

From: Rachel Roderick-Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:04 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Opposing S2 and T1

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We **OPPOSE PLANS S2 AND T1** which would reassign over 3.5 million county citizens into supervisorial districts where they did not vote for the Supervisor.

We oppose the plan to place Malibu in to the 4th District thereby decimating long time working relationships and partnerships which have worked well in helping to meet the common goals and challenges we all face in our neighboring communities.

We urge you to adopt a plan like A3 which respects the integrity of the existing 3rd district,

Thank you

Alan and Rachel Roderick-Jones
Malibu

From: Aleksandr Rekhtman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:18 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Re: The redistricting of LA County supervisorial district boundaries

From: Aleksandr Rekhtman <[REDACTED]>
To: "commserv@bos.lacounty.gov" <commserv@bos.lacounty.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 5, 2011 8:19 PM
Subject: The redistricting of LA County supervisorial district boundaries

Dear sir/madam,

My name is Aleksandr Rekhtman, I am US citizen, voter and resident of San Fernando Valley. I strongly oppose the redistricting of Los Angeles County supervisorial district boundaries. Plans T1 and S2 would each move nearly 3.5 million people from one supervisorial district to another, destroying established relationships and seriously setting back progress on important community issues. Moreover, plans T1 and S2 would divide the San Fernando Valley into three supervisorial districts instead of two t present. This would be a serious setback for the Valley. Also, other problems will arise: problems with mass transit, homelessness, health care for the uninsured, environmental problems, problems with social services and emergency preparedness problems.

I hope you will not let this change happen.

I oppose T1 and S2, support S3.

Sincerely,

Aleksandr Rekhtman
Van Nuys, CA

From: Alla Hayrapetyan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 2:23 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

I strongly oppose T1 and S2 plans.

These proposed plans will destroy our community of interest comprised of Armenian refugees from the former Soviet Union.

Alla Hayrapetyan
09-27-2011

From: CES [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 2:26 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: support for A3 redistricting plan

I strongly oppose T1 and S2 plans.

I strongly believe that this plane will destroy communities, educational, cultural and religious institutions and severely jeopardize communities interests.

Amy Boulgarian
09/27/2011

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From: andranik stepanyan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 10:05 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

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If implemented, either of these plans will destroy the results of many years of hard work by resettlement agencies and community-based organizations and will very negatively impact the well being of seniors, disabled and low-income members of our community who depend on the county services.

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

Andranik Stepanyan
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The Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) promotes equity for Latinos in education, health, economic development and civic engagement for the betterment of the Los Angeles region.

September 26, 2011

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

To Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

As a dedicated advocate for historically disenfranchised communities, the Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) asks you, our County Board of Supervisors, to ensure the civil rights for all by approving a second Latino Supervisorial District.

As a policy and advocacy organization based in Los Angeles, ABC works to defend the rights and interests of the Latino community. For over 10 years we have worked to improve the quality of life for Latinos in areas of health, education and civic engagement. During that same decade we have witnessed the Latino population grow to make up half of the Los Angeles County's 9.8 million residents. Yet we still do not have equal political representation within the Board of Supervisors. There has been no new seat to represent Latinos in over 20 years since Gloria Molina was appointed. This has limited the Latino's community's access to power and fair political representation.

We are calling on Supervisors Mike Antonovich, Don Knabe, and Zev Yaroslavsky to take this opportunity to rectify the years of disenfranchisement and give hundreds of thousands of Angelinos the fair and equal representation they need and deserve under the Federal Voting Rights Act. It is reprehensible that political interests should trump what is just and just and threaten the rights of residents of Los Angeles County.

ABC would like to respectfully remind our honorable Board of Supervisors that you were elected to represent the interests and needs of the residents in Los Angeles County. By denying hundreds of thousands of County residents fair representation you would not only be directly weakening our democratic process and failing at the jobs you were elected to do.

As a committed activist for communities who have been historically disempowered and marginalized, we are asking you all to do what is right for your citizens and our communities and approve the creation of 2nd Latino Supervisorial district.

