



L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center

12 September 2011

Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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RE: Redistricting of L.A. County Supervisorial Districts

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Supervisors:

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center fully supports the County Board of Supervisors in creating a redistricting plan that ensures equitable representation and services for all communities, including the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) communities.

Therefore, the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, currently in District 3, encourages the Board to consider all historically marginalized voices and refrain from any redistricting that might divide or dilute the representation of the LGBT community within the district and at the County level. Large concentrations of LGBT people have historically lived in West Hollywood, Hollywood, Los Feliz and Silver Lake, and currently are served primarily within District 3. To divide this bloc of constituents into separate districts raises questions about LGBT community representation.

Further, the L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center serves approximately 12,000 health and mental health clients, not counting those benefitting from our social services programs for seniors, adolescents and families, housed in four sites from Hollywood to West Hollywood. We are concerned that any plan that separates our existing facilities into different districts may create difficulties that could compromise our ability to most effectively serve our clients. We therefore ask that the Board ensure that any plan give particular consideration to the existing network of community health care and social services providers and the people they serve.

Sincerely,

Darrel Cummings

Chief of Staff



Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa

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September 6, 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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Subject: LA County Redistricting Plan

Dear Honorable Board Members,

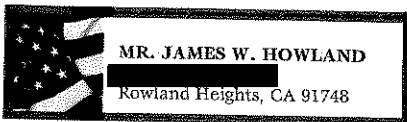
The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa represents the Los Angeles city communities of Westchester (90045), Playa del Rey (90293) and Playa Vista (90094). The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa was created by Los Angeles City Charter in 2001 and reflects the Community of Interest that is the Westchester/Playa community.

Our community is located on the Pacific coast, and includes the Ballona Wetlands, and LAX. Our community has common interests and community concerns, shares city services and schools. We sit at the intersection of LA County Supervisory Districts (SD) 2, 3 and 4. In the past, our community has been split up into multiple representative areas, and this is the opportunity to correct this. We urge you to recognize and respect our community as a single unit and keep us together in one SD as the Supervisory District Maps are redrawn for the next decade.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Hench
NCWP President



Board of Supervisors Executive Office
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Honorable Supervisors:

I strongly support the proposed A-3 redistricting plan, which will have the least disruption to my community, and all communities in LA County, and is more cost effective. The T-1, S-1, and S-2 plans would have a much greater negative impact on more people because they each move over 3 million residents to new districts. The A3 plan moves only 270,000.

Since voting rights are important to all, not just the Hispanic population, you must consider that in the T-1 and S-2 plans disrupt the voting rights of 20-26 percent of the population in the county. Voters who will be reassigned either don't get to vote on a timely fashion as outlined by the County elections code, or they get to vote more often for Supervisor who represents them. 25.7 percent of constituents in the County will be affected by deferral or advancement under the T1 plan, and 22 percent under the S2 plan. That will be unfair to a large percentage of the entire LA County population and not just unfair to a few ethnic groups. The A3 plan disrupts only 2.7 percent, far fewer residents.

Keeping my community as part of the Fourth Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County, in the final outcome of the redistricting process, would benefit the citizens in my area and would also allow us to keep a Supervisor who is familiar with the community and its needs. Since every District is satisfied with its Supervisor, all would benefit from Plan A3. Both the Asian and Hispanic populous in our area want to stay in the Fourth District. Constant, k effective representation is key to a community's success. This is most important to the unincorporated areas since we have no city government. The disruption caused by excessive, unnecessary redistricting planning will devastate us.

We do not want to see our neighborhoods, communities and cities disrupted as the S2 and T1 plans will do. The Fourth District boundaries, as currently drawn, should be maintained as much as possible. We expect our County representatives to do what is right for the most people. This is what the A3 plan does.

I hope you, our Supervisors, will seriously consider this input, as drastic redistricting changes will have a huge impact on many Communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Howland
September 6, 2011

From: William Lasarow [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011 6:05 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Re districting of our area

WE want to register our opposition to the redistricting of our Studio City area. Please keep this in mind when you are considering this sensitive move.

