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**TO:** California Citizen's Redistricting Commission  
Attention: Gino Aguirre Chairman

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**RE:** **California Redistricting – Riverside County**

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Gino Aguirre, Chairman  
California Citizen's Redistricting Commission

I want to applaud your efforts and the members of the Citizen's Redistricting Commission in the new proposed congressional, senate and assembly district maps. Overall, particularly as they concern Riverside County, they are a rationale and reasonable response to much-needed redistricting.

Since 1996 I have resided in the 44<sup>th</sup> congressional district that is represented by Congressman Ken Calvert. Unfortunately, since 1996 many other Riverside residents and I have lacked representation from Congressman Calvert. This is because Congressman Calvert has had a voting block in Corona and Orange County that guaranteed his continued re-election. Consequently this voting block allowed him to ignore the interests of the voters in Riverside. I was happy to find out that the Commission's proposed Congressional Riverside Moreno Valley District does not include Corona and Orange County.

I believe that there are certain guidelines that need to be followed when drawing these district lines. To the extent possible Districts should be drawn to:

1. Equalize the population to ensure guarantee the voter rights principle of "one man one vote"
2. Ensure that they protect communities of interest. These communities of interest are geographic, economic, and political.
3. Maximize the ability of minorities to elect candidates that are responsive to their interests.

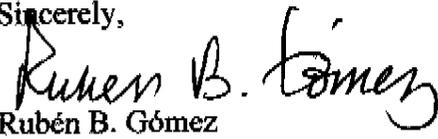
Although the Commission should not look to political blocks of voters when drawing district lines, they should be considered when the result is that voters outside those political blocks do not enjoy representation.

Therefore, I very much support and applaud the proposed district maps for California Congressional District for Riverside Moreno Valley and the California State Assembly

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for Riverside Metro Moreno Valley. I believe that for the reasons given above, with respect to political block of voters, I think that the Commission should again review its proposed district lines for the proposed district for the California State Senate for Riverside Moreno Valley.

Sincerely,

  
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Dear Fellow Citizens,

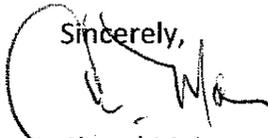
This is to ask a re-consideration for what I understand to be the proposed re-districting in Contra Costa County.

We are a large, well endowed and diverse County, and have benefitted from a fair distribution of representation in the past. I am not in favor of having the County broken into 4 Districts because the demographic representation is lost when the lines are divided, grouping Richmond with Berkeley and Oakland. Richmond has fought long and hard to be distinguished for its unique characteristics within Contra Costa and if joined with Berkeley and Oakland, Richmond will be left crumbs from the table of the other larger, more well-known cities.

I have worked among low income residents in West County for 30 years. The challenge has been to utilize the diversity and breadth of resources to serve lower income communities with resources generated in higher income neighborhoods. The West Contra Costa Unified School District is a good example of that formula. I would ask that you maintain Richmond's representation with Congressman George Miller and linked to its sister cities in West County for the best representation of this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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