



September 15, 2011

The Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky
Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Proposed Redistricting Maps

Dear Supervisor Yaroslavsky,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, I write to submit our comments on the most recent proposed redistricting maps for Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts.

The Chamber strongly recommends the utilization of maps with the least movement necessary to comply with the principle of one person, one vote and the Voting Rights Act. We discourage wholesale changes that could shift the representation of millions in a topsy-turvy redrawing of district map. Business needs certainty, especially now. Massive changes to districts will create a great deal of insecurity for businesses already making tough decisions regarding their future.

The districts we currently have represent communities of shared interest and services. At the August 9th and September 6th public hearings on the proposed maps, you heard from dozens of people representing business, non-profits and community groups, who identified with their surrounding neighborhoods and wished to continue sharing representation.

In each of these districts, dividing up the assets of a unique and diverse business environment between multiple districts would not be in the best interests of the businesses and voters in that region. As we have stated previously, we strongly encourage the Board to vote for redistricting maps that result in the least upheaval to the County's business and residential communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Toebben".

Gary Toebben
President & CEO

From: Barry Cohon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:43 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

The Knabe plan is the only logical one. From my experience in District 3 where I live for over 50 years now, people here usually do not vote by color or ethnicity. Anglo, Black and Latino voters frequently join to elect the best candidate and pass the best propositions. Don't split us up.

Sincerely,
Baruch Cohon

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Hilda Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 4:12 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting

I believe redistricting the Third District would be a waste of money, and would jeopardize the quality of life enjoyed by its population.
I am against strongly against it.

Hilda Cohen
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90048
Third District
Los Angeles County

From: CommServ
To: Angels Way Maternity Home
Subject: RE: re-districting

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From: Angels Way Maternity Home [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:38 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: re-districting

As a resident of Woodland Hills, in the San Fernando Valley in District 3, I am very concerned about the apparent political move to re-district our areas. Neither of the two re-districting plans I saw will serve our area as well as we are now being served. It is important to have districts that have geographic and economically similar interests. You cannot force people to have similar concerns about their area simply by re-drawing lines. You end up disenfranchising almost everyone involved. Please re-think the need to take this action which seems to be motivated strictly by a 'politically correct' mindset. It never works.

We could end up being represented by someone unfamiliar with our area's needs and constituency and not be able to vote on it for years. The whole thing seems so unnecessary and a make-work project.

Please reconsider and leave it alone.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Betty Breneman
Woodland Hills Resident

From: Gilbert, Carol J. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:27 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting

I want to go on record as being strongly in support of keeping intact Zev Yaroslavsky's district as it is currently configured. I find it discriminatory that districts could be created for designated ethnic groups. Zev has demonstrated in many his years of service that one does not have to be a member of a particular race or ethnic group to serve those constituents well and be sensitive to their issues.

Carol Gilbert
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

From: CommServ
To: Veis, Andrew
Subject: RE: Support Redistricting

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From: Veis, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:56 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: Support Redistricting

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From: GH [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:17 AM
To: Burnett, Cheryl
Subject: Support Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon reading an article in the LA Times today concerning Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's redistricting opposition, I am compelled to write to my representative's office, Supervisor Don Knabe. Keeping the status quo, is fundamentally diluting the Latino vote in Los Angeles. I am asking you to follow the letter and spirit of the Voting Rights Act, with factual-based evidence found in the 2010 census. Furthermore, many Latino constituents in your district may not pen a letter to your office but will ink a ballot on election day.

Support Supervisor Gloria Molina's redistricting plan!

Sincerely,

Gisselle Hernandez
████████████████████
Wilmington, CA 90744

From: Mike Javadi [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 1:52 PM
To: commserv@bos.lacounty.govb
Subject: Objection to redistricting proposal

To the Board of Supervisors:

We urgently request that you keep the Third Supervisorial District intact, and maintain the current boundaries. We have worked together across varied ethnic and economic communities to address many critical issues, and present coherent responses to environmental, land use, transportation and many other problems. There are other, less radical means of addressing compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Thank you,
Masih Amirjavadi

Resident of the West LA area for the past 20 years.

From: Bob Berglass <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 2:21 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Third District

I am Co-President of Brentwood Park Property Owners Asso. Representing 331 home owners and we do not want any changes to the current boundaries of the Third District. Thank you, Robert Berglass