

Summary of Public Comments Received During Community Meetings

FIRST DISTRICT	
Comment	# of Comments*
Constituent identified their community of interest as either Mayberry Park; South Whittier; Los Nietos; Sunshine Acres; Walnut Park; Azusa; or Florence/Firestone, and wants to remain in the First District and/or keep the current boundaries.	10
Constituent wants Florence/Firestone to be unified in First District.	2
Constituent wants Florence/Firestone boundaries to be left as is.	3
Constituent wants Florence/Firestone to be unified in one district, doesn't matter which district.	9
Constituent wants Florence/Firestone to be in one district with Walnut Park.	1
Constituent wants Sunshine Acres to be in the First District.	1
Constituent wants more services (senior assistance, schools, parks, programs for children, or increased law enforcement) and resources.	6
At the April 27, 2011 Community Meeting, County staff counted the number of votes for keeping the boundaries of Florence/Firestone the same, versus uniting it in one district.	30 in favor of keeping current boundaries; 18 in favor of uniting Florence/Firestone in one district.
SECOND DISTRICT	
Comment	# of Comments*
Constituent wants to keep the current Florence/Firestone boundaries and stay in the Second District.	7
Constituent identified Pico-Union as a community of interest.	1
Constituent identified Rancho Dominguez as a community of interest and was concerned that the Second District will be losing some area.	1
Constituent wants Florence/Firestone to be unified in one district, doesn't matter which district.	3
Constituent wants more services (senior assistance, schools, parks, programs for children, or increased law enforcement) and resources.	2

At the April 28, 2011 Community Meeting, County staff counted the number of votes for keeping the boundaries of Florence/Firestone the same, versus uniting it in one district.	16 in favor of keeping current boundaries; 8 in favor of uniting Florence/Firestone in one district.
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THIRD DISTRICT

Comment	# of Comments*
Constituent identified their community of interest as either the San Fernando Valley; Panorama City; the Santa Monica Mountains; Topanga Canyon; Van Nuys; San Fernando; Northridge; West Hollywood; Agoura Hills; the Orthodox Jewish Community residing in Beverly/Fairfax, Hancock Park, Pico/Robertson, Beverlywood, parts of Beverly Hills and Valley Village in North Hollywood; Studio City; or Westside Communities, and wants to remain in the Third District and/or to keep the current boundaries.	23
Constituent requested that Van Nuys not be split.	2
Constituent requested that Sunland/Topanga maintain its current boundaries and that the community should not be further divided.	1
Constituent requested that the Santa Monica Mountains and the City of San Fernando be kept together in the Third District.	1
Constituent requested that Studio City not be separated from the Third District.	1

FOURTH DISTRICT

Comment	# of Comments*
Constituent identified their community of interest as either Rowland Heights or Walnut, and wants to remain in the Fourth District and/or to keep the current boundaries.	4
Constituent wants Rowland Heights be united in the Fourth District.	1
Constituent wants Rowland Heights and Walnut to be in the Fourth District.	1
Constituent suggests creating new district boundaries from scratch.	1
Constituent suggests bringing the Walnut Water District into the Fourth District, which serves the eastern half of Rowland Heights, all of Diamond Bar, the City of Industry and all of Walnut into the Fourth District.	1
Constituent suggests moving Covina and West Covina into the First District.	1

FIFTH DISTRICT

Comment	# of Comments*
Constituent wants to remain in the Fifth District and to keep the	3

current boundaries.	
Constituent identified their community of interest as either the San Gabriel Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, or Antelope Valley and wants to remain in the Fifth District and/or to keep the current boundaries.	4
Constituent wants San Gabriel to be unified in one district.	1
Constituent suggests keeping Azusa intact in the First District.	1

* Public comments received at the community meetings were summarized and grouped into the general categories above. A commenter may have provided input on several issues, which may have resulted in the commenter being counted in more than one category. For a detailed list of commenter names and statements by supervisorial district, see below or the minutes summarizing each community meeting. Comments which did not express a preference regarding the supervisorial boundaries were not included in this summary.

