From: CommServ
To: Adriana Oleh
Subject: RE: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted] [mailto: [redacted] On Behalf Of Adriana Oleh
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 10:37 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

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Adriana Oleh

[redacted]
90046 Los Angeles

Gettlove

To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Aileen Getty and I join Supervisor Yaroslavsky in his opposition to Redistricting Plans T1 and S2.

I am the founder and President of Gettlove and a Member of the Board of Social Services at Blessed Sacrament -- two nonprofit organizations actively participating in Hollywood's community's coalition dedicated to securing and maintaining permanent housing for the most vulnerable homeless individuals living in our local neighborhoods.

In addition, through a combination of personal donations and loans, I have been able in collaboration with StepUpOnSecond { a provider of permanent supportive housing for the homeless who suffer from mental illness } to facilitate the acquisition and development of three buildings in Hollywood. As a result, within the coming year we will add over 70 subsidized apartment units to our community in which to house homeless neighbors.

In my endeavors and as an active partner in the United Way's Home for Good campaign to end homelessness in Los Angeles through energized local communities and effective innovative partnerships, I am especially aware that the strength required to effect meaningful change can only be found in collaborations and through relationships.

I have seen first hand both the enormous effort that is needed to create and sustain an inter-related network built around a common purpose and the remarkable on-going success that can be achieved as a result.

It is from that perspective that I share Supervisor Yaroslavsky's concern that the extreme re-shaping of District 3 in Plan T1 and S2 will significantly weaken the long established bonds, relationships and coalitions between citizens, business, government leaders, agencies and non-profits within the uniquely and historically connected communities which constitute the current District.

With the fragmentation of the District these two plans would cause, it may take many years to once again establish the vital collaborative relationships that have served the residents of District 3 so well over the years. I fear the damage done could be irreparable.

Like the Supervisor, I am also a strong supporter of the principle that our government bodies should be truly representative. I have confidence and optimism that a fair plan can still be developed that will serve the goal of representative government while assuring any geographic adjustments to District 3 will not destroy the strength and effectiveness its communities experience as a result of their decades long cohesion.

I am grateful for your consideration of my point of view.

Sincerely yours,

Aileen Getty

September 20, 2011

[redacted] Los Angeles, CA 90093 [redacted] www.gettlove.org

From: Aleksandr Ostrovskiy [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 2:47 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Re: Supervisorial District 3

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[redacted]

From: anna tesher [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:43 AM
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Name: Anna Tesher

September 2, 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Antonia Paz

[redacted]

Norwalk CA. 90650

14 de Septiembre de 2011

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

Estimados Supervisores:

Hoy les escribo con una gran preocupación sobre los planes bajo consideración de restribuir 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 serian 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.

Ahora en el 2011, los Latinos representan la mayoría de los ciudadanos que están en edad de votar. Un informe co-dirigido por David I. Lublin y Gary Segura titulado "Una Evaluación del Impacto Electoral y Conductual de la Mayoría-Minoría en los Distritos" demuestra científicamente que muchos Latinos han conocido anecdóticamente por generaciones-que la votación en el Condado de Los Angeles todavía se polariza entre las líneas étnicas, particularmente entre Latinos y no-latinos. Para ponerlo en claro, la discriminación racial a la hora de votar no es cosa del pasado.

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,

Aurelia Rosa

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From: CommServ
To: Barbara Gaylord
Subject: RE: Downey

-----Original Message-----
From: Barbara Gaylord [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 10:34 PM
To: AskDon
Subject: Downey

We hope to see Don Knabe retain Downey. He is doing a wonderful job there and his opinions are very much appreciated at Rancho and in the Downey community.

Ned and Barbara Gaylord

Barbara Gaylord
Sent from my iPad

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2011 12:52 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Plan A3

Please adopt Plan A3 because it will keep the San Fernando Valley and the Westside as one unified District.

Thank you.

Barbara La Pearl

From: CommServ
To: Ollague, Louisa
Subject: RE: 9/26/11 letter to Sup. Knabe, please share with all Supervisor offices or provide me their email addresses

-----Original Message-----
From: Ollague, Louisa
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:15 AM
To: Artonian, Narek
Subject: FW: 9/26/11 letter to Sup. Knabe, please share with all Supervisor offices or provide me their email addresses

Another letter. Thanks
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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 5:41 AM
To: Ollague, Louisa
Subject: 9/26/11 letter to Sup. Knabe, please share with all Supervisor offices or provide me their email addresses

September 26, 2011

Dear Supervisor Kanbe,

I am a constituent and homeowner in the Palm Park neighborhood of Whittier.

I have been following the redistricting debacle and am truly disappointed in the lack of leadership exhibited by you and some of the other County Supervisors.

The role of County Supervisor is to serve the best interest of the greater good of the district and the County as a whole.

To date this has not occurred with respect to redisctricting.

I implore you and your collegeaus to avoid an unnecessary lawsuit, save us all the time and expense of having the Courts force what could be handled at your level.

The demographics reflect the population changes that have occurred in L.A. County over the last ten years; it has been 20 years since the first “latino” supervisorial district was created.
The time is upon us once again to exhibit exemplemary leadership for the greater good and vote to create a SECOND “latino” supervisorial district.

Regards,
Barbara Sandoval
Email: [redacted]

Forwarded to all L.A. County Supervisors

From: Boris Tkach <borist555@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:33 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
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Name___Bella Tkach_____

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brian Chambers
[redacted]
Buena Park Ca 90620

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Sincerely,

C. Gloria Duran
[redacted]
Santa Fe Springs Ca
90670

From: crmartist [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 6:30 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: The San Fernando Valley and the Westside/Plan A3

The San Fernando Valley and the Westside must remain a unified District. Please adopt Plan A3.

Thank you,
C.R.Miller
[redacted]
Studio City, CA 91604

From: Caroline Schweich [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 12:38 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Oaks Board
Subject: Oaks Homeowners Association Oppose Plans S2 and T1

VIA EMAIL

To: Board of Supervisors

Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple St

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Sirs or Madame,

This letter is the second from the Oaks Homeowners Association, representing approximately 800 homes in the Hollywood Hills, just South of Griffith Park.

We firmly OPPOSE the adoption of plans S2 and T1.

For the last decade, since the last redistricting, our small neighborhood has been part of the County Supervisorial District 3. We have appreciated being included with all the communities associated with the Santa Monica Mountains which have compatible concerns and interests. We have found this district to be unusually harmonious, cohesive and coherent, and it should be preserved.

Unfortunately and despite a transparent process conducted by the Boundary Review Committee, two plans (S2 and T1) have been submitted that ignore the conclusions from the former very democratic and open debate. Views expressed by the Oaks Homeowners Association and hundreds of others are being summarily tossed aside. This is intolerable and completely undemocratic. In particular, the adoption of Plans S2 and T1 would suddenly move The Oaks into a different district under the leadership of a supervisor whom we never elected. It would split us off from the western communities in the Santa Monica Mountain range and thereby dilute our ability to coordinate important common concerns as well as seek/maintain solutions for: 1) disaster preparedness, recovery and response, 2) protection of the health of watersheds, 3) protection of transportation
links between our neighborhood and Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley, 4) protection of Griffith Park, 5) preservation of open space and development of trail and wildlife corridors.

The adoption of S2 and T1 would seriously harm our ability to effectively address comon concerns that have been managed for decades through a natural geographic coalition along the Santa Monica Mountain range. Adoption of Plans T1 and S2 will seriously inhibit our ability to speak with a strong voice on major development issues facing the county, such as the proposed development on the Universal Studios property.

For all these reasons, we strongly urge you to refuse adoption of Plans T1 and S2 and to include the Oaks community as well as Griffith Park intact within the third supervisorial district boundaries.

Sincerely,

Caroline Schweich
President, Oaks Homeowners Association

From: CommServ
To: Ask Don Form
Subject: RE: San Marino | Redistricting

-----Original Message-----
From: Ask Don Form [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 9:38 PM
To: AskDon
Subject: San Marino | Redistricting

From: Carolyn Johnson [redacted]
Subject: Redistricting
City: San Marino

Message Body:
Please retain Downey, and particularly Rancho Los Amigos, in Don Knabe's district.

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

DARYL S. SMITH
[redacted]
CHATSWORTH, CALIFORNIA 91311
[redacted]
E-MAIL: [redacted].

September 26, 2011

Executive Office
Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street. Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Supervisors,
As a resident of the San Fernando Valley I am saddened and amazed that something important is getting lost in the partisan gerrymandering proposed by some on the Board in regards to the issue of county redistricting.

That something is: the importance of protecting the true needs of their constituency.

The maps as proposed by Supervisors Molina and Ridley-Thomas will cause disruption in the long established relationships developed over time between citizens of our district and our elected representatives. They will also topple our district's common goals and dreams.

In turn, these proposals would divide us into severely weakened districts composed of people with little or nothing in common.

The two proposals are radical acts of disenfranchisement for the citizens of District 3. They are blatantly unfair.

The present boundaries make sense geographically, economically and logically. They should not be rearranged for the benefit of a few special interests.

Sincerely,

Daryl S. Smith

From: Lord, Dennis [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 4:48 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting LA County 2011

As a LA County Commissioner, my concerns center on the years of relationships developed with facilities and officeholders who trust that those relationships result in efficiencies and positive change. No matter what Commission, wholesale change in moving 3.375 million (S2) or 3.5 million (T-1) constituents into politically aligned districts threatens to undo much work done at the Commission level, splits cities, and creates a need to spend years again fostering new relationships with different constituents. In addition, one proposal has the incumbent covering over 60 miles across the District transversing heavy traffic at all hours of the day. Is this punishment?

