

**Subject:** (no subject)

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 17:08:02 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

My name is \_\_\_Jerry Hume\_\_\_\_\_;

I read and downloaded the original statements regarding Prop. 11. As follows:

**The measure imposes additional requirements that the Legislature must consider when drawing these districts. Among the new requirements is that the Legislature maintain neighborhoods and "communities of interest" within one district to the extent possible.**

**For legislative and BOE districts, the measure also forbids the commission from drawing districts for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against political incumbents, candidates, or parties.**

I thoroughly agree with the intent of Prop. 11. I want my district to reflect natural Geographic boundaries, and to keep neighborhoods and communities together as much as possible.

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Nancy Whelan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 15:58:18 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Nancy Whelan; I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and we want our communities kept together.

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Thank you,

Nancy Whelan

Marjorie N. Meredith



Resident of Contra Costa County

**Attn: California Redistricting Commission:**

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am a 54 year resident of central Contra Costa County. The first 21 years in Concord and the remainder in Walnut Creek.

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I ask your consideration of viewpoints like my own.

Thank you,

*Marjorie N. Meredith*



**Subject:** REDISTRICTING - PLEASE DO NOT GERRYMANDER MY VOTE AWAY

**From:** "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 13:51:48 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**I am one of the people who testified before your committee in Oakland on Saturday.**

**I NOTICED ALL THE "SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS" attending this meeting.**

- **ALL ASKED YOU TO GERRYMANDER VOTING DISTRICTS TO FAVOR THEM OVER ALL OTHERS.**
- **THIS IS HOW I AND MILLIONS in CALIFORNIA LOST THE POWER OF OUR VOTE.**
- **THE LAST FEW TIMES IT WAS DONE TO US BY THE POLITICIANS.**
- **THAT IS WHY THE VOTERS VOTED TO ESTABLISH YOUR GROUP.  
A "CITIZEN'S GROUP" TO BE FAIR TO ALL OF US.  
But will you represent us fairly?**

**POLITICIANS GAVE OUR VOTE TO "SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS" BY GERRYMANDERING VOTING DISTRICTS.**

**This took away the power of the vote of the people**

**It also took away needed checks and balances in the system.**

**Elected official need not worry what "the people want" because:**

- **"Special Interest Groups" – often funded by the GOVERNMENT –get Politicians reelected – Not the people.**
- **"Special Interest Groups" – Want NO CHANGES – because they profit from the status quo.**

**We are all Americans – and our Votes should all be counted equally.**

**How do you do that – CLEARLY NOT BY GERRYMANDERING DISTRICTS so we never know our Representatives.**

As a life-long Democrat living in Livermore, the Democrat most always WINS but seldom represents my interests.

- Their offices and the people they represent are NOT in this area.
- My voting district for State Senate, State Assembly and Congress are all GERRYMANDERED differently.
- IT IS VERY CONFUSING – AND AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GERRYMANDERING HAS STOLEN OUR VOTES.

ANYTIME you Gerrymander a District to "represent" a "Special Interest Group" (Like a Racial group or even BART)

You take away the votes of many for a few.

**EXAMPLE 1:**

**“Special Interest Groups” representing “Asian Groups” wanted to Gerrymander District Lines for their Group.**

Yet a Chinese man came with his family all the way from San Francisco to say “DO NOT DIVIDE SAN FRANCISCO”.

- It was clear he KNEW the “Asian Groups” represented themselves – not him.
- The same is true for other “Special Interest Groups” – like teachers unions or transit districts.
- ALL represent the financial interest of themselves first – not necessarily their members.