Public Comments Received During Community Meetings

FIRST DISTRICT

- **Whittier Community Resource Center Community Meeting** - April 26, 2011
(Joint First & Fourth District Meeting)
 - Carlos Alvarado – Community member of 25 years, requested the Supervisor assigned to District 1 to understand and address the needs of his community and the fact that they are Latino does not mean they should not be heard.
 - Victor Diaz – Lived in the area for 32 years, immigrant from Ensenada, Mexico, children have gone to the local schools and attend church at Our Lady of Perpetual Health in Los Nietos, would like his representation to hear from and speak to them, would like to keep the community together (Mayberry Park – First District) and to have more funds and programs for the children to keep them off the streets.
 - Cristina Alonzo – Lived in the area for 10 years, works at Food for Less, have children that attend California School and attend Santa Maria Church. She requested the community to stay united given her community has fought together to resolve many of the problems that have come up in the community. She would like the Committee to consider their Language when making its review. She has worked with members of community, writing letters, attending community meetings, and meeting with representatives of the office of Gloria Molina. She lives in the First

District, her community is South Whittier, and she is happy with the way the District is now and would like it to stay that way.

- John Guzman – Born and raised in Los Nietos and Chairman of the Los Nietos Batch Organization. He is very thankful for all the programs, services and developments within Los Nietos, and discussed the accomplishments of Supervisor Gloria Molina in the community. He requested that the community of Los Nietos remain the same.
- Benjamin Martinez – He lives in Los Nietos, would like for his community to remain intact in the First district, he does not agree with the census count, and would like to see the community of Sunshine Acres included in the First District. He also commented that he believes the City of Los Angeles is forcing people out of the city, and into his community.
- Shirley Streeter – Resident of South Whittier for 46 years. She requests the boundary be kept safe and together. She does not want the school boundaries to change either. She lives on Hastings in South Whittier in the First District and request more services for seniors.
- Rosalia Contreras – Resident of South Whittier for 41 years and Captain of the Neighborhood Watch for 15 years. She would like attention to the needs of the community including that of the children and seniors, and that language be considered as one aspect of the review, and that they have a supervisor who is watching and is a protector for the community.
- Jorge Robles – Pastor of the United Methodist Church located in the First District. If there is to be a new representative for this District, he requests that they remain aware of the necessities and needs of the community. Many proposals of this nature have already been ironed-out before they come to the community; it is the nature of politics that the community does not find out about the decision until later. He urged the BRC to not make its decision before considering them. He requests those doing this review, to get out of their offices and walk in our community so they can truly see the needs of our community and define true balance in distribution of funding for all communities.
- Denise Estrada – Lives in Shoemaker (First District), speaking on behalf of the South Whittier community. As a case worker for SPA 3 and 7, she requests the Boundary Review Committee look at culture and language

when doing their review and look at the County funds provided for this area so that there are adequate resources and funds to keep the programs running. She wants to keep the district as is and their community together.

- Rene Garcia – Lived in the First District and requests the committee look at having one supervisorial district represent the community instead of splitting it in two to give the community more of a unified voice. She does not want to have South Whittier split into two districts.

- **Roosevelt Park Senior Center Community Meeting** – April 27, 2011
(First District Meeting)

- Ms. Ivonne Garcia stated that she has lived in the South Los Angeles for a long time. She would like the Florence/Firestone community to be represented by one Supervisor, preferably in First District. Ms. Garcia would like more resources for schools, parks and services for the elderly.
- Mr. Joe Turner simply stated that he does not want the Florence/Firestone community to change, and stated "Leave it the way it is".
- Mr. Molinez stated that he has lived for many years in this area, and wanted to know if it is a benefit to unite the area. He was unsure what the residents would gain or lose from such an effort.
- Mr. Joseph Titus was born in Florence/Firestone 83 years ago and has lived his entire life here. Mr. Titus would like to see the community be united and represented by one district, it doesn't matter which supervisor.
- Ms. Mary Rose Cortese agrees with Mr. Titus, and would like to see the community be represented by one district.
- Mr. William Allen was born and raised in the Florence/Firestone community as well. Mr. Allen does not care which Supervisorial district Florence/Firestone is in, he only cares about knowing who will resolve the problems within the community.
- Ms. Corine Recasner has lived here for 60 years and has seen a lot of change occur. She is worried about tax base issues related to smaller cities coming in and annexing themselves to the County and taking their

taxes. Ms. Recasner is concerned about the economic deprivation within the community, but is encouraged by the strong presence of the community during this meeting, she emphatically stated, "Let's make this a better place".