A moderate change to address population shifts and district balance is inevitable. Moving 277K constituents makes sense along these lines. Supervisors who have familiarity with local issues results in progress. We have items before our Commission that are near completion with current support. I suspect other Commissions may be similar in nature. Having to stop, and re-educate, is not constructive when deadlines on available dollars are on the line. Let's be sensible about this.

Thank you for any consideration.

Dennis C. Lord
Commissioner, LA County Aviation Commission

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September 25, 2011

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

Dear Sirs and Madame:

This letter is the second from the Los Feliz Improvement Association to address the County redistricting process. The initial letter was sent to the Boundary Review Committee and addressed issues which have not changed. In particular it argued against separating the Los Feliz neighborhood from those to our west with very similar geographic, demographic, and socio-cultural concerns.

Los Feliz is renowned as an historic district in Los Angeles with well defined boundaries and concerns. SurveyLA, a recent mapping of distinct Los Angeles neighborhoods by the Los Angeles Times, has correctly described its boundaries which coincide with those of the Los Feliz Improvement Association, an organization that has represented thousands of Los Feliz residents for nearly 100 years. Our neighborhood has also been intimately associated with Griffith Park lands for over 200 years, and we have assumed the primary citizen responsibility for the park's stewardship for most of the park's existence.

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Donald A. Seligman
President

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Sincerely,

Donna Hernandez

[redacted]

NORWALK, CA. 90650

I HAVE LIVED in NORWALK 35 years TAXPAYER

I AM A BOARD Member LA AREA For CALIFORNIA STATE Retirees.

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Ed Duran

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Santa Fe Springs, CA
90670

From: CommServ
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Don't redistrict

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2011 4:33 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Starr Peggy
Subject: Don't redistrict

I have been a resident of Toluca lake for over thirty years, and am horrified at the possibility that you are considering redistricting that would affect our community.

Sincerely, and Passionately,

Edwin Self
[redacted]

Toluca Lake, CA 91602

From: Eleanor Brooks[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:21 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting

Importance: High

Please do not split the San Fernando Valley any further. We wish to be able to continue with Supervisor Yaroslavsky until the end of his term – he has served the Valley well and knows it well. The same cannot be said for the other supervisors.

The Valley itself, even with 2 districts, is well represented and understood. It is a large part of one of the districts, and that same district has a large part of the Valley. Even though the communities within the Valley differ from one another, the similarities are greater. We do not wish to be part of a district where we are not a vital part of that district, and where a large number of votes do not come from the Valley.

We understand from some that the reason for the other redistricting plans is to create another Hispanic district. This is malarkey. I, and many others of my Valley friends and neighbors and relatives, over the years have voted for African Americans and Hispanics. We are looking for the best qualified! We are trying to be color blind, ethnic blind, prejudice blind… we are trying to be blended. This idea that another Hispanic is needed so let's redistrict is ridiculous.

What is needed is well educated, committed, knowledgeable, caring people to run for office – regardless of any other factors! This is the United States of America. That means United… Not Divided!

Respectfully,
Eleanor Brooks
[redacted]
Sylmar, CA 91342

From: Felix E. Schweizer [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 4:01 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

I appreciate that every now and then districts should be evaluated and redistricting of the LA county might be appropriate. There will always be different ways in which to make districts that are logical and fair to the electorate. I am thus very concerned that the two proposals for redistricting so closely resemble each other that it seems there is really not much choice. Both proposals break up current district 3 and attach to the remainder considerable amounts of current district 4. The rational for this is rather murky and combines the current Westside focused district with the South Bay, areas that certainly have quite different needs. In addition, while they break up the currently elongated and complicated district 4 into more logical pieces, they create yet another illogical district (new 1 or 3, depending on the proposal) the cuts through many different areas.
I thus strongly urge to reconsider these proposals.
sincerely,
Felix Schweizer
[redacted]
LA, CA 90024

From: Frances Alet - SBC [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 6:39 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

Dear County Board of Supervisors:
I am unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, September 27th because of work issues. I write to you in the hopes that my comments will be entered into the public record for this issue.

I am deeply concerned about two of the redistricting options. I strongly urge you to consider common ties and goals between the communities when you draw district lines. The San Fernando Valley has a long history of common interests with the communities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas and even Malibu. Our communities are bound by geographic, economic, and environmental ties to one another.

If community ties are *truly* considered, there is no way that the proposed T1 and S2 plans could be approved. The T1 plan would clump parts of the San Fernando Valley with the communities of Torrance, Long Beach and Lakewood. This plan essentially decimates representation of the Valley as a whole. The S2 proposal, while not as detrimental to the Valley, is far from an ideal choice.

The San Fernando Valley cities, along with the Santa Monica Mountains communities have a varied population, but we have strong ties to one another. I urge you to keep these ties and communities together when you consider district lines.

Respectfully,
Frances Alet
[redacted]
Calabasas, CA. 91302
[redacted]

From: Francine Oschin [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2011 7:16 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

Dear Supervisors:

It should be obvious that despite a well-organized effort by those who wish to split the heart and soul of the San Fernando Valley through redistricting, that the overwhelming majority of those who spoke before you and wrote to you urging that you keep the district as it is, represent the true voice of the Valley. We are one Valley. We have many races, cultures and nationalities in the San Fernando Valley and believe we are the embodiment of all that is right and successful when we work together as a community with common interests. We are Valley residents whether we are Latino, Korean, Caucasian, Armenian, African-American, and anything else. We are 1.7 million voices that have a common community interest.

I urge you to keep the San Fernando Valley representation on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as it is and reject any plan which compromises our mutual interests.

Francine Oschin

[redacted]
Encino, CA 91436

[redacted]

[redacted]

September 2, 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

E. Teresa Arvizo
[redacted]
Norwalk, Ca. 90650

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2011 7:14 AM
To: AskDon
Subject: Fwd: Redistricting

-----Original Message-----
From: gailggreeves [redacted]
To: don <don@lacbos.org>
Sent: Fri, Sep 23, 2011 12:26 pm
Subject: Redistricting

To the Board of Supervisors:

I would like to state my support of Don Knabe to remain as the Supervisor of the Fourth District. He has been a loyal supporter of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey. Many of the projects at the rehabilitation center benefitting the patients and offering them a way to re-enter their communities successfully have been sponsored or backed by Mr. Knabe. I do not believe any other supervisor would have the same relationship as Mr. Knabe with the staff, the patients, or the administration.

In addition the members of Las Floristas, Rancho's largest supporter, have a good relationship with Supervisor Knabe. Our philanthropy has worked to benefit the center for many years and we have enjoyed knowing and working with Don. We hope to continue working with him for the benefit of Rancho Los Amigos.

Currently I sit on the Foundation Board of Rancho. Mr. Knabe has been invaluable to the Foundation Board in working with the County of Los Angeles. The Board would be most disappointed to not continue to have his advice.

I sincerely hope you will consider my request to retain Don Knabe as Supervisor of the Fourth District.

With regards,

Gail Reeves (Mrs. Boyd C.)
Past President of Las Floristas 2000-2001
Member of the Foundation Board of Rancho Los Amigos
[redacted]
Encino, CA 91436

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Gerald Hyster

[redacted]

Whittier CA 90650

From: CommServ
To: Hal Helsley
Subject: RE: The New District Lines

-----Original Message-----
From: Hal Helsley [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 12:40 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Hal Helsley
Subject: The New District Lines

Honorable Supervisors

As the election for the new district boundaries come closer, please consider that you need to accommodate some 300,000 new county residents that are in areas all across the county, not just in one area. The disruption of more than a 3,500,000 people to accommodate the 300,000 does not make good sense. The additional voters are a small percentage of the county population and should be accommodated accordingly.

Please support the plan that disrupts the communities of the county the least ... A3 as amended.

Sincerely

Hal Helsley
91302 is my zip code

From: Hasmig Baghgedjian <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 12:02 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

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

Name : Hasmig Baghgedjian

14 de Septiembre de 2011

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

Estimados Supervisores:

Hoy les escribo con una gran preocupación sobre los planes bajo consideración de restribuir 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 serian 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.

Ahora en el 2011, los Latinos representan la mayoría de los ciudadanos que están en edad de votar. Un informe co-dirigido por David I. Lublin y Gary Segura titulado "Una Evaluación del Impacto Electoral y Conductual de la Mayoría-Minoría en los Distritos" demuestra científicamente que muchos Latinos han conocido anecdóticamente por generaciones-que la votación en el Condado de Los Angeles todavía se polariza entre las líneas étnicas, particularmente entre Latinos y no-latinos. Para ponerlo en claro, la discriminación racial a la hora de votar no es cosa del pasado.

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,

Hector Rosa

Hector Rosa

From: helen murphy [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 5:42 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

Please keep the Supervisor district the same. It is important to keep neighborhoods together. Helen Murphy

From: Henry Gutter [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 5:45 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Tuesday redistricting hearing

I and many members of my residential community (90049 is my home zip code) urge you to leave the existing districting structure undisturbed for the following reasons:

· **The Voting Rights Act is a cornerstone of our democracy, which requires that we protect the voting rights of minorities. This can be accomplished without dismembering established communities of interest.**

· **Plans T1 and S2 would each move nearly 3.5 million people from one supervisorial district to another, destroying established relationships and seriously setting back progress on important community issues.**

· **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. It should be kept together.**

The two proposed plans would adversely impact the tremendous strides we've made in a variety of important areas, listed below. Again, please feel free to share your views on any of these issues.

Dividing communities

Plans T1 and S2 would divide the San Fernando Valley into three supervisorial districts instead of two at present. This would be a serious setback for the Valley, which has fought hard to maintain its own identity.

Mass transit

Plans T1 and S2 could undermine the progress our region has made towards rapid transit and could threaten our ability to expeditiously complete the subway to the Westside and the Exposition Light Rail to Santa Monica.