Sincerely,

Marilyn D. Lasarow
and
William J. Lasarow
[REDACTED]

Studio City, California

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From: CommServ
To: Paisley Iredell
Subject: RE: Redistricting would put the people of Topanga at risk!

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

From: Paisley Iredell [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 8:23 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting would put the people of Topanga at risk!

To whom it should concern,

Please stop this political game of re-districting. The people of the Third District are united not only by the geography of the Santa Monica Mountains but also by the inherent risk of living in our natural habitat. Fires and floods are part of our reality and we need a supervisor that can see to the very special needs of a people living with such consequences. We elected Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to represent our concerns and help support our community based - emergency response plans. He has done an exceptional job because he is able to parlay the wishes of a cohesive district that is united in its concerns. Redistricting would fracture this commonality and put the people of my community, Topanga, as well as others in the existing Third District, at risk. For the sake of my family and the many like us, leave our district alone. The safety of our children should trump any individual's political gain.

I voted for Supervisor Yaroslavsky and I demand to be represented by him!

Sincerely,
Paisley Iredell

[REDACTED]
Topanga, CA 90290



Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless

"The mission of the Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless is to focus community concern on ending homelessness through education, support for political and economic change to decrease homelessness, and support for services that empower people."

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Gehl Davis
John Demeduk
Mel Guzman
Edmond King
Sandy Kroll
Barbara McPherson
Wendy Puzarne

Dear Supervisors:

The Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless Steering Committee and Members are all shocked and most disappointed to learn there is even a remote possibility that many hundreds of thousands of people in Los Angeles County might be forced to become part of a new district. In our opinion, this would be a tremendous mistake as each group, individual, and supervisor would have to waste countless hours developing a new shared community interest.

This is especially true for those of us in the Fourth District. It would take much time and effort to re-establish such a fine, cooperative team effort outside these communities that have similar interests. Supervisor Don Knabe understands the special needs of this existing district and can therefore properly recognize and address them, giving them strong support and leadership.

I understand the census has forced some changes in the districts. My plea is that those changes be as minimal as possible to make the least impact on the shared community interest already in place with our current area partners. The district map making the most sense is the one that just adds Santa Fe Springs to the existing 4th District. It has the most natural topography and makes a more continuous, solid district. Let this great district continue with only one new district partner added!

Yours truly,


Patricia Benoit, President

Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless

From: Taryn Braband [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:45 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting Maps

To the Supervisors,

I find it insulting and despicable that Maps T-1 and S-2 even made it into a proposal; it is a bald-faced lie that we need to gerrymander the districts to give an unfair advantage to Latinos in our community. We are living in 2011 -- WAKE UP! We have a black President, we have a Latino Mayor, we have lots and lots of political leaders of every race and every mixture of races -- **who are you trying to fool?**

I was taught to **judge people by the content of their character, not by the color of their skin!** What ever happened to **those ideals and beliefs?** Now we're just going to throw them all away so that a brown or black group can take unfair advantage of all the others? The entire point was to become color-blind, not just reverse the prejudice and turn it around!!!! How stupid is that?!!

Now we're going to give an unfair and entirely jury-rigged advantage to a huge portion of the population who is already powerful and already **has** a strong and viable voice in our community, to the complete disregard of the rights, laws, necessities and successfully organized structure of the entire **rest** of the population; even to the complete disregard of the many blacks and Latinos who themselves reject this insanity.

This is not only an ill-conceived and deceptive power-play by two supervisors who should know better; it also does not fool **anyone!**

Supervisor Molina and Ridley-Thomas, you should both be ashamed of yourselves!

I urge the other supervisors not to be hoodwinked into betraying the interests of the entire population of our county. It does not even serve the black or Latino populations to falsely redistrict in such a lopsided manner. There are thousands of good reasons to reject both of these maps -- ecological, financial, long-lasting relationships that have served the county extraordinarily well, and many, many more. There is only one reason to accept either of these distorted maps -- to give an artificial, unneeded and deceitful advantage to one or two already powerful groups who doesn't even need it in our community. This is the ugliest side of politics, and I implore the other three Supervisors not to fall for such a bald-faced lie and such an ugly power-grabbing sham!

Taryn Braband