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September 1, 2011

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

via email to:  
commserv@bos.lacounty.gov

Re: Redistricting Supervisorial Districts 2011

Dear County Supervisors:

The Brentwood Homeowners Association represents approximately 3500 single-family homes on the westside of Los Angeles, and has been serving our community for over 50 years.

This letter requests the preservation of the Third Supervisorial District as it is presently constituted, which is consistent with the recommendation of the Boundary Review Committee ("BRC"), except for a very small change by the BRC in the area of Canoga Park.

The Third District is comprised of three adjacent communities with similar interests: the greater Westside, the San Fernando Valley, and the Las Virgenes region. The Third District communities have a cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory. In addition to a community identity of interests, there is an important working relationship of the voters with their supervisor. Proposals S2 and T1 would add unrelated communities to the Third District that would destroy established relationships and could actually alienate voters from their county government. Proposals S2 and T1 appear to use race as the predominant factor in determining gerrymandered district boundaries.

The communities in the Third District participate with each other to address common issues such as transportation, planning, and homelessness, and usually have an identity of both viewpoint and objective.

The Santa Monica Mountains bind together the Third District communities, whereas the proposals to add communities along the Coast as far away as Long Beach and beyond to Lakewood are not consistent with current Third District common interests related to these Mountains.

The Brentwood Homeowners Association strongly urges that both applicable law and the rational policy of respecting communities of interest support the preservation of the Third District as it now exists.

Sincerely,

Raymond Klein  
Board Member

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Robert Rene

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** redistricting  
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I hereby oppose maps T1 and S2. Adding a district Wich includes Sherman Oaks and streaches to Long Beach is Gerrymandering of the umteenth degree  
Theodore J. Eckberg. MD  
Sherman Oaks CA

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Don Knabe](#)  
**Subject:** Plans T1 and S2  
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- Plans T1 and S2 by Supervisors Molina and Ridley-Thomas dismember established communities of interest in San Fernando Valley and throughout the county, destroying established relationships and jeopardizing progress in the crucial areas of transportation, land use and public safety.
- Valley residents and businesses have advocated for fair representation for decades, yet we are never given our fair shake. These plans directly conflict with our efforts and would set our goal back even further.
- The San Fernando Valley is a unique economically vibrant and ethnically diverse community with distinct needs from the Westside and downtown Los Angeles.
- Bounded by the Santa Susana Mountains to the north and west, Mulholland Drive to the south and the San Gabriel Mountains to the east, the Valley is a unique geographical area that cannot simply be incorporated with the City of Los Angeles to the south.

Best regards,  
Stewart Deats

Member, San Fernando Valley United Chambers of Commerce Government Affairs Committee  
Member, Woodland Hills-Tarzana Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Plans  
**Date:** Thursday, September 01, 2011 9:02:18 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Supervisors Antonovich, Knabe, Molina, Ridley-Thomas, and Yaroslavsky,

I write in opposition to the redistricting plans T1 and S2 proposed by Supervisors Molina and Ridley-Thomas respectively. As a person who has voted for people of many races and ethnicities for public office, I believe that it is no longer necessary to radically redraw district boundaries just to create a district where one group or another has a majority of voters. Certainly prejudice still exists in our society, but we have come beyond the idea that people will only vote for other people who look like they do.

I understand the Voting Rights Act which requires that we protect the voting rights of all citizens. I am sure that this can be accomplished without tearing apart established communities of interest and moving nearly 3.5 million people from one district to another.

I am proud to live in such a diverse city and county. And to be a European-American woman in a predominantly European-American neighborhood that is represented by a European-American City Councilperson, a Mexican-American Mayor, an African-American County Supervisor, an African-American woman State Assemblymember, a Chinese-American State Senator, a European-American US Representative, two European-American women US Senators, and an African-American President.