Sincerely,

Angelica Solis
Executive Director
Alliance for a Better Community

Edward J. Avila - President
President of *Project Restore*

Frank Quevedo - Treasurer
Principal
Quevedo Group, LLP

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President
National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC)

Michele Siqueiros
Executive Director
The Campaign for College Opportunity

Fernando Torres-Gil
Associate Dean
UCLA School of Public Policy & Research

Peter Villegas
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*Office of Corporate Responsibility
JP Morgan Chase*

From: Medina, Katherine on behalf of ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:21 PM
To: Artonian, Narek; Peoples, Twila; De Jesus, Emma; Duron, Guadalupe; Johnson, Angie
Subject: FW: Say no to "T1"

From: Anita Tam [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 3:20 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: Say no to "T1"

Dear Zoning Officials,

I would like to voice out and say "no" to T1 as this is not to our best interest. Thank you.

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Warmest regards,

Anita Tam

From: Beverly Ventriss [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 5:05 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS A3, T1, S2

TO: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear Board Members:

Please reject the divisive T1 and S2 proposals, ADOPT Plan A3. Do not disrupt and dismantle communities of interest who have built effective alliances and relationships over the last several decades. At a time when public perception is at an all-time low regarding public officials and government, a vote for A3 would demonstrate smart decision-making and take a giant step forward in helping to restore faith in our politicians and institutions.

On a broader, perhaps more significant level, this is a historic opportunity to on record to reject the use of "identity politics" as a basis for representation.

Los Angeles County is not the same as it was 40, 20, or even 10 years ago. Many elections in recent years have been won by Latino candidates in non-minority districts, including Mayor Villaraigosa, Sheriff Lee Baca and others.

We have embraced diversity, now we must place emphasis on *unity*. Plan A3 recognizes that communities are functioning effectively *now*, and in many instances, are already represented by Latinos. There is no reason to displace 3.5 million constituents, move them into a new district where they will be represented by a supervisor they never voted for, and align them with communities in which there are no common shared interests geographically or environmentally. Many social programs, already fragile and stretched thin, could be in jeopardy if T1 or S2 passes. In 2011, requirements of race and ethnicity no longer need to be used as criteria for effective representation in communities.

This is the only country where all who come *can be* Americans. You must disavow and reject politics/policies that do not recognize, or attempt to undo, the hard-won progress that took many years to achieve. I challenge you to be visionaries for *all* people residing in Los Angeles County; a rejection of T1 and S2 would be clear evidence of such - a vote you could be proud of for all our children and future generations.

Respectfully,

Beverly Ventriss
Toluca Lake

From: Bruce Royer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 5:07 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Opposing Redistricting T1 & S2 maps

Dear Board of Supervisors:

As a resident and business owner in Topanga Canyon (District 3), I also volunteer as the President of the Topanga Chamber of Commerce and sit on the Topanga Emergency Management Task Force; we co-ordinate our activities and goals with other Topanga and Santa Monica Mountain organizations such as T-CEP, Topanga CERT, TASC, Department of Animal Care and Control and their Equine Team, and the Topanga Watershed Committee. The views below are shared by many Topangans, are my personal views and not of the aforementioned organizations:

I am writing in regard to the proposed redistricting as shown on maps T1 and S2 that were recently submitted as part of the redistricting plan and that would radically redraw the Board of Supervisors' district boundaries, leaving communities fragmented and an estimated 3.5 million people suddenly represented by a supervisor for whom they never cast a vote.

We need to keep our current District 3 as geographically and sensibly unified as possible. This is important both to emergency responders as well as the economy of government. The challenges we face here are nothing like those in the South Bay or other areas of the county with whom we would be paired in the proposed redistricting. We are largely a rural district and our concerns with public safety, for example, are vastly different in this northern mountain portion of the county than the Beach Cities, Hawthorne, Torrance, etc.

