

Subject: RE: State Senate District 12

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Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 22:28:19 -0700

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Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 10:16 PM

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June 28, 2011

Citizen Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA EMAIL

RE: Senate District 12

Dear Members of the Commission:

I write to express my support for the Commission's first draft map for Senate District 12. The draft map is a marked improvement over the 12th Senate district as it presently exists.

I am the executive director of the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA), an organization in the Salinas and Pajaro valleys in the Central Coast region of California, which organizes farmworkers so that they, themselves, can advocate for improved housing conditions and improved access to health services. I have served as an attorney for farmworkers since I arrived in Salinas in 1974. I worked for California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) from 1974 to 1988, where I served as the statewide director of CRLA's Migrant Farmworker Project. After working as a Congressional Aide to U.S. Representative Sam Farr (Dem Monterey) I became the executive director of the Center for Community Advocacy in 1997.

During my years on the Central Coast, I have been active in the struggle to empower Latino electorates in our area. Our efforts have included seminal and landmark litigation in Watsonville, Salinas and Hollister (where we filed a redistricting law suit in the late 1970's, while I served as Directing Attorney of the CRLA Gilroy office). That litigation forced communities, initially in our region and subsequently throughout the State, to change from at-large elections to single member district elections.

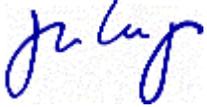
Our efforts have succeeded. Today, we have Latinos serving in the following elective offices: the California State Assembly; the Monterey County Board of Supervisors (2 out of 5); the San Benito County Board of Supervisors (2 out of 5); mayors of Watsonville, Hollister, Pacific Grove, Gonzales, Soledad and Greenfield (and until recently, Seaside and Salinas); the Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees (3 of 7, including the Chair) and majorities or near majorities in most high school districts in the Central Coast region.

Specifically, I support the Commission's effort to maintain the rural character of the 12th Senate District while increasing the influence that Latinos in the proposed district can potentially exhibit. I particularly support keeping the Salinas Valley and Merced Counties, two jurisdictions covered by the Voting Rights Act, in the same Senate District and adding Watsonville to the district as well. Including those three areas, along with

San Benito County, in the same Senate District both maintains the rural character of the district and enhances Latino influence, as envisioned by the Voting Rights Act.

I also write this letter to express concern over any redistricting scheme that dilutes our hard-earned political influence over issues of concern in rural California. Placing us in a Senate District that includes large urban centers such as San Jose would have such an adverse effect. To place us within an urbanized Senate District destroys communities of interest that we have, over decades, nurtured among Latinos and rural communities. These communities of interest have given rural Latinos, and other rural residents of the Central Coast region, a definitive voice over political concerns at the statewide and regional level. I urge you to help us preserve that influence.

Sincerely,



JUAN URANGA

Executive Director and Attorney at Law



Fwd: Public Comment: 7 - San Benito

Voter <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]

Wed, Jun 29, 2011 at 12:11 PM

Region 7 - San Benito
June 28 prior to 5 pm

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Public Comment: 7 - San Benito

Date:Tue, 28 Jun 2011 20:47:38 +0000

From:Ed Weinstein <[redacted]>

To:[redacted]

From: Ed Weinstein <[redacted]>
Subject: Salinas

Message Body:

"The Assembly districts currently numbered as the 27th and 28th (CRC maps SCLARAWMONT and MONT, respectively) should be nested into a single Tri-County State Senate district including all of the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz and the southern portion of Santa Clara county.

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