I am sorry that I am unable to attend your September 6, 2011 meeting where you will discuss redistricting plans. I hope you will support Redistricting Plan A3 Amended.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hays

[REDACTED] - Los Angeles CA 90064  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Michael D. Antonovich](#)  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting plan  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 8:34:17 AM

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**From:** Sara Wan [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2011 2:55 PM  
**To:** CommServ  
**Cc:** Yaroslavsky, Zev; Michael D. Antonovich; Nissman, Susan  
**Subject:** Redistricting plan

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to oppose both the T1 and the S2 redistricting plans. As someone who has spent a lifetime proecting the coast of California and its resources I believe that both proposals are fatally flawed as it comes to the protection of the Santa Monica Mountains. While there are important issues affecting all of the coastal areas in both T1 and S2 the district is so spread out along the coast that the various areas, such as Long Beach, have nothing in common with each other. The ecosystem of the Santa Monica Mountains is extremely different from the other areas that have now been joined with it. This ecosystem is as different from the environmental issues of the Port of Long Beach as are the social, economic and other issues facing Malibu and the San Fernando Valley. While each have their important and valuable concerns they have little in common. To dilute the interests of the communities which are part of the Santa Monica Mountains could have a devastating impact on the area.

The Santa Monica Mountains are the last remaining relatively natural habitat left from Los Angeles to the Mexican border. What is little appreciated by most people is that the biodiversity in these mountains is extremely large, one of the most diverse areas in the world. It is vital that such biodiversity be protected as part of the protection of the entire ecosystem. That cannot happen if the Supervisor from the Santa Monica Mountains has to be concerned with and weigh the interests of such diverse areas as the Port of Long Beach and the developed portions of the LA coast against the interests of the mountains.

I urge you not to diltue the interests of the current district and insure a vital future for this critical habitat and oppose the ill conceived T1 and T2 redistricting plans.

Sara Wan  
Malibu

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed county redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 4:09:11 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to oppose both the T1 and S2 redistricting plans.

As a biologist working in the Santa Monica Mountains for over 25 years, I am most concerned about the proposed division of the Santa Monica Mountains into several districts. This unique and complex ecosystem is intricately connected by watersheds, roads and the communities that have evolved within them. These communities share a common sense of place, which is extremely different from those along the coast further south. We have survived through floods, wildfires that not only create a sense of cohesiveness among humans, but also create a diverse ecosystem. While the Santa Monica Mountains is characterized by steep mountains, narrow canyons and scattered development criss-crossed as much by wildlife corridors as by a few freeways, the South bay is comprised of heavily developed suburban/urban areas, industrial and commercial centers served by heavily used transportation corridors. The Los Angeles County General Plan notes that over 20% of all federally listed endangered species are found in the county, and many of these rely upon the urban-wildland interface zone contained within the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area.

To fragment the political leadership of this area would have a potentially divisive and devastating impact on our efforts to protect, restore and live with the multitude of endangered and sensitive plant and animal species found here, but not in other areas of the county. To disconnect the upper and lower watersheds of the Santa Monicas, and instead connect the coastal zone of the Santa Monica Mountains with the southern coastal cities, who have extremely different environmental and social concerns simply does not make sense. The current distribution of supervisorial representation makes sense, has been working effectively for years, and should be upheld.

I urge you to reconsider these alternatives and instead, retain the present boundaries. Thank you for your careful consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Rosi Dagit

[REDACTED]  
Topanga, CA 90290  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting LA County 2011  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 7:37:27 AM

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The Richard S. Arnold family objects to the proposed redistricting plan.  
Please consider our opinion! Susan M. Arnold

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not approve the currently proposed maps for new district areas  
**Date:** Thursday, September 01, 2011 7:56:18 PM

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Richard Greenberg

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

I would like to go on record with the Board as opposing the two current plans, T1 and S2 as being counterproductive to the governance of our district and the County as a whole. I hope to attend the meeting on 9/6/11 but if I am unavailable, please note that I strongly disagree with the proposed plans.