The firefighting and response plans are most relevant to Calabasas and northern unincorporated areas and cities. What the Beach Cities need for urban public safety for example is far different than our needs. The proposed redistricts will result in confusion, chaos, inefficient use of funds, and unnecessary discontent between municipalities. Environmentally, there are similar concerns. I urge you to support the plan and suggestions put forth by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, our current Supervisor who was elected by the people of our communities to help us address these common regional issues, to make government responsive to the challenges of our area in a way that is efficient and sensitive. We are very proud of the successes and achievements that have resulted from a deep and meaningful long-term collaboration between our community, the first responders and our elected official. We very much appreciate our representative government that is doing an excellent and proactive job of meeting the challenges of our area.

I strongly oppose the T1 & S2 maps which would deprive us of our rightfully elected representation and threaten the very substantial accomplishments of decades of dedicated, effective and efficient collaboration. Please preserve the results of decades of effort.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Royer
President/Producer
Royer Studios

From: Franklin Hills Residents Association [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:30 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting

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

Re: County redistricting.

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The Franklin Hills Residents Association (FHRA), a charity promoting the welfare of the Franklin Hills area at the east end of the Santa Monica Mountains, just east of Hollywood, strongly supports approval of the redistricting plan that keeps most of the 3rd supervisorial district intact.

We urge a vote against the adoption of Plans S2 and/or T1 because they would divide efforts to preserve our fragile hillside environment. The FHRA board strongly feels that our commonality of interests lie with the current district wherein our economic and environmental make up are more similar.

Sincerely,

Chris Boutelle
President FHRA

From: CommServ
To: Debra Skelton
Subject: RE: in support of the A3 Redistricting plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Debra Skelton [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 10:18 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: in support of the A3 Redistricting plan

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I would like to express my support of the A3 plan, which would adjust the population and balance the districts, while maintaining the integrity, cohesiveness, and connectivity the Third District has worked for many years to develop.

Both the S2 and T1 plans are unnecessarily disruptive. They would reassign 3.5 million people to districts with a supervisor they did not vote for. They would tear apart communities of interest and place at risk much of what has been accomplished in the last two decades.

Please vote for A3. Thank you.

Debra Skelton

[REDACTED]
Topanga, CA 90290

September 26, 2011

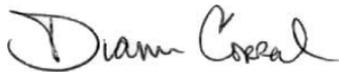
Boundary Review Committee
Chairman Curt Pedersen
Executive Office
500 West Temple, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: County Redistricting

Dear Mr. Pederson,

My name is Diann Corral, I am President of the Laurel Grove Neighborhood Association located in North Hollywood. I am a resident and homeowner. I oppose the purposed redistricting maps T1 (Molina) and S2 (Ridley-Thomas). As a homeowner in North Hollywood, I urge you to keep North Hollywood in District 3. Our established communities like the San Fernando Valley, should be allowed to remain largely intact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diann Corral".

Diann Corral
President
Laurel Grove Neighborhood Association
[REDACTED]
North Hollywood, CA 91606

From: Ortega, George [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 2:35 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Dividing San Fernando Valley

Dear Supervisors and Redistricting Officials

I understand that there is consideration of dividing the San Fernando Valley between three Supervisory Districts. I feel strongly this would be a mistake and would create lower response to community concerns, lack of planning for the Valley as a whole, and possibly miss allocation of resources for the Valley in sum. If we could have our way we would be in only one district. For a whole host of reasons, environmental, cultural, economic, traffic, watershed issues, utilities, etc. you best serve a community if it is wholly in one political district than divided. The County is over 4000 square miles, the San Fernando Valley occupies 240 square miles. Why couldn't we be in one District, and why should we suffer to be in three?

George Ortega
Land Use Committee Co-Chairman
Sylmar Neighborhood Council
[REDACTED]

From: Gevorg Chakhmakhchyan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 2:21 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Gevorg Chakhmakhchyan 09/27/2011

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From: CommServ
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: County redistricting

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 5:07 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: County redistricting

LOS FELIZ ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90027
[REDACTED]

September 26, 2011

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

Re: County redistricting.

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of the board of directors of the Los Feliz Estates Owners Association and our 195 homeowners to urge you to keep the Los Feliz Estates Owners Association within the boundaries that closely align with the current 3rd Supervisorial District by voting against the adoption of Plans S2 and T1. The board strongly feels that our commonality of interests lie with the current district wherein our economic and environmental make up are more similar.

