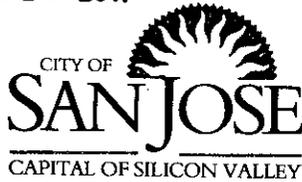


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Region 7: Santa Clara

Xavier E. Campos

COUNCILMEMBER  
DISTRICT 5

Friday, June 17, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

As the representative of the City of San José's Council District 5, I am writing to register my strong opposition to the draft boundaries for the South Bay in Region VII because of the detrimental impact it would have on the residents of East San José.

The new boundaries would divide a cohesive community of interest in East San José. As defined by the most recent U.S. Census data, a majority of East San José's residents identify themselves as being Hispanic, approximately 62%, or support their families on moderately low or low incomes. Overall, this constitutes a community of interest defined by the broadly shared socio-economic conditions of the residents and their urban character compared to the surrounding communities. The residents of East San José, who currently have a unified voice, will lose the representation their community has in the State Assembly.

Second, the proposed maps violate the spirit, if not the letter, of the Voting Rights Act by dividing East San José and its large Hispanic voting bloc into multiple Assembly Districts. Two of the Assembly Districts in the draft map have no more than a 25% Hispanic citizen voting age population. The third proposed Assembly district with a 44% Hispanic citizen voting age population essentially combines what before was two Assembly Districts. This plan creates a substantial barrier to the Hispanic electoral impact in the largest Hispanic population center in Northern California.

We depend on the State Commission to fairly represent all communities of interest in California. Therefore I respectfully request that the Commission's next iteration of maps respect the integrity of East San José. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

