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Subject:

Dear Supervisor Antonovich, Altadena Town Council Members and LAFCO:

I am writing regarding the present seventeen redistricting proposals for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor districts. I have been to the Boundary Review Committee website and examined each of the maps. I have twice attempted to send this letter through the committee's web site, twice completed this letter and twice my letter has vaporized into somewhere in cyberspace, the individuals copied on in never getting a copy. I request that the Supervisors office pass this letter along to the Boundary Review Committee.

The State of California has legislation that states as policy that reformed districts will to the maximum extent possible respect geography, existing communities and not advantage or disadvantage any particular racial group. The majority of the seventeen proposed maps radically violate these conditions, some of them so flagrantly as to be offensive to the very notion of a democratic republic. At least two maps seem to be designed for the sole purpose of disenfranchising to the maximum extent possible every voter in Altadena. Naturally, as a life long Altadenan, I find this infuriating.

Below for your possible use, is a brief response of mine to each map. I have used not the name of the person or racial special interest group proposing the map, but the alpha numeric designation given it by the Boundary Review Committee.

S-1 This map seems to meet minimum Constitutional standards for racial equality but illogically divides communities.

R-1 This map pays no attention whatever to established community boundaries and seems hellbent on creating racially designated boundaries. I can't imagine this map surviving a court challenge.

Q-1 Ditto my comments for R-1 above.

P-1 This map is a complete outrage. it totally and completely disenfranchises ALL Altadena voters, placing west Altadena in a district completely dominated by wealthy Caucasian and Asian voters, groups totally dissimilar from West Altadena's demographics, while placing east Altadena in a district dominated by not very wealthy voters who have completely dissimilar interests from the inhabitants of east Altadena. What could the Citizens of Altadena have done to the proposer to cause such a blatantly hateful map?

O-1 This map needlessly and illogically divides well established communities.

L-1 Ditto my comment for O-1 above.

K-1 Logical divisions most communities intact.

J-1 This is an outrageous racist map! It clearly favors east side Latinos while dividing each and every majority Asian area in Los Angeles County from itself and clearly is designed to empower

one racial group while disempowering another. I can not believe anyone would propose this map in the light of day as anything but a really distasteful joke.

I-1 This map makes some geographic sense, but it clearly divides well known historic African-American voting blocks to the favor of Latinos and is probably not able to pass a Constitutional court challenge.

H-2 Like P-1 above, this map illogically divides Altadena and does so in a manner causing the maximum disenfranchisement to each half of Altadena . Again, what has this community done to the presenter in order to generate so hateful a map?

H-1 See comments for H-2 and P-1 Above. Unconstututional and outrageous!

G-1 Illogically divides existing well established communities. It seemingly does so to separate Latino voters from Caucasians and African-Americans in the San Fernando Valley .

F-1 Ditto my comments for G-1.

E-1 This is a logical map that seems to not particularly empower or disadvantage any particular racial or demographic group. In increasing the number of Supervisorial districts to sixteen, it makes each Supervisor more accessible and accountable to the voters. This map probably requires other enabling legislation.

D-1 See comments for G-1 and F-1

C-1 **This is a completely logical ,and as far as I can tell, racially neutral map that meets all of the State of California guidelines. It only divides existing communities in the manner that they are now divided, that is by making established freeways the dividing border. This was the only excellent map of the bunch. Good HONEST work, whoever did it!**

B-1 This map again is an outrageous act of racial Gerrymandering. it divides for example, the City of Pasadena completely along racial lines in a geographically illogical manner. This map is clearly Un Constitutional in its intent and effect and probably would not last fifteen minutes in court.

Finally, allow me to say that with the exception of **C-1** none of these maps appears to be a lawful or constitutional improvement over the existing boundaries of the Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts. While I am not a professional demographer, it is a personal hobby and mild obsession of mine. If I can glance through these maps and see the obvious willful racial motivations behind them, they would be a field day for any lawyer's hired demographer.

Sincerely,

Steven S. Lamb.
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