- Ms. Luz Maria Hernandez has lived here for nearly 40 years; she shops here and feels that there should be only one district and one Supervisor for the Florence/Firestone community. Ms. Hernandez doesn't want to hear the same message when she calls the Board offices and they tell her that she must call another office. Ms. Hernandez wants the community to be united.
- Mr. Juan Limon stated that he has lived in Walnut Park for 10 years. Mr. Limon feels that both Supervisors Molina and Ridley-Thomas are doing a good job, and if they weren't we would have heard more complaints by now. Many people want one district, however Mr. Limon reminded the community members that the U.S. Census occurs every 10 years, as such; any changes made, the community must live with for ten years. Mr. Limon wants to keep things the way they are right now.
- Ms. Bertha Segura stated that she has lived here for 36 years. Ms. Segura hears that other community members are talking about dividing the district; Ms. Segura is not in favor of dividing the district, because if you find out something is not right it is complicated to address concerns to two district offices. Ms. Segura is in favor of having the Florence/Firestone community represented by one district.
- Ms. Margarita Sandoval –has lived here for 40 years, and also agrees that it should be one district. Everything in my district is well controlled. Ms. Sandoval used to see a lot of gang activity, but there is a much stronger police presence now. Ms. Sandoval feels that if the community was under one district, things would be even better. Ms. Sandoval is in favor of having the Florence/Firestone community represented by the First District.
- Ms. Delores Jones-Cotledge stated that she has lived in the area for 30 years. Ms. Jones-Cotledge has worked with several different organizations. The Florence-Firestone community currently has two Supervisors. Ms. Jones-Cotledge feels that this is an advantage because the community is receiving the combined efforts and resources of two districts. Additionally, the two Supervisors have different outlooks, one is

focused more on the economy and the other focused on jobs and the working class. Ms. Jones-Cotledge feels that it should remain with the two districts.

- Ms. Inez Simmons has lived in Florence/Firestone for 40 years, and is in the Second District. She does not have any problems with her current supervisor of the county services in her area. She would like the current districts to be left alone. Ms. Simmons in favor of both Supervisors Molina and Ridley-Thomas. Ms. Simmons would also like to know the diversity within the office of Supervisors Molina and Ridley-Thomas.
- Mr. Enrique Vega read a letter on behalf of Florence/Firestone Community member Paula Trejo, who was unable to attend. Ms. Trejo has lived in this area for a total of 30 years; she works in the First District and lives in the Second District, she shops here, and appreciates the many differences between the members of the community. However, Ms. Trejo stated that it is difficult to voice our concerns or requests to two Supervisors. Ms. Trejo is in favor of having the Florence/Firestone community under one Supervisor.
- Ms. Lourdes Ocampo lives in the First District, but works in the Second District at Edison Middle school. Ms. Ocampo stated the difficulty of requesting resources from two Supervisors. Ms. Ocampo is in favor of the Florence/Firestone community to be represented by one district.
- Mr. Eduardo Carvajal stated that he is a stake holder in Walnut Park. Mr. Carvajal has seen the First and Second district combine its resources for the Florence/Firestone community; however he is in favor of having one district for Florence/Firestone. It doesn't matter which one district, just as long as we get all the needs and services we need here. Mr. Carvajal believes that Supervisor Molina has done a good job here, and would like to see Florence/Firestone and Walnut Park joined.
- Mr. Irv Sitkoff stated that over the years, and many of the community members might remember a time when the Supervisors did not get along as they do now. Mr. Sitkoff feels that things are going well now and improvements have been made. Mr. Sitkoff feels that both the First and Second district have done a good job, but feels that having one district would be better for the community. Mr. Sitkoff does not care which district it is as long as it's one district.

- Mr. Jose L. Gutierrez stated that he has been living here since 1972. Mr. Gutierrez is in favor of having the Florence/Firestone under one district. Mr. Gutierrez is a teacher and has worked with African Americans and Latinos, but doesn't think in terms of race. Mr. Gutierrez feels that we are all humans and have to work together to make the community better. However, there has been a shift in demographics in the Second District from African American to Latino. Mr. Gutierrez asked if Supervisor Ridley-Thomas would give the same access to resources.
- **Votes pertaining to division or unification of Florence/Firestone**
 - County staff counted 30 hands in favor of keeping the boundaries the way they currently are.
 - County staff counted 18 hands in favor having Florence/Firestone under one district.

