

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

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Subject: Congressional District 7

Message Body:

Congressman George Miller has been our representative for the last 30 years and he understands our area and our needs. He has helped our area make strides that we would not have made without him. It is critical that he remain as our representative, because our issues are specific to our county and they will not be addressed as well with someone unfamiliar to our history. This is critical.

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Dear Commissioners:

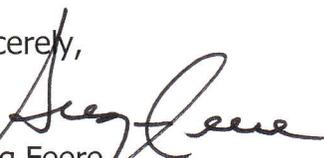
On behalf of the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council and the thirty trade unions that we represent with approximately 30,000 plus Building Trades men and women. We are deeply concerned and upset by the first draft of the New Congressional Districts Line Maps.

As I viewed it Richmond would be separated totally from Contra Costa County and added to Congresswoman Barbara Lee's district. While I personally believe Congresswoman Lee is a fantastic representative, I am very concerned because now Richmond would have to compete with Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda for funding of public services. I believe Richmond would come out on the short end of the stick.

Another area of concern is that this proposed change concentrates the African American community into one single Congressional District severely diluting the African American political power by taking African Americans out of the Contra Costa District. This would make Contra Costa County an overwhelmingly white district.

I would hope you will please consider keeping Richmond in Congressman George Miller's district where it has been my entire life.

Sincerely,


Greg Feere
Contra Costa Building and
Construction Trades Council