Homelessness

Plans T1 and S2 threaten to reverse the pioneering and highly effective work we've done to combat homelessness in Hollywood, the Westside and the San Fernando Valley through permanent supportive housing

Health care for the uninsured

Plans T1 and S2 could undermine the network of public-private partnership clinics now serving the Valley, Hollywood and the Westside, potentially compromising health care access for thousands of uninsured residents.

The environment

The Third District includes some of the county's greatest environmental and recreational resources, including Griffith Park and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Because of the district's beautiful natural setting, its residents share an interest in resolving environmental problems. Keeping the mountains in a district that is compact and environmentally conscious will help ensure political leadership that is sensitive to these issues.

Social services

Plan T1 could easily disrupt social services networks. These networks include both public and private non-profit agencies that provide such wide-ranging services as mental health assistance, family preservation, CalFresh (formerly food stamps) and legal services for the poor. Plans T1 and S2 could quickly dismantle these partnerships, causing some of our most vulnerable residents to fall through holes in the safety net.

Juvenile Probation

Plan T1 would remove three juvenile probation camps from the Third District, threatening the progress we've made in improving outcomes for incarcerated youth.

Emergency preparedness

The Third District, as home to the entire Santa Monica Mountains range, is no stranger to natural disasters. Our communities have made huge strides in learning from, preparing for and guarding against wildfires, floods and other emergency conditions. Keeping the Santa Monica Mountains as the centerpiece of a compact district would help ensure political leadership that is sensitive to these issues.

Rivers and watersheds

The Third District includes a large portion of the L.A. River Watershed (in the Valley) and the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed. Keeping these together in one compact, environmentally conscious district would help ensure political leadership that understands the need to resolve watershed issues countywide.

HENRY GUTTER, JD, CPA
[redacted]
El Segundo, California 90245
[redacted]

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From: Yelena Shpilskaya [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 10:28 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

I strongly oppose T1 and S2 plans.

Igor Shpilskiy
[redacted]
West Hills, CA 91307

From: IRINA KHISLAVSKAYA [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:41 AM
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Name___Irina Khislavskaya_____

From: Carol & Jackie [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 9:33 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Splitting Up The Valley

To Whom It Does Concern, I am making my plea via Email. I DO NOT WANT THE VALLEY TO BE REDISTRICTED INTO 3 SEPARATE DISTRICTS. !!!!!!!!!!!!!! Jacqueline Myles
[redacted] ,Sylmar Ca.91342

From: Jaklin Sarkisian [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 12:05 PM
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Name: Jaklin Sarkissian

From: jane lukyanchuk [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:30 AM
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Name___Jane Lukyanchuk_____

From: JEAN ROWE [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 5:30 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Yaroslavsky, Zev
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Officials:

After careful review of the proposed redistricting maps I've decided that the plan that would most benefit my household is **the A3 map**. As a long time resident of the San Fernando Valley this plan would enable many proposed projects, or those already underway, to be carried out.

The two redistricting plans, known as S2 and T1, that have been offered, would move nearly 40% of the County's population from one District to another, and in so doing radically change the boundaries of our Third District. This will definitely affect the quality of our representation and could jeopardize the tremendous progress we've made in transportation, homelessness, land use and many other issues for SFV. Proponents of these plans say they're needed to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act, but the Federal Courts say that's not the case in regions where non-minority voters regularly "cross over" to support minority-favored candidates – as we've experienced here with the elections of such Latino leaders as Antonio Villaraigosa and Sheriff Lee Baca.

Dividing us would radically redraw the Board of Supervisors' district boundaries, leaving communities fragmented and an estimated 3.5 million people suddenly represented by a supervisor for whom they never cast a vote. Worse, some of these same people would be denied the right to vote for a supervisor for as long as six years because of the timing of elections. The scope of the fallout would be vast and swift, potentially undermining the ability of communities to speak with one voice as advocates for their common interests. For example, the San Fernando Valley, which has fought hard to maintain its own identity, would be carved into three different districts. Hollywood and mid-Wilshire, meanwhile, could be included in a district with such distant cities as Lomita and Cerritos.

Redistricting would also significantly injure our ability to fight together to improve transportation in our communities, keep a close watch on development issues, extend health care to our underserved population and protect the environment of the Santa Monica Mountains and the north Santa Monica Bay. Both of the proposed maps/plans create two districts in which Latinos would comprise more than half the voting-age citizens, instead of one such district now. But contrary to the arguments put forward by supporters of the proposed maps, their adoption is not required by this law. The Voting Rights Act requires an equal opportunity for minority groups; it does not require the creation of districts in which a single minority group comprises more than 50% of the voting age citizenry. The Federal courts have ruled that "fifty percent" districts are only required when voting is so racially polarized that non-minorities consistently vote against minority-preferred candidates to such an extent that those candidates are denied an equal opportunity to win.

The notion that non-minorities won't vote for a minority candidate in L.A. County is antiquated. Los Angeles in 2011 is not the same as the Los Angeles of forty, thirty or even twenty years ago. Our county is politically and socially far more mature and broad-minded. In the last decade, many elections have been won by Latino candidates even where Latinos did not represent a majority of the voters. These candidates include Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Sheriff Lee Baca and County Assessor John Noguez.

It is possible to redistrict this county in a manner that protects the voting rights of minorities without dismembering established communities of interest, without shifting nearly 40% of our population from one district to another, and without relying on antiquated assumptions about the voting behavior of different segments of the electorate. The federal courts have given us the roadmap to get this done, and have consistently rejected efforts to use the Voting Rights Act in the way the backers of these new plans propose.

Please vote for what is best for our PRESENT TODAY and what "WE THE PEOPLE" want which is a Yes Vote on Map A3!

Thank you for your consideration.
Regards,
Sylmar Stakeholder,
Jeanne Rowe
[redacted]
Sylmar CA 91342

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 6:19 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Topanga resident Against proposed redistricting changes to Yaroslavsky's district

9/25/2011

To Board of Supervisors
LA County

RE: AGAINST PROPOSED REDISTRICTING CHANGES TO YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT

As a long-time Democrat and strong supporter of Zev Yaroslavsky, I strongly object to the attempts to remove him from us by the proposed redistricting changes to the 3rd. District. His adherence to Democratic ideals has been unfailing. Do Not discourage future public servants of his ilk with these destructive political games,

Our District, with it's diverse areas ,has been cohesive and dynamic. It has been working exceedingly well. Please don't mess with it.. Do not create this upheaval, especially in these difficult times for us all.

Joan Bellefontaine
[redacted]
Topanga CA 90290

From: Starr Peggy <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 4:35 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT THE A3 PLAN

We strongly urge you to vote against T1 and S2 maps. By law race and ethnicity cannot be the only consideration in redistricting decisions. We urge the Board of Supervisors to keep together existing "communities of interest" under the A3 plan in order to handle pressing regional issues such as transportation and the environment.

John and Mary Starr
[redacted]
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

From: Joseph Rosendo [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 5:03 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Sirs and Madam,

My name is Joseph Rosendo and I am a resident of District 3 and currently Zeb Yaroslavsky is my representative. He should be – I voted for him. But if T1 and S2 are passed as the new redistricting plans we will lose Zeb and we will lose a lot of the rights that we have fought so very hard for and the way of life that we have preserved for all Angelenos in Topanga.

I am writing in opposition to the proposed redistricting as shown online on the maps (denoted as T1 and S2) that were submitted as part of the redistricting plan and that would radically redraw the Board of Supervisors' district boundaries, leaving communities separated and an estimated 3.5 million people suddenly represented by a supervisor for whom they never cast a vote. The two horrendous proposals are basing their redistricting ideas on the premise that they are supporting will of the Voting Rights Bill in order to give minorities an equal right to representation.

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We need to keep our current District 3 as geographically and sensibly unified as possible. The challenges we face here are nothing like those in the South Bay or other areas of the county as with whom we would be paired in the proposed redistricting. We are largely a rural district and our concerns with public safety, for example, are vastly different in this northern mountain portion of the county than the Beach Cities, Hawthorne, Torrance, etc. The new districts would be inefficient as well. We're going to be fighting now for resources against other areas that we need not be, simply because there is no common interest. What Torrance needs for urban public safety, for example, is far different than how the current district responds. I think the proposed redistricts will result in confusion, chaos, inefficient use of funds, and unnecessary bickering between municipalities that isn't even necessary. A supervisor will be put in the role of deciding winners and losers when a more cohesive approach would avoid this. Environmentally, there are similar concerns.

Although I would prefer that things stay as they are, I, at the very least, urge you to support the plan and suggestions put forth by Supervisor Yaroslavsky and keep District 3 together as much as possible by supporting A3. I will see you all on Tuesday morning. I pray that you do the right thing.

Thank you,
Joseph Rosendo

[redacted]
Topanga, CA 90290
[redacted]

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Juana Tanch

Juana Tanch
[redacted]
Downey CA 90241

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 9:44 PM
To: AskDon
Subject: Re-Districting

Don,

I have been a member of a charity, Las Floristas, Inc., which has supported Rancho Los Amigos for over 30 years (could be longer). In that time I have seen how valuable your efforts have been in helping the children at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Hospital.

I know that your passion for the children at Rancho is remarkable. Any other representative would take years to cultivate that passion if they had the time or desire.

PLEASE forward my email to those who want to redistrict. They are wrong!!!
It is your thoughtfulness and desire to help children that make you the best at what you do!

Karen Garlington
[redacted]

From: Shadchina Larissa [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:17 AM
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Name_____

Address_____

Guys, your help will be much appreciated!
Thanks,
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Thank you
All best

Larissa Shadchina
C.E.O.
Hollywood Connect
[redacted]
Los Angeles,CA 90035
tel[redacted]

MONTE NIDO VALLEY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

September 23, 2011

LA County Board of Supervisors
Room 383
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500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles CA 90012.