**EXAMPLE 2:**

**“BART” – Clearly another example of a Special Interest Group**

**– A clear example of the harm favoring a “Special Interest Group” does to Californians with Gerrymandering.**

**– We have the highest taxes in the nation – High enough to drive out employers and many wealthy tax-payers.**

**BUT the “Bart Representative” wants a Gerrymandered district to wind through 2 counties splitting many cities**

**– Because he knew (said he) that those in the Gerrymandered District would vote for new taxes to expand BART.**

**– And he already has been in contact with of the Chairman of this Committee (*She said she knew him when he introduced himself*)**

**“Special Interest Groups” also want Gerrymandered Districts to control who is elected.**

**That is a major way they get their power (and often direct funding) by controlling the Politicians.**

**Will you represent the people of California – or the Politicians who appointed you through their agencies?**

**Pat Ferguson**



**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "jay cleland" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 12:51:56 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

My name is\_Jay Cleland

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Thank you,

Jay Cleland

**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT -- Motions and Decisions

**From:** James Wright <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 14:26:06 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Commissioners and Staff,

I've been listening or attending all of your business meetings, so have not until now noticed a significant omission from the information content of the WeDrawTheLines website.

To wit: A motion that is offered, seconded and accepted by vote is not noted individually on the website.

The information is available by viewing the meeting videos or (in some cases) reading the transcripts, but can only be detected and observed with much effort and time.

Each accepted motion should be recorded and available in a list by date (descending order) on the website. The information to be included must be:

- Date of the action;
- Title (short topical);
- Text of the motion as submitted for vote;
- Commissioner offering the motion,
- Commissioner seconding the motion;
- Whether the vote was by a special or simple majority;
- Tally by Commissioner (required when a special majority, otherwise optional).

These decisions of the Commission are very important to the results to be produced. They must be properly and separately recorded to ensure that the Commission behaves according to the rules which they have established (the individual motions) and that the staff and public (you and I) well know these decisions too.

It appears that this information is certainly available in the notes taken during each meeting and a summary may be available somewhere (including within the computers of some individual Commissioners). This information **MUST** be made available in an orderly fashion for and in the public record.

Whilst I'm on the topic, the text of propositions 11 and 20 along with the rules which were established by the actions of the Bureau of Audit, should also be available for viewing on the Commission website. These, along with a record of Commission decisions form the basis for further Commission actions and are an important constituent supporting the final product (the maps).

I know everyone is really busy working on and supporting the work to produce the maps, but this oversight needs to be corrected.

Jim Wright  
a voter from San Jose

**Subject:** Please don't discriminate against minorities without their own community!!!

**From:** "LORALEE SPURLOCK" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 09:48:36 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Please don't discriminate against small minority groups in the areas full of another. That will hurt blacks, Indians, Koreans, and every other group who have found life in a majority of another ethnicity.

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Thank you,

Lora Lee Spurlock

**Subject:** No redistricting!!

**From:** John Nardi <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 18:09:30 +0000 (UTC)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Attn: California Redistricting Commission:**

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My name is John Nardi, Martinez, CA.

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Thank you,

(Your Signature)

**John Nardi**

[REDACTED]

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## **Bay Area Congressional District Maps**

Presented to the Commission by California Conservative Action Group, 5/24/11

Narrative by Allen Payton, Chairman, Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force

5/26/11

### **Overview**

Our proposed districts were created based on the criteria listed in Proposition 11: Equal Population – specifically 702,904 or 702,905 based on 53 districts in a statewide population of 37,253,956; District Contiguity; Keep cities, communities and neighborhoods intact as much as possible; and Compactness.

In addition, we applied additional principles we adopted: Neutral, Non-Partisan Procedures; Geographic Commonality, using natural dividers such as rivers and hill or mountain ranges and man-made dividers such as freeways and major roadways, as the district boundaries; and Common Issues – such as transportation, economic development, growth, etc.

We split very few cities or unincorporated Census Designated Places in all of the districts. However, we split the largest cities, first, as well as the unincorporated areas, and did not have to split any smaller incorporated city, and still maintained equal population from district to district.

In addition, we kept common sub-regions together, as much as possible, such as Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda, the San Ramon Valley communities

We first drew the maps based focused on compactness and respect for political subdivisions, as well as geographic commonality and common issues, then went back and performed a racial overlay to determine the percentage of minorities in each district to determine what they were, if there were competitive districts for minority candidates and to ensure no group was disenfranchised in order to fulfill the Proposition 11 criteria of Complying with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

As you will see the districts we created do allow for competitiveness for both Hispanic and Asian communities in a variety of districts throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Specifics are listed in each district's description. Only three of the 12 districts have a non-Hispanic white majority.

