

**Subject:** Northern San Mateo County and Southern San Francisco County in ONE Cong District

**From:** "Chan, Zesara" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 13:35:51 -0700

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

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I grew up in San Mateo County and now live and work in San Francisco. I write as a private Asian American citizen and one that has close family living in both San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. I am an attorney and I have practiced in both counties. I am on the Board of a non profit that helps disadvantaged and in need Asian Americans so I am very familiar with issues important to the Asian American community from economic issues to social and cultural issues.

I urge the Commission to keep northern San Mateo County and southern San Francisco County in one congressional district. As an Asian American, I can confirm there is great overlap between parts of these two counties in terms of common Asian American issues. I would suggest if you have to make adjustments that you keep at least the City of San Mateo north through Daily City and South San Francisco with the outer and southern parts of the City and County of San Francisco. If you draw the northern part of San Mateo County out of the 12th CD, we will lose a significant block of like minded Asian Americans. We need more awareness of Asian American issues, and more Asian Americans in Congress not less.

Please keep the lines as similar as you can and allow for two representatives in Congress for San Francisco County and two representatives as well for San Mateo County. Asian Americans and all citizens benefit more by having more voices per county than fewer.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

Zesara Chan

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Sheryl Land <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 14:58:52 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I am writing to urge that San Francisco be drawn as a single district. The past division of San Francisco, lumping part of it with Marin and part of it with San Mateo, is indefensible. San Francisco is unique. Its interests and needs are very different from those in Marin and down the Peninsula.

The past practice of cutting the Asian community out of San Francisco and lumping it with San Mateo was an affront to that long-established San Francisco community. The Asian community makes a huge contribution to San Francisco culturally and financially. There was never a Constitutional reason for preventing that community from participating in the political affairs of San Francisco.

Keep San Francisco unified.

Thank you for your attention.

Sheryl Land

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** D Muratore <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 13:26:14 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

We are San Francisco natives and we most definitely do not want to be in a district with Marin County. If San Francisco does not have the requisite amount of residents for their own District, there are more than enough towns on our side of the Bay without going across a bridge.

Resoectfully

Richard & Dolores Muratore

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**Subject:** Public Comment: San Francisco and San Mateo County's Socio-Economically disadvantaged communities

**From:** Hugo Rafael Mora <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 23:43:47 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Hugo Rafael Mora <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Francisco and San Mateo County's Socio-Economically disadvantaged communities

Message Body:

May, 23 2011

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Hugo Rafael Mora, and I am from South San Francisco in San Mateo County. Please note that my community extends from San Francisco down to the peninsula.

I am submitting this comment on behalf of low income, socio-economically disadvantaged communities to request that our communities stay intact. My community depends on many social services for us to sustain a healthy and prosperous life. Our community struggles for a proper education and economic opportunity. We need to be protected from racism and structural racism that makes it much more difficult to get out of the extremely tough situations we encounter. Our community has been ravaged by the prison industrial complex, our deteriorating public k-12 education system, unfair tax laws, the lack of health insurance, the rate of liquor stores, gangs, drugs, and much more.

My community in South San Francisco is very similar to the Mission, Excelsior, Hunters Point, Bay View, and Tenderloin districts of San Francisco. We are also similar to East Palo Alto, East Side Redwood City, East Side San Mateo, Daly City and San Bruno areas.

We are very different from the Castro, Sunset, Marina and many other affluent districts of San Francisco that tend to reside on the west sides of the peninsula. My community is not similar to the more affluent cities of Brisbane, Burlingame, Hillsdale area of San Mateo, Hillsborough, Foster City, Atherton, Half Moon Bay, Palo Alto, and Milbrae.

I hope that you all will consider my testimony about socio-economically disadvantaged communities from which I was raised and of which I am part when redrawing our district lines.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Hugo Rafael Mora.

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