Board of Supervisors:

The Monte Nido Valley Community Association, representing some 350 households in the Santa Monica Mountains wishes to go on record in support of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation position on the current supervisorial redistricting mandate.

Our community , long active and vocal in the preservation of open space in the Santa Monica Mountains, a recreation area used by residents from all over the County, opposes the recently proposed maps, T-1 and S-2. Using the Voting Rights Act in the manner given by supporters of these gerrymandered maps is a misguided attempt to fix a problem that does not exist in Los Angeles County. Decades old communities of interest will be shifted, fragmented and instantly represented by a supervisor for whom they did not vote.

We urge redistricting be done in a transparent, common sense manner protecting these established communities of interest. Do not approve maps T-1 or S-2.

Sincerely,

Les Hardie, President

Monte Nido Valley Community Association

From: CommServ
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: vote No on T1 and S2

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]m [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 4:22 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: vote No on T1 and S2
Importance: High

Dear Supervisors:

Please vote NO on the T1 and S2 redistricting proposals on September 6th.

We in the Third District elected Zev Yaroslavsky as our supervisor and have a strong interest in retaining him as such. The Third District's current borders appropriately align the topography, geography, and economy that define our community of interest's unique environmental resources, the recreational opportunities dependent on them, and the challenges we face in protecting them. Keeping this district together in a cohesive whole is essential to providing leadership for whom environmental stewardship is a top priority. Zev Yaroslavsky has provided that leadership.

Liat Samouhi
[redacted]
Calabasas, CA 91302

From: linda fera [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 6:02 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: RE: Do not chop the San Fernando Valley

We do not want the redistricting plans that chop the San Fernando Valley into any more than the current 2 districts. The current districts give the valley good representation from a supervisor who knows the valley. The proposed 3 district split will put the valley into a geographic community where there are much fewer areas of common interest.

We need to be kept in a district where the supervisor and staff are fully able to be aware, and involved in keeping the mountain areas from wrongheaded development and damage. We need to be kept in a district where they do not feel that they need a passport to come to the valley. We need to be kept in a district where other residents of the district do not feel that they need a passport to come to the valley.

It is counterproductive, it serves no good purpose, to chop the valley into 3 districts.

Some of the proponents of those plans state that Hispanics require more representation on the County Board of Supervisors. However, chopping the valley into 3 districts is not the appropriate way to get there. The appropriate way to get there is to have candidates who are informed, committed and prepared to serve their district and the entire county.

Please reject the plans that carve the valley up any further. Please keep my current Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky, through the rest of his term, as my supervisor. I do not now want some stranger trying to catch up so that he/she can represent me.

Thank you,

Linda Fera

Bel Air Skycrest
Property Owners Association
BASPOA
PO Box 260503, Encino, CA 91426

September 26, 2011

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

Re: County Redistricting Plans/Support for A3

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association (BASPOA) in regards to the once-in-a-decade County re-districting process currently playing out. BASPOA members have deep concerns about the way in which proposed redistricting plans T1 & S2 divide the topographically, geographically, economically and socially distinct region that is the current Third Supervisorial District.

We are particularly concerned about the arbitrary compartmentalizing of what we consider to be our primary community of interest, the Santa Monica Mountains, a swath of wilderness running through the heart of this great city. These mountains, with their still surviving areas of open space and rugged parklands; their wildlife corridors; their ever-developing network of trails; their astonishing city views; their rustic roads, including the 55-mile Mulholland Scenic Parkway; and their sometimes palatial, sometimes rustic hillside neighborhoods; their designated historic and cultural monuments, including the Hollywood Sign and Griffith Observatory, are precious and irreplaceable resources that belong to all the people of Los Angeles.

In fact, these mountains are a focal point for a larger community of interest that extends well beyond the actual hill dwellers like ourselves, beyond even the city of Los Angeles. The Santa Monica Mountains provide environmental, recreational, residential and tourism attractions that are unique in the world. People come from all over to drive, walk, hike and bike through these mountains. But the mountains are also extremely vulnerable to degradation by forces both natural and manmade, prone to wildfires and landslides and commercial overdevelopment, overburdened by the hordes of daily commuters traveling their transportation corridors.

Public safety, transportation, recreation, conservation and intelligent growth are universal issues. But specific kinds of challenges and problems related to these issues vary dramatically from one urban area to another, and dealing with them requires quite different kinds of knowledge, expertise and resource allocation. Consider public safety. People often say that there are no seasons in Los Angeles. But it only takes a couple of years in L.A. to know that the Santa Monica Mountains have two very definite seasons–fire season and landslide season. In fact, the entire Santa Monica Mountain range is categorized as an "extremely high risk fire area"—and after the fires come the rains to flood our inadequately designed infrastructure and wash away the newly destablilized soil. It therefore makes excellent sense, in terms of preventative strategies and also in terms of emergency response during (and after) actual times of crisis, that this entire hillside/mountain area should be kept in a single supervisorial district.

Consider the special needs involved in stewarding the open space and parklands. Griffith Park

has been designated one of 34 “biodiversity hotspots” in the world. Its 4,310-acre expanse at the far eastern end of the Santa Monicas range is the largest natural wilderness area within any city in the nation. These mountains are of a piece, a single complex but interconnected living organism in terms of wildlife and native flora habitats and also in terms of trail connectivity, maintenance issues and park services. And Griffith Park is the crown jewel of them all. Therefore this entire hillside/mountain area should be kept in a single supervisorial district.

Proposed redistricting plans T1 and S2 would be a disaster for these mountains and for all who live in and enjoy recreational and cultural use of them. Do not dilute our representation. Do not undermine or disrupt the many County programs that currently serve us so well. Public safety depends on it – that of local residents, daily commuters, recreational and cultural users, and many, many others, including the 4,000-plus students and staff who spend their days on the Mulholland Institutional Corridor.

BASPOA residents already live in a community of interest inappropriately divided among City Council districts, so we know from painful experience how counterproductive that kind of bureaucratic division of labor can be in terms of effective governance. Please don’t subject us to more of the same on the County level. County services are absolutely vital to our well-being, safety and quality of life here in the Santa Monica Mountains. We urge you to ensure the ongoing ability of citizens and politicians to work together to protect and preserve this very important part of Los Angeles. Reject T1 and S2 and **SUPPORT A3**, as the plan which most nearly preserves the present Third District boundary lines and ***the only plan which keeps the Santa Monica Mountains intact, in one supervisorial district, from Griffith Park to the Ventura County line***.

If it’s not broke don’t fix it.

Respectfully,

Lois Becker

Lois Becker, Community Liaison
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners’ Association
[redacted]
Encino, CA 91426

cc: Hillside Federation
Bretwood Community Council
Brentwood Residents Coalition

September 2, 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Rm. 383
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Re: LA County Redistricting Plan S2

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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,

Luz Vela

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September 23, 2011

Executive Office
Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 383
500 West Temple Street
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RE: REDISTRICTING – SUPPORT TO KEEP THE THIRD DISTRICT INTACT AND SAFER

Dear Board of County Supervisors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Miracle Mile Civic Coalition, we support keeping the Third District intact in the redistricting process. **Plans T1 and S2 are both ill-advised. Each moves nearly 3.5 million people from one supervisorial district to another - DESTROYING ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS AND SERIOUSLY SETTING BACK PROGRESS ON VITAL COMMUNITY ISSUES, such as emergency preparedness, transportation, the environment, etc.** The Miracle Mile is part of the greater Westside which also includes Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Santa Monica and the West Los Angeles and Fairfax areas, all of which form a cohesive, compact community of interest with a common culture and economy. In turn, the greater Westside is interlocked with the adjacent San Fernando Valley and Las Virgenes regions as a cohesive, coherent unit - the Third District. The integrity of the Third District's boundaries benefits the residents of the Miracle Mile and the entire northwest County area; it also benefits the County as a whole.

We are served extraordinarily well by Supervisor Yaroslavsky and are very proud of the Miracle Mile's long history of working in the spirit of cooperation with him. We are also strong supporters of our thriving LA County museums – located in Miracle Mile – and of the emergency services provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department when needed.

We urge you to keep the Third District unified, intact, and safe and sound.

Sincerely,

Lyn MacEwen Cohen
President and Founder

Wally Marks, III
Chairman of the Board

cc. Supervisor Yaroslavsky, District 3; Councilmember Tom LaBonge, CD 4; Officers of the Miracle Mile Civic Coalition; Hank Hilty; Rick Caruso; Wayne Ratkovich; Jim Gilson; Randy Murphy; Dan James; Steve Kramer

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:01 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: 9/27/11 Redistricting Hearing

September 26, 2010

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

I have spent further time reflecting on the redistricting proposals before you since I wrote you last. My thoughts have not changed. I continue to vehemently oppose Plans T1 and S2. They will be disastrous to District 3 for the reasons I again state below. Thank you for considering my comments as you make your final decision tomorrow.

September 5, 2011

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing you since I am unfortunately unable to attend the "redistricting" hearing scheduled for September 6th. I wish my concerns noted and hope they will be read in preparation for the hearing.

I am vehemently opposed to redistricting plans T1 and S2. I believe each would destroy the cohesion of the Third District and its community of interest and will undermine all the efforts of the past and current proposed plans and ideology for the future.

The Santa Monica Mountains are the jewel that bind the Third District together. We are a compact district with common problems and interests. The communities in the Third District have always worked together on environmental issues in addition to solving problems regarding development and transportation among others. We have been able to successfully accomplish much because of the long standing relationships we have built and by working with Supervisor Yaroslavsky who fully understands the dimension/impact of our concerns.

