

September 2, 2011

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

Re: LA County Redistricting Plan S2

Dear Supervisors:

I support the proposed redistricting plan, S2, submitted by supported by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. I strongly believe this map should be approved at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting.

It is my belief that communities with shared interests and services should also have shared representation. The current boundaries do not support this notion.

I do not support the status quo.

The above listed maps support socio-economic diversity by keeping working class communities together. They also provide boundaries that are in line with Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act by keeping ethnic communities from being fragmented. They do not displace any supervisor from his/her district and the newer districts remain compact.

Please consider keeping neighborhoods, communities, and cities of common interest together. Please use the boundaries as currently drawn in the S2 proposal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Artellia Johnson

[REDACTED]

Artesia Ca. 90701

September 16, 2011

Board of Supervisors/Boundary Review Committee
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Board of Supervisors/Boundary Review Committee:

I write to you today with great concern about redistricting plans currently under consideration which would affect supervisorial district lines in Los Angeles County. Results from the 2010 U.S. Census unequivocally show the existence of at least two compact Latino communities within the county constituting at least half of the voting age citizens. In other words, the creation of two or more Latino-majority supervisorial districts is now possible.

As you know, at the Los Angeles County, the Boundary Review Committee is responsible for determining the borders of the five supervisorial districts. Though several worthy proposals have been submitted for their consideration, I wish to voice my strong support for the Amended S-1 Plan, also known as the Latino/African American Coalition Map—which would create two supervisorial districts with populations that would be both majority Latino and geographically compact.

The Amended S-1 Plan meets all necessary case law standards. But it also achieves another equally important obligation—it honestly addresses Los Angeles County's history of racial discrimination at the ballot box, and it does so in the spirit of civic collaboration and good governance as evidenced by the fact that the Amended S-1 Plan enjoys support of organizations beyond the Latino community.

The unpleasant but incontrovertible truth is that voting in Los Angeles County has historically been polarized along ethnic lines, and primarily between Latinos versus non-Latinos. This was true in 1991, when the county's district lines were redrawn to fairly allow for Latino representation—but only because the U.S. Supreme Court forced the county's hand as a result of the *Garza vs. County of Los Angeles* case, which doggedly chronicled the institutionalized, systemic racism perpetuated for generations against the county's Latinos.

Now it is 2011, and Latinos irrefutably represent a clear majority of Los Angeles County's voting age citizens. Yet a 2008 report co-authored by David I. Lublin and Gary Segura and titled "An Evaluation of the Electoral and Behavioral Impact of Majority-Minority Districts" scientifically proves what many Latinos have known anecdotally for generations—that voting in Los Angeles County is still polarized among ethnic lines, and particularly between Latinos and non-Latinos. To put it bluntly, racial discrimination at the ballot box is not a thing of the past.

Taken together, these facts demonstrate a compelling need for at least two majority-Latino supervisorial districts. Indeed, I believe that this unfulfilled need would constitute *de facto* disenfranchisement—which is exactly the opposite of the Boundary Review Committee's mission. It is no exaggeration to say, in fact, that the people of Los Angeles County are relying on the committee to ensure that disenfranchisement in any form does not happen.

Yet this is exactly what happened when the committee failed to support the Amended S-1 Plan. This outcome is particularly true when taking into account Latinos' generally lower socioeconomic status combined with the game-changing effects of the infamous U.S. Supreme Court's *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission* ruling in January of 2010, which allowed for unlimited corporate funding of independent political broadcasts in candidate elections.

As such, because the Amended S-1 Plan would fulfill not just the letter but the spirit of the Boundary Review Committee's mission, I strongly urge you to adopt it. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and for considering its message. Please feel free to contact me in the future if necessary.

Sincerely,

Alfred Flores

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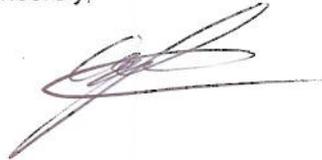


NAME Isabel + Alfred Flores
TITLE member of Valinda Community
ORGANIZATION

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

From: Alvin Shuster [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 1:07 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: soha914@gmail.com
Subject: Support for PlanA3

Sometimes it makes sense to change a boundary here or there but not in this case. This e-mail is to endorse Plan A3 without any reservation. All my friends, longtime residents of Sherman Oaks, agree and we hope you do as well. Sincerely, Alvin Shuster

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 4:49 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Proposed Redistricting of the Third District

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I live in the Hollywood Hills in the Third Supervisorial District, and I would like to express my opinion on the proposed new plans to redistrict the supervisorial district boundaries.

