

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Numbering districts

From: James Wright <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 17:02:33 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners,

I believe that you must be consistent in numbering all districts of all types in the state.

I suggest that you start at the north(east) corner of the state as stated in the Constitution.

Then proceed west and south on the basis of assigning the next available number to a district needing to be numbered which has a northern-most extremity next in order southward.

This process should be followed for Assembly, Senate, BOE and Congressional districts without any concern for district overlap or the even/odd values being assigned.

Any attempt to preserve current numbering based on significant overlap of old and new districts will open you to a suspicion that you are preserving the incumbents position.

Please ignore any action which might look like you are considering incumbents.

Assign the numbers as your last act on the final maps.

Jim Wright

a voter from San Jose

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Nubering Districts (2)

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To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners,

to continue ...

An arbitrary and mechanical process of assigning district numbers is a must. To do anything else will leave the impression that you are **GERRYMANDERING** in favor of existing office holders.

You could even use a **bingo-ball** technique wherein a chosen district would receive the number on the next randomly selected ball.

In fact, I kinda like this idea. The next number is "Bee-6"!!!

Jim Wright

a voter from San Jose

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Report Preparation

From: James Wright <[REDACTED]>

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Commissioners,

When any more than two Commissioners are working together on preparing the final (or any) report, they must do so in open session under Bagley-Keene.

Furthermore,

There are a small number of items which must be included in the final report as follows:

- Analysis of all Section 5 counties and the districts which overlay them
- Analysis of each Section 2 district or those that might be Section 2 districts.
- All instructions to Q2, in their raw form.
- All reports and responses from Q2.

It is not necessary to produce a word picture of each and every district unless there is a significant inobvious matter to be explained.

Beyond this, any notes from the Commissioners which bear on their individual decisions concerning districts could be made available either online or within the report. Backing up all of this is the mass of public comment, both written and verbal which is, and needs to continue to be, available through the Commission website.

To review how the Commission was formed and how it operated to produce the maps is of minor interest within the report. I view that story as "boiler-plate" which is not necessary to explaining the maps. Besides, the story will be told in many forms by many authors during the ensuing years.

Jim Wright
a voter from San Jose