Redistricting plans T1 and S2 gravely injure our ability to keep the ball rolling forward. I feel these are merely political schemes concocted with complete disregard to the welfare of the Third District using the excuse of the Voting Rights Act to enact the boundary changes.

The notion that non minorities won't vote for a minority candidate is absurd...Mayor Villaraigosa...Sherriff Lee Baca? ?? This is L.A. and it's 2011 not 1970.

As you make your decision, I ask that you **seriously** consider the detrimental impact that "blowing up" our Third District will have. If redistricting needs to be done, let it be done in a rational manner that makes sense.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Funari
[redacted]
Calabasas, CA 91302

From: Ross, Marina [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:18 AM
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 plants 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.

Name___Marina Ross_____

Address____[redacted] Encino, CA 91316_____

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From: Marshall Edelstein [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 3:41 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Redistricting boundaries of San Fernando Valley 9/27/11 meeting.

To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,
Please let me remind you of the absolute necessity of voting for PLAN A3 with reference to voting for redistricting boundaries on Tuesday September 27, 2011. The constituents of Sherman Oaks are and have been a cohesive part of the San Fernando Valley and the West Side and share in all communal interests. VOTING FOR ANY OTHER PLAN THEN PLAN A3 WILL DISENFRANCHISE THE ENTIRE SHERMAN OAKS COMMUNITY OF OUR RIGHTS NOT ONLY AS A COMMUNITY IN COMMON BUT ALSO OUR SHARE OF THE COUNTY'S 23 BILLION DOLLAR ANNUAL BUDGET. We are a strong, determined, well organized and vital part of The San Fernando Valley and shall always fight to remain so with both voice and deed in common Let me remind you and all who vote contrary to PLAN A3 that those that do so will long be remembered by the constituents of our community at all elections in the future.

Sincerely,
Marshall Edelstein
Member of Sherman Oaks Home Owners Association

[redacted]
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

September 2, 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Martha Hernández

Norwalk Ca 90650

From: CommServ
To: Em Greg
Subject: RE: Plan A3

-----Original Message-----
From: Em Greg [mailto:E[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 11:05 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Plan A3

I urge you to adopt Plan A3 which will keep the San Fernando Valley and the Westside as one.
Thank you.
Mary Gregory
Valley Village 91607

September 2, 2011

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500 West Temple Street, Rm. 383
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mary Montes-Martinez

[redacted]

SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670

From: CommServ
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Redistricting LA County 2011

-----Original Message-----
From: Nils Nehrenheim [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:30 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting LA County 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

I strongly DO NOT support keeping my community as part of the Fourth Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County.

I really do want to see our neighborhoods, communities and cities have fair and balanced representation in our districts. The Fourth District boundaries, as currently drawn, should not be maintained to keep the old, rather split communities according to their voting, according to the LAW.

I hope the Board of Supervisors will seriously consider this input, as any redistricting would have a huge impact on our community, with a
better representation for the community members. Thank you for your
consideration.
-Nils

From: Pat MacNeil [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 3:46 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Pat MacNeil
Subject: Letter of support for Redistricting map A3

Patricia Ann Mac Neil
[redacted]
Topanga, California 90290
[redacted]

September 25, 2011

Dear Los Angeles County Supervisors:

My name is Pat Mac Neil, a co-founder and president of the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (T-CEP). The devastating 1993 Old Topanga/Malibu fire killed 3 people, burned over 400 structures, and 16,000 acres before it was stopped. It only took 2.5 hours for it to get from the top of Topanga to the beach, yet we could not find out what was in its path, where it was going, who needed to evacuate, there was no plan residents could follow...much less practice. We formed T-CEP to fill that terrifying communication gap and currently have over 250 volunteers who man our hotline when our EOC is activated and help provide verifiable information to our residents so they can be prepared to take necessary steps and evacuate from danger, who work year-around to educate and prepare our community for the inevitable disaster.

The Los Angels County Strategic Plan for the Unincorporated Areas of the County adopted by your honorable Board some years back, put forth several models that customized delivering county municipal services to meet the needs of the 100's of distinct communities making up the vast and diverse unincorporated areas of the County. Mountain and canyon communities like Topanga, are an example of a rural community, an "exurb" in the middle of a huge, wildland urban interface.

The strategic plan participants overwhelmingly chose Topanga as the community to develop a community-based Emergency Management Plan for the County, a template other at-risk communities could use to help develop their own preparedness plans and strategies.

For the next two years, under the guidance and coordination provided by the Third District, the ad hoc Topanga Emergency Management Planning Steering Committee, embarked on a joint community-agency-government effort that brought together all County first responders --- OEM, Fire, Forestry, Sheriff, Animal Care and Control, DPW, CAO/CEO, with CHP, Caltrans, LAUSD, Red Cross --- with local stakeholders - T-CEP, Arson Watch, CERT, ERT, DRT, Neighborhood Networks, Chamber of Commerce, the Topanga Town Council. At the end of 2 intense years of collaboration, in 2005 the Topanga Survival Guide was printed and mailed to

every resident in Topanga. This Preparedness Guide paved the way for subsequent emergency information dealing with other aspects of Preparedness --- Prevention, Pets, the elderly, the homebound, Recovery!

In 2009, your honorable Board adopted a resolution creating the Topanga Emergency Management Task Force which is co-chaired by the County's Office of Emergency Management and T-CEP, and whose members are drawn from all the critical government, agency, and community stakeholder groups and organizations who MUST work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the next inevitable disaster.

Our planning and implementation efforts are watched by many, and communities inside and outside the County, all the way to Missouri have contacted us over the years, and continue to do so, to learn how they can also adapt community-based planning into their local disaster preparedness networks. The County modeled the Topanga Survival Guide for a general county guide which has been published in several different languages. L.A. City homeowner associations and Neighborhood Councils have utilized the Third District model, as well.

We do not want to see this longstanding critical partnership put at risk: The need to prepare for disaster never goes away; complacency is not an option. Success in continuing to manage our preparedness efforts in this wildland interface known as the Santa Monica Mountains, requires collaboration to be a very high priority for a Supervisor who understands the extreme and unique challenges of disaster planning faced in the Third District. We appreciate the support of the County, but most especially the commitment of our Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to make emergency preparedness one of the foremost priorities for the County of Los Angeles. We therefore urge you to adopt a redistricting map, like A3, that will respect the cohesive and connected nature of the Third District, and not suddenly reassign over 1 million people, including Topanga, into a District with little knowledge of the specific challenges we face preparing for the next disaster and helping our fellow county citizens to survive.

Yours truly,
Pat Mac Neil

From: Paul Beck [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:55 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: New District Boundaries

Hello. I have been a resident of Sherman Oaks or its adjacent communities since 1984. I grew up on the West Side and attended public schools there before going on to college. After 10 years away in college and graduate school and my first professional job, I returned to L.A., living on the West Side until I bought my first home in Studio City in 1984. I currently live and work in the heart of Sherman Oaks.

I am writing to urge support for the adoption of Plan A 3 at next week's Board meeting on the new district proposals. There has been a close connection between the communities of the West Side and Sherman Oaks for many decades. Two of the reasons, in addition to the organization of political districts, are the common values and priorities of these two neighboring communities. A decision to divide these two historically linked areas into newly separated districts will weaken communities of interest and mutual support that have proven to be critical to the health and vibrancy of both. Please do not separate these neighbors, as that would undermine historic and current links and thousands of intercommunity relationships which are mutually dependent and supportive. Division and separation will, on the other hand, only serve to weaken, not strengthen, both of these areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Paul Beck

[redacted]
Sherman Oaks, California 91423
[redacted]

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Redistricting Hearing
September 6, 2011

My name is Ric Loya.

I'm a 40-year resident of Huntington Park (District 1) and a former Huntington Park mayor and councilmember. I also was a health teacher at Huntington Park High School for almost 30 years. BUT I was born and raised in Long Beach (District 4) and my wife was from Glendale (District 5).

I am here to urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to adopt either the T1 Map <u>or</u> the S2 Map. These maps would support the creation of two Latino-opportunity districts – <u>not</u> a Latino supervisor, just the fair opportunity to <u>elect</u> one.

Fairness at the ballot box is <u>not</u> the same as a predetermined outcome at the ballot box. Latinos, like everyone else, understand and respect this fact.

Remember – in the 1980s, Huntington Park was the Latino-majority city that kept electing Anglo council members and when I was on Council even I ran WITH incumbent Tom Jackson (we both won but at least I received more votes). Another time I met

with a group of Latino hotheads and told them I could only support the best candidate in an election coming up in our Latino city AND if that best candidate was Asian or Black they would have my support.

I am really trying to emphasize that we are talking about opportunity here and not absolutes for Latinos. I recall when in Huntington Park here was our chance. So we had a panel of Latino police chiefs interview candidates. We had a community panel interview candidates. AND then there was our council – talk about a stacked deck. ALL three panels selected the Anglo candidate and the Council appointed one Randy Narramore as our Chief – that ain't a Spanish surname!we were looking for a police chief. We wanted a Latino.

More recently the Latino majority in Bell elected a city council with only three Latinos AND that council just appointed an Anglo interim city manager from Northern California. So much for Latinos only supporting Latinos.

But Latinos in Los Angeles County tend to have many overlapping interests and similar experiences.

Take the environment – a subject I've amassed a great deal of experience with our infamous La Montana, a proposed power

plant in Vernon, and a hazardous waste treatment plant across the street from Huntington Park High.

A family from Walnut Park or Huntington Park is going to live in a densely-populated, urban, semi-industrial neighborhood a lot like that family in San Fernando.

