



PEOPLE'S REDISTRICTING ALLIANCE

Public Map Submission

Orange County Board of Supervisors

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By the People's Redistricting Alliance (PRA)
with assistance from the Orange County Civic Engagement Table (OCCET)



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INTRODUCTION TO THE PEOPLE’S REDISTRICTING ALLIANCE

PRA Background and Principles

A multiracial coalition of community-based organizations (CBOs) and residents based in Orange County, the People’s Redistricting Alliance (PRA) was established in early 2021 to ensure a community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes. Centering the lived experiences and needs of low-income communities of color and working families, the PRA has pursued maps and other redistricting outcomes that maximize opportunities for year-round organizing and policy advocacy, working toward an Orange County that treats everyone equitably and with justice. Organizing across diverse communities builds bridges, better mitigates potential conflict between groups, and deepens the foundation for collective work over the next decade.

PRA Structure and Participants

The PRA includes 16 members that reflect Orange County’s diverse communities, including:

- ACLU of Southern California
- AHRI Center
- Arab American Civic Council
- California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
- Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
- Coalition on American Islamic Relations (CAIR-LA)
- Latino Health Access
- Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)
- Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO)
- Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD)
- Orange County Environmental Justice (OCEJ)
- Orange County Voter Information Project (OCVIP)
- Pacific Islander Health Partnership
- Resilience Orange County
- South Asian Network (SAN)
- VietRISE

Each member brings a deep connection and engagement with communities on the ground countywide, with a particular focus on community organizing and integrated voter engagement in the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Irvine, Santa Ana, Stanton, and Westminster.

PRA Process and Activities

Since February of this year, PRA members have met every two to four weeks to advance their collective work. To promote greater community engagement in redistricting, OCCET and PRA members have (1) educated CBOs and residents about redistricting, its impact on their political

representation, and how the processes established by decision makers work, (2) created a space through which they identify and articulate communities of interest (COI) important to them, (3) mobilized both to participate in California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC), Orange County Board of Supervisors, and other public hearings, and (4) worked closely with them to create congressional, state, and local legislative redistricting maps that best address the needs of low-income communities of color and working families.

Members shared their communities of interest and other priorities during public workshops and meetings held between August 3 and August 12 and provided a written transcript supporting their participation. A summary of these communities of interest is provided in the following section and their testimony is included in Appendix A of this submission.

This submission represents the culmination of over seven months of community engagement.

OCCET Background and Role

The Orange County Civic Engagement Table (OCCET) coordinates PRA activities. OCCET is a progressive AAPI-Latinx-labor-environmental justice alliance that seeks to build progressive transformation of the region. The eight organizations that anchor OCCET serve the emerging majority of the county; low-income immigrant Latinx and Asian American communities that work across issues of immigrant, economic, and racial justice across the county.

Through this innovative partnership, OCCET is committed to increasing the quality, scale and effectiveness of civic participation in communities of color and among low-income populations in Orange County.

Questions regarding this submission should be directed to Daniel Ichinose, Research Director at OCCET, via email at daniel@occivic.org.

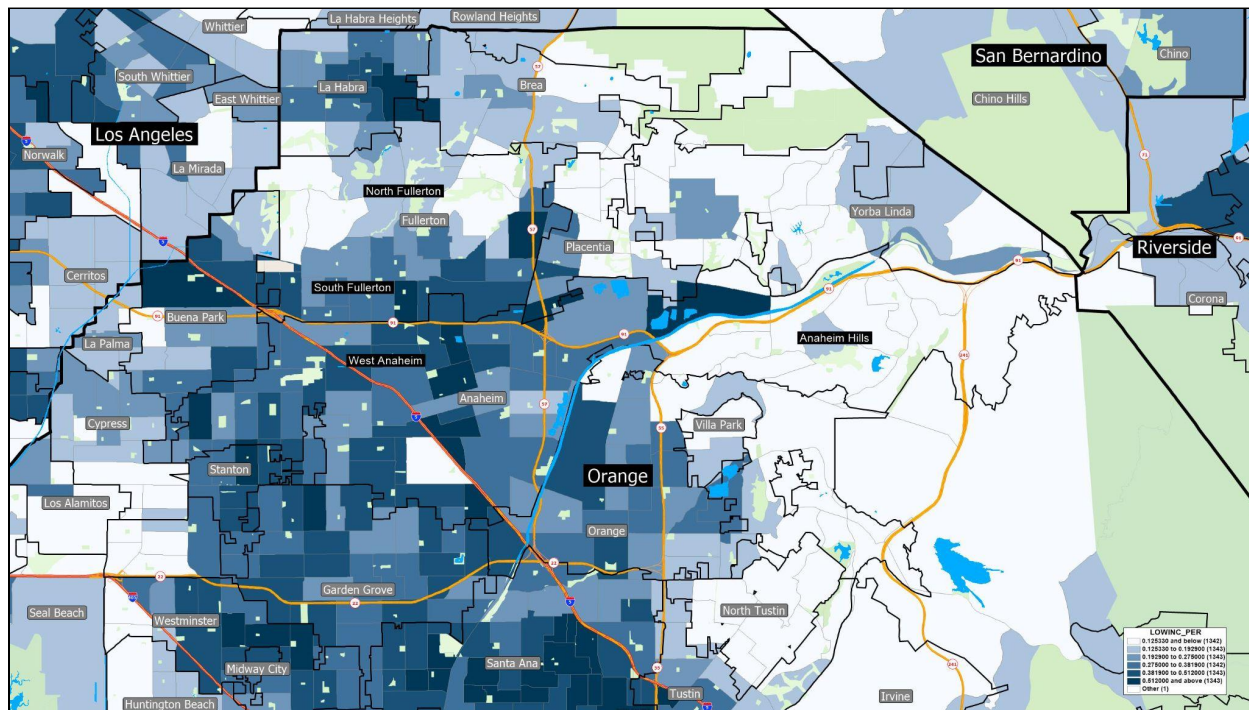
SUMMARY OF PRA COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

Through coalition meetings on April 31, May 11, and June 9 and a series of one-on-ones, PRA member organizations worked to identify communities of interest and their alignment across cities in Orange County. These communities of interest have been shared with the Board and county redistricting staff in testimony provided during public workshops and meetings between August 3 and August 12 of this year and are included in Appendix A of this document. They include the following:

South Fullerton and West Anaheim

Summary: Two of Orange County's largest cities, both Fullerton and Anaheim are socially and economically diverse with clear divisions between those with considerable needs and more affluent residents. In Figure B, Census Bureau data on low-income population show dramatic differences within each city. In Fullerton, the lower income area of south Fullerton and the higher income north Fullerton are roughly divided by Chapman Ave. In Anaheim, the lower income west Anaheim and the higher income Anaheim Hills are roughly divided by the 55 Freeway. Low-income residents in south Fullerton and west Anaheim share common challenges, including environmental justice concerns and access to affordable housing.

Figure B: Low-Income Population by Census Tract, Northern Orange County California.



Source: United States Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table C17002.

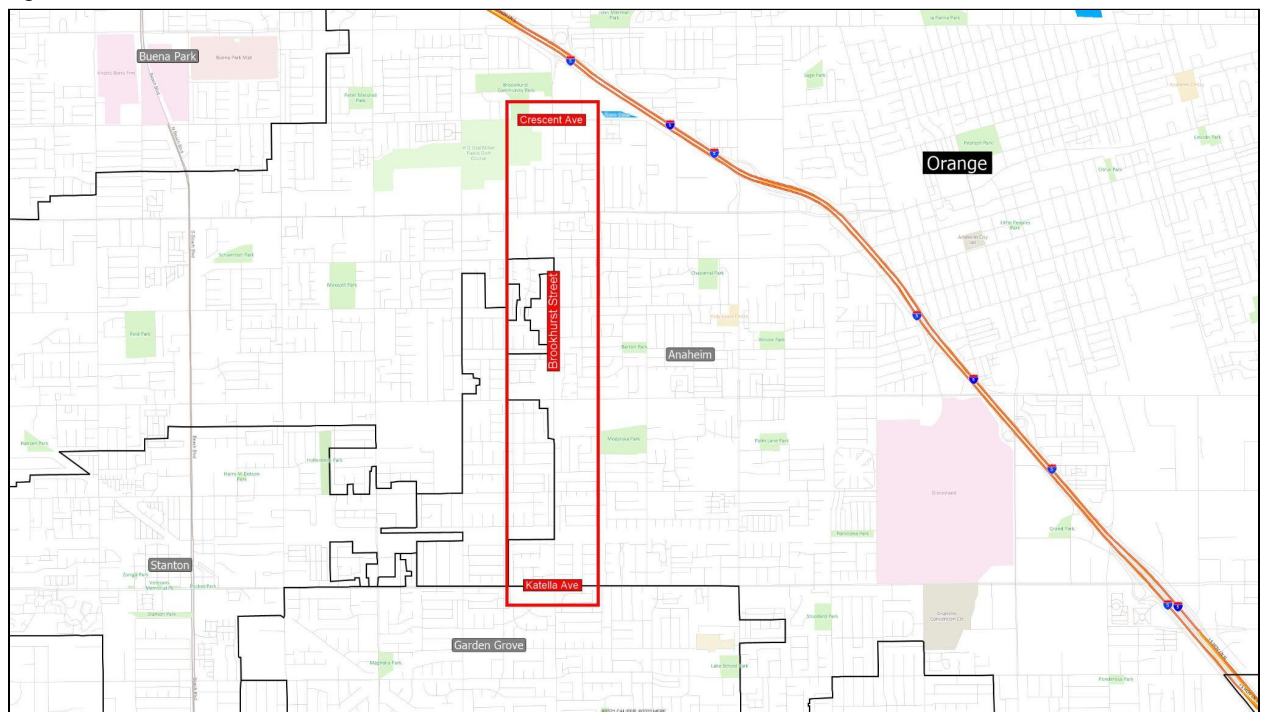
Guidance: South Fullerton (south of Chapman Ave) and west Anaheim (west of the 55 Freeway) should be drawn together and apart from more affluent communities in Yorba Linda and the Anaheim Hills.

Detailed Testimony: Karen Alvarado (Orange County Congregation Community Organization), Kayla Asato (Orange County Environmental Justice), and Susan Cheng (AHRI for Justice).

Little Arabia (Anaheim)

Summary: Located in west Anaheim on Brookhurst Street between Crescent Avenue and Katella Avenue (see Figure C below), Little Arabia is home to more than one hundred small businesses serving Orange County's diverse Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian (AMEMSA) community, including ethnic grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, hair salons, halal butcher shops, and professional services. It is also home to important religious institutions such as the West Coast Islamic Society and nonprofit and social service organizations that serve the community.

Figure C: Little Arabia, Anaheim California.



Source: Caliper Corporation, Maptitude for Redistricting.

Guidance: Keep the area of Brookhurst Street between Crescent Ave and Katella Ave whole in a Supervisorial district.

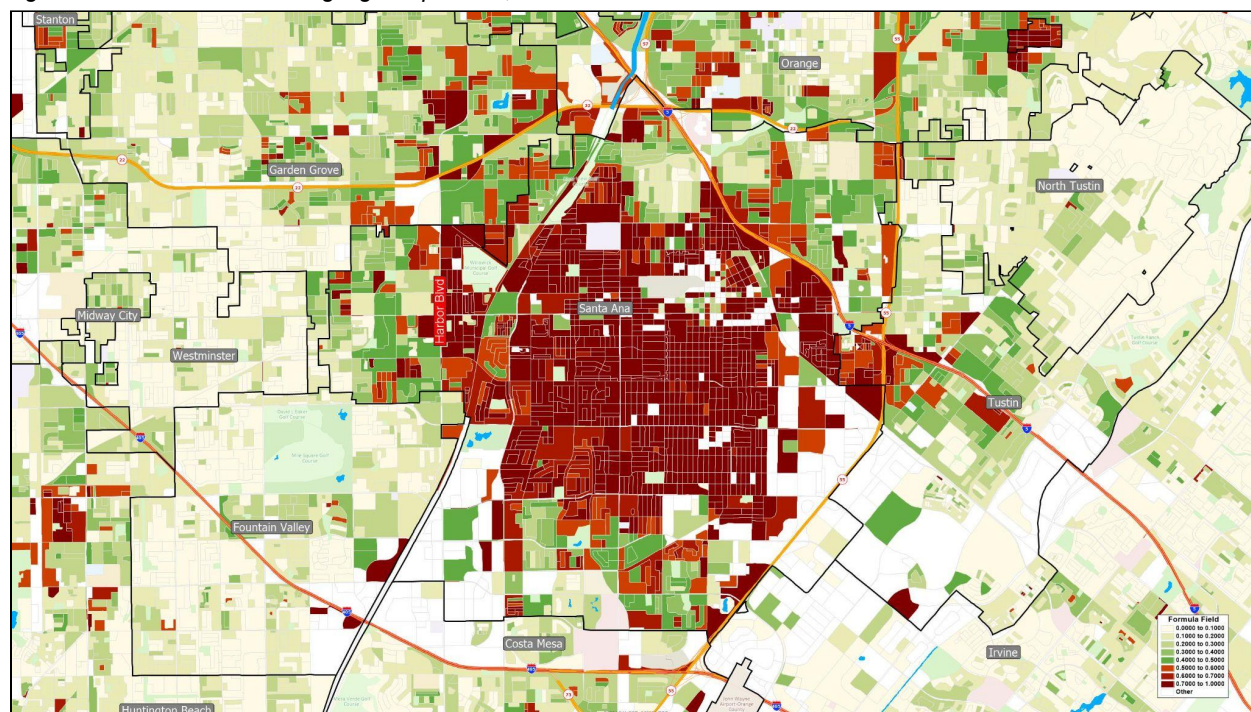
Detailed Testimony: Rashad Al-Dabbagh (Arab American Civic Council).