SECOND DISTRICT

- **Florence/Firestone Service Center Community Meeting - April 28, 2011**
(Second District Meeting)

- Joe Turner – 75-year resident of Second District, requested the community should know their Supervisor. He would like to keep their community as is.
- William Allan – resident of Second District and an LAPD officer requested that the District and local government work in partnership to assist across boundaries on emergencies. He is neither in favor or opposed change. He just wants to make sure that whoever is in charge of his community is there to assist in emergencies.
- Mary Rose Cortese – Wants community to be one District.
- Enrique Vega – Community liaison of the Florence/Firestone Community Enhancement Leadership Team; provided information regarding the Statewide Redistricting meetings.
- Delores Cotledge – Has been a resident in the community. Wants to keep the Districts the way they are. The representatives have been doing a good job. If you change the Districts, you might not get the same

services. However, information that is given to one District should also be available to another District.

- Inez Simons – Resident in the Florence/Firestone District for 40 years. She wants to keep the current boundary lines as they are. She would like the staff of the Districts to be more equalized in ethnicity.
 - Veda Scott – Representative of Health Care Dual Diagnosis that helps underprivileged kids. Wants a District that can provide proper care for these underprivileged children.
 - Jose Gutierrez – Requested there be one Supervisorial District. He lives in the Second District, and when there is an issue in the First District, he doesn't want to get referred to another District; just address the issue at hand.
 - Joseph Titus - Resident of the community for 83 years. He is in favor of just one unified District regardless if it be First or Second.
 - Everlena Morris – Resident of both First and Second District. Has not been receiving proper assistance from Supervisor Molina's office. She wants it to be Second District.
 - Gloria Medina - Both supervisors would be ok to serve both Districts.
 - **Vote pertaining to division/unification of Florence/Firestone**
 - Commissioner Ollague polled community members on uniting the community in one District versus retaining the current division. There were 8 members that wanted it united as one District, and 16 that wanted it to stay as is.
- **Hawthorne Memorial Park Community Meeting – Thursday May 12, 2011**
(Second District Meeting)
 - Joe Turner stated that he believed the boundaries should stay as they are and questioned why this meeting was taking place with only a handful of people present. He added that the five Supervisors would ultimately have the final decision on any Redistricting Plan.

- Jean Boatright, resident of Compton, stated she has read about the redistricting process and would like to know how it affects the receipt of funding in the City of Compton. She questioned how the decrease of population in the District would affect the funding in her area.
- Sandra Mendoza, resident of Pico-Union, stated her community would like to see Pico-Union reflected as a “community” on the data sheet and is concerned in having a say in which district they end up in.
- Pauline Tatum stated she didn’t know for many years she was in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Ms. Tatum is concerned with the influx of people coming into the community and the building of apartment houses. She wanted to know what it meant to be unincorporated. Ms. Tatum lives on 120th Street near Watts and Compton and wanted to know how redistricting impacts her. She said she votes for Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, but when she needs services she is told she needs to contact the County because she lives in an unincorporated area.
- Seneta Fraley, resident of Rancho Dominguez, stated that the data presented during the presentation indicated that the Second District population had increased and was concerned that the Second District would be losing some area.
- Pauline Tatum stated she was concerned with Florence/Firestone and the two Supervisors that represent these districts. Ms. Tatum indicated she is at the end of the Second District and supports remaining in the Second District.
- Inez Simmons stated she lives in Florence/Firestone and is in favor of remaining in Mark Ridley-Thomas’ District because she believes in diversity. Ms. Simmons stated that she has stood up for diversity since she was 16 years old and feels comfortable with Mark Ridley-Thomas because his staff reflects diversity unlike Supervisor Molina’s staff. Ms. Simmons stated that Supervisor Molina’s staff consists of only Hispanic, Asian and white and would like to have a Supervisor who would hire someone like her. She would like Mark Ridley-Thomas to retain what he has and for Supervisor Molina to keep what she has.

- Lani Emmich, resident of Hawthorne, pointed out that on a handout indicating population changes by district, the City of Hawthorne is shown as sharing a portion with the Fourth District.

