

Northern California Public Input Wrap Up: Main Themes **7.01.11**

This document presents the major themes from testimony received during input hearings that were held after the 1st draft maps were released, for regions V through IX. It also summarizes major themes from written input received by CRC staff after the 1st draft maps were released for those regions.

Region V – San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, & Ventura Counties

Public Hearing Comments

- The city of Ventura should be with Santa Barbara
- Keep coastal communities separate from inland communities
- Keep Simi Valley/Moor Park, a COI, separate from Lancaster
- Keep Eastern Ventura County cities together
- Keep Simi Valley separate from Santa Clarita
- Keep Thousand Oaks whole in an AD
- Keep Oxnard whole in an AD
- Oxnard and Port Hueneme are a COI
- Keep Topanga separate from Santa Clarita
- Santa Clarita should be with Antelope Valley
- Thousand Oaks should be with Ventura, not with L.A.

Written Comments

- Santa Barbara
 - Put Lompoc City, un-split, with Vandenberg Village, Mesa Oaks, Mission Hills in SLOSB
 - Combine SLOSB and SBWVEN ADs into one SD
 - Put Isla Vista with Santa Barbara City instead of in the Santa Ynez Valley and North County
- Ventura
 - Keep Simi Valley and Moorpark, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Conejo Valley whole and with Ventura County, but separate from Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Los Angeles
 - Keep Santa Clarita Valley whole when drawing CD. Add community of Newhall into CD Antelope Valley-Santa Clarita

Region VI – Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Madera, Merced, Mono, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, & Tulare Counties

Public Hearing Comments

- Put Merced with Fresno, not with coastal counties of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz
- Madera is a COI with Merced and Fresno
- Madera can be split. Flatlands are a COI and foothills are more affluent

- Use 41 as divider to split Fresno
- 5 CDs in Fresno is too many
- Central Valley is a COI. Do not put with Santa Clara and Santa Cruz
- Tuolumne and Stanislaus should be together
- Try not to have a district reaching from Placer to Fresno.

Written Comments

- Fresno
 - Unite Clovis and Fresno.
 - To reach required population, add Madera County and north Fresno portion north of Shaw Avenue rather than going north of Calaveras County and out of the Central Valley
- Kern
 - Keep Ridgecrest in Kern
- Madera
 - Keep Madera County whole
- Merced
 - Put Madera with northern Fresno. Communities west of Diablo range (Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey) are not COIs
 - Keep Merced, San Joaquin Valley, Central Valley separate from coastal area.
 - Do not split SD12 across coastal ranges
- Mono
 - Mono should be with Sierra counties above Hwy 49, not with Inyo and Southern CA.
- Stanislaus
 - Do not combine Central Valley area with coastal communities

Region VII – Monterey, Santa Clara, & Santa Cruz Counties

Public Hearing Comments

- Like that Berryessa is whole, please keep with Milpitas or with East San Jose
- Keep Evergreen & Little Saigon neighborhoods of San Jose whole and put them together – for Vietnamese COI.
- Draft splits east San Jose into 3 AD s. East San Jose (including Alum Rock) must be in one district with Downtown San Jose, and should not be in Merced District! Current AD 23 is good. Many supported South Bay Committee for Fair Redistricting proposed AD maps which corrected East San Jose problem.
- Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Mountain View, and Santa Clara are COI & must be together
- Fremont Coalition map for CD: Fremont whole with Newark and Union City – Tri-City area
- Silicon Valley groups: CD should be in Santa Clara Co completely and should not combine San Jose with Alameda Co cities of Fremont/Newark.
- San Leandro split off from Central Alameda Co (Eden Area) and put with Oakland; put San Leandro back with Eden Area (Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Hayward)
- Gilroy & Morgan Hill should not be with San Jose, instead put them with Salinas & Watsonville together

Written Comments

- Monterey
 - Approve of putting coastal communities like Santa Cruz and Monterey together and separate from farming districts.
 - Proposed lines cover too large an area from North Santa Cruz County to a part of Santa Barbara County.
- Santa Clara
 - Keep Evergreen community in San Jose together
 - Approve of districts for Santa Clara
 - Keep Milpitas in Santa Clara, not with Alameda
 - Opposed to San Jose AD/SD. Do not remove segments of East San Jose and place in North Alameda County. Instead, adopt a Central and East San Jose AD
 - Put Saratoga with Silicon Valley
 - Approve of AD/SD/CD for Mountain View
- Santa Cruz
 - Salina and Watsonville should be together and part of Santa Cruz County-Monterey County district
 - Davenport, Scotts Valley, San Lorenzo Valley should be with Santa Cruz
 - Approve of putting coastal communities like Santa Cruz and Monterey together and separate from farming districts.
 - Put Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, Boulder Creek, and Bonny Doon with Santa Cruz.
 - Include Santa Cruz Mountains and North Coast communities in Santa Cruz.