Santa Ana

Summary: Santa Ana is home to the largest and most established Latinx community in Orange County. Making up nearly 77% of the city's total population, Santa Ana's Latinx population

(238,000) ranks fifth in size among cities statewide behind only Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, and Fresno. With many low-income residents and mixed immigration status families, the Latinx community of interest faces numerous challenges, including immigration enforcement and access to affordable housing. Latinx residents in Santa Ana share these challenges with those in east Garden Grove, west Anaheim, and parts of adjacent cities like Orange and Tustin.

Figure D: Latinx Citizen Voting-Age Population, Santa Ana California.



Source: United States Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Special Tabulation, disaggregated to the census block level by the Statewide Database, U.C. Berkeley.

Guidance: Latinx communities in and around Santa Ana (including Santa Ana, east Garden Grove, and parts of west Anaheim, Orange, and Tustin) should serve as the foundation of a federal Voting Rights Act-compliant Supervisorial district.

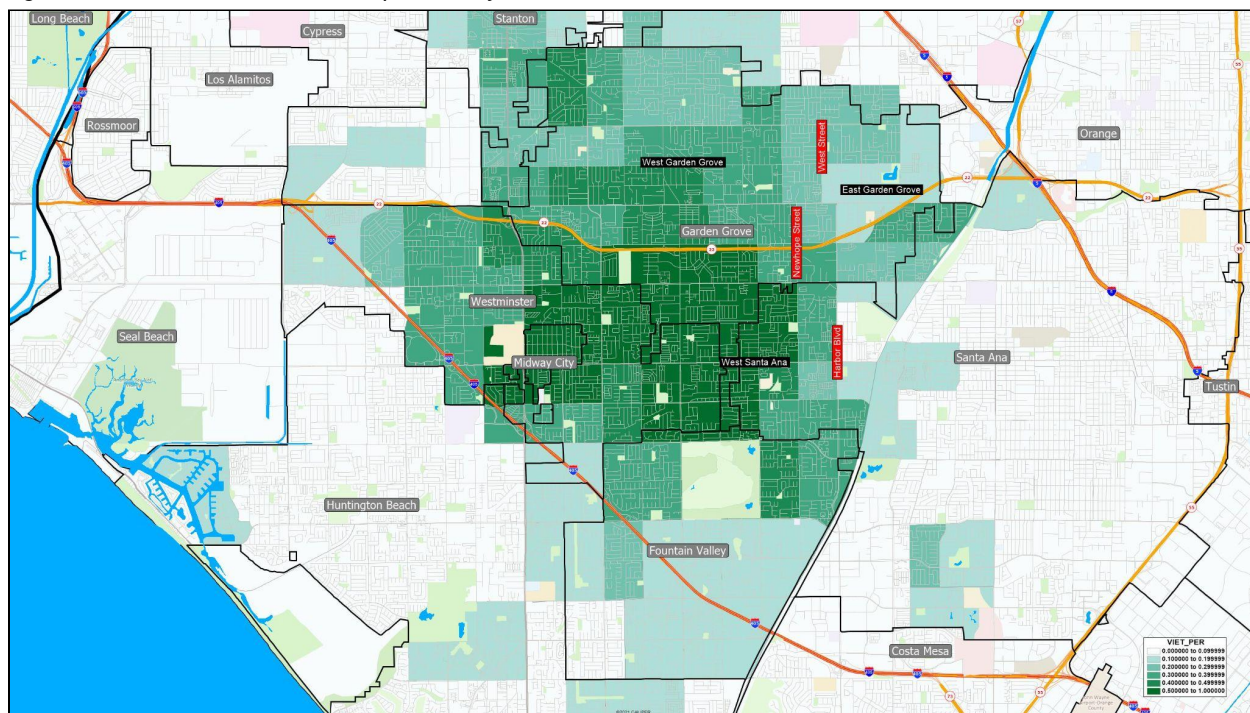
Detailed Testimony: Sarai Arpero (Santa Ana Resident), Kayla Asato (Orange County Environmental Justice), Ana Charco (Latino Health Access), Taavi Kaskla (United Domestic Workers), Adela Montanez (Santa Ana Resident), Laura Pantoja (Santa Ana Resident), Otniel Pavia (Orange County Voter Information Project), Araceli Robles (Santa Ana Resident), Dulce Saavedra (Resilience Orange County), and Maria Victoria (Santa Ana Resident).

Garden Grove and Westminister

Summary: Garden Grove and Westminister are home to some of the nation's largest Vietnamese American communities, as well as notable Korean American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) populations. Established after the fall of Saigon in 1975, Little Saigon has grown to encompass large portions of both cities and Fountain Valley. In Garden

Grove, the Vietnamese American community is primarily located west of West Street between Orangewood Ave and Garden Grove Blvd and west of Newhope Street between W Garden Grove Blvd and Westminster Blvd (see Figure E below). Communities in these parts of Orange County are disproportionately low-income and share both common refugee experiences and the need for social services and affordable housing.

Figure E: Vietnamese American Population by Census Tract, Garden Grove and Westminster California.



Source: United States Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B02018.

Guidance: West Garden Grove (west of West Street between Orangewood Ave and Garden Grove Blvd and west of Newhope Street between W Garden Grove Blvd and Westminster Blvd) and Westminster should be drawn together, including north Fountain Valley (north of the 405 Freeway) if possible.

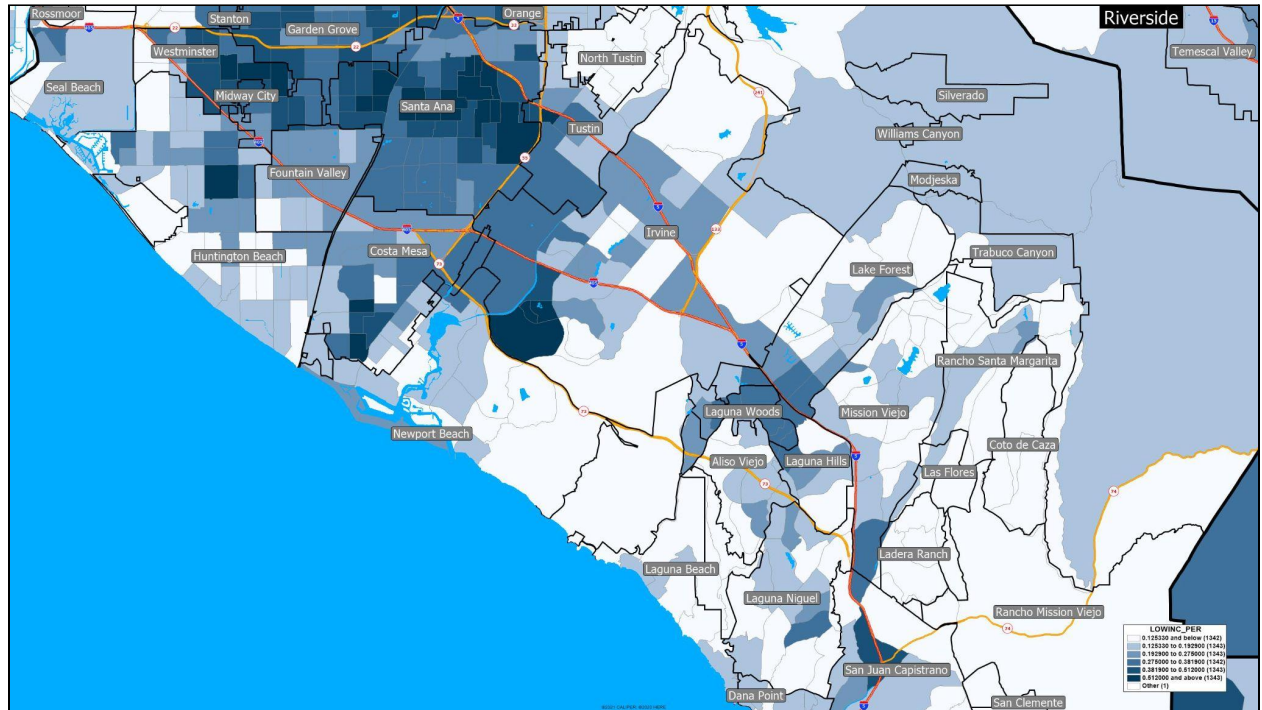
Detailed Testimony: Taavi Kaskla (United Domestic Workers), Charlene Kazner (Pacific Islander Health Partnership), Caroline Nguyen (California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative), and Vincent Tran (VietRISE).

Irvine and Costa Mesa

Summary: Irvine is one of the fastest growing cities in California. Between 2010 and 2020, Irvine added over 95,000 new residents; among cities statewide with at least 100,000 people, none grew faster over the past decade. This dramatic increase has been fueled by ongoing growth in immigrant communities. With growing numbers of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and AMEMSA residents, the city is also home to an emerging low-income population with needs similar to those of Latinx communities in Costa Mesa. Figure F below illustrates the distribution

of low-income communities across Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin. Recognizing common needs related to affordable housing, language access, and other concerns, public programs providing rental assistance and workforce development target communities in both Irvine and Costa Mesa. These needs are much different than those of affluent communities to the north like Yorba Linda, the Anaheim Hills, and North Tustin.

Figure F: Low-Income Population by Census Tract, Central Orange County California.



Source: United States Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table C17002.

Guidance: Irvine and Costa Mesa should be kept whole, drawn together with parts of Tustin not required for VRA compliance in an adjacent district, and apart from more affluent communities to the north like Yorba Linda, the Anaheim Hills (generally east of the 55 Freeway), and North Tustin.

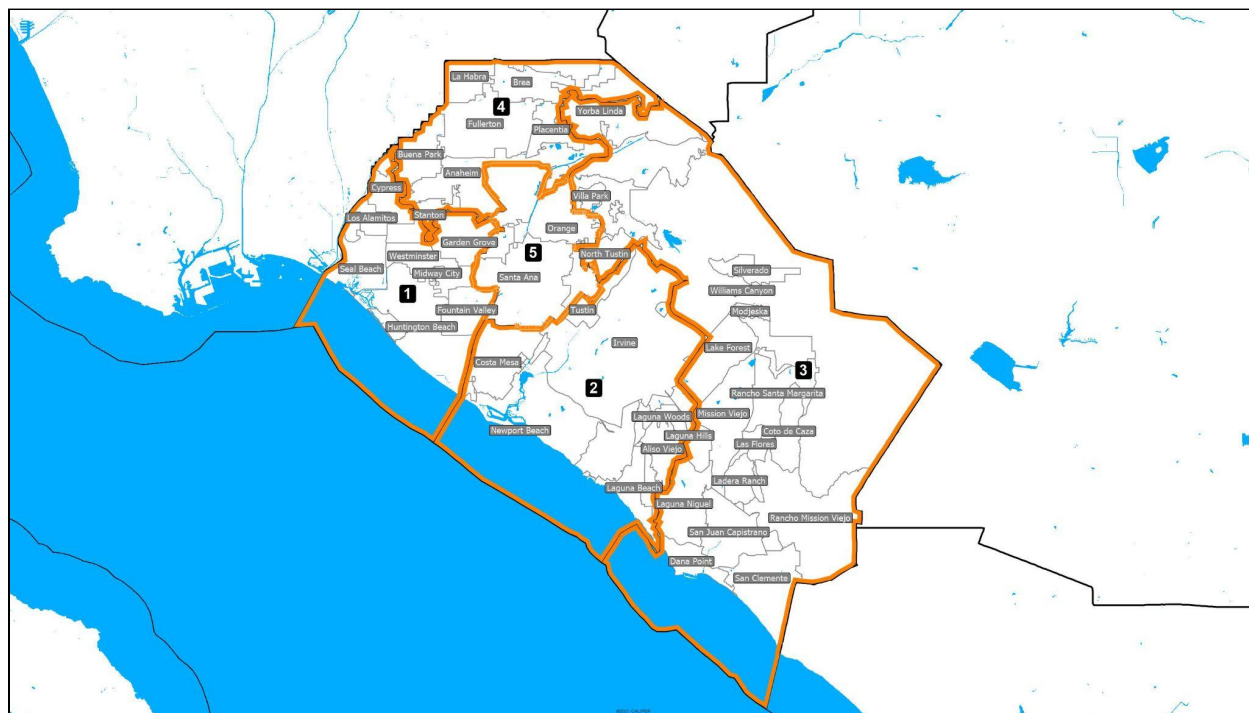
Detailed Testimony: Christina Nguyen (Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance) and Kelani Silk (Costa Mesa resident).