To ensure we were neutral and non-partisan we specifically have not done a voter registration overlay of the district to determine political party make-up of any of the districts.

### **District 1**

We started at the top of the state for two reasons. One was to comply with the process we've been told will be used to draw the district maps for the entire state and two to ensure the districts we created in the Bay Area would fit into a statewide plan.

It is made up of numerous, contiguous counties with small populations, including Del Norte, Siskiyou, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Tehama, Mendocino, Glenn, Lake and Colusa Counties. In addition, District 1 includes the northern, rural parts of Sonoma County, ending just north of Healdsburg along Highway 101, keeping that city and the county's largest city, Santa Rosa, whole. Plus, it splits Yolo County, just south of the community of Yolo, and places West Sacramento outside of the district with Sacramento.

Although it's a very large district from a square mile perspective, due to the small population in each county, it includes common coastal and agricultural areas. Plus the district has two major roadways connecting all the communities: I-5, Highway 101 and Highway 1.

### **District 2**

To ensure the district ended at the Golden Gate Bridge while fitting with District 1 we combined the more populated, suburban areas of Sonoma County and tied it to all of Marin County. They share the common commute corridor of Highway 101. The two counties also are part of the joint powers authority known as SMART for the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit authority, to provide a transit system for commuters who live as far north as Healdsburg and work in San Francisco.

### **District 3**

Moving east, we combined the entire counties of Napa and Solano with the remainder of Yolo County. In addition, we included most of the adjacent portion of Sacramento County that runs along the east side of the Sacramento River and west of I-5.

### **District 4**

This district is made up of the cities and communities along the shoreline of the northern East Bay, which still have heavy industry, and the common connector of Highway 4 and I-80, in Western Contra Costa and Northern Alameda Counties.

It has two unique features. It combines the African-American communities in Pittsburg and Bay Point with that in Richmond, although that city has experienced a larger growth in Hispanic population, over the last 10 years. Plus it unites the Filipino communities of Pittsburg and Hercules, as well.

Finally, it keeps the common sub-regions of Hercules, Pinole and Rodeo, as well as Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville, together.

### **District 5**

This district is made up entirely of San Francisco City and County. However, the population is a little more than 100,000 higher than the required size of a congressional district. So the remainder is connected with the next district south, which makes the most sense, from both a common issue and commuter corridor standpoint. Asian Americans make up 30.25% of the population of the district.

### **District 6**

Moving across the San Francisco Bay, district six includes the majority of Oakland, plus the adjacent island city of Alameda, whose residents must travel through Oakland, by car, in order to reach the rest of the Bay Area and state, unless they take the commuter ferry to San Francisco to work. It is bordered on the north by Highway 24 and I-980, on the west by the San Francisco Bay, and on the east by the Oakland Hills. It also includes the cities of San Leandro and San Lorenzo. This district has the highest concentration of African-Americans in the Bay Area, but they still only make up 19.17% of the population.

### **District 7**

This district includes the rest of the cities and communities of Contra Costa County not included in District 4, as well as the adjacent cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore in Alameda County, east of the East Bay Hills. They share common joint powers authorities and planning efforts with the communities of the San Ramon Valley in southern Contra Costa County. The Livermore Valley is heavily agricultural and shares that commonality with eastern Contra Costa County, including vineyard areas, plus the Vasco Road transportation corridor, which is used by 15% of commuters who leave Eastern Contra Costa County, each day to go to job centers in San Ramon, Pleasanton and Silicon Valley in Santa Clara County.

**District 8**

This district is primarily San Mateo County but includes the 105,000 residents of southern, central portion of San Francisco City and County. It includes the Highway 1 and coastal communities of Daly City in the north to Half Moon Bay in the south, the Highway 101 corridor communities from Brisbane and South San Francisco to Redwood City, as well as the communities along I-280. That city, the largest in the county, is the only one community split in this district, with the majority in District 8 and the remainder in District 10. Its population is 31.44% Asian American.

