

July 26, 2011

Board of Supervisors/Boundary Review Committee
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Board of Supervisors/Boundary Review Committee:

I write to you today with great concern about redistricting plans currently under consideration which would affect supervisorial district lines in Los Angeles County. Results from the 2010 U.S. Census unequivocally show the existence of at least two compact Latino communities within the county constituting at least half of the voting age citizens. In other words, the creation of two or more Latino-majority supervisorial districts and keeping a competitive African-American district intact is now possible.

As you know, at the Los Angeles County, the Boundary Review Committee is responsible for determining the borders of the five supervisorial districts. Though several worthy proposals have been submitted for their consideration, I wish to voice my strong support for the Amended S-1 Plan, also known as the Latino/African American Coalition Map—which would create two supervisorial districts with populations that would be both majority Latino and geographically compact.

The Amended S-1 Plan meets all necessary case law standards. But it also achieves another equally important obligation—it honestly addresses Los Angeles County's history of racial discrimination at the ballot box, and it does so in the spirit of civic collaboration and good governance as evidenced by the fact that the Amended S-1 Plan enjoys support of organizations beyond the Latino community.

The unpleasant but incontrovertible truth is that voting in Los Angeles County has historically been polarized along ethnic lines, and primarily between Latinos versus non-Latinos. This was true in 1991, when the county's district lines were redrawn to fairly allow for Latino representation—but only because the U.S. Supreme Court forced the county's hand as a result of the *Garza vs. County of Los Angeles* case, which doggedly chronicled the institutionalized, systemic racism perpetuated for generations against the county's Latinos.

Now it is 2011, and Latinos irrefutably represent a clear majority of Los Angeles County's voting age citizens. Yet a 2008 report co-authored by David I. Lublin and Gary Segura and titled "An Evaluation of the Electoral and Behavioral Impact of Majority-Minority Districts" scientifically proves what many Latinos have known anecdotally for generations—that voting in Los Angeles County is still polarized among ethnic lines, and particularly between Latinos and non-Latinos. To put it bluntly, racial discrimination at the ballot box is not a thing of the past.

Taken together, these facts demonstrate a compelling need for at least two majority-Latino supervisorial districts. Indeed, I believe that this unfulfilled need would constitute *de facto* disenfranchisement—which is exactly the opposite of the Boundary Review Committee's mission. It is no exaggeration to say, in fact, that the people of Los Angeles County are relying on the committee to ensure that disenfranchisement in any form does not happen.

Yet this is exactly what happened when the committee failed to support the Amended S-1 Plan. This outcome is particularly true when taking into account Latinos' generally lower socioeconomic status combined with the game-changing effects of the infamous U.S. Supreme Court's *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission* ruling in January of 2010, which allowed for unlimited corporate funding of independent political broadcasts in candidate elections.

As such, because the Amended S-1 Plan would fulfill not just the letter but the spirit of the Boundary Review Committee's mission, I strongly urge you to adopt it. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and for considering its message. Please feel free to contact me in the future if necessary.

Sincerely,



NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION

[Redacted contact information]

From: CommServ
Subject: RE: Support the creation of a second Latino district

Dear LA County Supervisors,

Don't waste taxpayer money. Los Angeles County lost a costly lawsuit the last time it tried to ignore the Federal Voting Rights Act. Don't waste taxpayer money by triggering another successful lawsuit!

Thanks,
Aaron

From: CommServ
Subject: RE: Create a new Latino District!!!

From: Ana Valdez

Subject: Create a new Latino District!!!

It is your job to represent the population of your city:

1. **It's just, and it's the law.** Support the creation of a second Latino district because it better respects Los Angeles County's population and the Federal Voting Rights Act.
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Ana Valdez

From: CommServ
Subject: RE: Carolyn Rosas Park to remain in 4th district

From: Carol Hong
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:44 PM
To: Don Knabe
Subject: Carolyn Rosas Park to remain in 4th district

Dear Mr. Don Knabe (Don@lacbos.org)

I have enjoyed taking walks and jogging around the tracks at Carolyn Rosas Park for a number of years now. The fitness equipments made available for public use have proved to be beneficial as well. Both of which have been an integral part of keeping an ideal weight for my body as I am a Type II diabetic for almost a decade now. Moreover, I have also been bringing along my twin boys to participate in the martial arts programs offered in the activity rooms twice a week. They both are enjoying the classes tremendously.

If you ever get the chance to visit the park, you can see how impeccably beautiful the park is maintained and as a result often frequented by the young and old alike. Soccer games take place almost nightly, family outings and picnics takes place in the grasses, while some of the older patrons put the fitness equipments to good use. Around the tracks, there would be a steady flow of enthusiastic walkers and joggers like myself. Little children run around having lots of fun with the swings and monkey bars in the sand area. While those occur outdoors, the well-kept, air conditioned matted rooms provide children and adults a place to study and practice wrestling, boxing and other various forms of martial arts.