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Orange County Board of Supervisors Plan

SUMMARY OF PRA ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLAN



Highlights of PRA Supervisorial Plan

The PRA's Orange County Board of Supervisors plan centers federal Voting Rights Act compliance and communities of interest that reflect the needs of the county's most impacted residents. With districts drawn to established population equality requirements, the plan also respects other redistricting criteria established under state law, such as contiguity, maintaining the integrity of city boundaries, and compactness when not conflicting with core principles.

Respect for the federal Voting Rights Act. The PRA plan creates a required Latinx Section 2 district in and around Santa Ana.

Respect for communities of interest. The PRA plan centers numerous communities of interest in the drawing of Supervisorial lines. AMEMSA, Asian American, housing cost-burdened, immigrant, Latinx, limited English proficient (LEP), low-income, nail salon worker, Pacific Islander, environmentally impacted, uninsured, and other populations in need were considered in identifying both communities of interest and geographic areas that were similar to and different from one another.

Respect for population equality. The PRA plan includes districts whose total populations are 5% above or below the ideal population of 638,601 persons per Supervisorial district, with a percentage spread less than 10%.

Respect for the requirement of contiguity. The PRA plan draws contiguous Supervisorial districts.

Respects the integrity of city boundaries. In developing the PRA plan, city boundaries were crossed for only three reasons: to ensure population equality, comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, and respect the integrity of communities of interest that cross city lines.

Respect for the requirement of compactness. The PRA plan draws compact districts, each with a population polygon score of 0.50 or greater.

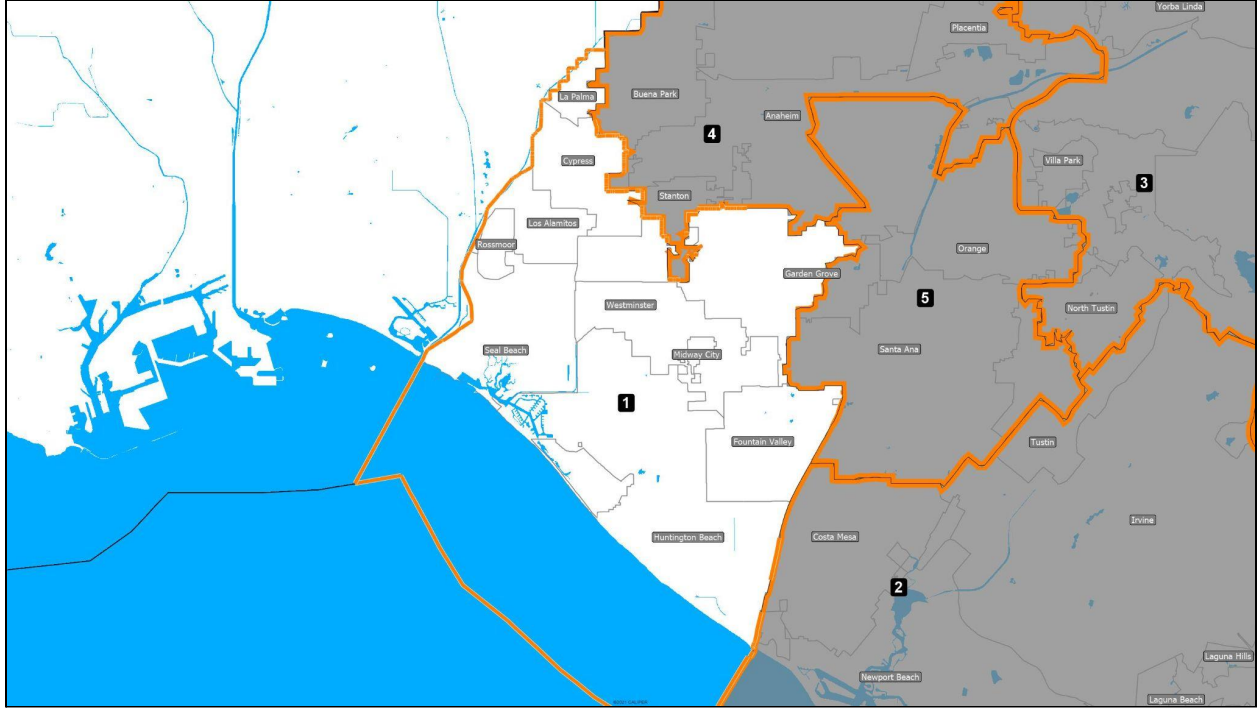
Respect for nonpartisanship. The PRA plan was developed to address community needs and does not favor or discriminate against a political party.

Respect for sequencing requirements. Under the PRA plan, districts 2, 4, and 5 would hold their next elections in 2022, while Districts 1 and 3 would hold their next elections in 2024.

PRA Priorities for Supervisorial Districts

- District 1 unites cohesive Vietnamese American communities in west Garden Grove, Westminster, and north Fountain Valley that share common refugee experiences and the need for social services and affordable housing.
- District 2 keeps Irvine and Costa Mesa whole, draws them together with parts of Tustin, and apart from more affluent communities to the north like Yorba Linda, the Anaheim Hills, and North Tustin.
- District 3 unites higher income hillside and south county cities, including Yorba Linda, the Anaheim Hills, and North Tustin to the north and Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, and Laguna Niguel to the south.
- District 4 unites immigrant and low-income communities of interest in south Fullerton and west Anaheim, Korean American communities in north Buena Park and west Fullerton, and maintains the integrity of the Little Arabia community of interest. These communities are drawn apart from more affluent communities in Yorba Linda and the Anaheim Hills.
- District 5 creates a federal Voting Rights Act compliant district around cohesive Latinx communities in Santa Ana, east Garden Grove, and parts of west Anaheim, Orange, and Tustin. With many low-income residents and mixed immigration status families, the Latinx community of interest in this district faces numerous shared challenges, including immigration enforcement and access to affordable housing.

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 1



Total Population: 609,950
Deviation: -28,652 (-4.49%)

Federal Voting Rights Act Compliance: N/A

Contiguity: District is contiguous.

Cities

City	Population in District	Percent of City in District
Cypress	50,235	100.00%
Fountain Valley	57,120	100.00%
Garden Grove	136,983	79.48%
Huntington Beach	199,030	100.00%
La Palma	15,597	100.00%
Los Alamitos	11,794	100.00%

Midway City	8,845	100.00%
Rossmoor	10,634	100.00%
Seal Beach	25,282	100.00%
Westminster	91,083	100.00%

Justification for City Splits

City	Justification
Garden Grove	Included portion of city is part of a cohesive Vietnamese American COI connecting west Garden Grove (west of West Street between Orangewood Ave and Garden Grove Blvd and west of Newhope Street between W Garden Grove Blvd and Westminster Blvd), Westminster, and north Fountain Valley. A portion of city (east Garden Grove) is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create an adjacent Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.

Communities of Interest

District 1 unites cohesive Vietnamese American communities in west Garden Grove (west of West Street between Orangewood Ave and Garden Grove Blvd and west of Newhope Street between W Garden Grove Blvd and Westminster Blvd), Westminster, and north Fountain Valley. Vietnamese American communities in these parts of Orange County share common refugee experiences and the need for social services and affordable housing.

Compactness

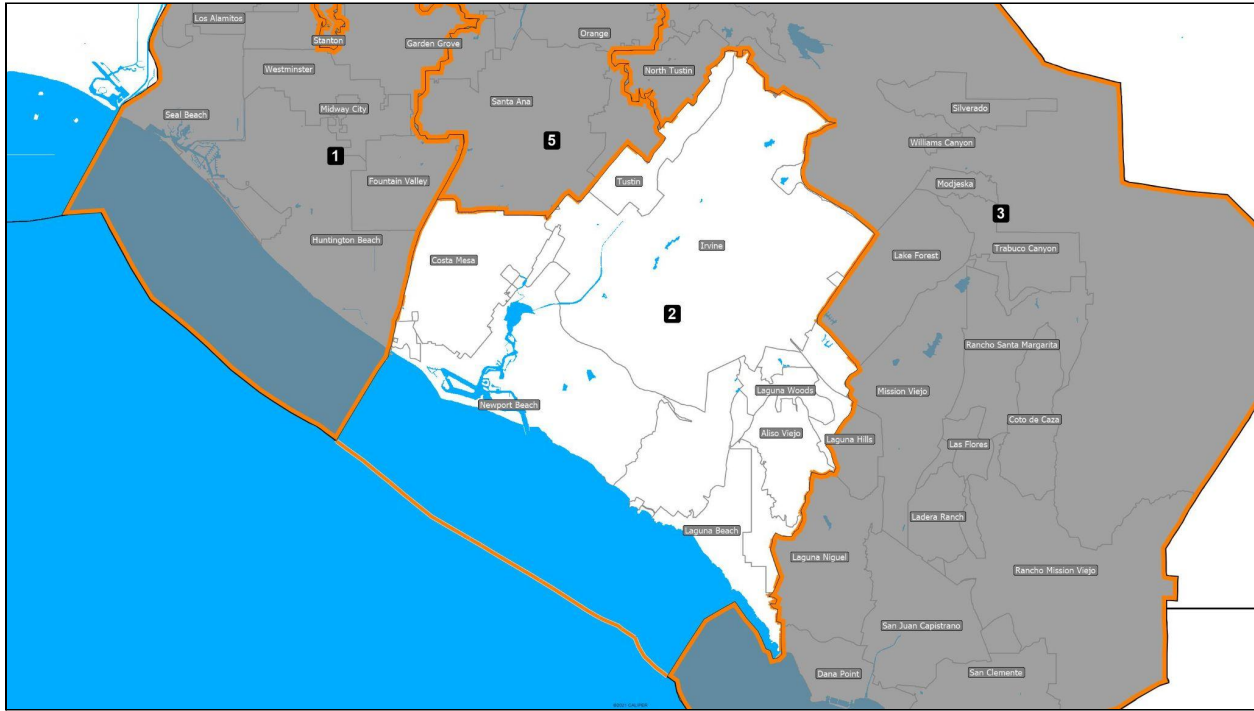
District 1 is compact, with a population polygon score 0.50 or greater.

Other Features

District 1 includes Asian Garden Mall, Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Christ Cathedral, Cypress College, Garden Grove Park, Hyundai Motor America, Quicksilver Incorporated, Los Alamitos Racetrack, and Mile Square Regional Park.

Next election: 2024

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 2



Total Population: 664,667

Deviation: +26,065 (+4.08%)

Federal Voting Rights Act Compliance: N/A

Contiguity: District is contiguous.

Cities

City	Population in District	Percent of City in District
Aliso Viejo	52,222	100.00%
Costa Mesa	112,137	100.00%
Irvine	307,959	100.00%
Laguna Beach	23,062	100.00%
Laguna Hills	16,901	53.83%
Laguna Woods	17,658	100.00%

Lake Forest	16,405	19.08%
Newport Beach	85,338	100.00%
Tustin	30,955	38.50%

Justification for City Splits

City	Justification
Laguna Hills	A portion of city is required to ensure population equality of district.
Lake Forest	A portion of city is required to ensure population equality of district.
Tustin	A portion of city is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create an adjacent Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.

Communities of Interest

District 2 keeps Irvine and Costa Mesa whole, draws them together with parts of Tustin, and apart from more affluent communities to the north like Yorba Linda, the Anaheim Hills (generally east of the 55 Freeway), and North Tustin. Irvine is one of the fastest growing cities in California. Between 2010 and 2020, Irvine added over 95,000 new residents; among cities statewide with at least 100,000 people, none grew faster over the past decade. This dramatic increase has been fueled by ongoing growth in immigrant communities. With growing numbers of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and AMEMSA residents, the city is also home to an emerging low-income population with needs similar to those of Latinx communities in Costa Mesa. Recognizing common needs related to affordable housing, language access, and other concerns, public programs providing rental assistance and workforce development target communities in both Irvine and Costa Mesa. These needs are much different than those of affluent communities to the north like Yorba Linda, the Anaheim Hills, and North Tustin.