THIRD DISTRICT

- **Van Nuys High School Community Meeting** – Monday May 2, 2011
(Third District Meeting)

- Doug Arseneault, Legislative Affairs Manager for the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, was representing approximately 60 businesses that generate approximately 100,000 jobs for the City of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas. Mr. Arseneault urged members of the Boundary Review Committee to recognize the San Fernando Valley's economic revival, diverse community and unique needs by keeping the Valley together as a compact and contiguous community. He was concerned that they would be split, and want to be kept together. Since the redistricting process occurs once every ten years, he urged members of the Boundary Review Committee to recognize the Valley's united voice and equal representation.
- Ms. Maritza de Artan, representing Casa Esperanza, a community service agency located in Panorama City, thanked Boundary Review Committee members and County staff for explaining the process to the public. Ms. de Artan stated that the 2001 redistricting effort of the Los Angeles City Council district boundaries was difficult to understand for the community because Council District Six was created from the Westside in Santa Monica, but was representing the Valley. She said it was hard to adjust to the new boundaries. Ms. de Artan appreciated the process and the resources it will bring, and urged the Committee to consider keeping the Third District in the Valley.
- Mr. Jerry Daniels, a Third District constituent, has been very active in preserving the Santa Monica Mountains and does not want the mountains to be fragmented into different Supervisorial districts. He stated that great progress has been made over the last thirty years through the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, and wants to ensure that the mountains stay in one district. Also, he stated that if the mountains were affected by boundary shifts, he would like them to remain in Supervisor Yaroslavsky's District.

- Ms. Rebecca Goldfarb, resident of Topanga Canyon, which is located in the Third District, indicated that she is an estate planning attorney who also volunteers for numerous organizations such as the, Topanga Town Council, Volunteer Sheriff, and Fire Safe Council. Ms. Goldfarb agreed with Mr. Daniels that many people have worked extremely hard to preserve the Santa Monica Mountains and that the Santa Monica Mountains really have no other place to go, and therefore, should remain intact within the Third District. She stated that there is no logical reason to move the mountains to another district and doing so would constitute gerrymandering. Ms. Goldfarb stated the mountains have unique needs with constant threats of natural disasters, and as a result, it's important to keep those resources intact within one district so the community prepares for those dangerous possibilities together. Ms Goldfarb stated Supervisor Yaroslavsky is well aware of these issues, has represented the area for a long time, and urged members of the Boundary Review Committee not to redistrict the Santa Monica Mountains.
- Ms. Cyndia Klein has similar concerns to Ms. Goldfarb's and Mr. Daniels' and is in favor of keeping the Santa Monica Mountains in the Third District. Ms. Klein urged members of the Boundary Review Committee to keep the mountains intact.
- Mr. Gordon Murley requested that the Boundary Review Committee keep current boundaries as intact as possible. Mr. Murley indicated that the present configuration of the boundary lines is the best it has ever been and it is paramount to keep the Santa Monica Mountains in the Third District. The rim of the Valley and all of the surrounding mountainous areas have worked really well in the Third District. Mr. Murley requested that the Boundary Review Committee make changes only to meet the federal requirements regarding deviation maximums, which can be easily accomplished by making adjustments along the areas where Supervisorial boundaries meet so that the communities are not greatly affected.
- Ms. Kathleen Padden does not know who represents the Third District, but she knows he/she is not doing a good job. Ms. Padden was concerned about the changes made to the Van Nuys community and does not want Van Nuys to be put into an area with high poverty. Ms. Padden stated that she does not want to see people's property, schools, and churches being overrun. Ms. Padden expressed concern about Supervisor Yaroslavsky

with respect to the Van Nuys community. Ms. Padden urged the Committee not to divide Van Nuys.

- Ms. Nina Royal stated the 2000 Census significantly divided the Sunland/Tujunga communities. Los Angeles City Councilmen Paul Kerkorian represents the Sunland/Tujunga area and County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich also represents Sunland/Tujunga. Ms. Royal requested the committee keep Sunland/Tujunga with its current representatives and not to divide this community.
- Mr. Ronald Sharon, resident of Topanga Canyon for 30 years, opposes any redistricting because it would diminish all the hard work the community has done to preserve Topanga Canyon. Mr. Sharon indicated that he is a retired City of Los Angeles Firefighter but continues to be involved with community organizations in Topanga Canyon, which Supervisor Yaroslavsky's office helped create. Mr. Sharon expressed concern regarding the possible redistricting of Topanga Canyon.
- Mr. Severyn Aszkenazy, retired City of Los Angeles Firefighter and Third District constituent, stated he could not imagine the Santa Monica Mountains being split up. Additionally, Mr. Aszkenazy stated that the San Fernando community has a lot in common with Los Angeles and parts of the Santa Monica Mountains. Mr. Aszkenazy emphasized that the birthplace of the Valley is the City of San Fernando and urged the committee to keep the Santa Monica Mountains and the City of San Fernando in the Third District. He did not want to see the Santa Monica Mountains split up between two districts.
- Mr. Gerald Silver submitted a written letter.
- Mr. Glenn Stoddard stated that some have had the pleasure of attending the State of California's Redistricting Meetings process, and have been delighted by the committee selection process. Mr. Stoddard states that the Los Angeles County Boundary Review Committee members were appointed by the Board of Supervisors to redistrict the boundary lines of their respective districts and is less than hopeful of the process because he believes the BRC members cannot be impartial. Mr. Stoddard also stated that if this committee creates the same gerrymandered districts as the last redistricting committee, the voting public will likely strip the Supervisors of this authority, as they did with the State Legislature. He

