

**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** "Patty O'Day" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 2 Jun 2011 19:32:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Patty O'Day <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split Walnut Creek

Message Body:

I am a resident of Walnut Creek, and I heard that there is currently a proposal to split the city of Walnut Creek into 2 districts. I strongly urge you not to do this. Walnut Creek should be in the same district as Lamorinda, Alamo, Danville, and the rest of the cities along the 680 Corridor.

I support of all of the Bay Area Maps being submitted by the California Conservative Action Group, because they show districts that are compact and keep established communities together.

Thank you for opening this process to the public for our input.

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**Subject:** Re: AD visualizations

**From:** Lois Murdock <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 2 Jun 2011 01:19:21 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED] CA Citizens Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

That makes more sense. Martinez is the county seat and I am hoping it stays in this county. I know and appreciate all the hard work you are doing so thank you for getting back to me. I tried to look at the maps but had trouble getting my bearings. When I first saw your maps, I realized that Martinez had been left out of the 680 corridor and not put in with other like cities on the 680 corridor. I appreciate your attempt to keep Contra Costa County as whole as possible When will these maps be able to be displayed? Lois

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**To:** Lois Murdock <[REDACTED]> CA Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Sent:** Wed, June 1, 2011 8:50:46 PM

**Subject:** Re: AD visualizations

Lois,

A few more other things in response to your email.

1. Our AD plan that we submitted to the Commission and Chris Bowman presented, puts Martinez in a district with Concord, Pleasant Hill and Pacheco, as well as Pittsburg, Bay Point and West County. It does not cross the river into Solano County. That's what we're supporting

2. If the Commission insists on putting part of Contra Costa County in with Solano County, it would make the most sense to do so along the I-80 corridor from Vallejo to Richmond.

Either way, it makes no sense to gerrymander a Solano County district around most of East Contra Costa to pick up portion that are only connected by the river and roads that don't connect to other parts of that district.

Allen

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**From:** Lois Murdock <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 1 Jun 2011 17:48:52 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** Allen Payton <[REDACTED]> CA Citizens Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Karin MacDonald <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: AD visualizations

Allen. For the life of me, I do NOT understand why you are throwing Martinez into Solano County. We are as much a part of the 680 corridor with Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and 680 cities south. I would like to know your reasoning that we have alot in common with Solano County. We don't shop, go to movies, attend events, share their concerns, we drive through Solano County to get somewhere else. Lois

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**From:** Allen Payton <[REDACTED]>

**To:** CA Citizens Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Karin MacDonald <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wed, June 1, 2011 3:52:14 PM

**Subject:** AD visualizations

Dear Commissioners:

I just took a look at the Bay Area Assembly District visualizations you received from Q2, today and have mixed thoughts.

On one hand combining the East Bay communities of Lamorinda (Lafayette, Moraga & Orinda), Walnut Creek, the San Ramon Valley (Alamo, Diablo, Danville, Blackhawk, San Ramon, Camino Tassajara and Eastern Alameda County together does make sense.

Just a few concerns, however. It appears you've split Walnut Creek, which doesn't seem necessary. Also, why is it necessary for the Hayward AD to cross the Alameda-Contra Costa County line? There aren't very many people, if any in that area.

What you've done to Eastern Contra Costa County on the other hand, doesn't make sense. In fact the map shows you've disregarded the little input you've had from that area, which was to keep Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley and Discovery Bay together. As a reminder they have common Joint Powers Authorities for highway, transit and major transportation improvements in their sub region of the county. Plus Antioch handles Brentwood's police dispatch, just to name a few reasons they should be kept in one district.

Instead you've split off Brentwood, Byron and Discovery Bay and gerrymandered them into a district with Solano county, and portions of Sacramento and Yolo Counties.

You can't even get to those East Contra Costa communities from any of the rest of the district without having to drive through an adjacent district, unless you travel by boat. It's definitely not compact by any means, stretching across four counties in a rather random manner.

It would make more sense to put Martinez, Pacheco, Vine Hill, Mountain View and a portion of Concord in the same district as Solano County, instead, since Solano County and North-Central Contra Costa County are connected by the Benicia Bridge and I-680 - which is a major transportation corridor for Solano County commuters.

Please put Brentwood, Byron and Discovery Bay and the rest of Eastern Contra Costa County back together with Antioch, Oakley, Bethel Island, Knightsen, Pittsburg and Bay Point. We have the Mt. Diablo foothills and the Sacramento River to the north and the San Joaquin River to the east as natural boundaries.

Below are the communities and population figures you would have to move from one district to the other. Just a shift between two districts is all that would be necessary.

If you move the following communities into the same district as Antioch, Pittsburg, Oakley and Bay Point:

Brentwood 51,481

Discovery Bay 13,352

Byron 1,277

Non-CDP Areas 7,696

TOTAL 73,806

you could move the following communities into the district with Solano County:

Martinez 35,824

Vine Hill 3,761

Mountain View 2,372

Pacheco 3,685

Alhambra Valley 924

Concord (part) 27,240

TOTAL 73,806

or

Martinez 35,824

Vine Hill 3,761

Mountain View 2,372

Pacheco 3,685

Alhambra Valley 924

Pleasant Hill 33,152

TOTAL 79,718 +5,912

For those of us who live here, that would make more sense and you would have much more compact, common-sense districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Allen Payton

Chairman

Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force

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[REDACTED] California Conservative Action Group

**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** "Harold (Hal) Bray" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 2 Jun 2011 21:37:14 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Harold (Hal) Bray <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Tri-Valley/Lamorinda/Contra Costa County

Message Body:

I currently reside in Congressional District 11, represented by Democrat Jerry McNerney, State Senate District 7, Represented by Democrat Mark DeSaulnier, and State Assembly District 15, Represented by Democrat Joan Buchanan. Only one of these districts, State Senate District 11 makes any sense at all.