Compactness

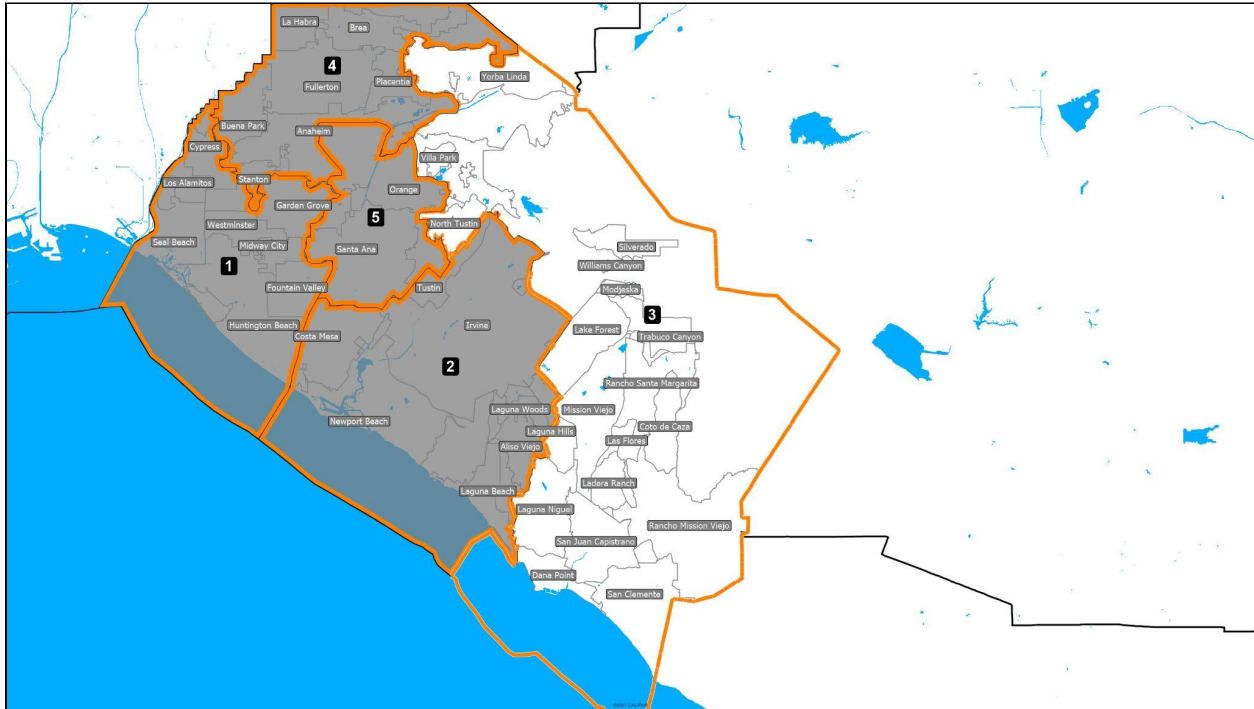
District 2 is compact, with a population polygon score 0.50 or greater.

Other Features

District 2 includes Crystal Cove State Park, Fashion Island, Ingram Micro Incorporated, Irvine Spectrum Center, John Wayne Airport, Newport Harbor, Orange County Fairgrounds, Segerstrom Center for the Arts, South Coast Plaza, and the University of California Irvine.

Next election: 2022

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 3



Total Population: 669,419
Deviation: +30,817 (+4.83%)

Federal Voting Rights Act Compliance: N/A

Contiguity: District is contiguous.

Cities

City	Population in District	Percent of City in District
Anaheim	46,881	13.48%
Coto de Caza	14,723	100.00%
Dana Point	33,144	100.00%
Ladera Ranch	26,188	100.00%
Laguna Hills	14,497	46.17%
Laguna Niguel	64,417	100.00%

Lake Forest	69,559	80.92%
Las Flores	6,004	100.00%
Mission Viejo	93,760	100.00%
Modjeska	632	100.00%
North Tustin	25,749	100.00%
Orange	33,354	23.79%
R Mission Viejo	10,385	100.00%
R Santa Margarita	47,999	100.00%
San Clemente	64,384	100.00%
San Juan Capistrano	35,271	100.00%
Silverado	932	100.00%
Trabuco Canyon	1,020	100.00%
Villa Park	5,850	100.00%
Williams Canyon	93	100.00%
Yorba Linda	68,414	100.00%

Justification for City Splits

City	Justification
Anaheim	Included portion of city (Anaheim Hills, generally east of the 55 Freeway) is disproportionately high income, distinct from west Anaheim (generally west of the 55 Freeway), which is low-income, environmentally impacted, and housing cost burdened and part of a COI including south Fullerton (south of Chapman Ave) in an adjacent district. A portion of city is also part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create an adjacent Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.
Laguna Hills	A portion of city is required to ensure population equality of district.
Lake Forest	A portion of city is required to ensure population equality of district.
Orange	A portion of city is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create an adjacent Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.

Communities of Interest

District 3 unites higher income hillside and south county cities, including Yorba Linda, the Anaheim Hills (generally east of the 55 Freeway), and North Tustin to the north and Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, and Laguna Niguel to the south.

Compactness

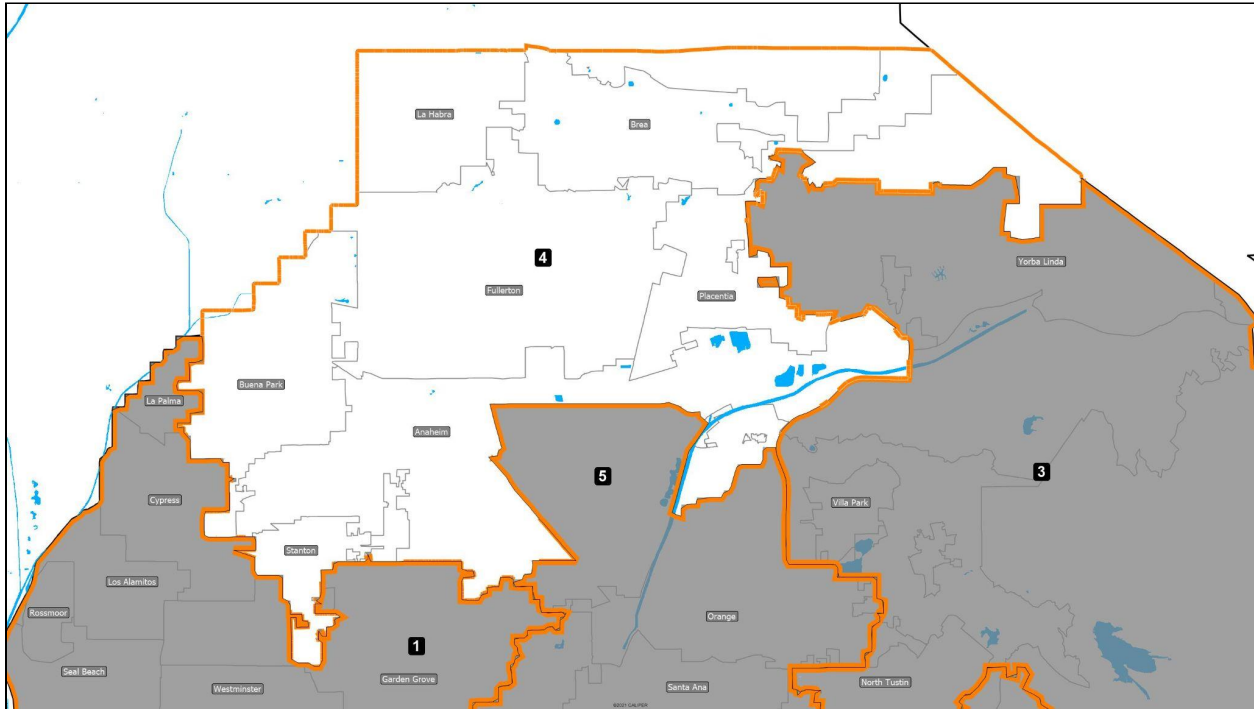
District 3 is compact, with a population polygon score 0.50 or greater.

Other Features

District 3 includes Anaheim Hills Golf Course, Apria Healthcare Group Incorporated, Laguna Niguel Regional Park, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Mission Regional Medical Center, Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Oakley Incorporated, and Savi Ranch.

Next election: 2024

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 4



Total Population: 640,323

Deviation: +1,721 (+0.27%)

Federal Voting Rights Act Compliance: N/A

Contiguity: District is contiguous.

Cities

City	Population in District	Percent of City in District
Anaheim	188,503	54.21%
Brea	47,397	100.00%
Buena Park	84,188	100.00%
Fullerton	143,929	100.00%
La Habra	63,234	100.00%
Orange	11,063	7.89%

Placentia	51,926	100.00%
Stanton	38,067	100.00%

Justification for City Splits

City	Justification
Anaheim	Included portion of city is disproportionately low-income, environmentally impacted, and housing cost burdened and part of a COI including south Fullerton (south of Chapman Ave) and west Anaheim (generally west of the 55 Freeway), distinct from higher income communities in Anaheim Hills (generally east of the 55 Freeway). A portion of city is also part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create an adjacent Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.
Orange	A portion of city is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create an adjacent Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.

Communities of Interest

District 4 unites immigrant and low-income communities of interest in south Fullerton and west Anaheim, Korean American communities in north Buena Park and west Fullerton, and maintains the integrity of the Little Arabia community of interest, located in west Anaheim on Brookhurst Street between Crescent Avenue and Katella Avenue. These communities should be drawn apart from more affluent communities in Yorba Linda and the Anaheim Hills. Two of Orange County's largest cities, both Fullerton and Anaheim are socially and economically diverse with clear divisions between those with considerable needs and more affluent residents. In Fullerton, the lower income area of south Fullerton and the higher income north Fullerton are roughly divided by Chapman Ave. In Anaheim, the lower income west Anaheim and the higher income Anaheim Hills are roughly divided by the 55 Freeway. Low-income residents in south Fullerton and west Anaheim share common challenges, including environmental justice concerns and access to affordable housing.

Compactness

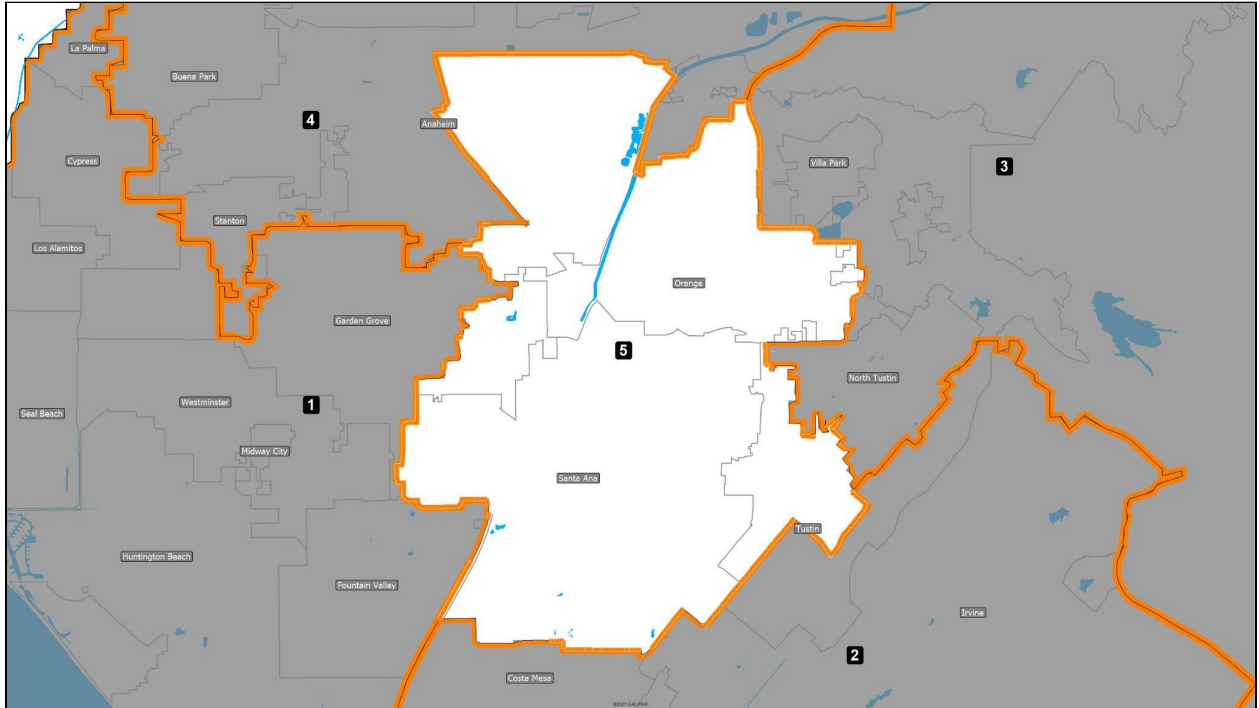
District 4 is compact, with a population polygon score 0.50 or greater.