believes the judges don't seem to be interested in the process, but that voters are. Mr. Stoddard stated that it is difficult to determine what the lines of the Supervisorial Districts are, even with a map.

- Sister Carmel Somers stated that she works and lives in the Third District. Sister Somers remembers the 1994 Northridge earthquake, and it would be tragic if that part of the district was separated. Sister Somers urged the Boundary Review Committee to keep the Third District intact.
- Ms. Monica Alexenko, resident of the Van Nuys area for 20 years, feels that the community has become fragmented, and is often described as a barrio; the term does not make anyone happy, and certainly does not underscore diversity. Ms. Alexenko hoped to see representatives from the City of Los Angeles in attendance at the meeting and believes no one is interested in redistricting Van Nuys. In addition, Ms. Alexenko stated that the Van Nuys community needs politicians that are public servants.

- **West Hollywood Park Community Meeting – May 9, 2011**

(Third District Meeting)

- West Hollywood City Councilwoman Abbe Land spoke as a constituent for the City and stressed the importance of redistricting for the Third District. There are many cities within the Third District that have a lot of commonalities. The cities often work together, have common interest, and like the current Supervisor; they want to remain in the Third District. She emphasized that the current boundaries have proven beneficial for all, and that keeping the District whole is in the best interests of the cities, whoever the Supervisor is.
- Sybil Zaden – Lives in the City of West Hollywood and belongs to neighborhood watch. She agrees with Councilmember Land and wishes no changes.
- Andy Pavali – From Agoura Hills; believes District 3 is challenged in terms of boundary changes, because Ventura borders the Westside and the Pacific Ocean borders on the south. The Third District includes unique geographic features like the Santa Monica Mountains. The mountains go from one end to the other end, all the way to the Westside. As stated by Ms. Land, the Third District includes unincorporated areas and many cities, some of which contract with the County. The Supervisor is

extremely important. Third District residents are extremely happy with the Supervisor.

- Stan Treitel – Lived in the Hancock Park area, here to represent the Orthodox Jewish Community, which is spread out over a number of areas: Beverly/Fairfax, Hancock Park, Pico/Robertson, Beverlywood, some parts of Beverly Hills and Valley Village in North Hollywood, and currently represented by Zev Yaroslavsky. Would like to keep the areas in one district. Many members of this community abide by Jewish law, and the Supervisor is very aware of these issues. The community has its own ambulance and a network which was created due to the assistance of Zev Yaroslavsky.
- Toby Keeler – Thanked the commission, asked to speak on behalf of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation. She read a 4-page letter to be submitted to the BRC. The Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation with 6,000 owners is the largest and most venerable non-partisan homeowners' coalition in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA). The Federation has a strong track record in bringing together stakeholders to improve the quality of life in the Santa Monica Mountains and protect the legacy of the mountains and coastal environment. As a resident of old Topanga and since incorporation in 1991, we have proclaimed our city to be the getaway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation area, which also included Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, Topanga and areas of the unincorporated LA County. We reside in the unique mountainous rural urban interface that includes Federal and State parklands and other publicly owned open spaces of the Santa Monica Mountains. Our communities understand that parks, creeks and beaches are a major economic engine for the area with over 30 million visitors each year. The communities of interest include Santa Monica Bay to the South, Ventura County line to the West and North, and the City of Los Angeles to the East (San Fernando Valley and the greater Westside Communities of the Third District of Los Angeles County). The Federation wants to keep the Third District as it is.
- Ken Mazur – Member of the Topanga community. He indicated that the communities that are found in the Third District are heavily involved in the mountains. The environmental threats are the same in many of the cities in the Third District. The bay is impacted from runoff and the Valley

residents commute through the mountains to the Westside. In addition, the community is very diverse economically, ethnically, and in terms of religions. In conclusion, he read in the endorsement of the head of Topanga Animal Rescue wanting to keep the Third District as it is.

