

J A N N A E N K H O R N

September 30, 2011

Honorable Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor 5th District
869 Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Antonovich:

I am writing in support of redistricting plan A-3. As a Bellflower resident and community volunteer I am excited about the prospects of the addition of Santa Fe Springs among other communities that would enhance supportive services for the needy in the communities. Bellflower has an agency that works with the homeless (Kingdom Causes) that would benefit from the addition of current agencies in Santa Fe Springs (L.A. CADA). Although they can collaborate currently, the joining together of these communities can bring added resources they may not have access to without belonging in the same district. As a community volunteer, and former L.A. CADA employee I would love to help these agencies connect and continue in the much needed work that addresses the issues of homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness. These issues are shared throughout our nation and L.A. CADA has been serving the community for over 40 years. Kingdom Causes is just beginning this journey and is doing a fantastic job. It would be a shame to lose this opportunity for growth in helping address these problems.

I would also be saddened to see neighborhoods and communities that have shared the same issues, services and representation for over 20 years split up. Relationships have developed throughout this time that recognizes the needs, values, resources and substance of the people, businesses and families in this community.

To displace millions of people under S2 and T1 in these most difficult time would be a disservice to our existing community. New resources would have to be discovered, created or uncovered. New relationships would need to be developed, which takes time. People that are struggling to pay rent, feed their families or just plain survive are not going to have the time or energy to find these new resources, or services and in the end will be the ones that suffer the most.

I would appreciate it if you would consider supporting plan A-3 and keeping Bellflower in the 4th District. I truly love Bellflower and think it is a great community to live, work and volunteer in and I hope you keep it that way!

Sincerely,

Janna Enkhorn, M.P.A, M.S.W.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 7:32 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

I strongly oppose T1 and S2 plans.

These proposed plans will destroy communities of interest comprised of refugees, seniors and disabled constituents of Russian, Armenian, Iranian and Israeli descent which historically settled in the Westside and the Valley and developed in the course of many decades a network of social, educational, cultural and religious institutions to facilitate successful integration of these immigrant communities into Los Angeles county.

If implemented, either of these plans will destroy the results of many years of hard work by resettlement agencies and community-based organizations and will severely jeopardize the empowerment of immigrant communities of interest.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky takes the interests of the immigrants' communities very seriously and has a very strong record of facilitating successful adaptation of the immigrants through the county network of social services. We insist on keeping the Third District together and to continue being represented by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Compliance with Voting Rights Act can and should be achieved without destroying communities of interest, including but not limited to the immigrant communities.

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