Sincerely,

Glenn Purdy, manager
[REDACTED]

cc: LFEOA board of directors

From: Gordon Stefenhagen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:41 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting Comments

Thank you for taking this e mail with my comments. As a 25 year resident of Norwalk plus 4 time Mayor over 18 years I see no reason to spend a ton of money to change districts affecting 3 million people. Where is all this money coming from to undertake such a large venture??? Think the funds could be used to help schools or feed hungry people in LA county, which there are many. Supervisor Knabe has done a great job with his cities. The whole thing is not broken plus I believe the hispanic population of 4th district is pushing 50%. Because so many people choose not to vote OR cannot vote is a whole different issue. PLAN A-3 is the way to go. Gordon Stefenhagen retired City Council City of Norwalk

From: CommServ
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: RE: First District Redistricting Letter

-----Original Message-----

From: Medina, Katherine On Behalf Of ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:19 PM
To: Artonian, Narek; De Jesus, Emma; Duron, Guadalupe; Johnson, Angie
Subject: FW: First District Redistricting Letter

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 1:45 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: First District Redistricting Letter

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

Dear Supervisors:

I strongly support adhering to the letter and the spirit of the Voting Rights Act as Los Angeles County undergoes the redistricting process.

I do not want to see the Latino vote diluted by ♦packing♦ Latinos mostly into one supervisorial district and then ♦cracking♦ the remaining Latinos into the rest of the supervisorial districts. This is wrong and illegal. No ethnic minority group♦s vote should be diluted in the redistricting process♦Latinos included. Los Angeles County has an unfortunate history of deliberately diluting the Latino vote, and I urge the Board of Supervisors to bear this in mind and prevent history from repeating itself. The Voting Rights Act is the cornerstone of our modern Civil Rights Movement and must be respected as such.

I hope the Board of Supervisors will seriously consider my input, since a fair and constitutional redistricting process is vital to ensuring proper representation for everybody. Thank you for your consideration.

Email: g [REDACTED]
First Name: Greg
Last Name: Mota
City/Community: Hacienda Heights
Zip Code: 91745

From: CommServ
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: First District Redistricting Letter

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:f[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 9:14 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: First District Redistricting Letter

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

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Email: [REDACTED]
First Name: Jesus
Last Name: Frausto
City/Community: Stanton
Zip Code: 90680

From: Jim Garafalo [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:43 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: T1 S2 Redistricting Proposals

I am writing this email to register my opposition to the T1 and S2 redistricting proposals. I live off the 101 freeway, close to Las Virgenes Road, close to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. I do not want to lose Zev Yaroslavsky as my supervisor.

Zev has been a tireless supporter and protector of the Santa Monica Mountains. With his leadership, we have fought many battles against developments that would degrade the SMMNRA. The mountains are a valuable resource for all Los Angeles residents providing recreation and relaxation for all Angelenos. I do not want to see Zev replaced by someone who does not share the values of my community, who we didn't even vote for! I also don't want to see the San Fernando Valley carved up into different districts that it doesn't have much in common with. I voted for the Voting Rights Act, but I don't think that it should be used to partition the Valley into three other districts, combining it with diverse communities that it may not all share the same interests. I would urge the supervisors to find another way to redistrict that preserves the unity of the San Fernando Valley.

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

I am writing to add my voice in opposition to Re-Districting Plans T1 and S2.

Subsequent to my twenty years as a Los Angeles County Court Commissioner I have primarily been involved on the Boards and in the daily work of non-profit organizations serving the homeless in Hollywood.

My experience over these years in public service has impressed upon me the importance of developing and sustaining coalitions and commitments born out of the common interests of citizens with a strong sense of shared community. In Los Angeles County we face extraordinary challenges in building and maintaining the networks and connections so essential to bringing together multiple neighborhoods often physically distant from each other.

