

To: California Citizen's Redistricting Commission
From: Greg Rodriguez-Palm Springs California
Date: June 22, 2011
Subject: Supplemental written testimony

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I first of all want to thank you for your efforts in this very tedious process. Your professionalism and openness are to be highly commended. I also want to apologize on behalf of some of the public who seem to attack you in personal ways that are not warranted for the task you have taken on.

I am writing you today to offer some answers and observations to some of the questions that arose at both the San Bernardino and San Diego public hearings this past week. For your reference I was speaker number 32 in San Bernardino and was speaker number 3 at the Palm Springs public testimony held in May.

During my testimony in San Bernardino I made a suggestion that the map makers should think about starting their drawing process from the eastern border of California and move west. I am actually very serious about this suggestion. After hearing the testimonies in San Bernardino and San Diego, I believe this would help address a lot of the concerns voiced by not just eastern Riverside County, but the communities of San Diego and San Bernardino/Redlands area.

During my testimony in Palm Springs I included a power point presentation (I have reattached to this email as a pdf for you) that included maps for your consideration. I strongly believe that if you use these maps, especially those for the 45th Congressional, 80th and 65th Assembly Districts and the 40th Senate Seat, this will allow you to address the concerns of the citizens of Imperial County, Eastern Coachella Valley, and the eastern portions of Riverside County.

I also believe that by following these maps, you can utilize the current cities and communities in the first draft maps to accommodate the changes desired in the San Bernardino Redlands area and the areas of San Diego that were spoken about on Monday night. The cities that are included in the first draft maps that border the western portion of the maps I proposed at the Palm Springs hearing could be used to make up for the population shifts required to satisfy the eastern portions of San Diego County, but especially the communities of San Bernardino and Redlands and the western areas of Riverside County.

I would just like to close reemphasizing the overwhelming testimony you have heard in our area about including Imperial County with the Coachella Valley. Including both of these areas in the Congressional District should satisfy the Voting Rights Act as well as the numerous communities of interest expressed throughout all the hearings. Creating an Assembly District with Imperial County and the Eastern portions of Coachella Valley will also accomplish these two objectives.

I know that there were questions from commissioners about including Palm Springs in this AD, but that would not be the case if you look at the proposed maps I submitted in Palm Springs. I am suggesting that the 65th AD extend from the western portions of the Coachella Valley to the Beaumont Banning area

which again share many commonalities expressed during public testimony. The dividing line would be Bob Hope Street which divides the eastern and western portions of the Coachella Valley.

In San Diego there seemed to be a recurring theme about the affluence of Palm Springs. While it is true that there are some affluent people in the Palm Springs area, the majority of our full-time residents do not fit that criterion. One only has to look at the statistics for the Palm Springs Unified School District which encompasses the cities of Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs and Thousand Palms that show 85% of our children are on free and reduced lunch.

Finally, as I expressed at the conclusion of my testimony in San Bernardino, the proposed Senate seat does not satisfy the nesting requirements and includes communities that have absolutely no common interests with each other. Once again, I refer you to the original maps I proposed that would nest the 80th and 65th AD's into the 40th Senate seat.

Thank you again for your service to the citizens of California and good luck to you as you conclude this very important process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Rodriguez
Palm Springs, California

██████████
██████████

Subject: District Zone Remain the Same

From: "ken terry" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 22:20:05 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Keep our district zone the same. We are a republican base zone and wish to remain that way. Ken Terry Yucaipa, Ca. 92399