- Sofia Gelman – As an immigrant from Russia, was thankful to the City for taking special care of the elderly and the homeless and to the County for social services. She would like to keep Third District together.
- Dorothy Reik – Resident of Topanga Canyon since 1971; read her letter of testimony and submitted letters from the Topanga Town Council signed by The Topanga Association Fellowship Community, Topanga Watership Community Canyon, and the Topanga Animal Rescue. Topanga is bound together by many things. It includes many civic organizations. The community has built many buildings and recreation halls, and has its own newspaper, post office, Zip Code, and Fire Station. It will be getting a new County library and two small shopping centers. Many work at home, and have artistic pursuits. Topanga Canyon residents have spent 15 years battling developers and urge the Committee to keep the community together and maintain the current boundaries of the Third Supervisorial District.
- Barry Johnson – Representing the Studio City Neighborhood Council and the Studio City Residence Association. He indicated that Third District is about 8,000 people over the ideal benchmark for 2011 and opposed Studio City being included in the 8,000 that could be reduced from the Third District. He indicated detaching Studio City from the Third District would detach the community from all the commonalities it has established with have San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica Mountains. Every 10 years, redistricting, whether it is the County or State, tries to link the area with the City. He said the area's issues are not connected with the City; they are in the Valley, along Ventura Boulevard and towards the Santa Monica Mountains.
- Mr. Johnson mentioned traffic and issues raised when the Valley tried to become its own city. He said Studio City does not identify with the eastside of the mountain, but rather as part of the Valley.
- Pat McNeal – A resident of Topanga for over 32 years, and veteran of many redistricting plans. She is very active with many organizations, won

women of the year for the Third District, and currently working as a volunteer as the Red Cross. In the 1993 fires, a chaotic situation prompted a small group of Topanga Canyon residents to become a non-profit organization call the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (TCEP). It has over 200 volunteers and has worked with many other volunteer groups. Historically, major fires have occurred and many buildings have burned (the worst was the Malibu/Topanga fire). The Santa Monica Mountains communities work together with the Third District. The fires, flooding and mudslides are constant threats in this environment. There is a 50-member ham radio group called the TCEP Disaster Radio Team. They have worked together with government partners to develop an emergency response plan and exercises. The TCEP Team provides verifiable updated information for the Topanga community and surrounding communities and works 24/7. Eighteen years in the making, it is important to keep this working group together. She stressed that the Santa Monicas should stay as they are because the working relationships cannot be redone overnight.

- Yola Dore signed up but did not speak.
- Jeanne Dobrin – Currently a 90 year old Santa Monica Mountains resident, who was also previously a 34 year resident of West Hollywood. She said she knows that the people working on the redistricting will have to gerrymander the boarders partly due to topography, but hopes it is done for balance and not for political reasons. As an animal lover, she said she hopes redistricting does not stop the “Adopt A Pet” program of the County. She also added that the County has a fabulous Sheriff's Department and a wonderful Board of Supervisors.
- Victor Omelcsenko – LA County resident; thanked the County for bringing the meeting to this location. He referenced the ideal district population (1,963,721), noting that the deviation for the Third District is less than one-half of one percent from the ideal. Accordingly, he asked that the Third district be kept together as it is now.
- Euguene Levin – Resident of the Third District; represents the Russian American population; President of Soviet Jewish immigrants. He expressed the common interests of others in attendance: keep the Third District together (residents of West Hollywood and parts of San Fernando

Valley). He also supported continuance of the many services received from the County.

- Joe Cislowski – Thanked the people who attended; would like to keep the Third District together. He also thanked the Committee for allowing submission of materials and noted he will be submitting something in writing.

FOURTH DISTRICT

- **Whittier Community Resource Center Community Meeting** - April 26, 2011
(Joint First & Fourth District Meeting)

- All comments made by the public in this meeting pertain to the First District. (See First District Comments.)