A strong vision and hard work over many years within the boundaries of the Third District have created a cohesive community of diverse residents whose unity is shaped by a sense of shared geography, understanding of each others' similarities and differences and ongoing collaborations enriched by a vibrant history of effectively working together.

Changing the geography of the District as dramatically as Plans T1 and S2 require will severely diminish the effectiveness of government and compromise the power of the community's voice for years to come by fracturing the District's remarkable connective infrastructure that so many toiled for so long to create.

Surely we can champion and implement proportionate representation in Los Angeles County in a manner that will not destroy so many vital connections between individuals, communities and government across such a vast landscape.

With appreciation for the magnitude of the challenges and confidence that an alternative will be found that fosters fairness and preserves community,

Sincerely yours,


John Ladner

JOHN LADNER

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90046

Telephone: [REDACTED]

From: Medina, Katherine on behalf of ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: A3 map

The following e-mail is being forwarded to you from the Executive Office's Public Response e-mail for your review/information.

From: JULIAN ACOSTA [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:45 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: A3 map

I am opposed to A- 3 remapping in order to miscount the Latino vote.
Julian and Rosina Acosta

From: Larisa Sutyagina [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:47 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

Dear L.A County Government,

I strongly oppose T1 and S2 plans.

These proposed plans will destroy communities of interest comprised of refugees, seniors, and disabled constituents of Russian, Armenian, Iranian, and Israeli descent which historically settled in the Westside and the Valley and developed in the course of many decades a network of social, educational, cultural, and religious institutions to facilitate successful integration of these immigrant communities into Los Angeles County.

If implemented, either of these plans will destroy the results of many years of hard work by resettlement agencies and community-based organizations and will severely jeopardize the empowerment of immigrant communities of interest.

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

Larisa Sutyagina
Reseda, CA 91335

From: CommServ
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: First District Redistricting Letter

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 9:13 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: First District Redistricting Letter

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

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September 27, 2011

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Los Angeles County Redistricting

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Center for Urban Education, we would like to submit this letter commenting on the possible creation of a second supervisorial district that would reflect the substantial growth of the Latino population over the past decade and acknowledge its community of interest.

Established in 1999, the Center for Urban Education (CUE) conducts socially conscious research and develops data, benchmarking and process improvement tools for colleges and universities to produce equity in student outcomes. Housed at the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education, CUE's leadership is committed to closing the racial/ethnic equity gap in student success and college completion.

Since our founding, we have worked with over 50 colleges, universities and higher education systems in eight states, including California. In addition, we have partnered with many community colleges and four-year universities, both public and private, in Los Angeles County (a list of these institutions is available on our website at <http://cue.usc.edu>). We focus on equity because inequality in outcomes among different student populations still exists in higher education, despite the passage of seminal civil rights laws nearly fifty years ago.

When we use the phrase "equity in higher education," we mean not only equity in access, but equity in outcomes as well for historically underrepresented student populations. Such outcomes include student retention and persistence in coursework; transfer from a community college to a four-year university; and college completion leading to a degree or certificate. In the postsecondary educational community, we further define equity to include:

- (1) **representational equity**, or the proportional participation of historically underrepresented student populations at all levels of a college or university;
- (2) **resource equity** in how educational resources are distributed to close the equity gaps; and
- (3) **equity mindedness**, which refers to an awareness of inequality in higher education and a willingness to address those issues at the level of practice and policy.

Equity in higher education is still a relevant issue today. Many low-income first generation college students begin their postsecondary education careers in the community colleges because of their affordability and open access. According to recent research findings from the Institute for Higher

Education Leadership and Policy, Latino students make up about 43 percent of the degree-seekers in Los Angeles County community colleges. But they represent only 29 percent of the students who actually complete their degrees or certificates.

Many ascribe these different results to students' inadequate academic preparation or their lack of commitment to higher education, or to budget cuts that result in faculty and staff layoffs and the elimination of courses. However, to solely attribute the disparity in outcomes to student "deficits" or external forces is to ignore the role that people, policies and practices play in perpetuating the equity gaps.