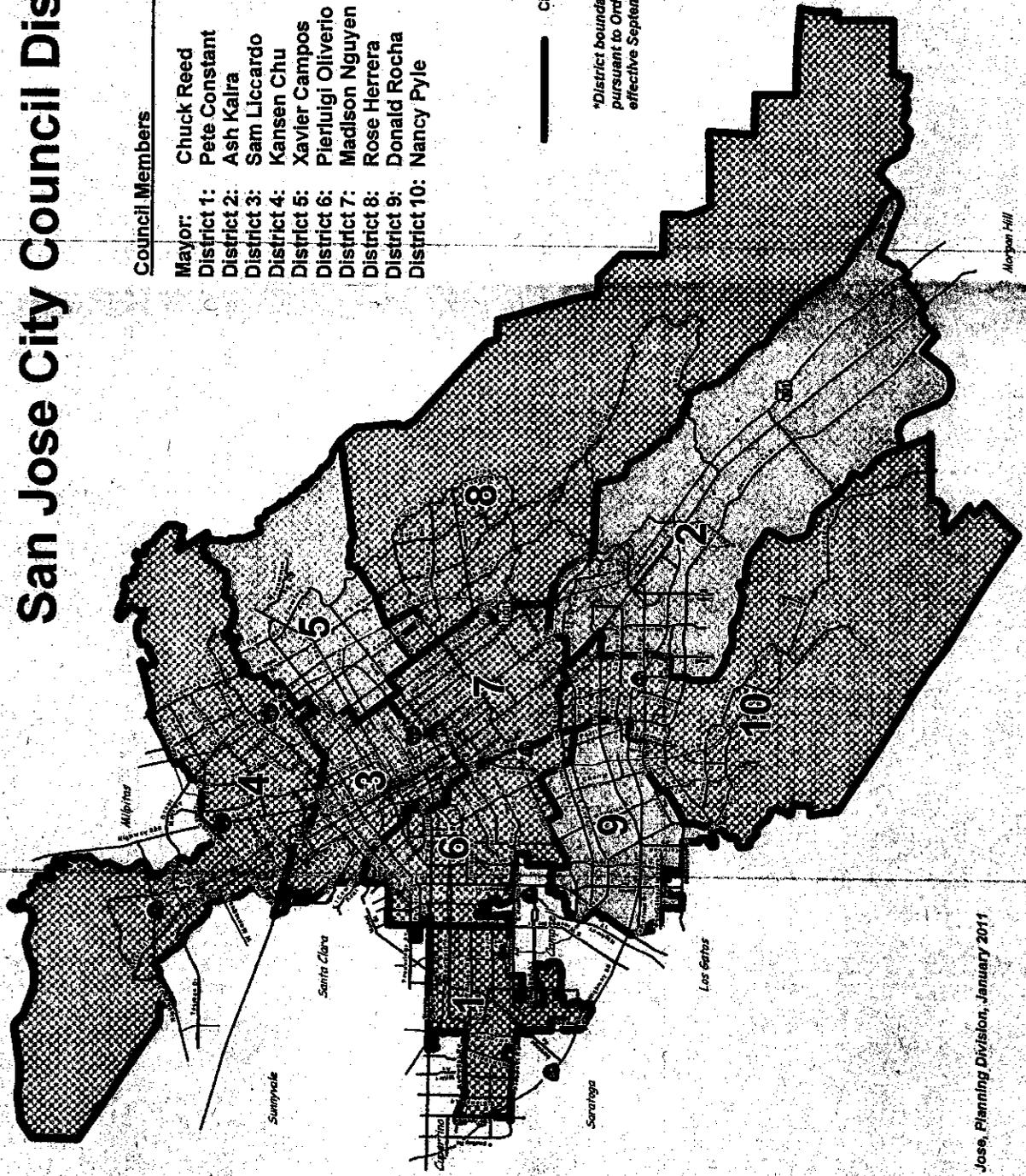
Sincerely,

Xavier Campos  
Councilmember  
City of San José

Enclosures: (3)

# San Jose City Council Districts\*

Council Members	Telephone
Mayor: Chuck Reed	535 - 4800
District 1: Pete Constant	535 - 4901
District 2: Ash Kaira	535 - 4902
District 3: Sam Liccardo	535 - 4903
District 4: Kansan Chu	535 - 4904
District 5: Xavier Campos	535 - 4905
District 6: Pierluigi Oliverio	535 - 4906
District 7: Madison Nguyen	535 - 4907
District 8: Rose Herrera	535 - 4908
District 9: Donald Rocha	535 - 4909
District 10: Nancy Pyle	535 - 4910



\*District boundaries adopted pursuant to Ord. No. 28-666, effective September 27, 2001