I am opposed to the two proposed redistricting plans which needlessly dismantle our Third District community. The two proposed plans would adversely impact the tremendous strides made in a variety of important areas.

The Third District unites three adjacent, interlocking communities of interest: the greater Westside, the San Fernando Valley and the Las Virgenes region, all of them bound together by the Santa Monica Mountain range. This region is topographically, geographically, economically and socially cohesive and compact. These communities should be kept together.

I am in favor of a rationale, well-thought out plan which will not force 3.5 million residents countywide into new districts without regard to communities' common interests. I believe the Board of Supervisors should create such a plan which would be in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act without unnecessary political gerrymandering tactics. I would urge the Board to create such a plan.

Thank you for your consideration.
Carol Fox

14 de Septiembre de 2011

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Estimados Supervisores:

Hoy les escribo con una gran preocupación sobre los planes bajo consideración de redistribuir los distritos y que afectarían las líneas límites de cada distrito del Condado de Los Angeles. Los resultados del Censo 2010 muestran la existencia de por lo menos dos nuevas comunidades Latinas, las cuales la mitad están en edad de votar. En otras palabras, ahora es posible la creación de dos o más distritos supervisoriales con la mayoría Latina y manteniendo un distrito competitivo Afroamericano.

Como usted sabe, el Comité de Revisión de Límites del Condado de Los Angeles es responsable de determinar las fronteras de los cinco distritos. Aunque se han sometido varias propuestas dignas de consideración, yo deseo expresar mi apoyo por el Plan Enmendado S-1, también conocido como la Coalición Latino/Afroamericano, que crearía dos nuevos distritos supervisoriales compuestos con una mayoría Latina y que serían geográficamente compactos.

El Plan Enmendado S-1 tiene todos los requisitos bajo la ley. Y también tiene otra obligación igual de importante— el de honestamente tratar la historia del Condado de Los Angeles y su discriminación racial a la hora de votar. El Plan Enmendado S-1 tiene el apoyo de organizaciones más allá de la comunidad Latina.

La verdad poco agradable pero incontrovertible es que el voto en el Condado de Los Angeles se ha polarizado históricamente a lo largo de las líneas étnicas, principalmente entre Latinos contra los no latinos. Esto fue verdad en 1991, cuando las líneas de los distritos del Condado fueron dibujadas de nuevo para permitir que hubiera justa representación para los Latinos—esto fue sólo porque la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos forzó la mano del condado como resultado del caso *Garza contra el Condado de Los Angeles* que obstinadamente escribió crónicas institucionalizando el racismo perpetuado por generaciones contra los Latinos del condado.

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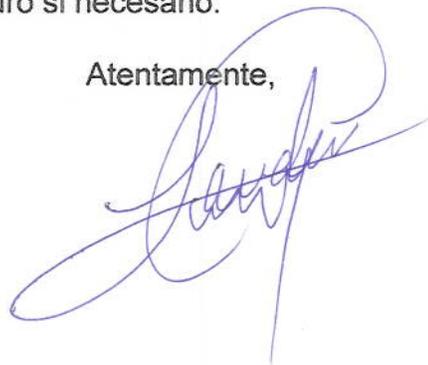
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Estos hechos demuestran la necesidad actual de tener por lo menos dos distritos supervisoriales con la mayoría Latina. De hecho, yo creo que esta necesidad incumplida los priva de sus derechos-qué es exactamente lo contrario de la misión que tiene el Comité de Revisión de Límites. No es una exageración decir que los residentes del Condado confían que el comité asegurará que no los priven de sus derechos.

Esto es exactamente lo que pasó cuando el comité no apoyó el Plan Enmendado S-1. Este resultado es particularmente verdad si tomamos en cuenta el bajo estatus económico de los Latinos y lo combinamos con la infame decisión monumental de la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission* en el 2010 que permitieron que los candidatos recibieran cantidades ilimitadas en fondos políticos e independientes por corporaciones en las elecciones.