Both families need more parks, more open space – and more opportunities to explore within and outside of Los Angeles County. Both families face the very similar challenges to attaining them.

And both families deserve the opportunity to elect more advocates to this Board of Supervisors to help them meet those challenges!

In closing, as you consider which redistricted map to choose, I urge you very strongly to keep unified what is known as "Southeast" Los Angeles – namely: Huntington Park, Walnut Park, South Gate, Maywood, Vernon, Cudahy, and Bell.

These communities all were part of the original Rancho San Antonio (see attached map). Infact, we still have the San Antonio Regional Library, San Antonio Elementary School, and there is even talk of a new San Antonio Charter High School District (see

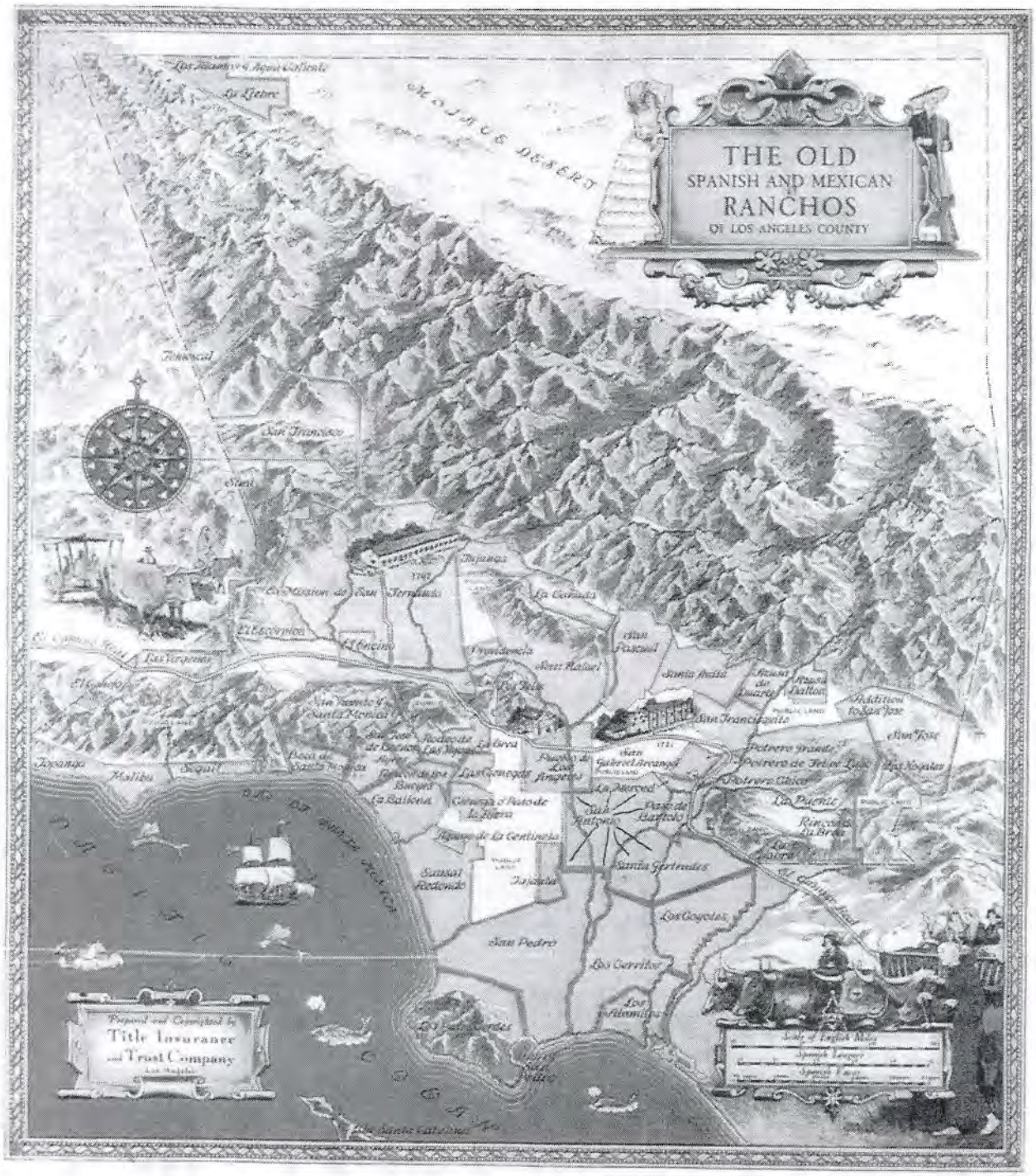
attached map). And we used to have the San Antonio Health Center.

And they have grown together as a community – through common schools, libraries, grassroots groups, and other civic institutions. AND even football rivalries that go back decades.

A redistricted Los Angeles County map should respect this history – and these connections.

I thank you for your time.

Ric Loya, 3[redacted], Huntington Park, 90255 [redacted]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The Proposed San Antonio Unified School District

Description of the Boundaries

The proposed San Antonio Unified School District shall comprise that portion of the Los Angeles Unified School District lying easterly of the westerly boundary line of the City of Huntington Park, its southerly prolongation and the westerly boundary line of the City of South Gate and southerly of the southerly boundary line of the City of Vernon in all its various courses, excepting that portion of the City of Bell lying northerly of the center line of Slauson Avenue.

Maximum Tax Rate

In accord with the provisions of Education Code Section 3130, the maximum tax rate for the proposed San Antonio Unified School District shall be the maximum tax rate authorized in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Governing Board

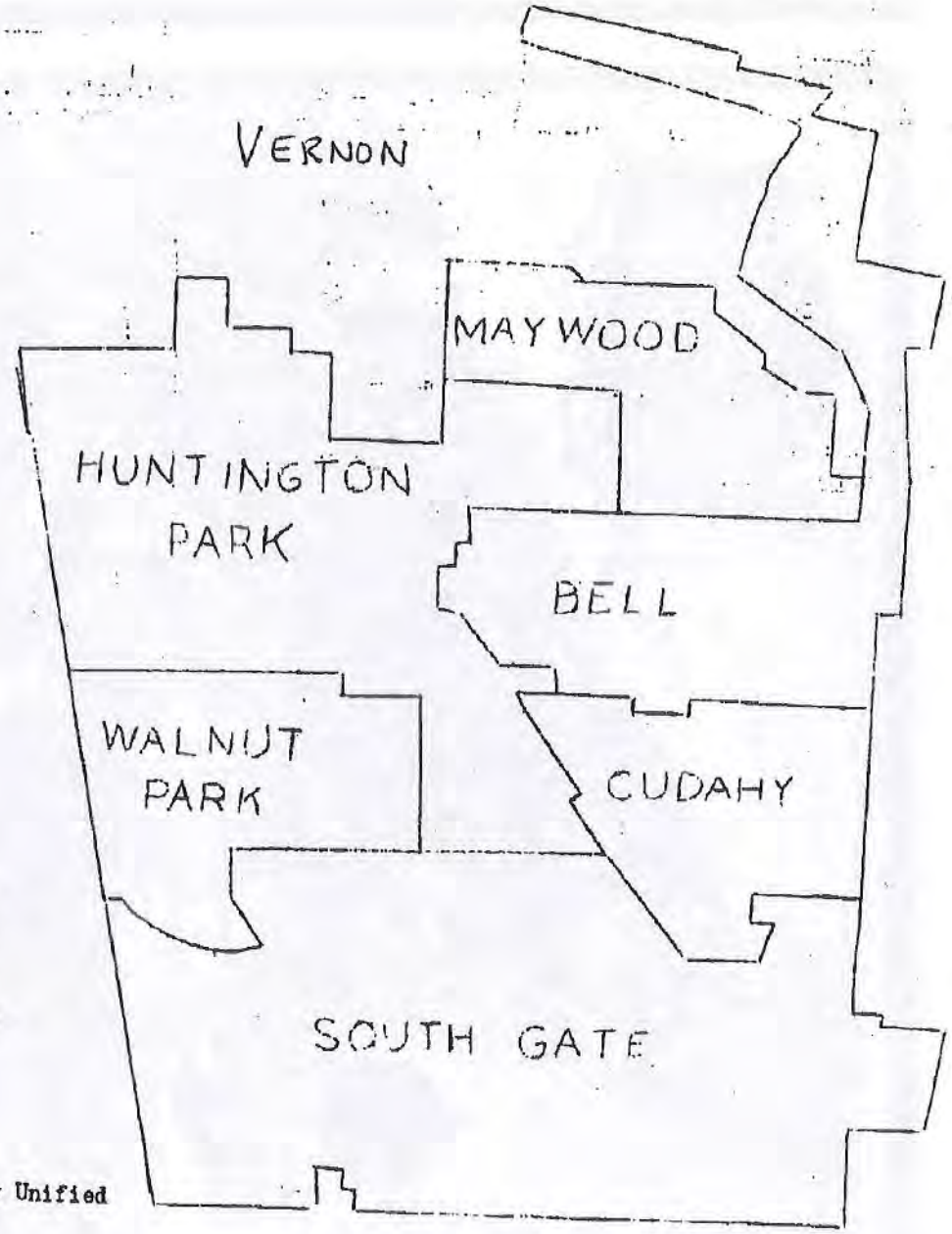
The Governing Board of the San Antonio Unified School District shall consist of seven members elected at large.

Statistical Data as of the 1959-60 School Year

Total Assessed Valuation	Elementary ADA	Secondary ADA	Total ADA
$210,077,775	11,253	4,971	16,224

Income per ADA	Remainder of L.A. Unified Dist.
$530*	$485*

* The average expenditure of Los Angeles Counnty Unified School Districts, for 1959-60 was $444.87.



