters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Broide
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90025

From: Toby Keeler [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 12:01 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting vote on 9/6

Since 1994 Zev Yaroslavsky has been a friend and steward of our beloved Santa Monica Mountains against those who would bulldoze her riparian canyons and significant ridgelines unabated.

But now, in a last second attempt to redistrict boundaries, Supervisors Gloria Molina and Mark Ridley-Thomas have proposed redistricting lines which if approved by the Board, would leave communities fragmented, and 3.5 million of us represented by a someone for whom we have have cast a vote.

Even worse, some folks would be denied the right to vote for any supervisor for up to six years due to the election cycle...all because Ridley-Thomas and Molina wish to gerrymander the 3rd based solely on ethnicity, citing the Voting Rights Act. This is nonsense. Any registered voter CAN vote.

This last second redistricting plan smacks of racism and must be defeated by the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Keeler
Old Topanga

From: Merrill Hope [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 5:42 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting

Leave Agoura and the Conejo alone.

From: Pat Snyder [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 11:00 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting

I am astonished by the two proposed redistricting maps.

First of all the attempt to make "Latino" districts is misguided. Los Angeles voters have no problem voting for Latinos or any other candidate, no matter what the voter's ethnic makeup, i.e. we have a Latino mayor, and oh yes remember Tom Bradley?

To carve up districts into areas that have nothing in common with each other except for ethnicity, just doesn't make sense and is doing a disservice to the communities and people involved.

Frankly, to make this an issue of ethnicity is insulting to all of us when our common community interests should be taking precedence. It is living with the past instead of acknowledging where we are now and where we want to go.

Just reinforces how out of touch so many of our politicians are with their constituencies.

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Patricia Snyder

[REDACTED]
Venice, CA 90291

From: Sarah Priest [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:28 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

As a forty year plus resident of Topanga Canyon I ask you to consider the unique character of this historic mountain community, and its value as such for tourism and preserving the history of the area. To lump it in, and subject it to even "improvements" voted upon by people who have no idea of what we are all about here is ludicrous, bad government, and frankly stupid. Thank you so much for considering my comments. Sarah Priest, Topanga, CA.

Sarah Priest
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