Como tal, porque el Plan Enmendado S-1 cumpliría no sólo con la letra pero también con el espíritu de la misión del Comité de Revisión de Límites, yo les pido que adopten este plan. Muchas gracias por haber leído mi carta y por considerar mi mensaje. Por favor comuníquese conmigo en el futuro si necesario.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David", is written over the word "Atentamente,". The signature is stylized and cursive.

From: Dan Rolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 1:37 PM
To: CommServ; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Sherman Oaks and Westside as One District

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please adopt Plan A3 that keeps the San Fernando Valley and the Westside as a unified district. This Plan provides the best representation for Sherman Oaks, the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. Being represented by someone located in an area that is located miles from us does not make any sense.

Dan Rolf

[REDACTED]
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403-4317

Home Telephone: [REDACTED]

e-mail: [REDACTED]

From: CommServ
To: Eugene Fink
Subject: RE: District boundaries

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

From: Eugene Fink [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 1:45 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: District boundaries

Please adopt plan A3. It is the only one that preserves our quality of life. We are active voters.

Eugene and Barbara Fink
Eugene Fink
[REDACTED]

From: CommServ
To: Veis, Andrew
Subject: RE: Pasadena | Hi Concerned Voter

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

From: Veis, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 2:38 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: Pasadena | Hi Concerned Voter

Andrew Veis
Media and User Experience Manager
Supervisor Don Knabe, Fourth District
213-974-4444
Join Supervisor Knabe on Facebook
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YOU Draft the County Budget

From: Jason Smith [REDACTED]
Subject: Hi Concerned Voter
City: Pasadena

Message Body:
To Supervisor Don:

Considering that the board of supervisors should be reflective of the general population within the vicinity LA County, I just wanted to know what efforts have been made to ensure that the constituency is more represented within the board itself. If i am not mistaken, African Americans represent a smaller % of the LA county population than the Asian American community but there is an African American on the board. In other words, what efforts have been made to help create a less dilute and an Asian American district in LA county. If i am not mistaken, the CA supreme court as well as the U.S supreme have argued that efforts should be made to ensure the voting power of often times unheard of groups; not suppress their voices. At the end of the day, we need to not only look at the population but the population of eligible voters to ensure that those who vote for us are actually being represented. Thanks

Jason Smith

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

From: Leroy Chase <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:49 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: RedistrictingPlans S2 and T1 | OPPOSE
Attachments: Redistricting Plans S2 or T1 | OPPOSE.docx

To all members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

The San Fernando Valley and communities throughout Los Angeles County should not be unfairly divided by redistricting plans S2 or T1, WHICH I OPPOSE.

The color of your skin or the language you speak does not make a community.

When families move or relocate to various areas or communities throughout the county of Los Angeles, they want the benefits of that area for their families; be it work, education and local governance that is proven and has leadership that knows and supports that community of their choice.

The San Fernando Valley, the cities and areas of Los Angeles County have earned the right to brag about diversity...and its importance and why we stand out over other areas, counties and states.

Change is required and should be if the process is not working. As we all know, the 1965 Voting Rights Act was enacted by the Federal Government due to the blatant disregard and abuses towards Black Americans seeking to leverage their right to vote; this Act created a pathway for citizens regardless of their ethnic backgrounds to have a voice in local and state government.

The Act addressed the importance of fairness, diversity and a representative voice in government. This is not the case with regards to the Los Angeles County redistricting issues. We have diversity among our elected officials and each member I would think, out of respect for the County of Los Angeles and its constituents, has diversity on their staff that represents not only their Supervisorial Area, but the county -at-large, thus giving an opportunity for all people to have a voice.

The current layouts of our Board lines are appropriate and showcase the diversity of the County of Los Angeles quite well.

If the system were not working, we would not have the diversity that exists in the terms of elected officials. (I.e. LA County Board of Supervisors, LA City Council, LA State Senators, LA State Assembly Members, LA Sheriff, LA Assessor and numerous elected officials in cities and area throughout Los Angeles County).

Is there room for improvement? Yes, by showing how strong our diverse communities are appreciated and by acknowledging that the current lines have contributed to our success, growth, and diversity.

Let our Valleys, East, South and West Los Angeles areas, Deserts Communities and Beach Cities who have benefited from the current lines, continue to have those lines and the leaders that they have elected to represent them.