Sincerely,  
Richard Greenberg

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** I object...!!!  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 9:13:10 AM

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**My name is Paul Grzymkowski, I have been an active Topanga resident for over 15-years, my wife has lived in Topanga for over 50-years.**

**I am a participating member of several Topanga groups in District #3 (Topanga Chamber of Commerce, CERT, T-CEP, Neighborhood Fire Network, etc.).**

**I am against the proposed changes to district #3.**

**I and my entire neighborhood will vote against any political group that supports this district change.**

**Also, because of the special issues of living in a very sensitive fire area, any district change could jeopardize the safety of the residents of this mountain area, causing massive legal liability to the county in the event of a fire if the proposed change is made. Our current county representatives have worked very hard to understand the dangers that we face here in Topanga and have done an excellent job in supporting community programs to ensure our safety.**

**Thank You,**  
**Paul Grzymkowski**  
[REDACTED]  
**Topanga, CA 90290**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting opposition  
**Date:** Thursday, September 01, 2011 5:16:53 PM

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Sirs Ms,

This letter expresses our position quite well. We have lived through fires and earthquakes and through it all we have learned and benefitted from the not only the concerns but the progressives application of our supervisorial/community interaction. The newly proposed dissection of the districting promises to negate the progress we all have made together. Do not do this, it is simply wrong!

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 and cohesive district would help ensure political leadership that is sensitive to these issues.

Your priorities as regards fire and disaster management have had a leader in your Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky who responded with County support, funding, and organizational support for the creation of community-based Emergency Management Plans that include Prevention, Response, and Recovery. The Topanga Emergency Management Plan and Survival Guides, the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance and its "Road Map to Fire Safety", Fire Safe Councils, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Santa Monica Mountains, the Equine Response Team, Operation Safe Canyons, are examples of collaborative efforts and partnerships between government and community that need to continue far into the future to increase disaster preparedness in this disaster-prone wildland interface, and protect public safety. These unified efforts would be placed at risk with a Supervisor you did not elect and who may not share your same priorities, and/or is unfamiliar with how important they are to the safety of this region.

We are asking you to oppose the gerrymandered T1 & S2 maps which would literally destroy the partnerships that have been developed for the past two decades to address your priorities, and to ask the Board of Supervisors to support a map that would meet the Federal Voting Rights Act requirements without reassigning 3.5 million people into districts with a Supervisor they did not vote for.

Paul & Leah Culberg

[REDACTED]  
Cornell, Ca 91301  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please REJECT Maps T1 and S2  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 9:11:21 AM

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**The San Fernando Valley and West LA areas must be part of a single district - the only thing separating them are mountains. Otherwise, the two areas are so similar in demographics, culture, and needs. Please do not separate us!**

**Respectfully,  
Lauree Weaver**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting LA County 2011  
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Please note, I am opposed to the plan to redraw the boundaries of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisors district.

There are important matters to be addressed and I think all districts and the taxpayers would be better served if your energy was directed at solving more important issues.

Thank you.

Kathleen Shahine  
Member of Studio City Residents Association  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** 3rd Supervisor redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 1:35:48 PM

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I strongly object to the proposed redistricting of the 3rd Supervisor district.

Joyce Laufer  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 9:48:15 AM

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I strongly oppose the T1 and S2 maps.

I want the Third District to continue to include these three communities, the Westside, the San Fernando Valley, and the Las Virgenes region. This is most important to me because they all contain the Santa Monica Mountain range. There are many reasons for keeping these communities together in the same district.

The recommending these changes may be well intentioned but are sorely misinformed. The new proposals are unacceptable. Leave the Third District as it now stands.

John Wiebusch

[REDACTED]  
Topanga, CA 90290

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Pacific Palisades Community Council Opposes T1 and S2  
Date: Friday, September 02, 2011 1:23:41 PM  
Attachments: Letter - Redistricting - County Supervisor.doc

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September 2, 2011

By email to: [Commserv@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Commserv@bos.lacounty.gov)

Mr. Curt Pederson  
Chair, Boundary Review Committee  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: T1 and S2 redistricting maps - completely unacceptable and destructive**

c/oExecutive

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Pacific Palisades Community Council, the voice of the Palisades since 1973, requests that you preserve the current configuration of the Third Supervisorial District.

We find the proposed T1 and S2 redistricting plans completely unacceptable, and destructive to many social and environmental programs that have helped many minorities, and that solve such shared community problems as transportation, parks, homelessness and land use.