As a result, we have reframed the issue of low college completion rates among historically underrepresented student populations as the lack of institutional effectiveness in serving students. By focusing on what colleges—and practitioners in those institutions—can do and change, rather than how students should change, the challenge of inequity then becomes a solvable problem of professional practice.

This approach is relevant to the issue of redistricting in Los Angeles County. Inasmuch as the Latino population has grown over the past decade to make up nearly half of the county's population, inequality for Latinos still persists in many areas. In public education, achievement gaps at the K-12 level are well known, but success gaps also exist in higher education. To draw attention to those gaps, we work with higher education institutions to disaggregate student performance data by race and ethnicity in order to conduct finer grained analysis that can hone in on intervention points where practitioners can implement changes and reduce the number of students falling through the cracks.

To move from data analysis to institutional change, however, requires leadership and focus. Leadership is necessary to make equity an institutional priority and build the consensus that is needed to implement changes in classroom and institutional practices. Focus is also critical in keeping equity the central motif, so that higher education is not distracted by other issues or crises. In the context of redistricting, the growth of the Latino population over the past decade and the concentration of that growth in specific parts of the county merit focus through the creation of a second Latino supervisorial district. This is clearly required under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which states that redistricting plans must not discriminate, or have a discriminatory impact, on the basis of race, color or membership in a protected language minority group. With such a district, voters would have the opportunity to elect leadership that is not only responsive to addressing issues of inequality, but also demand greater accountability in the form of specific measurable goals that are also transparent. This is their right and our legal responsibility.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our comments on the Los Angeles County redistricting process.

Sincerely,



Linda J. Wong
Executive Director

From: Linda Mok [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:17 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: redistricting

Like my friends and neighbors, I am against redistricting of the 3rd district. I'd kinda like to have a supervisor that represents us. The two bad choices presented by the Board appear to deprive me (and my neighbors) of that. I guess we just don't count anymore -- talk about discrimination.

Perhaps we'll need to go to citizen panels (instead of the Board) for districting updates like what occurred after the gerrymandering of the state legislative districts effectively deprived us of representatives.

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27 September 2011
Los Angeles

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

As an immigrant from Poland, citizen since 2009, and resident of Sunland-Tujunga, recently selected to serve as the Poet Laureate in my community, I am writing to join Third 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. These needs will not be well served by Redistricting Plans T1 and S2 that would both move nearly 3.5 million people from one supervisorial district to another, destroying established relationships and seriously setting back progress on important community issues.

I feel that the new district lines would not be beneficial to our community in the Foothills that is currently a part of the Fifth Supervisorial District of Michael D. Antonovich. Members of minorities and immigrants are being served in the current system and I believe that would be happy to leave things as they are. We have all sorts of community groups and organizations and a tradition to effectively mobilize to defend our rights. The campaigns to save the historic Bolton Hall from the wrecking ball and to not allow Home Depot into the community are just two examples.

In addition, incurring costs due to changes – moving offices, reprinting materials, and so forth, would not be appropriate in the current economic climate. If everyone gets the services they need and the system works, why change it at a great cost and inconvenience?

To capture my opinion about the redrawing of the borders that reminded me, as a Pole, of that famous time when Russia, Prussia and Austria divided Poland back in late 18th century, I wrote a Japanese verse form, a haiku:

**the borders shift
the earthquake destroys
stay where you are**

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maja Trochimczyk".

Maja Trochimczyk, Ph.D.

From: CommServ
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: First District Redistricting Letter

-----Original Message-----

From: m [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:57 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: First District Redistricting Letter

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

Dear Supervisors:

I strongly support adhering to the letter and the spirit of the Voting Rights Act as Los Angeles County undergoes the redistricting process.

I do not want to see the Latino vote diluted by ♦packing♦ Latinos mostly into one supervisorial district and then ♦cracking♦ the remaining Latinos into the rest of the supervisorial districts. This is wrong and illegal. No ethnic minority group♦s vote should be diluted in the redistricting process♦Latinos included. Los Angeles County has an unfortunate history of deliberately diluting the Latino vote, and I urge the Board of Supervisors to bear this in mind and prevent history from repeating itself. The Voting Rights Act is the cornerstone of our modern Civil Rights Movement and must be respected as such.