**District 9**

This district includes the rest of Alameda County, from the southern, majority portion of Haywood to Fremont, as well as the rural, eastern area of southeast portion of Alameda County and northeast portion Santa Clara County. Plus, it includes the northeast cities and communities of Milpitas, East Foothills, takes the northern and largest portion of the city of San Jose, and splits the unincorporated community of Alum Rock. This district is 44.27% Asian American.

**District 10**

This district is made up of the rest of San Mateo County, including the balance of Redwood City, plus the western portion of Santa Clara County, and the unincorporated, rural non-Census Designated Place portion of northern Santa Cruz County. It keeps all communities whole, except Redwood City, which is San Mateo County's most populated. It runs along the western boundary of San Jose's city limits. It is 30.21% Asian American in population.

**District 11**

This is the most compact district in our plan, due to it consisting mainly of the central portion of the city of San Jose, as well as the adjacent city of Campbell, and the balance of Alum Rock. It has a population that is 35.31% Hispanic.

**District 12 – Option A**

The remainder of San Jose and Santa Clara County is included in this district, as well as the majority of adjacent Santa Cruz County, as well as the northern portions of San Benito and Monterey Counties to the south. It includes the bedroom community of Hollister, whose residents commute to work in Silicon Valley on Highway 101. It's the only district in our plan that includes portions of four different counties. It results in a Hispanic population of 42.67% of the district's residents.

**District 12 – Option B**

Another option for this district is to include the rest of San Benito County, which is mostly rural and only consists of 1,707 residents, in order to keep that county in one congressional district, and has 1707 fewer residents in Salinas than in 12A. Recognizing the Voting Rights Act implications of Monterey County, we believe it makes more sense to keep the coastal communities of that county, as well as Santa Cruz County to the north, together, rather than to have to stretch the district eastward to pick up communities in the Central Valley, with which they have less in common.

To summarize, we believe our districts best fulfill both the spirit of Propositions 11 and 20, and their criteria to have common-sense districts that are compact, not gerrymandered, comply with federal law and are fair to all Californians. We request the Commission's serious consideration when giving direction in drawing the districts that will affect our state's representation in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. for the next decade. Thank you.

**Subject:** May 23 Citizen Comment Deadline Unfair

**From:** Ellen Swensen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 09:13:08 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

You set a May 23 deadline for citizen comments affecting the June 10 preliminary maps. When I learned that my region's wrap-up was May 19, I struggled to get my community to email comments by May 18 so we would be heard. **At the May 19 wrap-up, you only used comments through May 14! I think this is unfair, especially because you didn't even post my region's hearing video until May 19.**

Now I see that you are having group presentations affecting my region. These powerful, lawyer-laden special interest groups have expensive maps and big influence. **Since you stopped citizen comments May 23, where is the average citizens' opportunity to react to these maps?!**

This is supposed to be citizen-based redistricting, but I fear that the powerful special interest groups will have the final say. **What is your plan to remedy this problem?** I understand that it will be very hard to alter the June 10 maps after they're published.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter,  
Ellen Swensen  
Rancho Mirage  
(Region 2)

**Subject:** Fw: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Telephone Conferences

**From:** James Wright <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 14:29:07 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Staff,

I have been unable to find the posting of the following PUBLIC COMMENT submitted on 6 May.

Thanks

Jim Wright

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**From:** James Wright <[REDACTED]>

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Fri, May 6, 2011 3:35:28 PM

**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT -- Telephone Conferences

Commissioners,

OOPS!!!

Are your telephone conferences with the line drawers, and some others, being recorded?

I assume that some of the discussion in these conferences is pertinent to the actions of the parties involved such as directions to some participants as to HOW some element of work is to be performed, WHEN it is to be performed and WHO is to perform it.