T1 and S2 Plans would:

- 1) **Destroy our progress towards rapid transit.** Pacific Palisades has only one bus once a day that goes from the coast to downtown L.A. Plans T1 and S2 could threaten our ability to expeditiously complete the subway to the Westside and the Exposition Light Rail to Santa Monica which we so desperately need.
- 2) **Hurt recreation/park areas.** Pacific Palisades is home of Temescal Gateway Park, Will Rogers State Park, Rustic Canyon Park and other Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Areas. The current Third District unites us with other communities surrounding this mountain range, and gives us the political leadership we need to work together on environmental issues and to keep these parks open for all to enjoy.
- 3) **Disrupt social services networks.** These networks include both public and private non-profit agencies that provide a wide-range of services to minorities. Plans T1 and S2 could quickly dismantle these partnerships, causing some of our most vulnerable residents to fall through holes in the safety net.

**Pacific Palisades has very little in common with the more southern Beach communities. The current Third District is united by the Santa Monica Mountains and is a region that is topographically, geographically, economically and socially cohesive and compact. It should be kept together.**

Sincerely,

Janet Turner, Chairwoman  
Pacific Palisades Community Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Supervisorial Districts - Proposed Revisions  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 4:16:45 PM

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My wife and I have been residents of Sherman Oaks for 52 years. We urge you to adopt Map A3(amended) and to reject Maps T1 and S2. Both geographically and emotionally Sherman Oaks is a part of the San Fernando Valley and should/must remain a part of it by being in a district represented by the Supervisor who is responsible for and understands its needs. The other proposals would, in effect leave Sherman Oaks residents without real representation on the Board of Supervisors. Irwin and Clarann Goldring

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** The Redistricting Meeting of September 6th, 2011  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 9:51:45 AM

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Bob Stern, quoted by Steve Lopez in the LA Times, is right: at this moment the redistricting process is a mess. Many of us who are focused on what we need from County government can see that clearly. Yup, some of us know that if all politics is local, redistricting is about as local as it gets. Who represents us affects us every day of our lives. Some of us are upset.

Toby Wheeler, who apparently lives in Calabasas, will bus a group to the meeting. He has invited Topangans to join for the ride. No one will be along just for the ride: they'll be there to state our case.

Calabasas has its own specific needs, which I am not schooled in, but they, like the residents of Malibu and elsewhere in the mountains, are Topanga's brothers. We form a special-needs group, joined by geography and need.

Aware of it's vulnerabilities, over time the Topanga community has worked closely with Zev Yaroslavsky and county and state departments to create the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness. Currently there's a second group following the County and State's lead to create a Fire Safe Council. On many levels, we do our best to take care of ourselves, but we're not doing it alone.

Topanga owes a huge debt of gratitude to Zev: he's done a great job of looking after us; but we're very worried about the proposed changes. Zev was able to accomplish much because his district was geographically sound. Communities with like concerns were grouped together so that his efforts as a representative were leveraged successfully.

The proposed changes blow all that away.

You Big Five may call yourselves Supervisors, but you're really our representatives and I hope that you take action with that in mind. Don't gerrymander: maintain efficient practices as you fulfill your roles. Keep the mountain and North Bay communities together.

Thank you.

Dave Winter  
A Topanga resident since '84

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Leave well enough alone  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 3:27:00 PM

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Do not alter the configuration of the Third Supervisors District. We are satisfied with Yaroslavsky handling of county business. I am not alone in this opinion. Change is an evolutionary process. Axe wielding leaves the county bare of already proven productivity. My suggestion is to change your ways of thinking before acting.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose T1 and S2 redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 12:41:36 PM

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I am writing to urge you to oppose the proposed redistricting plans T1 and S2. It is my understanding that they would result in a number of negative consequences such as splitting established communities with common interests, dividing the over site of environmental resources such as the Griffith Park, the Santa Monica Mtns. and the LA River Watershed and disrupting social services to groups in our community that are most in need.