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Mountain View

Sunnyvale

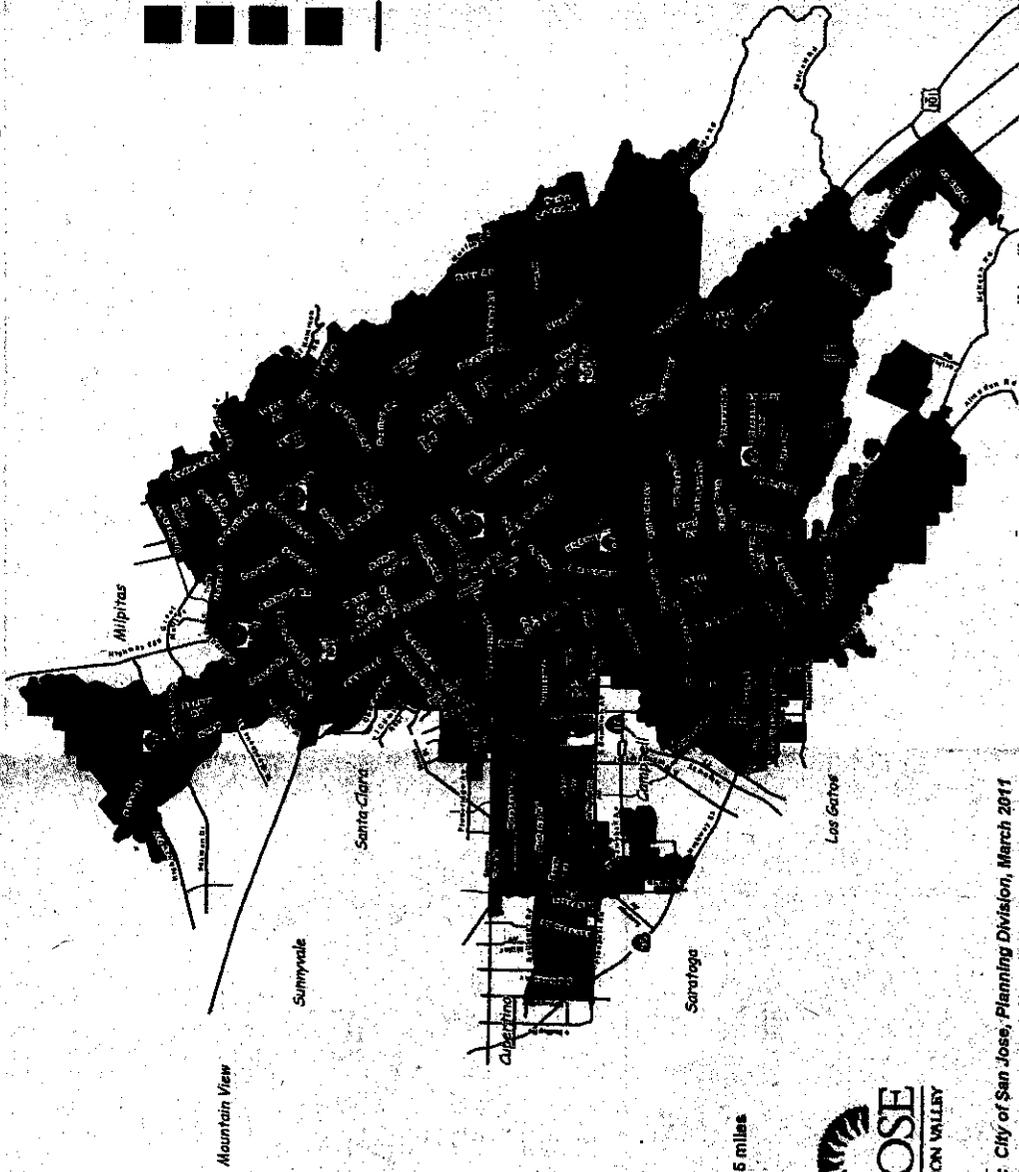
Santa Clara

Saratoga

Los Gatos

Mountain Hill

# City of San Jose Race/Ethnic Group Majority\*, by Census Tract\*\*



## Map Legend

- Hispanic majority
- Asian (non-Hispanic) majority
- White (non-Hispanic) majority
- No race/ethnic group majority
- Urban Service Area boundary

NOTE: Citywide percent of race/ethnic groups shown here:

