



## City of Martinez

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Citizen's Redistricting Commission  
University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law  
Classroom C  
3200 Fifth Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95817

### **Re: City of Martinez District Changes**

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the community of Martinez, the City Council is writing this letter requesting that the Citizens Redistricting Commission reconsider the Senate and Congressional District as it pertains to the City of Martinez and the City of Pleasant Hill.

The Commission's most recent proposal maps 7-19-11 show the City of Martinez as the only Contra Costa County city removed from the rest of the County and placed with communities north of Martinez for Senate District and cleaves us and a couple other communities from the County and places us in a Congressional District to the north. The Congressional District completely separates us from the City of Pleasant Hill. A city we regularly pool resources with due to our size and location. Our citizens regularly partake of each other's facilities, programs and services. The two are cities are so homogenous that people often do not know when which City they are in when at the boarder of our cities which are contiguous. Other considerations include:

1. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are not geographically part of the rest of this proposed district – specifically counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano we are physically separated by Suisun Bay.
2. Our two cities are an integral part of the East Bay Region as well as being major cities in central Contra Costa County. As such we do not share social or economic characteristics with the counties listed above.
3. Our media outlets and market are completely unrelated to the counties we would be placed with.
4. The vast majority of residents that live in Martinez and Pleasant Hill work in the East Bay or San Francisco their needs for housing, transpiration and jobs are better aligned with the rest of Contra Costa County.

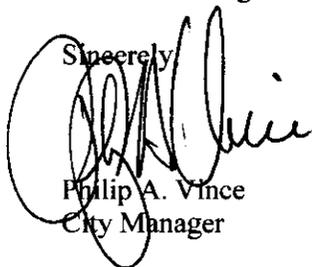
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Please give strong consideration to the fact that Martinez is the seat of Contra Costa County. We regularly collaborate with the County and other agencies and cities located in Contra Costa County and in particular the City of Pleasant Hill. Martinez shares planning efforts, safety coordination, land use, traffic management, and other regional issues can be better addressed by our legislators. Additionally the City of Martinez is much more homogenous community with the Cities that lie in Contra Costa County versus Cities to the north. Given our smaller size and geographic placement in the Senate and Congressional Districts the City has grave concerns that our needs will be given sufficient weight as compared to the other communities in the district to meet our needs.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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