Added to these is the concern as to whether these proposals are in fact just gerrymandering tactics which fly in the face of the Voting Rights Act. Don't undo the progress that has been made over the past decades in crucial areas of transportation, homelessness, land use and so much more. Keep our Third District together. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours,

**Chris Brooks**

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Supervisor Re-Districting Comment  
**Date:** Friday, September 02, 2011 11:54:05 AM

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I would like to request that the Supervisors go with the A3 amended plan. I am particularly concerned that the district include both Brentwood and adjoining VA facilities as one community.

Thank you.

Barbara Smith

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** Plans T1 and S2  
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Dear Board Members,

I am a resident of West Hollywood, which places me in Supervisor Yaroslavsky's District Three. I have been reading about the redistricting issue and I'm very concerned about the two proposed plans that would dramatically reshape our District. Surely there is a way to do this without needlessly dismantling the Third District community, putting in jeopardy the progress that has been made in the critical areas of transportation, homelessness, land use and so much more.

Surely this can be achieved without forcing millions of residents into new districts and tearing apart communities with clear common interests, all of which would create serious long-term problems.

It is my understanding that the implementation of Plan T1 or S2 would create disastrous results. They include:

#### 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.

To move forward with either plan is unthinkable. I ask you to think again.

Thank you.

Barbara Meltzer

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Los Angeles, CA 90036

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Supervisors Wrestle Over Redistricting Maps  
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to all board supervisors.iam living in south brentwood for the last 32 years ,and i dont want to change ,AND PLEASE FOLLOW THE A3

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Fri, 2 Sep 2011 14:37:31 -0400  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supervisors Wrestle Over Redistricting Maps  
[REDACTED]

Getting lots of requests to have people write to support Zev's position to save our district. Please send your comments to [commserv@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:commserv@bos.lacounty.gov). Ask the Board of Supervisors to work off of the A3 Amended plan, which looks similar to the existing district map.

Thanks!

(This will be your last reminder!)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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## **Supervisors Wrestle Over Redistricting Maps**

*By Aaron Blevins, 9/01/2011*

### **Yaroslavsky Opposes Proposals That Would Dramatically Alter 3rd District**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is working to redraw district lines that have the potential to affect millions of residents and the county services that they rely on.

A final vote on the matter is expected by the end of September, but the supervisors are holding a public hearing next week to further analyze redistricting proposals. If the supervisors cannot reach an agreement, the district lines will be drawn by a commission of Sheriff Lee Baca, District Attorney Steve Cooley and County Assessor John Noguez, per state law.

Thus far, three new maps have been proposed: S2, from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2nd

District; A3 Amended, from Supervisor Don Knabe, 4th District; and T1, from Supervisor Gloria Molina, 1st District.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, 3rd District, who is in his final term, said he is concerned about two of the proposals, S2 and T1, and how they will impact his district and the county at large. He said those maps could shift 3.5 million residents into new districts while splitting communities.

“That’s a huge shift of political influence and political attention,” Yaroslavsky said. “There’s a lot riding on this. This isn’t just a political decision.”

He fears that S2 and T1 could seriously harm his district, which has worked for years to become more cohesive. Approximately one million residents in the 3rd District would be shifted to another district under those plans, and transportation and healthcare services could suffer as a result, Yaroslavsky said.

He said officials had finally gained some momentum in addressing the transportation needs in the 3rd District, which includes Mid-City, Miracle Mile, the Westside and the West San Fernando Valley. Plans to add a light rail system to Santa Monica and extend the subway down Wilshire Boulevard could be compromised by the two proposed maps, Yaroslavsky said.

“That could all be put in jeopardy. ... The same goes for healthcare,” he said.

Yaroslavsky also said the extensive, integrated network of healthcare providers and clinics that serves the area’s uninsured and under-insured could possibly be harmed. The proposals could have a “profound effect” on the delivery of such services and the availability of funding to support them, he said.

Factored into the redistricting discussion is the proper representation of Latinos, which would have two district majorities of Latino voting-age citizens instead of one, if either S2 or T1 are approved. Yaroslavsky said that while proper representation of minorities is important, other redistricting byproducts, such as services and funding, should be considered as well.