- **Pathfinder Community Regional Park Community Meeting** – May 5, 2011
(Fourth District Meeting)

- Mr. Gary Peterson, resident of Rowland Heights stated that the boundaries of the Fourth District stretch from the coast all the way inland and the interests of the residents on opposite sides of the district may differ greatly. In addition, the inland residents makeup a larger portion of the Fourth District than the residents in Long Beach. Will Supervisor Knabe put one community's interests over another's? We should not be looking to change one or two cities; we need get rid of the current boundaries and start from scratch.
- Mr. David Malkin stated that the Fourth District needs to pick up approximately 40,000 individuals. Looking at Rowland Heights, Mr. Malkin indicated that he would take the little sliver of the First District and place it into the Fourth District.
- Ms. Teri Malkin stated that Walnut would be a good addition to the Fourth District because its population roughly matches what is needed to balance the Fourth District. However, since the First District would be losing residents, they would need to gain residents from the Fifth District. Additionally, Rowland Heights has a lot in common with Walnut. Ms. Malkin also noted that she would like to see the Rowland Heights area remain within the Fourth District.

- Ms. Lynne Ebenkamp stated that she would like Rowland Heights to remain intact within the Fourth District. In addition, Ms. Ebenkamp was initially unhappy about the level of public notice given regarding this meeting. However, after conducting a little research, she soon discovered that all of the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Councils were aware of this meeting. It was also included in the newspaper and was on the Rowland Heights website.
- Mr. John Eckman stated that he is in favor of incorporating this section of Rowland Heights, Walnut and the eastern half of the City of Industry into the Fourth District. This would bring the Walnut Water District, which serves the eastern half of Rowland Heights, all of Diamond Bar, the City of Industry and all of Walnut into the Fourth District.
- In addition, Mr. Eckman stated if the Fourth District brings in Walnut, it may appear as gerrymandering. Also, he requested the Committee to consider moving Covina and West Covina into the First District.

FIFTH DISTRICT

- **Covina Library Community Meeting** – April 19, 2011
(Fifth District Meeting)

- Ms. Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez asked about keeping the City of Azusa intact and in the First District. The city is predominantly Latino and hopes that the Voting Rights Act is going to play a major role in the redistricting effort.
- Ms. Joyce Bakersmith disagrees with redistricting solely based on race/ethnicity and would like to see the redistricting based on population. In addition, Ms. Bakersmith hopes that most city lines can be kept intact.
- Anthony Duarte stated that the San Gabriel Valley is split between three districts and a more unified San Gabriel Valley under one district would be more beneficial to all San Gabriel Valley residents.

- **Los Angeles County Dept. Parks & Recreation Castaic Sport Complex Community Meeting** – May 17, 2011
(Fifth District Meeting)

- A member of the public stated that they would like to remain with Supervisor Antonovich.

- **Los Angeles County Lancaster Community Meeting – May 19, 2011**
(Fifth District Meeting)
 - Mr. Robert Vanderstok further commented that attendance for these types of community meetings is largely dependent upon the impact it will have to the individual. Mr. Vanderstok stated that he has attended Caltrans meetings where the attendance has been very high because of the direct impact to the community. Consequently, if there had been more people at this meeting, they would have expected the entire Boundary Review Committee to attend and hear the community's input on redistricting. Additionally, the information provided to the community indicates that although the Fifth District has gained a significant amount of people, the Antelope Valley will most likely not be affected by redistricting. Mr. Vanderstok stated that people do not want to see the same gerrymandering that has taken place with the State Assembly and Senate and Congressional Districts, which is one of the reasons why Californians voted to remove the authority from the State Legislature in favor of creating the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission. The evidence for such gerrymandering is clear if you look at the various district lines from years past where lines were drawn to favor a candidate. The Antelope Valley has unique interests and is quite separate from Los Angeles.

 - Ms. Vickie Nelson commented that redistricting will likely not affect the Antelope Valley. Ms. Nelson asked if there will be more money available for services in the Antelope Valley. Ms. Nelson stated that she lives in Antelope Acres, located approximately 15 miles from Lancaster and residents do not have many County services. Ms. Nelson reported that residents submitted complaints to her related to the need for a Fire Station in Antelope Acres and that the volunteer fire department it is not enough. In addition, residents have also complained that their homeowner's insurance rates have increased due to property not being within a five mile radius of a fire department. Ms. Nelson feels that the Antelope Valley contributes a great deal to Los Angeles County and although almost all residents would say that they are very happy under Supervisor Antonovich, more can be done.