Millions of voters should not be disenfranchised. This process should be and must be about protecting the rights of communities, such as the San Fernando Valley.

Once again I am Opposed To Redistricting Plans S2 and T1.

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Atentamente,

Madel Carmen Serrano F

Maria del Carmen Serrano. F,

From: Michael DeTemple (DTG) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 1:26 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Plan A3

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in the San Fernando Valley for almost 64 years. My Mother was born here in 1922 and I was born here in 1947. Both of my children were born in the Valley as well. As a second generation resident of the Valley I encourage the adoption of plan A3 because it will keep our beloved San Fernando Valley and the Westside as one unified District.

Thank you,

Michael

Michael DeTemple
5 [REDACTED]
Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91411

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Michelle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:20 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Vote no on plan to change superivsorial districts!

To the LA County Supervisors:

I am an activist living in Topanga Canyon, and I want to protest the proposed new county redistricting plan that would break up our Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's district and put us in a new supervisorial district. I am the Chair of the Canon Sages, the only senior group in Topanga, and serve as a volunteer with T-CEP (Topanga Coalition of Emergency Preparedness) and the Red Cross. I am also the editor of the new edition of *The Topanga Story*, the history of Topanga. I have lived in Topanga for almost 30 years and raised three children here.

Though Topanga is an unincorporated area of the county, we are a cohesive community with strong ties to the West San Fernando Valley and the Westside. Because we rely on the county for all our basic services with no city government to appeal to, we have forged strong ties over the years to Supervisor Yaroslavsky and his office. He has represented us in the highest possible way. Just now, for example, The Canyon Sages has been asked to be part of a focus group that will identify senior needs with the hope of addressing them in the future. If we were to lose our Supervisor and face an unknown future in a redesigned district, all the long-term plans we've made for our seniors, for our emergency preparedness and for the protection and use of our parkland would be at risk.

I believe in fair representation for all, including our Latino population. I was once the Chair of People Assisting Topanga Canyon with Helping Hands while we started up and ran a dayworkers hiring site in Topanga. But I agree with Supervisor Yaroslavsky when he says that our voting patterns in LA County prove that Latinos are no longer disadvantaged and do not require an over 50% majority in any one district to have their voices heard. I believe the Latino community in our district would agree that they have been very well served by Supervisor Yaroslavsky.

So I sincerely hope the Supervisors vote against the proposed breakup of the current supervisorial districts,

Sincerely,
Michele Johnson
Chair, Canyon Sages
Citizen of Topanga

From: Patty Gioffre [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:57 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: against any redistricting

To whom it may concern,

Please vote against the redistricting proposal curenly proposed for this area. NO REDISTRICTING.

Thank you.

Patricia M. Gioffre and Seiichi Tateoka

To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: RE: Public Response Form

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

From: Medina, Katherine On Behalf Of ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 9:32 AM
To: Artonian, Narek; De Jesus, Emma; Duron, Guadalupe; Peoples, Twila; Montes, Angie
Subject: FW: Public Response Form

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

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 7:30 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: Public Response Form

Last Name: Forbes

First Name: Sue

Organization:

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Topanga

Zip Code: 90290

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

FAX Number: same

Comments:

I do not want Topanga redistricted. Both Gloria Molina's and Ridley Thomas' plans are without merit to our area. Pairing us with Santa Clarita makes no sense to us as our concerns with regard to transportation, mountains, goals are disparate. It is insulting to say that Latinos cannot be represented by NONLATINO supervisors...ie: Villaragosa, Baca, Molina, Padilla, etc. are representing them and doing a fine job!

From: george martinez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 11:27 PM
To: Harris, Vincent
Cc: Yaroslavsky, Zev; CommServ
Subject: Re: Redistricting-Don't repeat history, make it!

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas seems to me as another ethnocentric African American with a 20th century perspective. Get real. There is nothing new or news breaking about your information.

Let's have a meeting with Mr. Ridley Thomas and we can talk about my leadership role with the Rev. Jesse Jackson in the 80's. That is more interesting real life experience. How about a meeting to have a frank, open, and civil conversation. African Americans paved the way for the civil right movement for other racial and ethnic groups to follow. But this is 2011 and we live in a new world that demands smart leadership no matter the color of your skin or gender. "Black, brown yellow or white we are all equal in God's eyes".
Jesse Jackson.

So lets not play the race card, please.

George