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From: CommServ
To: Ask Don Form
Subject: RE: Alhambra & Pacoima | County Redistricting

-----Original Message-----
From: Ask Don Form [mailto:noreply@knabe.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 1:30 AM
To: AskDon
Subject: Alhambra & Pacoima | County Redistricting

From: Richard A. Packard [redacted]
Subject: County Redistricting
City: Alhambra & Pacoima

Message Body:
Honorable Supervisor Knabe, this is more of a statement than a question. I SUPPORT your redistricting map A3 and hope top speak at the Sept. 27th hearing on this issue. I have been a residence of the San Fernando Valley since 1957 (3rd and 5th district), I hope your 2nd district colleague will "come to his senses" and support A3, its "common-sense, voter-right" fulfilled mandate is fair to those of us (African Americans) in the San Fernando Valley. Keep the faith and stand your ground!
Richard A. Packard, Chair
Political Action Comm.,SFV/NAACP

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

From: rimma akodes [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:33 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

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Name_____Rimma Akodes_____

Address_[redacted] Sun Valley, CA 91352_____

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 8:38 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Sherman Oaks. I have lived here since 1983, nearly 30 years. I implore you to vote for A3. It is the only measure that will keep our community in tact. Putting us in either of the other 2 plans will violate our rights by putting us in with people who are not nearby and thereby do not share our interests. Please do the right thing.

Robert K. Wilcox
[redacted]
Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91423

From: CommServ
To: Michael D. Antonovich
Subject: RE: Redistricting

-----Original Message-----
From: Michael D. Antonovich
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:20 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: Redistricting

FYI
-----Original Message-----
From: Rolene Naveja [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 8:22 PM
To: SecondDistrict; Michael D. Antonovich
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Michael and Mark,
Please support County Plan A-3 for the San Fernando Valley Redistricting. I am a long time resident since 1960 and I have seen many changes in this Valley don't let this be another blow to our community.

I am the daughter of Marie Harris a long time community activist who we will honor on October 22, 2011 when one of our major intersections at Glenoaks and Van Nuys Boulevards will be designated as MARIE HARRIS SQUARE. I hope you will join us. I know my Mother would support A-3 so I am standing in her place.
Blessed regards,
Rolene Naveja
PrimROE's Productions
[redacted]
Pacoima, CA 91331
[redacted]

From: CommServ
To: Ron & Patsy Husmann
Subject: RE: Adoption of A-3

-----Original Message-----
From: Ron & Patsy Husmann [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2011 5:22 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Adoption of A-3

This is two votes for the adoption of A-3, to keep the studio city area connected with its neighbors. We are a community that does not want to be separated

Ron and Patsy Husmann
[redacted]
Studio City, CA 91604

From: Michael D. Antonovich
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:19 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: A-3

FYI

From: Rosalind Scarbrough [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 8:50 PM
To: SecondDistrict; Michael D. Antonovich
Subject: A-3

Please support county plan A-3 redistricting for the San Fernando Valley. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Rosalind Scarbrough
3rd Vice-President
San Fernando Valley NAACP
[redacted]

From: Michael D. Antonovich
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:18 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: The Rowland Heights Gazette: Final Redistricting Hearing Set For Tuesday at 11:00a.m.

Importance: High

FYI

From: Roy [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 4:07 PM
To: Don Knabe; Gloria Molina; SecondDistrict; Michael D. Antonovich; Yaroslavsky, Zev; 'Beth Hojnacke'; [redacted]; 'Charles Liu'; 'Cocos'; 'John Bellah'; 'John Grant'; 'Lynne Ebenkamp'; 'Szu-pei Lu'; 'Ted Ebenkamp'
Cc: Simmons, Dick; Morales, Jorge
Subject: The Rowland Heights Gazette: Final Redistricting Hearing Set For Tuesday at 11:00a.m.
Importance: High

Ok! Enough already! Get on with the Vote. Time is a Wastin.' We have heard it all. Go Boeing!

Editor: Le Citizen Roi/Patriot

From: Sandie Edwards [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:52 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,
Fred and I have lived in Toluca Lake for forty years. We are opposed to the S2 and T1 plans as they disrupt whole communities and separate communities with common interests. These plans would redrisrict over three million people and put them in districts with Supervisors they didn't even vote for. The A3 plan is the least disruptive and at least keeps us in the same district as our surrounding communities who we work with and have common interests with. The S2 and T1 plans make no sense to us. Please do not vote for them.

Sincerely, Sandra and Fred Edwards
[redacted] Toluca Lake 91602

From: CommServ
To: Scott King
Subject: RE: Do Not Divide 3rd District!

-----Original Message-----
From: Scott King [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:42 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Do Not Divide 3rd District!

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

As a long-time Topanga resident, having lived most of my 60 years in the Santa Monica Mountains, and as a volunteer in Arson Watch and as a RCDSMM Stream Team member, among other community activities, I am acutely aware of the progress we have all made in uniting all the
unique and fragile facets of the 3rd district into a cohesive whole.
It has been a large, long-term collaborative effort to implement effective disaster preparedness, environmental awareness, habitat restoration, and many other vital activities and interests to enhance our collective quality of life in this sensitive and unique mix of social and geographic requirements that make up the EXISTING 3rd district.

Let's not ruin all our good work of the last many years! It makes no sense to break up the 3rd district after all the hard work and progress we have made. It is working well. Leave it as it is. It is the best plan for all concerned.

Thank you for your consideration,
Scott King
Fernwood Area, Topanga

Community Arson Watch volunteer
RCDSMM Stream Team member
Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness coordinator Member, Board of Directors, Topanga Historical Society

From: Eleanor Brooks <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:44 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Supervisor districts

Importance: High

I am sending this email because I want my opinion to be counted. I do not want to split the valley where I live to be carved up more. The valley residents, myself included, wanted the valley to secede from the city because we felt too many in the city did not understand the mixed character of the valley – and how we work together and live together. Too many in the city and county express the idea that the valley is some foreign place that you need a passport to get to, that it takes forever to get to and there is nothing important going on here. We do not want to have to share picking our supervisor with voters from other sections of the city and the county who at the least don't know us, and at the most hold us in contempt.

We need to be represented by a supervisor who understands the valley and can represent us to the rest of the supervisors and the rest of the county.

Please continue to allow us to pick representatives, supervisors, who have a clear understanding of who we are, what we need, and how to juggle our priorities with the rest of the county. And to who the valley is important because a majority of his/her voters live in the supervisor's district

The plans being proposed, instead of recognizing the valley as a multi ethnic area already, and showing no problem in electing officers of all different ethnics, will split the valley mostly along economic lines. Where is the sense in that? Particularly when the justification given is to redistrict so that more Latino/Hispanic people will be put into a district so that a Latino/Hispanic person would be elected.

If the desire is to have more Latino/Hispanic people as Supervisors or whatever office, they should just run good campaigns!! We don't need voter ghettos for that to happen. Wrong reason to split up the valley. Please don't do it

Sid Brooks
[redacted]
Santiago Estates
Sylmar, Ca 91342

From: Constantine Karos [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 10:46 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: s[redacted]
Subject: Fw: Plan A3

Email: [redacted]

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Constantine Karos [redacted]
To: comserv@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: soha914@gmail.com
Sent: Mon, September 26, 2011 10:43:05 AM
Subject: Plan A3

Dear Sirs:

We write you to respectfully request that you adopt Plan A3 and keep San Fernando Valley and the West Side as one unified District. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stan and Katherine Karos
[redacted]
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Email: [redacted]

From: Lynn Norton <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 11:40 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting-Support Plan A3, Oppose S2 & T1

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are citizens of Malibu and writing to support the A3 plan and to oppose the S2 and T1 plans.

The only way we can have a voice in the county is if we are grouped together with other communities of similar interest. There is demonstrated experience that communities in our current District 3 are working well together to deal with issues of the environment, water quality and transportation. Our respective council members have developed important working relationships with each other and our communities share common needs and priorities not shared by the communities we would be grouped with in the S2 and T1 plans.

Compared with the A3 plan, the S2 and T1 plans would each move 12 times as many people out of their current district and away from the representatives that they have already worked to establish relationships with (moving 34% and 36% of the population respectively, as opposed to less than 3% with the A3 plan!) This should only be done where there is significant evidence of problem and lack of common interests in existing districts. We don't know about other districts, but our current District 3 ain't broke and so we implore you not to fix it. Putting Malibu in the new district proposed by either the S2 or T1 plans would be devastating in terms of taking away our voice in the county. We don't share our important interests with these communities and it seems no more than arbitrary gerrymandering to group us together.

The A3 plan is consistent with the voting rights act and the County Counsel's report does not advise otherwise; so this should not be used as a rationalization for pulling us apart from our neighboring communities with which we share common interests. Please adopt the A3 plan.

Stephen Bellieu & Lynn Norton

From: Sveta Mihhailova [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 9:51 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

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Svetlana Mihhailova
[redacted]
Sylmar, CA 91342

From: Tamara Dzhanszyan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:58 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

I strongly oppose T1 and S2 plans.

These proposed plans will destroy our community of interest comprised of Armenian refugees from the former Soviet Union, which historically settled in the Hollywood and the San FernandoValley and developed in the course of many decades a network of social, educational, cultural and religious institutions to facilitate successful integration of these immigrants into Los Angeles county.

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Name : Tamara Dzhanszyan

From: Vache Harutunian [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:37 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

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Name: Vache Harutunian_____

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From: Vern Putnam <[redacted]

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 12:08 PM

To: CommServ

Subject: Vote on District 3 proposed changes

I have been a resident of Topanga since 1975 and have proudly raised three children in this District. Our community and others within District 3 have worked together well and have many common goals and interests. There is no reason why the district should be altered to meet the wishes of those outside our District. I oppose plans S2 and T1 and urge the Board of Supervisors to approve A3. Thank you Vern Putnam

[redacted]m
[redacted]
Topanga, CA 90290
[redacted]

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From: CommServ
To: Walt Keller
Subject: RE: Adopt a plan like A3

-----Original Message-----
From: Walt Keller [mailto[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2011 4:54 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Adopt a plan like A3

Greetings:

Please adopt a plan like A3. The other alternatives are totally politically motivated; we have one two many politicians motivated by self interest now.