Other Features

District 4 includes the Anaheim Convention Center, Beckman Coulter Incorporated, Brea Mall, Buena Park Downtown, Cal State Fullerton, Disneyland, and Knotts Berry Farm.

Next election: 2022

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 5



Total Population: 608,651

Deviation: -29,951 (-4.69%)

Federal Voting Rights Act Compliance: SECTION 2 DISTRICT

Group	Voting-Age Population		Citizen Voting-Age Population	
	#	%	#	%
Latinx	297,332	63.84%	177,018	53.30%

Contiguity: District is contiguous.

Cities

City	Population in District	Percent of City in District
Anaheim	112,373	32.31%
Garden Grove	35,364	20.52%

Orange	95,773	68.32%
Santa Ana	311,393	100.00%
Tustin	49,457	61.50%

Justification for City Splits

City	Justification
Anaheim	Included portion of city is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create a Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.
Garden Grove	Included portion of city is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create a Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.
Orange	Included portion of city is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create a Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.
Tustin	Included portion of city is part of a cohesive Latinx COI and required to create a Section 2 Voting Rights Act compliant district.

Communities of Interest

District 5 creates a federal Voting Rights Act compliant district around cohesive Latinx communities in Santa Ana, east Garden Grove, and parts of west Anaheim, Orange, and Tustin. Based on official redistricting data released by the Statewide Database at U.C. Berkeley in September, the Latinx community can constitute a majority of a Supervisorial district's citizen voting-age population in this part of Orange County. The PRA has commissioned the UCLA Voting Rights Project to conduct a racially polarized voting analysis, with outcomes to be provided to Orange County redistricting staff shortly. With many low-income residents and mixed immigration status families, the Latinx community in this district faces common challenges, including immigration enforcement and access to affordable housing.

Compactness

District 5 is compact, with a population polygon score 0.50 or greater.

Other Features

District 5 includes Anaheim Stadium, Bowers Museum, Chapman University, Honda Center, First American Financial Corporation, MainPlace Mall, Orange County Civic Center, Orange County Hall of Administration, Pacific Life Insurance Company, and UCI Medical Center.

Next election: 2022

APPENDIX A: PRA COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TESTIMONY

August 3, 2021 (Mission Viejo)

Provided by	Geographic Focus	Guidance
Daniel Ichinose (OCCET)	County	Comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, respect communities of interest.
Cynthia Valencia (ACLU)	County	Comply with the federal Voting Rights Act.

August 4, 2021 (Fountain Valley)

Provided by	Geographic Focus	Guidance
Hina Ahmad (South Asian Network)	Buena Park, Fullerton, and Anaheim	Keep the South Asian community in Buena Park, Fullerton, and west Anaheim whole.
Sarai Arpero (Santa Ana Resident)	Santa Ana	Keep Santa Ana whole.
Kayla Asato (Orange County Environmental Justice)	Santa Ana	Draw the communities in the Madison Park neighborhood, the Santa Ana neighborhoods between Cedar and Evergreen, the 760 and 762.04 census tracts in Orange, and a majority of Anaheim in the 864 and 865 census tracts together.
Ana Charco (Latino Health Access)	Santa Ana	Keep low-income and immigrant communities in Santa Ana whole.
Taavi Kaskla (United Domestic Workers)	Anaheim, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, and Westminster	Keep the Latinx community in Anaheim and Santa Ana whole. Keep the Vietnamese community in Garden Grove and Westminster whole.
Charlene Kazner (Pacific Islander Health Partnership)	West Garden Grove	Draw Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities in west Garden Grove with Asian American communities in Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley.

Adela Montanez (Santa Ana Resident)	Santa Ana	Keep Latinx, youth, mixed status families, and communities without health insurance in Santa Ana whole.
Caroline Nguyen (California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative)	West Garden Grove and Westminster	Keep Vietnamese nail salon workers in west Garden Grove and Westminster whole.
Laura Pantoja (Santa Ana Resident)	Santa Ana	Keep low-income and immigrant communities in Santa Ana whole.
Araceli Robles (Santa Ana Resident)	Santa Ana	Keep Santa Ana whole.
Vincent Tran (VietRISE)	Little Saigon	Keep the Vietnamese community in Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley whole.
Maria Victoria (Santa Ana Resident)	Santa Ana	Keep Latinx, working-class, low-income, and mixed status families in Santa Ana whole.

August 5, 2021 (Orange)

Provided by	Geographic Focus	Guidance
Kayla Asato (Orange County Environmental Justice)	Santa Ana	Draw the communities in the Madison Park neighborhood, the Santa Ana neighborhoods between Cedar and Evergreen, the 760 and 762.04 census tracts in Orange, and a majority of Anaheim in the 864 and 865 census tracts together.
Christina Nguyen (Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance)	Irvine	Keep Irvine whole, together with Costa Mesa, and separate from Yorba Linda and the Anaheim Hills.
Dulce Saavedra (Resilience Orange County)	Santa Ana	Keep Santa Ana whole.

August 11, 2021 (Fullerton)

Provided by	Geographic Focus	Guidance
Karen Alvarado (Orange County Congregation Community Organization)	Fullerton and Anaheim	Keep low-income Latinx communities in south Fullerton and west Anaheim whole.
Kayla Asato (Orange County Environmental Justice)	Fullerton and Anaheim	Draw Fullerton (south of Chapman Ave) with west Anaheim (west of 55 Freeway).
Susan Cheng (AHRI for Justice)	Fullerton and Buena Park	Keep low-income, API, Latinx, immigrant, and LGBTQ+ communities in Fullerton and Buena Park whole.

August 12, 2021 (Costa Mesa)

Provided by	Geographic Focus	Guidance
Kelani Silk (Costa Mesa resident)	Costa Mesa	Draw Marshallese communities in Costa Mesa with Irvine.

Written Testimony

Provided by	Geographic Focus	Guidance
Rashad Al-Dabbagh (Arab American Civic Council)	Little Arabia	Keep Little Arabia whole.
Otniel Pavia (Orange County Voter Information Project)	Orange	Draw the Cypress Street Barrio in Orange with Santa Ana and west Garden Grove.

APPENDIX A: PRA COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TESTIMONY

**THE FOLLOWING TRANSCRIPTS OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY PROVIDED TO THE BOARD
AND REDISTRICTING STAFF ARE ORGANIZED BY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.**

Community of Interest Testimony to the OC Board of Supervisors

Hi, my name is Rashad Al-Dabbagh and I am speaking on behalf of the Arab American Civic Council.

Our organization builds Arab American community power by facilitating their civic participation in Orange County. In addition, we are a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of community-based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in Orange County.

Our community of interest is the Arab community. Arab Americans in Orange County are diverse in culture and faith, and originate from more than a dozen countries in the Middle East and North Africa region. The Arab community is also diverse in its socioeconomic status, education levels, and immigration status. Some came as refugees or asylum seekers, others for better opportunities. The Arab community in Orange County is bound together by a shared history, language, and geography.

While our community is scattered around Orange County, there's a significant number of residents in West Anaheim around what is unofficially known as Little Arabia, which is on and around Brookhurst Street primarily between Crescent Avenue and Katella Avenue. Little Arabia is home to more than one hundred small businesses, including ethnic grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, hair salons, as well as religious institutions such as the West Coast Islamic Society, and nonprofit organizations and social service organizations that serve the community in various capacities.

Anaheim's Little Arabia is a cultural destination, and safe space for Arabic-speaking immigrants as well as other immigrants and refugees from the Greater Middle Eastern region.

It is important that the Arab community be taken into consideration in the new district maps. Our community, like many other communities, works together to support one another, share resources, and advocate for its needs. It is important that Little Arabia be kept whole because of the shared social needs of the community and the needs of small business owners. Thank you.

Comments at 8/4 OC redistricting community workshop

Good evening, my name is Cynthia Valencia and I am a Senior Policy Advocate and Organizer at the ACLU of Southern California and also a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance. I am a current resident and grew up in Orange County. I am here today to uplift communities, specifically in current district 1, that are being disenfranchised and their vote is being diluted because of the current district configuration. For this redistricting cycle, it will not be sufficient for the Board or County staff to just slightly redraw the lines from the 2011 process. As a reminder, in 2011 there was an ultimately successful attempt to draw supervisorial lines that ensured full Republican control of the Board of Supervisors, with every then-Supervisor meeting with the OC Republican chairman. Additionally, GOP leaders made multiple statements to local news outlets about their success in maintaining Republican control for all the Board of Supervisors seats. Similar behavior would be violating the Fair Maps Act passed in 2018. And this year, the board and County staff need to make the changes necessary to right the wrongs from 2011. The Act also ranks keeping communities of interest as one of the top principles the Board must consider in drawing lines, and excludes relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates as factors that the Board may consider when assessing communities of interest.

As the testimony you've heard today confirms, there are communities of interest in Orange County that are made up of large concentrations of Latinx voters. These communities share interests and concerns in common, tend to support the same candidates and policies, and have been negatively impacted by the current configuration of the districts because they have been unable to elect candidates of choice, since the drawing of the district maps in 2011. The Voting Rights Act mandates the creation of minority-majority districts in precisely in these situations.

We want to reiterate, that the Board must not attempt to meet its Voting Rights Act obligations by placing most Latinx voters into just one majority-Latinx district. Like cracking, the Supreme Court and state law also prohibit packing: placing as many Latinx voters into just one district so they have less political power than their size merits. The only reason for this board would avoid drawing Latinx majority districts this cycle would be to protect incumbency and/or political party interests. This not only violates the Voting Rights Act but now also violates various provisions of the Fair Maps Act. Latinx voters should, like all other voters, be equally and fairly represented in the new supervisorial district map. We at the ACLU and People's Redistricting Alliance are more than happy to work with County staff and the Board of Supervisors to ensure they will not violate the Voting Rights Act or the Fair Maps Act. Thank you.

ORAL TESTIMONY (AUGUST 11 COI PUBLIC HEARING)

Good afternoon, my name is Susan Cheng and I am speaking on behalf of AHRI for Justice. Our organization serves low-income individuals and families, undocumented workers, young people, and survivors of domestic violence through our many programs such as civic engagement, youth organizing, and direct legal services. In addition we are a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 16 community-based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in Orange County.

The communities of interest we serve in the city of Fullerton and Buena Park primarily consist of Asian American, Latinx, Pacific Islander, undocumented & immigrant communities, LGBTQ+ folks, and low-income communities of color. Many of these communities face similar issues due to the lack of resources provided, such as lack of affordable housing due to gentrification. And even lack of resources and support when cities were shut down due to Stay At Home orders back in March last year. Yet, these communities are the backbone of the cities' abundant small businesses and cultural landscape. We are also seeing more and more young folks from the large student populations of Cal State Fullerton and Fullerton College being actively involved in Fullerton's civic life. These young and working-class residents living in Fullerton and surrounding cities like Buena Park, want nothing more than to have their fair share of resources so their communities can thrive. Many of the students we work with want to see Ethnic Studies implemented in K-12 schools. They want community gardens, affordable housing, and accessible mental health resources. Again and again, the needs of our underserved communities such as Asian American, Latinx, Pacific Islander, immigrant, and low income communities of color are not addressed. Even when immigrant communities **do** want to get involved, there are obstacles such as language barriers, accessibility, time restraints, and even more that further distance folks from being able to use their voice. Instead the focus tends to be on tourism and businesses such as the vacation spots down Beach Blvd, like Knotts Berry Farm, and the Downtown Fullerton business district rather than prioritizing marginalized folks who are the pillar of the community.

Now more than ever, it is time for this to change. It is crucial that our communities in Fullerton and Buena Park are kept together because they share similar struggles and experiences. By staying together, we have a stronger voice to ensure that policymakers will address our needs.

Good afternoon, my name is Caroline Nguyen. I'm a Garden Grove resident and I'm here on behalf of the California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative. Our organization works to improve the health, safety, and rights of the nail and beauty care workforce to achieve a more sustainable and just industry. We're also a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, which is a coalition of 15 community-based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes in Orange County.

Our community of interest is nail salon workers, who have a deep historical connection and origin in Southern California. In the 1970's, a group of 20 Vietnamese women were trained on how to do manicures at a refugee camp. Afterwards, they became licensed and found jobs at salons across Southern California. As war continued to drive an influx of Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees into the United States, many sought financial security by taking on low-wage jobs, such as those in nail salons.

Today, a little under 70% of nail technicians in California are Vietnamese. As many of us know, Little Saigon in Orange County is home to the largest Vietnamese population in the U.S. This means that while nail salons themselves may be geographically dispersed across Orange County, a significant proportion of its workforce live in the cities that make up Little Saigon, most notably Westminster and West Garden Grove.