[Personnel matters such as contract conditions, conditions of employment and wages are, of course, to be excluded because many of those details are disclosed elsewhere]

My opinion is that such discussions are part of the PUBLIC BUSINESS of the Commission and as such, a recording, transcript or authoritative summary of the conference should be available for the public record and posted on the Commission website.

Please discuss, respond and establish a policy on how telephonic conferences are to be disclosed.

Jim Wright

a voter from San Jose

**Subject:** Fw: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Number of Speakers and Length of Meetings  
**From:** James Wright <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 14:28:15 -0700 (PDT)  
**To:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** James Wright <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, May 6, 2011 2:04:12 PM  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT -- Number of Speakers and Length of Meetings

Commissioners,

I believe that you MUST spend the time to listen to each and every person who arrives at any meeting intending to present testimony as long as they arrive and declare their intent before the scheduled end of that meeting.

Also, Each venue should be scheduled such that the meeting can proceed well beyond the scheduled conclusion.

To do otherwise is to possibly miss a jewel of information.

Jim Wright  
a voter from San Jose

May 27, 2011

**Attn: California Redistricting Commission:**

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Ludwika Cerf, I am writing to urge your support of **all of the Bay Area Maps** being submitted by the **California Conservative Action Group**.

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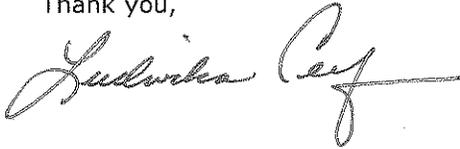
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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ludwika Rey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Thank you,".

**May 26, 2011**

**Attn: California Redistricting Commission:**

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Steve Riter, I live in Alamo, California. I am writing to urge your support of **all of the Bay Area Maps** being submitted by the **California Conservative Action Group**.

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Thank you,



Steve Riter

Alamo, CA 94507

**Subject:** FW: BAP Letter for Redistricting Urgent

**From:** "Karyn Battenberg" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 08:05:45 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Karyn Battenberg,

I support fair and competitive districts that fully comply with Proposition 11 with district geography criteria of natural geographical boundaries such as mountain ranges, bodies of water, of equal population and that comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act. I want my district lines to maintain district contiguity, and compactness by keeping cities, communities and neighborhoods intact as much as possible.

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Thank you,

*Karyn Battenberg*

**Subject:** Fair Redistricting

**From:** Suzy Evans <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 00:37:15 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am a native Californian and I have lived in Los Angeles my whole life. I am very concerned that the redistricting commission will not be fair and unbiased in drawing the district lines.

It appears that biased organizations such as MALDEF are influencing the decisions of the commission. This is not what I and other citizens voted for. The whole point of a group of citizens to draw the district lines was to be fair to the citizens and eliminate gerrymandering.

Our districts should be based on geography/zip code.

I nor any other honest citizen of California do not want to live in a ridiculous looking gerrymandered district that was set up to serve special interests.

Please do the right by us.

Suzy Evans

**Subject:** citizen letter

**From:** "M.M. Singleton" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 14:58:33 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

This will supplement my testimony from May 21, 2011. Thank you.

May 21, 2011

To Redistricting Commissioners:

My name is Marilyn Singleton. I am a native urban Californian and have voted in every election since 1966. I have been active in achieving fairness for Californians since campaigning against the "Unfair Housing" Proposition 14 in 1963.

I came to testify here because politicians took what started out as an idea based in fairness to give a voice to the politically weak – and have now created a monster. How can Congress have an 80% disapproval but incumbents get re-elected 93% of the time? Something is rotten and I'm glad that an attempt at transparency and fairness is happening.

I want fair compact districts that reflect the whole community with all of its differences – not having those differences parsed out.

I want impartiality in the Commission's decisions. The Commission's instruction from the Act and the State Auditor's counsel says that the commissioner must be impartial in a manner that "reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process."

One member of the commission, Ms. Blanco was the National Senior Counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund. This item was omitted from the official biography handed out to us upon arrival today. The fact that MALDEF has a dramatic and sustained presence at these meetings gives the appearance of partiality. I feel like the integrity of the process is undermined – The 2010 California population has 37.6% Hispanic and there are 40.1% non-Hispanic whites. Hispanics have the numbers – what is needed is good leadership – not political advantage from redistricting.