Walt & Lucile Keller, Malibu

September 26, 2011

County Board of Supervisors
c/o Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Room 383, Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
commserv@bos.lacounty.gov

Re: BRC's Second Letter On Third Supervisorial District Boundaries

Dear Supervisors:

The Brentwood Residents Coalition ("BRC")[1] joins with constituents in the Third Supervisorial District in support of Redistricting Plan A3, which would keep current boundaries largely intact. In our letter to the Boundary Review Committee, dated May 23, 2011, we stated our strong support for the existing boundaries of the Third Supervisorial District. In doing so, we asked that the three key communities of interest that form the current Third District—the greater Westside, the Santa Monica Mountains (stretching from Griffith Park in the east to the Las Virgenes region in the west), and the San Fernando Valley—be maintained as a single community within the District.

The Boundary Review Committee recognized the importance of maintaining this community of interest by recommending that it be maintained largely intact. Unfortunately, two plans submitted after the Boundary Review Committee completed its open and transparent review process, Plans S2 and T1, ignore the views expressed by our organization and the hundreds of others who were represented in the public process. We now write to reemphasize the importance of maintaining the existing Third District's community of interest and our very strong opposition to the S2 and T1 proposals that would sever it. The District's longstanding boundaries share unifying transportation-related, environmental, hillside, safety and recreational interests. Residents have benefited from having these common interests represented by a single County Supervisor and would suffer if this commonality were diluted by severely altering the existing boundaries, as proposed under S2 and T1.

[1] The BRC is a grass roots, non-profit advocacy group whose purposes are to preserve and enhance the environment and quality of life in Brentwood, to protect the integrity of residential neighborhoods, to assist with planning, to uphold zoning and municipal codes, to encourage traffic safety, and to educate the public on issues that affect quality of life and the environment.

The Boundary Review Committee was established by the Board of Supervisors to take public input and craft a thoroughly vetted plan that would then be recommended to the Board of Supervisors. The recommendation of the Committee both incorporated this public input and adhered to the admonition of state and federal laws to consider a variety of factors, including compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act, and drawing compact and cohesive districts that keep communities of interest together. And the Committee's proposed map, A2, has been slightly revised in A3 to improve upon the original A2 map.

First, and in stark contrast to the Committee's recommendations, which were fully vetted through the extensive public process, the eleventh hour S2 and T1 proposals would create widespread voter confusion by suddenly displacing 3.3 and 3.5 million people, respectively, into a different district—causing them to live under a Supervisor for whom they never had a chance to cast a ballot. Over 1 million of those individuals would also live in a place where no Supervisorial election would have been held for a total of six years, thereby exacerbating the disenfranchisement of voters in Los Angeles County.

Second, Plans S2 and T1 would cleave the Santa Monica Mountains in two—dividing the Mulholland Scenic Corridor, splitting its interwoven trail and open space network, and denying Mountain residents a unified voice on many shared public policy issues. Preserving this community of interest was a major theme of our May 23, 2011 letter. The length of the District follows the backbone of the Santa Monica Mountains between the Hollywood Hills and the Pacific Ocean. The width of the District encompasses both the north and south sides of the Mountains, including watershed areas. This wide swath of the Santa Monica Mountains and watershed areas includes Malibu, Las Virgenes, Topanga, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, and Griffith Park, on the north side of the Santa Monica Mountains, and Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Brentwood, West Los Angeles, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, the Hollywood Hills, and Hollywood on the south side.

This Santa Monica Mountains Range and watershed community of interest requires leadership that combines an appreciation and respect for the natural hillside environment and the recreational opportunities it offers to area residents and the general public. We in the District have unique concerns, interests and experiences related to the preservation and public acquisition of open space, environmental and watershed protection, hillside planning and development controls, fire and flood safety, wildlife habitat and connectivity, and public recreational opportunities. We need unified leadership within a single Supervisorial District to effectively represent our common interests and concerns.

The Santa Monica Mountains Range, stretching from Griffith Park in the east to the Las Virgenes/Conejo region in the west, encompasses communities that share unique Santa Monica Mountains interests and concerns. These include:

- The need for close coordination of government efforts related to disaster preparedness, recovery, and response. (See BRC letter, May 23, 2011)

- The need to coordinate activities to protect the health of watersheds, both through policies that reduce polluted runoff in urban areas, and by acquiring open space that can be used to preserve watersheds in their natural state and reduce pollution downstream.

- The need to protect the transportation links between the greater Westside, Hollywood, and the San Fernando Valley. The roads and freeways that run through the passes and canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains form a key portion of the region's transportation network. It is vital that these key arteries remain in a unified supervisorial district so that adequate planning and funding for road improvements from the Sepulveda Pass to, and including, the Cahuenga Pass can be sought at Metro and other state and regional transportation entities.

Plans T1 and S2, however, would sever the eastern portion of the Santa Monica Mountains, making it less likely that the entirety of the Santa Monica Mountains would receive the same level of advocacy on each of these policy issues. In particular, Plans T1 and S2 would destroy this unity by dividing the Mountains at the Cahuenga Pass, thereby dividing the eastern Santa Monica Mountains from its western extension. As a result, Griffith Park and its surrounding communities would be separated from the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains.

The importance of maintaining the actual Santa Monica Mountains Range boundary – between Griffith Park and Las Virgenes/Conejo – has been recognized as essential by the Legislature in establishing the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. This boundary was designed to ensure that the Conservancy not stop at either the boundaries of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, the western border of the City of Los Angeles, or any other **artificial boundary** because the concerns of the Santa Monica Mountains—preservation of open space, development of trail networks that would be accessible to millions of Angelenos, fire protection, and maintenance of wildlife corridors, view sheds and air sheds—do not recognize such man-made distinctions. The continued success of these Santa Monica Mountains endeavors demands unified representation. This representation is enhanced when a single Supervisorial District encompasses the entire Range so as to facilitate coordination of local, state, private and federal resources. Plans T1 and S2 fail to keep the Santa Monica Mountains unified in this manner.

The Brentwood Residents Coalition is a member of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, which was formed in 1952. The Federation has naturally organized along the Santa Monica Mountains geographic lines for decades, representing both the eastern and western portions of the Santa Monica Mountains within the City of Los Angeles and its environs. Plans T1 and S2 would divide the Hillside Federation, isolating some of the neighborhood associations it represents, including the Los Feliz Improvement Association, Franklin Hills Residents Association, Hollywood Dell Civic Association and Hollywoodland Homeowners Association. This artificial boundary would diminish our established community of interest.

Dilution of the Santa Monica Mountains community of interest through Plans T1 and S2 would impair the traditions of leadership and vision that have characterized the Third District. The BRC therefore asks that the Supervisors reject Plans T1 and S2 and approve Plan A3, substantially preserving the existing boundaries of the Third County Supervisorial District.

Sincerely,

Wendy-Sue Rosen, President
Brentwood Residents Coalition

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee, Governor's Appointee*
Vice President, Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations*
Founder and Officer, Canyon Back Alliance*
Board Member, Veterans Park Conservancy*
Past Chairwoman, Brentwood Community Council*
Past Vice President of Government Relations, The Nature of Wildworks*
Past President, Upper Mandeville Canyon Association*

*title for identification purposes only

From: Shpilskaya, Yelena <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 10:25 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: A3 Redistricting Plan

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Name_____Yelena Shpilskaya

Address_____[redacted], West Hills, CA, 91307_____

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:05 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

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If implemented, either of these plants 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. These plans will have a very negative impact on the wellbeing of seniors, disabled and low-income members of these communities who depend on the County services.

I live and work in the 3rd Supervisorial District and I am proud and privileged to be represented by an outstanding community servant Mr. Zev Yaroslavsky.

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 by utilizing the County network of social services. We insist on keeping the Third District together and to continue being represented by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

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A3 Plan is certified to be in compliance with the Voting Rights Act. At the same time it keeps the 3rd Supervisorial District primarily intact.

The decision makers should thrive to approve a "win-win" plan which does not empower one community at the expense of other communities of interest.

For these and many other reasons I strongly encourage the decision makers to approve A3 Redistricting Plan and to leave Supervisorial District 3 and the communities of interest located in the District intact to greatest degree possible.

Zigmund Vays

[redacted]
Los Angeles, CA 90036

[redacted]

From: Katz, Alisa
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:46 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: BOS hearing 9/27/2011
Attachments: Opposing Plane T1.doc

From: Zvika Brenner [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:18 AM
To: "'commserv@bos.lacounty.gov.''[redacted]
Cc: 'Zvika Brenner'; Katz, Alisa
Subject: BOS hearing 9/27/2011

Please see my attached comments in favor of retaining the current boundaries of the Third Supervisorial District.

Zvika Brenner

Opposing Plane T1

I am a residence of Hancock Park and a member of the Orthodox Jewish Community. I have been involved in community work as a volunteer for the last 15 years.

The Orthodox Jewish Communities in Hancock Park, Beverly Hills, Pico-Robertson and Valley Village Beverly Hills, Pico-Robertson and Valley Village in the San Fernando Valley rely on our elected officials, at all levels of government, to assist with our special needs that stem from unique cultural and religious custom and practices.

It is crucial for our community to be united in one Supervisorial District. Please retain the current boundaries of the Third Supervisorial District.