Nail salon workers experience chronic exposure to a host of chemicals and toxins that are known to be cancer-causing agents. For 6 days a week, 10 hours a day, they handle glues, polishes, acetone, and other products that cause symptoms like skin rashes and asthma, as well as more long-term health complications like miscarriages and infertility.

Beyond the environmental impacts, manicurists also experience wage theft and labor violations. Nail salon workers earn an average of 25k a year. They have often been misclassified as independent contractors instead of employees and are therefore denied critical protections such as sick time, workers' comp, and breaks. A recent example of how this can be a barrier is during California's first lockdown in March 2020, manicurists who were misclassified as 1099 workers instead of W2 employees were not eligible for unemployment insurance. It wasn't until a second relief package was introduced a few months later that they gained access to these benefits.

Because of these shared challenges, Westminster and the regions in Garden Grove in which many Vietnamese nail salon workers live should be kept together. We also support a federal Voting Rights Act district that keeps Santa Ana whole due to shared

racial demographics, socioeconomic conditions, and environmental struggles such as pollution and soil lead levels.

The nail salon industry has tripled over the last 2 decades and now generates over 7 billion dollars in revenue annually. As the demand for nail services continues to rise, it is vital that we sustain the political presence and cohesion of a workforce that has been facing a long-overlooked epidemic of health, socioeconomic, and labor concerns.

- **8/4/2021 Testimonies**

- Ana Charco

- Hello, my name is Ana Charco and I am a program associate with the Civic Engagement and Advocacy Program at Latino Health Access. As a program associate, I work with the Policy Coordinator in researching policies and data on social determinants of health and other topics relevant to LHA's policy campaign of focus, monitor city policies and public meetings that are relevant to LHA's policy platform, and recently helped in approving 1.3 million in rental assistance through the City of Santa Ana's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. While I am a part and here on behalf of Latino Health Access, I am ultimately a resident of the City of Santa Ana, who wants her community and needs to be acknowledged, advocated, and taken into account when setting the district lines. The city of Santa Ana is a city of hard-working families with many employed in "essential jobs" that are unfortunately often overlooked and underpaid. Many families in Santa Ana are low-income Latinx families and have mixed immigration status, who also share a very strong sense of community, with a large number of community organizations and resident-led organizations that have come together over the years to promote equitable policies and celebrate the Latinx culture through events, activities, and workshops. From a very young age, I have been heavily involved in community service and community organizing with the hope to achieve long-lasting and equitable change in the city of Santa Ana. However, after graduating college and returning to Santa Ana, the fact of the matter is that Santa Ana is far away from achieving long-lasting and equitable change despite it being one of the youngest, progressive, and most diverse cities in California. It is, therefore, that I ask of you today to take into consideration communities of interest that include our most vulnerable communities such as low-income communities, immigrant populations, uninsured populations, and youth during the redistricting process. I believe that a federal Voting Rights Act district exists in and around Santa Ana and that creating that district might require separating Santa Ana from Garden Grove and Westminster. It is decisions like this that contribute to making lasting and meaningful change.

- Laura Pantoja

- Good afternoon Supervisor Do, my name is Laura Pantoja. I am here on behalf of Latino Health Access or LHA, a community organization that has provided health education and prevention services to Orange County residents since 1993. Our mission has two areas of focus:
 - 1) Provide culturally appropriate health programs and services to address priority health problems; and
 - 2) involve low-income people with opportunities in transforming their environments, providing tools, training, and mechanisms for civic engagement and participation.

We believe that redistricting is critical to achieving our community health goals. We are part of the **People's Redistricting Alliance**, a coalition of 15 community organizations established to promote a greater voice in the community. in the state and local redistricting processes here in Orange County. Our community of interest is the low-income Latinx families in the city of Santa Ana. Many are families with mixed immigration status, including undocumented, US residents, and citizens. They are extremely hardworking, and many are employed in "essential jobs" which, sadly, are also poorly paid. Our main office building and park/community center are located on Calle Cuatro (Calle 4) in Santa Ana, in the middle of downtown. "La Cuatro," as it is known, has Latino restaurants and small businesses that have historically been a gathering place for many families who want to enjoy Latinx cultures. It is also surrounded by residential neighborhoods that connect to the city center and are affected by downtown business, unfortunately negatively with gentrification in more recent years. Downtown Santa Ana is where we see a concentration of low-income renter families in Santa Ana. Our community of interest has many shared needs. Low-income Latinx families need accountability and transparency for public officials and city departments, especially the police department. They need strong protections for renters and immigrants through policies, funds, and programs to support community demographics and needs. They need the city to invest in affordable housing for existing residents. They need the right to participate in local city and school district elections, regardless of their immigration status. They need community control and decision over public lands. They need to stay in the city without fear of being displaced or separated from their families by deportations. They need access to health care regardless of their immigration status. Santa Ana has significantly lower incomes compared to other cities in the county, often affecting its access to funding for programs and resources. Dividing this community of interest would prevent these already affected families from having access to the public resources that many depend on to survive and would prevent them from having a voice in many policies that affect directly and indirectly.

- Sarai Arpero
 - Good afternoon my name is Sarai Arpero and I am the Lead Promoter in Santa Ana Latino Health Access that has served the Santa Ana community for more than 25 years. During my years of direct work in the community in which I also live, I bought and paid taxes. The community I serve is mostly migrant, extremely low income, mixed immigration status, with

very low wages, very high rents, homes in very poor condition, and with the zip codes with the most contagions of CV 19. It is important to recognize that housing problems, the homeless community, extreme poverty, lack of access to mental health resources, lack of open spaces and opportunities for our children and youth did not come with the pandemic. The pandemic only aggravated and gave more light to all these problems that have not been addressed for many years and due to lack of representation in our districts and our representatives have not been able to solve in all these years. Many families were greatly affected during this pandemic due to not having access to a doctor, not being able to pay rent during these months of the pandemic. Our community has debts that are practically not payable due to the loss of jobs as a result of the pandemic. Since federal support to pay rent is not enough and accessible to the entire community, our people have had to ask for very high-interest loans or credits to survive, which has put many families under stress that has affected their mental, physical and emotional health. Today I ask for your vote for redistricting by choosing maps that truly represent the community that I serve and in which I live. We deserve to have a voice and that the decisions of those who represent us have consistency. We are a very young growing community and we are the ones working to build the economy in this county. We deserve to live with equity, health services for all, access to mental health services, decent housing, and to be taken into account as we recover from this pandemic. Thank you.

- Araceli Robles

- Good afternoon, my name is Araceli Robles and I am a Health Promoter at LHA in the Civic Engagement and Advocacy Department and a resident of the city of Santa Ana for 20 years. My zip code is 92701. As an LHA employee, I work organizing different community groups formed mainly by mothers in the Pio Pico Lowel / King School neighborhoods, which have been one of the most affected neighborhoods by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The main motive of these groups is to strengthen community leadership and to advocate for the needs of the community. Different workshops are shared using the skills of the participants so that they can learn about dressmaking, jewelry, flower arrangements, among other activities. This in turn allows them to contribute a little money to their home. Ten years ago I participated in a meeting on how to use funds in our

county using the census data but we would never have imagined that we would experience a pandemic as terrible as COVID 19 and see the inequity that exists in our community. Unfortunately, Santa Ana was the most affected and had high numbers of infection and mortality rates in the county. What you should never forget is that these numbers have a face and name that are parents, grandparents, children, siblings, great-nephews, friends who left their family in a more difficult economic situation, especially without their presence. At this time you have the decision to redistribute the districts where equity can be seen and allow the most disadvantaged communities to have sufficient resources in the coming years to continue living after this pandemic. It is very sad and unfortunate that we are all affected by the pandemic but even so that the Board continues to grant funds to the Sheriff's Department instead of our community. These funds would have made a difference in the community and would have allowed families to have food on their tables, take care of their children, and thus continue to work for us. Santa Ana residents were mainly considered essential workers during this time but were not eligible to have quality health care and decent housing throughout the pandemic. I just want to remind you that the funds you manage are from the community as they are our taxes. You can make a difference by supporting the redistricting proposal that we support as a coalition. My community is very culturally diverse, multi-ethnic, but above all, we take action to improve our community, and not just being spectators we are part of the solution. I invite you to meet the families of the community cafeteria and realize that we are a community that will never be indifferent to the pain of our neighbors, friends, and family. Thank you.

- Maria Victoria

- Good afternoon, my name is Maria Victoria. I have been a resident of Santa Ana for 14 years. I live in the 92703 zip code, one of the codes most impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic. The area I live in is between Bristol and flower. I represent a group of mothers who meet in a community cafeteria at Lowell and King Schools, where we hold meetings and create spaces for crafts and conversation, but we also agree to support our community. Together with Latino Health Access during the pandemic, we organized to distribute food to our areas since the pandemic affected us a lot. For instance, we had entire families infected with covid who could not go out to buy food and basic things such as diapers, soap, and medicines.

We the mothers of the community distributed food and everything else we could to ensure that the families had food and stayed inside their homes with their children and family safe. Indeed, many of these expenses were covered with our income. I am from a low-income and mostly undocumented migrant community, where many families live in cramped spaces with very expensive rents and very little access to health insurance. I ask that the recommended redistribution of districts by the People's Redistricting Alliance is approved. This will begin the construction of working towards a more equitable and better representation. For this reason, you must support this redistricting so that communities of interest such as mine: Latino, working-class, low income, mixed immigration status families have better representation and are taken into account. This will allow us to ultimately improve the quality of life for those of us who live, work, and build the economy and workforce of this county.

■ Adela Montanez

- Good afternoon, my name is Adela Montanez, a community worker in the Civic Engagement and Advocacy Department at LHA. The community it works with is a Latino, hard-working, mixed-status, low-income, and youth community. This community is located in the Lacy Area code 92701. Downtown enters Grand Street, First Washington Street, French, and First Street. This area was greatly impacted by the pandemic with the highest rate of infections and suffered from a lack of jobs especially in service workers such as restaurants, hotels, school workers, babysitters, garden workers, and the area of construction, etc. The primary needs of this community are:
 - health insurance.
 - Resources to pay the rent.
 - Resources to put food on their tables.

In my experience working with the Lacy community, the frequent challenges I hear are:

- Lack of work
- The high cost of housing.
- Lack of accessible housing.
- Lack of medical insurance.
- The large debts they have acquired so as not to be evicted.
- Uncertainty towards the future.

Despite the circumstances, it is a very united, hard-working community. For these reasons, we are asking you to support the

districts drawn by the People's Redistricting Alliance. The communities of interest that need to be taken into account are

- Youths
- Mixed migrant families
- And communities without health insurance

ORAL TESTIMONY (AUGUST 5 OCBOS COI PUBLIC HEARING)

Hi, my name is Christina Nguyen and I represent the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance or OCAPICA. OCAPICA is the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the well-being of Asians and Pacific Islanders in Orange County. While our main office is in Garden Grove, we are housed and provide services throughout the county, including Irvine. This has allowed us to serve more than 55,000 community members annually across diverse racial and ethnic groups.

One of the many issues we work on is redistricting as a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance. Our communities of interest in Irvine include low-income, limited English proficient, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, and Latinx communities. In the last couple of decades, Irvine has become home to the largest AAPI community in Orange County, including a diverse mix of Chinese, Korean, South Asian, Vietnamese, and other immigrant families. They are joined by a large number of students, who live near UC, Irvine.

Irvine is similar to Costa Mesa, which is home to many important low-income Pacific Islander communities and where many working-class Latinx and Asian American families live. As the cost of housing skyrockets, these cities face common challenges associated with access to affordable housing, especially the availability of Section 8 assistance. The populations we serve in these cities are also impacted by poverty. Many families live in overcrowded conditions, need access to food and transportation, and have social service needs such as access to Medi-Cal and free and reduced lunch. Language access is another common need. Asian, Latinx, and Middle Eastern community members in these areas speak a language other than English at home, with many in need of translation and other bilingual services. Particularly in the wake of COVID-19, these in-language options are crucial to ensuring that our immigrant communities have access to potential resources, government assistance, and healthcare.

In contrast, Irvine is very different from areas to the north like Yorba Linda or the Anaheim Hills. While Irvine is disproportionately immigrant and most are renters, most Yorba Linda residents are native-born and homeowners. Yorba Linda also has a higher median household income and lower poverty rate. As a result, it has less need for social services and language access programs.

We ask that you respect these communities of interest and prioritize residents' needs as you consider how to draw supervisorial districts. With this in mind, Irvine should remain whole in a supervisorial district and be drawn together with Costa Mesa. The city should not be drawn into the same district with areas that have very different needs, like Yorba Linda and the Anaheim Hills. Thank you.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY (AUGUST 11 OCBOS COI PUBLIC HEARING)

Hello Supervisor Chaffee, my name is Karen Alvarado and I represent the Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO). OCCCO works to empower individuals and congregations to use their voice to make positive, lasting change within low-income communities of color. Since 2017, we have trained more than 200 faith-based community members through our Leadership Academy. We've had over 30,000 conversations with voters in low-income communities of color during the past five years and involved hundreds of youth in civic engagement. Our current work focuses on Housing with Dignity, Education Justice, and Immigration Rights. We are also a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 15 community-based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in Orange County.