As I overheard the possibility of impending changes that may take place due to probable movement to 1st district, I became very concerned. I've always admired and appreciated the way things are operated at the park, making fitness a priority to countless people for free or at very little charge. It would be such a pity for it all to change or go away. The park allows numerous people ample opportunity to maintain a healthy lifestyle by exercising and provide a comfortable place for families to do so together, ensuring that future generations can make both family time as well as their health a priority. So my humble request is for you to please keep things in the park the way they are, all of us cherish and needs it especially for the sake of our young children and their well-being. I thank you in advance for all your efforts in keeping things the way they are.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hong
(Patron of Carolyn Rosas Park)

From: CommServ
Subject: RE: REDISTRICTING ACTION ALERT: CALL YOUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO DRAW A SECOND LATINO DISTRICT

From: CG Foundation
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:17 AM
To: Gloria Molina; SecondDistrict; Yaroslavsky, Zev; Don Knabe; Michael D. Antonovich
Subject: Fw: REDISTRICTING ACTION ALERT: CALL YOUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO DRAW A SECOND LATINO DISTRICT

Please create the Redistricting according to constituent populations.

Many Blessings,

Rev. Christopher Guzman VC, YT, FSM, PG

VC- Volunteer Coordinator, YT- Yoga Teacher FSM- Food Service Management, Private Guard

From: CommServ
Subject: RE: Please support creating a second Latino supervisorial district:

From: Edgar Pablos
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:13 AM
To: Michael D. Antonovich
Subject: Please support creating a second Latino supervisorial district:

Dear Mr. Antonovich:

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Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter,

Edgar Pablos

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90046

From: CommServ
Subject: RE: Please support creating a second Latino supervisorial district:

From: Judith Cummings
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:57 AM
To: Michael D. Antonovich
Subject: Please support creating a second Latino supervisorial district:

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Judith Rudnicki

From: CommServ
Subject: RE: Second District for Latinos Needed!

From: Ochoa, Leticia

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:20 AM
To: Gloria Molina
Subject: Second District for Latinos Needed!

Enough is enough! No more politics! We had enough of Washington this past week and want immediate action to resolve the problem. You need to do what is best for Latinos. Even with the small number of Latinos in elected positions, we still don't make a dent. I am tired of not being heard. Please make a difference and do what is right for the Latino communities.

Letty Ochoa

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:33 PM
To: CommServ
Subject: proposed changes

Sirs

I have live in the 4th district for many years, I am not for any changes in the district lines

Mike

SPECIAL NOTE: If you have an e-mail address for me that is an underscore address, it is no longer valid. Correct address below.

Bager Electronics, Inc.

Phone: ([REDACTED])

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From: Michael D. Antonovich
To: CommServ
Subject: FW: Please create a new Latino majority supervisor district in the county
Date: Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:13:27 AM

FYI

From: Robert Beltran [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:05 AM
To: Jose Perez; Gloria Molina; SecondDistrict; Yaroslavsky, Zev; Don Knabe; Michael D. Antonovich; Mervyn Dymally, Ph.D.; David Carisle, M.D., Ph. D.; Manny Sanchez cor; Jorge Carreon; [REDACTED] chris Gonzalez; [REDACTED] Henri Ford; Henry Holguin; Alfonso Baez, M.D.; Aliza Lifshitz, M.D.; Araceli Longergan; Beltran, Mark; Fujioka, William T; Castulo de la Rocha; David Cruz; David Lizarraga; Don Crane; Ed Dietz, M.D.; Fekix Nunez, M.D.; [REDACTED] Flores Hector; Frank Matricardi; Gail Anderson; Gilbert Varela, M.D.; Gus Gill, M.D.; Harvey Kalan; Hector de la Rocha, MD
Cc: Ruben Guerra; [REDACTED] Johnathan Sanchez
Subject: RE: Please create a new Latino majority supervisor district in the county

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors for Los Angeles County,

The Southern California Latino Health Council is in full and without reservation support of request contained in the email below. We will be email blasting our council members and requesting them to forward this urgent request that will ensure that our elected officials will do the right thing for the people they represent.

Robert A. Beltran, M.D., M.B.A.
Chair- Southern California Latino Health Council
President, Quality Health Care Management, Inc.
Physician Executive-Health Care Management, Policy and Leadership- the Registry of Physician Specialists

From: [REDACTED]
To: molina@bos.lacounty.gov; seconddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; zev@bos.lacounty.gov; don@lacbos.org; fifthdistrict@lac.bos.org
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Please create a new Latino majority supervisor district in the county
Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2011 09:28:06 -0700

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors for Los Angeles County,

The 2010 Census has pegged Los Angeles County at almost 50% Latino. Latino population growth in the county warrants an additional supervisor district with a Latino majority population. We believe that to not create one is in clear violation of the Voting Rights Act and we will support any legal effort to correct this matter.

So, we urge you to consider doing what is right for the people you represent and do not put your personal agendas before the public good.

Sincerely,

Jose L. Perez

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Sacramento, CA 95814