Region VIII – Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, & Sonoma Counties

Public Hearing Comments

- Keep American Canyon whole
- American Canyon should be with Napa County.
- Keep Napa County with wine-producing Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino Counties
- Keep Marin separate from wine-producing areas and especially from American Canyon
- Keep LGBT community in East SF together in an AD: Upper Market, Laurel Heights, Haight/Ashbury, Glen Park, Twin Peaks
- Give San Francisco's SD an odd number
- Keep Tri-Valley cities and San Ramon Valley (Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Danville and San Ramon) together and not with Fremont
- Albany wants to be with Lamorinda instead of with cities on 80 corridor but Lamorinda does not want to be with Albany
- Keep Santa Rosa with Sonoma and keep Sonoma County whole.
- Yuba's CD should neither extend to Sonoma County nor should it connect Colusa & Glenn with Napa County
- Keep Fremont whole with Newark and Union City
- Keep Fremont with Newark, Milpitas, Berryessa
- Keep San Lorenzo, San Leandro, Hayward, Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland together
- Do not split Richmond. Put Richmond with San Pablo.

Written Comments

- Alameda
 - Keep all of Fremont with Newark and Union City (Tri-Cities and southern Alameda County) but separate from San Jose.
 - Put Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville (Tri-Valley and San Ramon Valley area), Walnut Creek together but separate from Hayward. Possibly include Castro Valley, Discovery Bay.
 - Keep San Leandro in one district.
 - Keep Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond together
- Contra Costa
 - Keep Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond together
 - Keep Richmond in current district
 - Keep Bethel, Oakley in Contra Costa County
- Marin
 - Do not put Marin with Mendocino and Humboldt
 - Put Sebastopol with Marin
 - Keep Sonoma with Marin, and both of these separate from San Francisco.
- Napa
 - Put American Canyon with Napa
- San Francisco
 - Do not divide Diamond Heights, Twin Peaks, Upper Haight, Cole Valley, Western Edition
 - Keep LGTB community together in 13th AD.
- San Mateo
 - Do not divide Menlo Park into two CDs.
- Solano
 - American Canyon should not be in Solano County but in Napa County.
- Sonoma
 - Keep Santa Rosa whole within Sonoma County.
 - Combine Sonoma with Marin, Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte

Region IX – Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, & Yuba Counties

Public Hearing Comments

- Keep Yolo County whole.
- Davis should be with the rest of Yolo County. Make the border at Yolo Causeway, so West Sacramento is with Sacramento but Davis should not be with Sacramento.
- Solano residents do not want to be with Davis
- Delta residents (Clarksburg) like the draft maps, especially Davis with Sacramento and in different AD.
- Keep Citrus Heights together and with Rancho Cordova.
- Keep North Natomas & North Highlands together, south Sacramento and Elk Grove together.
- Keep Galt and Lodi with Sacramento County, not with Solano County
- El Dorado Hills should be with rest of El Dorado County rather than with Sacramento.

- Keep Siskiyou County whole. Make western border of Siskiyou County the border for the districts
- Keep City of Sacramento whole, move neighborhoods that were cut out back into WSAC, and swap with North Highlands and Foothill Farms
- Create a San Joaquin CD
- Lodi and Galt should be together
- Lodi is connected to San Joaquin County through agriculture
- Tracy, Stockton, Manteca, Lathrop should be with Stockton, not Modesto in CD
- No more than 2 ADs in San Joaquin County
- Patterson, Ceres, Newman, Westley, Grayson and Crows Landing are a Latino COI. Keep this group with Modesto in AD.
- Lodi should be out of ECC AD and in with San Joaquin County
- The AD containing Northbay and Contra Costa is bad for Lodi; put Lodi with Stockton
- Lodi is a COI with Manteca and Tracy
- Antioch should not be with Stockton

Written Comments

- Del Norte
 - Put Del Norte with coastal communities
 - Put Del Norte with counties to east (i.e., Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity, and Siskiyou) not with counties to south
- Humboldt
 - Put Humboldt with Del Norte, Siskiyou, Shasta, Trinity, Modoc, Mendocino, Lake
- Mendocino
 - Support districts for coastal communities (including western Siskiyou) in North
- Nevada
 - Do not split Cascade Shores.
 - Sliver of Nevada County should be changed to use the Nevada County line
- Placer
 - Leave Scott Valley, Fort Jones, Etna, Callahan, etc. in same district as Yreka with the rest of Siskiyou County.
- Sacramento
 - Keep eastern portion of Sacramento with Sacramento city.
- San Joaquin
 - Put Lodi with San Joaquin County rather than with Yolo, Napa, Marin, and Solano counties.
- Siskiyou
 - Do not split Siskiyou County
 - Do not put Siskiyou County with coastal Mendocino or with Humboldt.
- Trinity
 - Put Trinity County with Shasta County-not with coastal communities.
- Yolo
 - Keep Yolo together.