Our communities of interest are predominantly marginalized low-income Latinx residents of Orange County, especially working-class immigrant and mixed-status communities. Unfortunately, what brings our communities together is seen far too often in working-class minority communities; a lack of representation, housing inequities, and a lack of code enforcement. Nevertheless, with all of these multi-generational and systemic issues, our communities have been part of monumental achievements, including the implementation of district-based elections in cities like Fullerton and Anaheim. As Orange County grows and demographics change, our communities continue to fight for equitable representation.

Some of the similarities that our communities of interest in West Anaheim and South Fullerton share are that they are predominantly hard-working, immigrant, low income communities of color, facing a lack of affordable housing, contributing to their increasing homeless population. Our communities are impacted by the priority that is placed on tourism in these areas by our local policymakers and thus, leaves our communities with dense neighborhoods and overcrowded housing. This clearly portrays some of the key differences between the communities in West Anaheim and South Fullerton in comparison to those in the Anaheim Hills and Yorba Linda. Anaheim Hills and Yorba are predominantly white, affluent, well-maintained communities who don't experience or rarely experience the same housing and homelessness situations that our communities of interest do.

In conclusion, keeping West Anaheim and South Fullerton together in a supervisorial district is imperative for low-income Latinx communities throughout the northern part of the county, who need to speak collectively with one voice. As our community continues to grow, it is important to preserve the culture they bring while also adapting to changes in their surrounding neighborhoods. Multigenerational residents have continued to fight gentrification; the only way for the needs of these communities to be heard and not ignored by local policy makers would be to not divide them.

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORKSHOP, PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING

August 3 (Mission Viejo)

Testimony

Daniel Ichinose

Research Director, Orange County Civic Engagement Table (OCCET)

Good evening honorable members of the Board and redistricting staff, my name is Daniel Ichinose, last name spelled I-C-H-I-N-O-S-E. I am Research Director at the Orange County Civic Engagement Table or OCCET, a nonpartisan Asian American Pacific Islander-Latinx-Labor-Environmental Justice alliance based in Garden Grove that is dedicated to engaging county residents year-round to build power and an Orange County that serves everyone equitably and with justice.

Orange County is changing. During the 1990 Census, our county's population was only 36% people of color. Immigration over the last 30 years has transformed the county; 2019 American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census Bureau now show people of color make up more than 60% of Orange County residents. Despite facing real challenges in their day-to-day lives, including a lack of access to healthcare, affordable housing, and other critical resources, our communities are often ignored by policy makers.

We know that how legislative districts are drawn shapes the amount of attention our communities receive from legislators at all levels of government. In January of this year, OCCET helped establish the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of over 15 community-based organizations and residents whose goal is to get low-income communities of color and working families involved in both statewide and local redistricting processes.

Our alliance is organizing both community-based organizations and residents to participate in redistricting by: (1) educating them about redistricting, (2) creating a space through which they identify communities of interest (COI) important to them, (3) mobilizing both to participate in CCRC, Orange County Board of Supervisors, and other public hearings, and (4) working closely with them to create congressional, state, and local legislative redistricting proposals that center those most in need.

As you begin the process of redrawing supervisorial districts, we ask that you take a few important things into account. First, consider communities of interest that include the most vulnerable in our county. Low-income communities, those that lack access to affordable housing or health insurance, are most reliant on county services and have the most to lose if ignored by policy makers. Second, comply with the federal Voting Rights Act. We believe a federal Voting Rights Act requirement exists in Orange County in and around Santa Ana and will

be working with communities to help identify the best way to draw it. Finally, recognize that race can and should be used as one of many factors in the drawing of lines. Race is an allowable consideration in redistricting both to ensure Voting Rights Act compliance and if it is used in concert with other communities of interest in drawing lines.

Thank you for your time and for organizing this and other opportunities for our communities to have a real say in how these lines are drawn. We appreciate all your hard work to make this a fair and transparent process.

Kayla 8/11 testimony

My name is Kayla Asato and I am the redistricting organizer for Orange County Environmental Justice. As our name suggests, OCEJ fights for environmental justice in water quality, cleaning the lead from our soils, better air quality, and electoral change to make all of this happen. We mostly do work in the cities of Santa Ana, Anaheim, and Fullerton. In addition, we are a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 15 community-based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in OC.

Because of the work that we do, especially with disadvantaged communities dismissed by our political establishment, our communities of interest typically include low-income communities of color facing environmental justice concerns, many undocumented. Our communities in Fullerton, Anaheim, and Santa Ana are similarly impacted by soil lead levels, sometimes exceeding 50x the recommended limit, ignored when voicing their concerns about water quality due to poor pipes and other infrastructure concerns, or even horrendous air quality from traffic and oil plumes. These devastating environmental justice issues are often overlooked by policy makers, while low-income and mostly Latinx communities already facing problems like housing injustice and police brutality, pay the price.

In Fullerton, our communities of interest are generally south of Chapman Avenue near the Anaheim border. In Anaheim, they are located west of the 55 freeway. In Santa Ana, they are located throughout the city. While these areas face similar environmental justice challenges, they are very different than cities to the north and east like Yorba Linda, areas that face SUBSTANTIALLY less environmental burdens, and have more housing security as a result.

Across these cities, environmental justice is one of MANY challenges our communities face. In Santa Ana, communities have been demanding change and remediation for the soil lead crisis for over four decades, but it still is not seeing substantial progress in the general plan. In Anaheim, communities aren't even getting acknowledgement of Little Arabia, let alone the support for action on the oil plume. In Fullerton, we know that there still has not been any justice for Hector Hernandez and other victims of police brutality, nor has there been action on housing, stopping gentrification, or on Ethnic Studies. These are layered issues impacting those that are ignored the most, heard the least, and lack representation. And that is unacceptable.

And as such, it is essential that these communities of interest are kept together to grow the electoral strength and voice they desperately need. We need power to offset the harm that has been done to our communities and advocate for the changes that we need to achieve even a semblance of equity if not liberation. Let our voices be heard, and allow us to be part of the democratic process.

Kayla 8/4 and 8/5 testimony

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In the city of Santa Ana, there are large amounts of soil lead and poor air quality, predominantly in the Latinx communities. In Garden Grove and Westminster, the issues and communities are very different in terms of environmental justice concerns. The large majority of Santa Ana is much more similar to the cities of Orange and Anaheim in terms of demographics and issues. Santa Ana and Anaheim have two of the deadliest police departments in California, have the majority of frontline workers in OC, and also bear the brunt of the soil lead crisis, in some cases exceeding 50x the recommended health limit. To be clear, no amount of soil lead is good, but 50x higher than the state recommended limit of toxins poisoning our kids is far too unacceptable. These devastating environmental justice issues are often overlooked by policy makers, while low-income and mostly Latinx communities already facing problems like housing injustice and police brutality, pay the price.

The communities that we serve are primarily based in the Madison Park Neighborhood, the Santa Ana neighborhoods between Cedar and Evergreen, the Southern 760 census tract in Orange, Northwestern Orange tracts like 762.04, and a majority of Anaheim in the 864 and 865 census tracts. The environmental justice burdens in the air and in the soil are far different than the burdens are in Garden Grove and Westminster.

We must keep these environmental burdens in mind when drawing the district lines, ESPECIALLY because they fall along racial and socioeconomic lines. Please keep our communities together when drawing the maps,

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Community of Interest Testimony to the Orange County Board of Supervisors

Introduction:

Hi, my name is Otniel Pavia. I am writing on behalf of the Orange County Voter Information Project or OCVIP. OCVIP is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that aims to facilitate the voter registration process and inform voters about the importance of civic engagement. OCVIP does this through presentations, dialogue, canvassing, phone banking, text messaging, and email programs. Increasing voter turnout is the key to making Orange County more representative of its constituents, their beliefs, values, and personal situations. Because redistricting can promote or limit effective civic engagement, we are a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 16 community-based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in Orange County.

My community is:

The Cypress Street Barrio. The Barrio's development was closely tied to the citrus industry and its Mexican American workers, and it was well established in Orange by 1920. The barrio's transformation from a rural picker village to an urban blue-collar barrio parallels urbanization patterns of other citrus colonias ("villages") in Orange County. Today, there are families living here that have lived here for over 4 generations. Many residents living here have ties to Mexico particularly from the states of Jalisco, Michoacan, and Zacatecas. Needless to say, the Cypress Street Barrio residents have seen Orange change and have a different perspective of the development and population growth around them.

My community is located:

Cypress Street Barrio, is located near the northwest corner of the Old Town Orange National Register and local register historic districts, the center of the community or *barrio* consists of the 400 block of North Cypress Street between Sycamore and Walnut Avenues. The approximate boundaries of the extent of the Cypress Street Barrio are Rose Avenue to the north, Glassell Street to the east, Almond Street to the south and the railroad tracks to the west.

My community is similar to the following neighborhoods:

Our community, as mentioned, is similar to communities who also share origins through their agricultural history. Since the late 1940s and 1950s, the residential nature of the Cypress Street Barrio has diminished. Access to housing choices throughout the cities, decreased dependence upon jobs in the citrus or other agricultural industries, and the increasingly industrial nature of the neighborhood, have all contributed to residents leaving the places they once called home. Residents that do continue to live in the neighborhood today are generally recent immigrants from Mexico and South America. With that said, the Cypress Street Barrio community shares a lot of similarities with the east side of Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

My community is different from the following neighborhoods:

Our community is different in the sense that we are not like the rest of Orange. When you think of the City of Orange, you think Olde Towne Orange, historic buildings, college town; people seldom think of the areas where low-income families reside--especially when you're located next to a well-known expensive private university. People also think of Villa Park because it is a city within a city! The area that makes up the barrio has census tracts that are very low-income compared to those on the east end of the city.

What makes my community special is:

Our local community is full of rich history--good and bad. As mentioned, many of the old buildings from the '20s are still up; however, many of the residents that helped grow the local economy are gone. While some remain, many newcomers arrive and live in the same neighborhoods that agricultural workers used to live in. A lot of them do not have the choice to go elsewhere because sometimes it is the *more affordable* area to settle in.

In conclusion:

We need better representation for our communities living in low-income Census tracts. A lot of these folks seldom think how something like redistricting will impact them but the more affluent communities do. That is why we expect more of these individuals to attempt to sway your perceptions of our community because they'll say they are part of it when they do not even live with or near us or share similar backgrounds and struggles. In this next round of redistricting, we need to make sure that our barrio is not split apart like it is. As a community we find that it'd be better for low-income working class families, like those living in the Cypress Street Barrio, to be drawn in with Santa Ana and East Garden Grove when boundaries are redrawn.

Written Testimony

ORAL TESTIMONY (OCBOS DISTRICT 1, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, AUGUST 4, 2021)

Intro:

Aloha. My name is Charlene Kazner. I am a Native Hawaiian and have been a resident of West Garden Grove for 43 years. I am testifying on behalf of Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP) which is based in West Garden Grove. PIHP serves the Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) in Orange County advocating for good health and well-being. As part of that work, we are involved in statewide and local redistricting as a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance.

My community is:

My communities of interest are Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, including Chamorro, Marshallese, Native Hawaiian, Samoan and Tongan communities. There are approximately 20,000 NHPIs living in Orange County. Approximately 1,200 NHPI's are located throughout West Garden Grove with over one dozen NHPI churches serving our community. NHPI businesses in West Garden Grove include community-based organizations, healthcare partnerships, dance studios, youth program groups and civic clubs.

My community is located:

In West Garden Grove. Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are scattered throughout West Garden Grove and other cities throughout Orange County. There are pockets of NHPIs bordering Brookhurst on the west, Chapman on the north and Trask on the south. NHPI churches and establishments are located within this area. Many NHPIs enjoy the variety of foods from different cultures and this area of West Garden Grove and surrounding cities have many to offer.

My community is similar to the following neighborhoods:

West Garden Grove is similar to the cities of Westminster and Fountain Valley. Our cultures and socio-economics are similar. We share immigration issues and language barriers. More than 60% of households speak a language other than English. Many live in multi-generational households, 2, 3 or more generations per household. Many earn minimum wage and hold two or more jobs to make ends meet. Because of family demands many are forced to work right out of high school instead of going to college.

My community is different from the following neighborhoods:

The cities of Orange and Newport Beach differ from West Garden Grove. English is spoken in the majority of households and the median household income and high school attainment are higher, and foreign born is lower.