He said the supervisors will have opportunities to make modest adjustments, and he hopes the board would work off of the A3 Amended plan, which looks similar to the existing district map. If the supervisors are seriously considering T1 or S2, Yaroslavsky would rather the county sheriff, assessor and district attorney tackle the issue.

“I’m not going to go down without a fight,” he said. “I’m not going to let my district go down without a fight.”

When the county selects the new district maps, they will stay in effect for the next decade. To approve a new redistricting map, four of the five supervisors must vote in favor of the motion. They have until Sept. 27 to make a decision. Next week’s public hearing will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 6 in Room 383 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St. Visit [redistricting.lacounty.gov](http://redistricting.lacounty.gov).

**From:** [Michael D. Antonovich](#)  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose dividing the SFV up into three districts  
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**From:** Ann Bose [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2011 10:36 PM  
**To:** Michael D. Antonovich  
**Subject:** I oppose dividing the SFV up into three districts

Dear Mr. Antonovich,

To divide the SFV up into three districts is a balk political attempt to destroy the power and ability of the SFV to protect and promote its own interests. We are entitled to have a district of our own that represents our special interests and needs.

Thank you

Ann. Bose

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Woodland Hills, CA 91364

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CommServ](#)  
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As a resident of Topanga, CA for the past 10 years, I do not support the redistricting proposal. My home address is [REDACTED] 90290.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Redistricting plan  
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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

As the CEO of the Step Up on Second, a 25 year-old Santa Monica/Hollywood nonprofit providing help, hope and homes to individuals who are chronically homeless with a mental illness, I am writing to express my concerns over the proposed redistricting plans that would drastically alter the political landscape of Los Angeles County.

I join 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky in expressing my support for the federal Voting Rights Act, which protects the ability of every member of our community to have a voice in electing public officials that will serve our needs. However, I am alarmed that both proposed redistricting plans call for changes that would needlessly dismantle our existing 3<sup>rd</sup> District community. Redistricting Plans T1 and S2 would both move nearly 3.5 million people from one supervisorial district to another, destroying our long-established working relationships and seriously undermining the progress we've made on important community issues.

Step Up on Second works closely with other agencies and funders throughout the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, and I oppose any plan that threatens to destroy decades of cooperation and jeopardize progress we have made in the crucial areas of homelessness, mental health care and other important social issues. As an organization that addresses solutions to the rampant homelessness in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, we understand the important role that permanent supportive housing plays in the future of our fight to solve homelessness. Yet, Plans T1 and S2 threaten to reverse the pioneering and highly effective work being done to solve homelessness in the Westside, Hollywood, and the San Fernando Valley through permanent supportive housing.

Additionally, plans T1 and S2 could undermine the network of public-private partnership clinics now providing nationally recognized solutions currently operational serving the Westside, Hollywood, and the Valley, potentially compromising health care access for thousands of uninsured residents.

Plan T1 could easily disrupt social services networks, which are vital to the work we do and to the survival of our community and Plans T1 and S2 could quickly dismantle these partnerships, causing some of our most vulnerable residents to fall through holes in the safety net. The proposed redistricting plans could cripple our ability to maintain these partnerships and uphold this duty.

The Third District of Los Angeles County unites three adjacent, interlocking communities of interest: the greater Westside, the San Fernando Valley and the Las Virgenes region. It is geographically, economically and socially cohesive and connected. It needs to be kept together in order to ensure that citizens of our

community have access to the services, support, and future they deserve.

Sincerely,



**Sincerely,**

**Tod Lipka**

Chief Executive Officer



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*25 years of providing Help, Hope, and a Home for individuals, families, and communities affected by mental illness.*

<http://www.stepuponsecond.org>

*Please remember to name Step Up on Second in your will.*

Step Up on Second's initiative, "Step Up in Hollywood: Sustainably Ending Homelessness" is a Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action. This commitment is to create 200 units of permanent housing with supportive services in Hollywood using multiple green technologies by 2014. [\*\*DONATE NOW\*\*](#)



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