Congressional District 11 (McNerney) was gerrymandered in the last redistricting to defeat incumbent Republican Richard Pombo. The District currently meanders across four counties; San Joaquin, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara. We share no common industry, no common natural resources, no common utilities, no common transportation corridor, no common weather pattern, and no common infrastructure. The District is 115 miles in length from its most northeastern city, Lodi to Morgan Hill in the south. It stretches from farm country in the San Joaquin Valley to Silicon Valley (or, as we say, from cow chips to silicon chips.) The district was constructed to simply move more Democrats into the district.

State Assembly District 15 covers parts of Contra Costa, Sacramento, Alameda and San Joaquin Counties. There is no discernable pattern to its construction, be it geography, income, industry, natural resources, governmental agencies, etc. It would not meet the criteria established by the Voters First Act (Proposition 11) that established this commission.

What would I like to see the Commission achieve?

I would like to see the Commission follow the mandates of the law that created it: Districts that are of equal population (within 1%), continuous so that all parts are connected to each other, respectful of boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, are geographically compact (having a fairly regular shape), and complies with the Voters Rights Act.

It is critical in this time of budget constraints and cutbacks that districts be continuous, compact, and have a "regular shape". As budgets decline and the State shifts more and more responsibilities to local government, these government entities are merging services and/or forming Joint Powers Agreements to plan and/or provide services. For example, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton have merged their fire departments; Antioch dispatches Brentwood's fire and police. Many cities are merging transportation and/or public works departments. Keeping cities that touch each other in the same districts will become critical to the functioning of government throughout California.

Ideally, this mean that the core of my districts includes Lamorinda (Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda), Walnut Creek, Clayton, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore (Tri-Valley), Discovery Bay, Brentwood, Bethel Island, Knightsen, Byron, Antioch and Oakley. If my calculations are correct, the population of these cities is slightly larger than a State Assembly District, seventy-five percent of a Congressional District, and about half a State Senate District. Population can be added by going east on the 580 corridor to Tracy and Mountain House and/or north up the 680 corridor.

Below I have used the format of your Presentation Worksheet to provide the information you have requested of people providing input to the Commission:

b What bonds your community - what do you see as the common links in your community?

I live in Brentwood, Contra Costa, California . My community is bound together by its natural resources, government services, infrastructure, and growing retail marketplace. We are an active community that hikes/bikes on Mt. Diablo , participate in boating, fishing and water skiing in the Delta and provides numerous golf courses, parks and other recreational facilities for our families. Our cities have formed numerous Joint Powers Agreements among each other and non-profits to provide regional planning for transportation, habitat conservancy, health services, law enforcement services, water resources and discharge, air quality and quality of life issues.

I serve on the Board of a Crises Pregnancy counseling center that partners with other non-profits in the communities of Antioch, Pittsburg, Bay point, Livermore, Dublin, Concord, etc. My wife serves on the Board of the UC Master Garner program that provides services to East Bay/Tri-Valley gardeners and farmers. Our experiences reflect the inter-dependencies of organizations and government agencies of the area.

b Where is your community located - what are the boundaries of your community?

My City is a middle class bedroom community bounded by the 580 corridor in the South, the Berkeley/Oakland hills in the West, the San Joaquin county line in the east and the delta and San Francisco Bay in the North.

Brentwood is a former farming community that has been one of the fastest growing areas in the State for 10 years (with about half the farms still operating). It is a suburban community, with many blue collar (union and non-union) workers, that has and is growing into a more professional worker profile that mirrors the Walnut Creek , Lamorinda, Danville , San Ramon, Pleasanton , Livermore and Dublin areas.

We shop and dine frequently in the Walnut Creek or Pleasanton/Dublin/Livermore areas. We identify ourselves as an integral part of the Tri-Valley/Lamorinda community. My doctor is in Walnut Creek ; my dentist is in San Ramon. My wife's Acupuncturist is in Lafayette . Members of my wife's book club live in Alamo, Danville , Pleasant Hill , Antioch and Brentwood .

þ Why should the community be kept together - or separate from another area?

The Tri-Valley/Lamorinda/Walnut Creek area is a geographically compact area, united by the 580/680 corridor and separated from the rest of the Bay area by the Oakland hills and more northern communities by the delta and San Francisco Bay . We are more and more dependent on cooperation among city governments, school districts and colleges/universities to solve complex traffic, air quality, law enforcement and quality of life issues and provide the services we require. We share our individual resources to improve the quality of life of our region, its natural resources, its infrastructure and its education and government services. Keeping us together enhances our ability to meet the unique needs of the people and environment of our community.

Harold E. (Hal) Bray



Brentwood , Ca 94513

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