I'm a "decline to state race" and -- as they say in Canada – a visible minority. I'm not against anybody – what I'm FOR is fairness, and for people to be treated as Californians – part of our great mix.

I ask the Commissioners to remember the words on your web-site:

"Fair representation – Democracy at work."

Addendum:

May 27, 2011

Since my testimony in Oakland, I have become aware of several plans to which I object:

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Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Marilyn M. Singleton

Oakland, CA

**Subject:** California Redistricting

**From:** Suzan Hey <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 12:40:09 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Attn: California Redistricting Commission:**

Dear Commissioners:

Our names are: Suzan Hey and Ernest Hey. We are Northern California Residents.

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Thank you,

*Suzan Hey*

**Subject:** Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

**From:** Greg Maturi <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 12:12:56 -0400

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Greg Maturi . I am not one of 250+ supporters that testified but we want our communities kept together. I am writing to urge your support of **all of the Bay Area Maps** being submitted by the **California Conservative Action Group**.

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Thank you,

Greg Maturi

Sent from my iPhone

**Subject:** Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

**From:** Robert D Baker <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 07:19:53 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Attn: California Redistricting Commission:**

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Vacaville, CA



# CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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May 27, 2011

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*RE: NAACP Office of General Counsel Proposed Edit of Revised  
California State Conference Statement to CA Citizens Redistricting  
Commission-5-26-2011, 5:22 p.m. Eastern*

On behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), an organization with a history of standing up for the civil rights for everyone, we submitted our statewide proposed redistricting plans electronically. The plans are for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization and Congress. We used the guidelines established by the Commission for the purpose of drawing our proposed districts, e.g., compactness, contiguity.

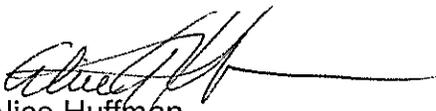
It is, of course, critical that any redistricting comply fully with both the "one person one vote" principle under the Equal Protection Clause, to ensure that the weight of one person's vote is the same as the weight of another person's vote, and with the Voting Rights Act, to avoid minority vote dilution. You should be careful to avoid *packing* which is drawing district lines so that the minority population is over-concentrated or "packed" into election districts. You should also be careful to avoid *cracking* (or "fracturing") which is drawing district lines so that an area of concentrated minority population, which is large enough for separate representation in that it could constitute one or more majority minority or majority-black districts, is divided and spread among several districts that are predominantly white. You should be careful to avoid *stacking* which is drawing district lines so that a large minority population concentration is included with a larger white population with the purpose or effect of depriving minority voters of a voting majority. Stacking most classically happens in the creation or redistricting of multi-member districts, although it can occur in the redistricting of single-member districts. We also respectfully request that you avoid drawing plans that erode minority rights

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A key traditional redistricting principle is respect for communities of interest, and the Commission's redistricting plans should have as a priority the fashioning of districts that accord appropriate representation to communities of interest. Communities of interest can be defined by three characteristics: the extent to which non-members identify members as a distinct community; the extent to which members identify themselves as a distinct community; and the extent to which members are similarly affected by governmental action. In light of the protections of the Voting Rights Act and the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments, black citizens form one of the strongest communities of interest in the jurisdiction.

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In summary, the NAACP Redistricting Plans for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization and Congress provide for "one person one vote," comply with the Voting Rights Act and fairly and appropriately reflect the tremendous diversity of California's population. We urge adoption of the NAACP Redistricting Plans.

  
Alice Huffman,  
President  
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**Subject:**

**From:** Barbara <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 09:40:40 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Attn: California Redistricting Commission:**

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Barbara Gloger; I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and we want our communities kept together.

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Barbara W Gloger

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My name is Clyde Freeman

I am writing to urge your support of **all of the Bay Area Maps** being submitted by the **California Conservative Action Group**.

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