I hope the Board of Supervisors will seriously consider my input, since a fair and constitutional redistricting process is vital to ensuring proper representation for everybody. Thank you for your consideration.

Email: [REDACTED]
First Name: Maria
Last Name: Vasquez
City/Community: El Monte
Zip Code: 91732

From: Marisela Cervantes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 10:38 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Subject: Public Comment regarding Redistricting for the County of Los Angeles

Dear Supervisor Knabe,

My family first settled in Downey and Paramount of what it now part of the fourth supervisorial district of the County of Los Angeles in the early 1970s. I currently live in Norwalk. We are homeowners and we vote.

I do not support the A3 map proposed by my own Supervisor because it fails to acknowledge the demographic shift in southeastern Los Angeles County, that is mostly Latino like my own family. It supports a status quo that historically has diluted the Latino vote. It will be a disgrace if the new districts have to be drawn by the courts yet again because our supervisors fail to do their job to draw maps according to the law.

Please do the right thing today, and drop your support for the status quo.

Marisela Cervantes

[REDACTED]
Norwalk, CA 90650

[REDACTED]

From: CommServ
To: Marjory Harper
Subject: RE: REdistricting vote today

-----Original Message-----

From: Marjory Harper [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 7:09 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: REdistricting vote today

Dear Supervisors:

I am not coming to the meeting today ONLY because I have a serious mobility issue, but don't take my non-attendance as non-concern. I am, in fact, deeply concerned that I am about to be disenfranchised. Zev Yaroslavzky is my Supervisor and I am appalled that you wish to move 3.5 millions voters OUT of his district in the proposed redistricting plans.

I am profoundly supportive of the work Zev has done in this district and to assume that he will not adequately represent all voters is not borne out by the history of his tenure.

I strongly support the A3 alternative and hope you will vote for it.

Should you choose one of the other redistricting plans, please know that I, and many like me, will devote time and money, to fighting for our right to be represented by Mr. Yaroslavsky and new district with reasonable, not gerrymandered, lines.

Marjory Harper
[REDACTED] Topanga, CA 90290

From: CommServ
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: First District Redistricting Letter

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 9:12 AM
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Email: [REDACTED]
First Name: Mayra
Last Name: Frausto
City/Community: Wilmington
Zip Code: 90744

From: Miriam Mayer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 10:17 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: I Oppose the T1 and S2 Redistricting Plans.

I am writing because I oppose the T1 and S2 redistricting plans. I live in Calabasas. My community would be taken out of the Third District and lumped with such communities as Palos Verdes and Long Beach; communities that have differing and opposing needs. Wouldn't it make more sense to keep the San Fernando Valley as one district and add minority communities from the valley areas to the east to accomplish the goals of the Voting Rights Act? Also, I don't want to have my supervisor replaced with someone who I did not vote for.

I want to have the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area kept in Zev Yaroslavsky's Third District. Zev has been a great steward and protector for the mountains, and he will help preserve them for the benefit of all L.A. residents!

From: CommServ
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: First District Redistricting Letter

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From: c [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 9:03 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Email: [REDACTED]
First Name: Olivia
Last Name: Nuno
City/Community: Whittier
Zip Code: 90601

From: CommServ
To: paul@swiftriverproductions.com
Subject: RE: Letter opposing T1 & S2

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 1:32 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Letter opposing T1 & S2

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

September 26, 2011

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of a community that was completely devastated by fire in 2007, in an unincorporated area of LA County, I know, first hand, the integral role Supervisor Yaroslavsky and his staff continue to play in our community's rebuilding efforts. The Third District is an ethnically diverse area of Los Angeles County that shares many common concerns and goals, particularly those of us living in communities surrounded by the Santa Monica Mountains.

Over the past four years, I have had the honor of serving on several Third District Public Safety Committees and Working Groups, so I've personally witnessed the progress communities and government can make when they work closely together.

