

From: Gail Cain

Subject: Redistricting Lines for the City of Brea, Orange County

Message Body:

Good afternoon, Commissioners.

My name is Gail Cain, and I live in Brea which, along with the city of La Habra, is located in the northernmost part of Orange County and directly abuts Los Angeles County.

For 27 years, I have resided in the Downtown area of Brea, located at the intersection of Brea Boulevard and Birch Street. During that time, I have witnessed the growth of diversity and new development which is bringing in new affordable housing and live-and-work communities. I have also seen it become an entertainment destination for people from North Orange County and nearby cities in Los Angeles County.

According to the recent census, the total population of Brea is slightly over 47,000, with white, Hispanics and Asians in the top three ethnic groups in nearly equal distribution. My husband and son are both biracial, so maintaining that diversity is extremely important to us.

In Brea, we have the Brea Tracks which is a former railroad and train depot that was transformed into a 50-acre linear park which traverses Brea across four miles and will eventually be connected to the city of La Habra, thereby bringing our two cities even closer together.

Because of Brea's increasing diversity and housing density, we would be better suited to remain linked with our neighbors in La Habra and the Los Angeles County cities of La Habra Heights, Diamond Bar, Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights.

Linking Brea to the city of Yorba Linda, which is over 50 percent white, dilutes our diversity, thereby losing the voice we have worked so hard to build.

Also, because of Yorba Linda's low-density residential housing, it would be better suited in a district with cities such as Villa Park, North Tustin and Anaheim Hills which share a similar demography.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the redistricting process and for allowing me to voice my concerns and hopes for the city of Brea.