What makes my community special is:

We are a unique people from the different islands of the Pacific. We are often overlooked because our population is small. Our needs are masked when combined with the larger Asian American population, therefore, data disaggregation must be a priority to identify our specific needs so we can champion for meaningful and accurate data. NHPI's experienced some of the highest COVID-19 cases and death rates of all racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. so we advocate for programs that fund our community to combat the pandemic.

In conclusion:

Our community shops in West Garden Grove and the surrounding areas. We have built a strong partnership with Asian Americans and other communities in West Garden Grove, Westminster and Fountain Valley. We continue to work with them on many projects working in solidarity for the benefit of all. NHPIs are often overlooked because our population is small so it is important to keep us together so we have a strong, unified voice.

Mahalo nui loa, Thank you.

Charlene Kazner

Pacific Islander Health Partnership

ORAL TESTIMONY (OCBOS DISTRICT 1, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, AUGUST 4, 2021)

Written Testimony

ORAL TESTIMONY (OCBOS, DISTRICT 2, COSTA MESA – AUGUST 12, 2021)

Intro:

Iakwe. My name is Kelani Silk. I am of Marshallese and Kiribati Origin and have been a resident of Orange County for 36 years, of which 12 were spent in Costa Mesa. I am here on behalf of the Marshallese community. Though we are a small community in number, I am here to ensure that our voice is heard and present. To that end, we are involved in statewide and local redistricting as a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance.

My community is:

I represent a vibrant and resilient, faith-based community where the traditional customs of our ancestors can still be seen and practiced to this day, in each of our community homes. Our current population is roughly 5,000 peppered throughout Orange County with the majority in Costa Mesa. As one of the oldest Marshallese communities here on the continent, we play a vital role in preserving the Marshallese heritage and addressing the unique needs to the Marshallese diaspora. For many years the community here in Costa Mesa has been the link between the U.S. and the Marshall Islands in the Pacific and have been instrumental in combating healthcare and immigration issues that continue to plague immigrants from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

My community is located:

Our serving areas include Newport Beach and Costa Mesa. with the heart of the community and majority members residing in Costa.

My community is similar to the following neighborhoods:

Costa Mesa is similar to Irvine; many live in multi-generational households of 2 or 3 generations, 50% speak other than English in the household, at least 85% are high school graduates and the percent of those 65 years and older is similar at 10.5%.

What makes my community special is:

Being from a Compact of Free Association (COFA) nation we are not eligible for programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Covid-19 Funeral Assistance grants. Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (NHPI) data has yet to be disaggregated for many service providing agencies so we are not lumped into the Asian-Pacific category where the special needs specifically for our Marshallese communities are over-shadowed by the larger population. We ask for continual support of the Compact Impact Fairness Act as we push forward through the pandemic.

In conclusion:

Our roots lie here in Costa Mesa; it is here that many of our social events; church gatherings and outreach work exist. It is in Costa Mesa that four to five generations of Marshallese flourish and it is here that we hope to build the capacity to better assist ourselves.

Komol tata, Thank you.

Kelani Silk

Pacific Islander Health Partnership

ORAL TESTIMONY (OCBOS District 2, COSTA MESA, AUGUST 12, 2021)

ORAL TESTIMONY (AUGUST 4 OCBOS COI PUBLIC HEARING)

Hi, my name is Dulce Saavedra, I was born and raised in Santa Ana. I am part of Resilience OC. Resilience OC is an organization working to build leadership of color that works towards community transformation. We have worked for the past 10 years to bring attention to and tackle the issues that have plagued our communities through mentorship, leadership programming, participatory research, community organizing, and advocacy. As part of our organizing and advocacy, we are a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 16 community-based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in Orange County.

Our communities of interest include the Latinx community, disenfranchised communities of color, youth, first-generation immigrants, limited-English speakers, and low-income workers.

My community should be centered because we face challenges associated with social and economic status, access to affordable housing, and language access. Most of the youth population are children and teens who rely on free or reduced school lunches. In addition, our community lives in fear of law enforcement - dealing with issues such as deportation, detention, ICE, juvenile justice, and probation.

Our communities live in fear of law enforcement, immigration and the consequences of contact with the criminal legal system. According to the [Vera Institute of Justice](#), 4 out of 5 children have 1 immigrant parent in Santa Ana and 102,015 residents are vulnerable to deportation proceedings. Our communities face daily consequences by the entanglement associated with law enforcement and the immigration system such as Celia has been experiencing for the past decade:

Celia came in contact with law enforcement over a decade ago when she stepped inside a phone company to pay an overdue bill and ensure the services were not terminated. She left her twin infant daughters in the car for a moment, just enough time for a passerby to see the children unattended and call the police. As a result, Celia was arrested, released on bail, and then immediately apprehended by ICE and incarcerated in immigration detention, thus beginning her long battle for her freedom.

[Voice of OC: Gonzalez and Anda: Community Members Continue to Support Celia's Fight to Remain Free!](#)

According to the [Conditions of Children in Orange County](#) report, Santa Ana and West Anaheim have one of the largest dropout rates in OC, with both cities exceeding over 5%. Dropout rates for the 2019 school year continued to be highest among Black/African American students (9.9%), followed by Hispanic/Latino (7.2%), American Indian/Alaska Native (6.1%). Our communities are in need of competent culturally aware and transformative resources and representation to improve these outcomes. Youth with real representation could live, thrive, and transform their communities.

This redistricting process will move closer to equitable representation where community voices around the issues that we highlighted can create solutions such as access to public programs and supportive resources catered to our communities and our complex needs.

In conclusion, Santa Ana should be kept together in one supervisorial district to ensure access to public programs and supportive resources for immigrant communities. We believe a federal Voting Rights Act district is centered in Santa Ana. Thus, Santa Ana should be drawn with similar communities such as West Anaheim.

Thank you.

ORAL TESTIMONY (AUG 11 OCBOS COI PUBLIC HEARING)

Good Afternoon, my name is Hina Ahmad and I am the Program Manager of the South Asian Network. Our organization provides culturally and linguistically sensitive direct services to the South Asian community in the areas of healthcare access, civil and immigrant rights, and gender based violence. We are also working on redistricting as a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance.

My community of interest is the South Asian community. It is diverse in culture, language and faith, and is integral to the community at large. Our community gathers in times of celebration and times of advocacy. They are a community that shares resources across the board. The South Asian community is also diverse in its socioeconomic status, education levels, and immigration status. Many South Asians immigrated to this country, seeking asylum, seeking opportunity, and have since built strong ties with local communities. The South Asian community in Southern California is bound together by a shared history and geography.

My community is located near the many faith based institutions that serve the region, including the Buena Park Gurdwara on Orangethorpe and Knott and the Islamic Center of Orange County on State College Blvd. There are South Asian grocery stores and restaurants located near many of these religious institutions as many members of our community live near their local religious institution, many of these institutions are gathering places and community centers for our community members.

Buena Park, Fullerton, and West Anaheim have similar language capacities, faith, socioeconomic status, countries of origin, education, immigration status, and more. The temples and places of worship in Buena Park, Fullerton and West Anaheim have continued to embrace the community around them and provide resources to their neighbors, regardless of ethnic backgrounds or religious affiliations. These communities should be kept together in the same interest. With common interest, the communities in these cities continue to care deeply for one another.

It is important that the voices and needs of the South Asian community are heard and understood by elected officials. South Asians are often perceived as affluent professionals. Yet many South Asians are living in poverty, hiding in the shadows, fearful of alienating immigration policies, unable to access resources due to limited language capacities. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted what many South Asians know - we need in language resources to access support like healthcare access, financial support, public health education, community and mental health support, and so much more.

In conclusion, it is important that the South Asian community be taken into consideration in the new district maps by keeping Buena Park, Fullerton, and West Anaheim together in one supervisorial district. Our community, like many other communities, works together to support one another, share resources, and advocate for needs. It is important that these communities be kept together, to empower their voices, and to continue building these strong ties. Thank you.

Written Testimony

I am Taavi Kaskla, a resident of Garden Grove. I am writing to you today as a lifetime resident of Orange County as well as a union representative for United Domestic Workers (UDW), the union that represents In-Home Supportive Service (IHSS) providers. UDW is a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance in order to promote a greater community voice during this redistricting process.

Describe your community by stating your shared interests and your shared characteristics. What connects your community together? This can include your community's social and economic demographics, narratives about your community's history and culture, or anything else.

My community is:

In-Home Supportive Service (or IHSS) providers are essential to our county because they allow people with disabilities to live in their own homes and communities with dignity. There are around 27,000 IHSS providers in Orange County. That number is only going up as our population ages and will need extra assistance and support. UDW asks that during this redistricting process we keep the large community of IHSS providers and the people who they care for in mind.

What are the streets or boundaries that mark your community's borders? What are the significant landmarks: rivers, parks, shopping areas, historic sites, etc.? What are the gathering places and service providers: business districts, schools, community centers, religious places, and social service agencies? Do the current political district boundaries divide your community? Or do they keep your community together?

My community is located:

It is admittedly difficult to pinpoint a specific community or neighborhood where IHSS providers live because they live in all parts of the county. IHSS providers care for a wide range of people, from children with developmental complications, friends who have been disabled, to the elderly with failing health. Most IHSS providers take care of their family members and live together with them. Because there are thousands of such family homecare providers scattered across the county, it is very likely that you have one living in your neighborhood. IHSS providers who do not live with their clients commute all over the county to work.

I want to recognize and emphasize that IHSS providers can come from all ethnic backgrounds, income levels, and community groups. IHSS providers tend to be from middle and low income families, but this is not a hard-set rule. On top of that, a significant number of IHSS providers belong to the Latinx communities in Santa Ana and Anaheim, the Vietnamese communities in Garden Grove and Westminster, and Korean communities in Buena Park and Cypress. For this reason, I want you to consider the middle and low income families who live in these respective communities during redistricting.

Provide a description of how your community is similar to the communities and neighborhoods around

My community is similar to the following neighborhoods:

Provide a description of how your community is different from communities and neighborhoods around.

My community is different from the following neighborhoods:

Highlight community issues and histories (in personal stories, if possible) that help demonstrate the importance of having elected officials who understand and respond to community needs. Share stories and data about community concerns to show how you feel your voices have been heard, or haven't been heard.

What makes my community special is:

It is imperative that new district maps reflect fair and equitable demographics. We highly encourage you to create districts that uplift these communities instead of disenfranchising them. We would like to see the Latinx communities in the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim used to create Voting Rights Act districts as much as possible. The Vietnamese communities in Garden Grove and Westminster should be kept together in your maps. We also ask to keep the Korean community in Buena Park and Cypress together.

Respecting these Voting Rights Act requirements and communities of interest will make it more likely for elected officials to better represent our members.

Emphasize why it's important for your community to be kept together in the new district maps.

In conclusion:

Having elected officials who listen to our IHSS community is crucial because the IHSS program is funded partly by the county and partly by the state. When elected officials do not support the IHSS system and threaten cuts to the program, IHSS providers and the loved ones they care for suffer. UDW is participating in and watching this redistricting process to make sure that new districts are in the best interest of our union members and Orange County IHSS providers.

Finally, we thank the CCRC for being open and transparent so that we can participate in these hearings.

ORAL TESTIMONY (AUGUST 4 OCBOS COI PUBLIC INPUT HEARING)

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Dear members of the Board and redistricting staff,

My name is Vincent Tran. I am the Community Engagement Coordinator for VietRISE, a non-profit organization based in Garden Grove, advancing social justice and building power for working class Vietnamese and immigrant communities. We build leadership and create systemic change through organizing, narrative change, cultural empowerment, and civic engagement. As part of the People's Redistricting Alliance, VietRISE continues to actively mobilize and organize our Vietnamese community members to participate in statewide and local redistricting efforts.

Our communities of interest include the Vietnamese and broader Southeast Asian communities. Orange County is home to the largest Vietnamese population in the world outside of Viet Nam. Our communities have shared experiences associated with being both low-income and immigrants and refugees and face related challenges like access to affordable housing, with many living in non-traditional housing and mobile homes. According to the US Census, over 60% of the Vietnamese community countywide and over 70% of the Vietnamese in the city of Westminster are foreign born; thus, they face many challenges including language accessibility, access to mental health care, and immigration services.

Our communities of interest are primarily located in the cities of Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley. They are similar to both the Korean community in West Garden Grove.

In conclusion, our community of interest is the Vietnamese community, whose boundaries cross city lines, especially between the cities of Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley. It is aligned with other low-income, immigrant, and refugee communities, as well as those who face challenges associated with access to affordable housing. We ask that you keep these areas together as you draw new supervisor supervisorial districts in Orange County. We also believe a federal Voting Rights Act district centered in Santa Ana will be required for the Latinx community and that creating that district might require separating Santa Ana from Westminster and splitting Garden Grove. Doing so will create opportunities for both communities to have a greater voice in county government. Thank you.