Hispanic= 33.2%  
 Asian (non-Hispanic)= 31.7%  
 White (non-Hispanic)= 28.7%



Scale: 1 inch= 2.5 miles



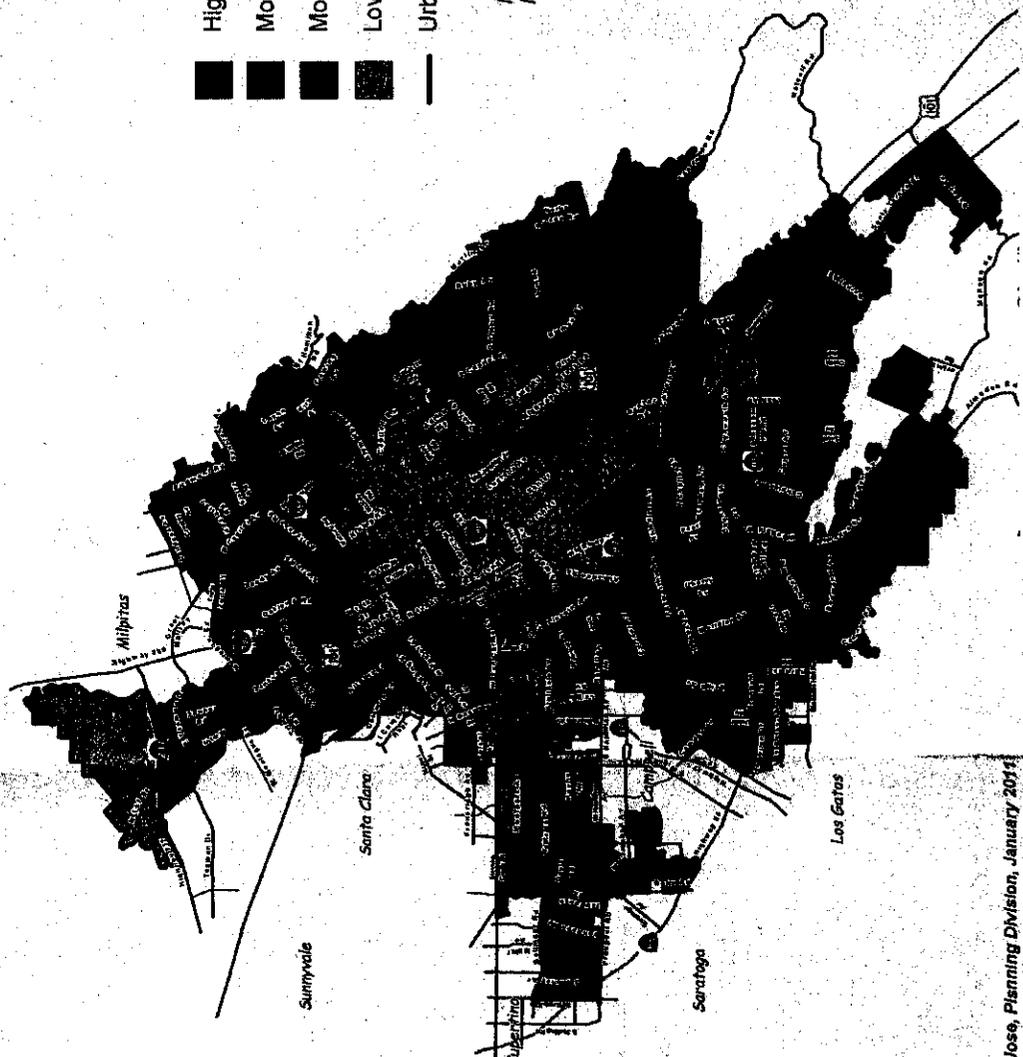
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\*The term "majority" refers to a population that is more than 50% of the total population of a census tract.

\*\*The geographic boundaries of census tracts shown may include both incorporated and unincorporated areas. However, data include only residents of San Jose.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

# City of San Jose Median Household Income, by Census Tract\*



## Map Legend

- High Income (\$100,000 or more)
- Moderately High Income (\$80,000 to \$99,999)
- Moderately Low Income (\$60,000 to \$79,999)
- Low Income (less than \$60,000)
- Urban Service Area boundary

NOTE: Citywide median household income = \$78,660

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2009



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Region 7: Santa Clara

Antonio (Tony) Estremera

San Jose, CA 95136

Tel:

June 15, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

I am an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, representing District 6, which encompasses most of the East and Central areas of San Jose. I write on behalf of my constituents to express our strong opposition to the draft boundaries for the South Bay in Region VII because of the detrimental impact they would have on the residents of our district which comprises a large part of San Jose.

The new boundaries would divide a cohesive community of interest in East and Central San Jose. East San Jose self-identifies as a cohesive group of neighborhoods, and it shares common characteristics with Central San Jose. Together they constitute a community of interest defined by the broadly shared socio-economic conditions of their residents and their urban character compared to the surrounding suburbs. The constituents of Central and East San Jose, who before had a unified voice, will lose the representation their community had in the state assembly.

More importantly, the proposed maps violate the spirit, if not the letter, of the Voting Rights Act by dividing East San Jose and its large Hispanic voting bloc into three assembly districts. Two of the assembly districts in the draft map have no more than a 25% Hispanic citizen voting age population. The third proposed assembly district with a 44% Hispanic citizen voting age population essentially combines what before was two separate assembly districts. This plan creates a substantial barrier to Hispanic electoral impact in the largest Hispanic population center in Northern California.

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Sincerely,



Antonio (Tony) Estremera, Esq.