The Santa Monica Mountains create many challenges for surrounding communities and therefore it's imperative we're represented by an elected leader who fully understands these challenges. The staff that Supervisor Yaroslavsky has in place to address these very challenges are made up of some of the finest public servants imaginable. Their expertise, knowledge of our area and strong ties to the surrounding communities and countless state agencies are essential to the well being of this area. Therefore, I strongly oppose redistricting plans T1 and S2 and any other proposal that would essentially change the current Third District leadership of the Santa Monica Mountains communities of Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Topanga Canyon. Thank you for your time and support!

Sincerely,

Paul J. Morra
[REDACTED] Malibu, CA 90265

Corral Canyon Resident
President, Corral Canyon Fire Safety Alliance Member, Supervisor Yaroslavsky's Operation Safe Canyons Call Fire Fighter, Los Angeles County Fire Department Arson Watch Volunteer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

From: Remy O'Neill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:09 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting-Support Plan A 3; Oppose S2 & T1

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to please adopt a redistricting plan like A3. The cities of the Third District are the family of the Santa Monica Mountains and West Valley. As such, we have common interests and understanding of our issues. Just like a family, we want to stay together. And just like any citizenry, we want to decide by vote, who will best represent us. S2 & T1 do not meet those needs.

Please have the vision and wisdom that people are be able to expect in their elected government officials. Make the right choice - A3.

Sincerely,

Remy O'Neill
[REDACTED]
Malibu, CA 90265

Remy O'Neill
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 8:00 AM
To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting Plan

To: Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

I am opposed to redistricting plans S2 and T1. Both of these plans would disrupt our valley communities and separate many communities from those with common interests.

In our area, these plans would separate us from NBC Universal, with whom we have been working closely to resolve noise issues as well as other concerns.

They also separate us from neighbors who have also been involved in these matters.

I support the A3 Amended Plan as it is the least disruptive to entire communities.

Rick Cole

[REDACTED]
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 8:09 AM
To: CommServ
Cc: soha914@gmail.com
Subject: Adopt Plan A3

I live in Sherman Oaks.

Please adopt "Plan A3"

Roger Coyro

From: Medina, Katherine on behalf of ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 6:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW:

From: Rosario Garcia Mota [mailto:g[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 1:56 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
Cc: garciamota@hotmail.com
Subject:

Dear Supervisor's,

To those who are supporting the A3 map this law is not fair. The latino community is the majority. The times have changed since 1990.Let's make history together (2011).

Thank you for your support.

Rosario (Rosie) Garcia Mota

From: Sergey Sutyagin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:51 PM
To: CommServ
Cc: Katz, Alisa
Subject: Support for A3 Redistricting Plan

Dear L.A County Government,

I strongly oppose T1 and S2 plans.

These proposed plans will destroy communities of interest comprised of refugees, seniors, and disabled constituents of Russian, Armenian, Iranian, and Israeli descent which historically settled in the Westside and the Valley and developed in the course of many decades a network of social, educational, cultural, and religious institutions to facilitate successful integration of these immigrant communities into Los Angeles County.

If implemented, either of these plans will destroy the results of many years of hard work by resettlement agencies and community-based organizations and will severely jeopardize the empowerment of immigrant communities of interest.

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

Sergey Sutyagin
Reseda, CA 91335

From: CommServ
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: First District Redistricting Letter

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:59 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice
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Email: [REDACTED]
First Name: Sergio
Last Name: Vasquez Sr
City/Community: El Monte
Zip Code: 91732

From: Saltsman, Ben [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 10:46 AM
To: Zimmerman, Martin
Subject: FW: Redistricting?

Please include in the public records.

Thank you.

Ben

From: Terri Johnson [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 9:46 PM
To: Yaroslavsky, Zev
Subject: Redistricting?

Hello, Zev.

My husband and I live in Agoura Hills at [REDACTED], Agoura Hills, CA 91301. We had hoped to be at the supervisors' meeting tomorrow but will not be able to break free from work in order to attend. I want to make certain that I send my vote to you to OPPOSE T1 and S2. Please accept my vote by way of this e-mail.

Thank you very much.

Kindly,

Terri Johnson
[REDACTED]