

# Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council

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June 22, 2011

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

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 see some major flaws in the redistricting of the new Senate districts. If it turns out that Senate district 7 is an odd numbered district we would be called a deferral which would leave most of Contra Costa County without a duly elected State Senator for 2 years.

In Contra Costa County we have been fortunate to have one of the finest State Senators in all of California in Mark DeSaulnier. Senator DeSaulnier has represented Contra Costa County with strong leadership coupled with honesty and integrity and we would like his representation to continue. Unfortunately under your proposal if this new Senate district does not retain an odd number then re-election would be postponed from 2012 to 2014 leaving Contra Costa County without a duly elected representative, this is unacceptable.

Contra Costa County needs to be kept whole and the deferral status needs to be eliminated so we can function under traditional standards without any postponement and normal 2012 Senate elections.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Feere  
Contra Costa Building and  
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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** "Duane C. Chapman" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:07:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Duane C. Chapman [REDACTED]

Subject: Congressional redistricting

Message Body:

Moving the City of Richmond from the current congressional district is wrong and would not be in the best interest for Richmond and it's citizens.

As Tom Butts stated, "Yes the leaders of this community have built a strong relationship with the Congressman and his staff".

Trying to rebuild this type of relationship would take forever and Richmond doesn't have time to start all over again...

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Re: Number Assignment to Senate District EALAM

Dear Members of the Commission:

As constituents of the draft Senate district EALAM, we are calling upon you to assign an odd number to our district as you go through the process of numbering the districts.

The Contra Costa Council is a nonprofit, public/private advocacy organization whose mission is economic vitality and quality of life. Our nearly 400 members include business and industry, education, local government, labor and non-profit organizations. It is critical that we are directly represented in the Senate as the Legislature addresses the many public policy issues that affect our economy.

The majority of our district is now in Senate District 7. It is an odd-numbered district, and we are due to elect our next Senator in 2012. If you choose to make our Senate district an even-numbered district there will be no election for State Senator until 2014. Thus, our current Senator will need to step down leaving us with no directly elected representation in the State Senate for two years. It is unacceptable to disenfranchise the residents and businesses of Contra Costa and Alameda counties in this manner.

Cities, elected boards, non-profits and businesses in this district all have need for representation from a State Senator duly elected by the people of the district. State funding for education, transportation, health and human services, parks and recreation, water resources and a host of other services are critical for the district. We need a Senator elected by us to represent us to ensure we receive our fair share of state resources.

We strongly urge you to retain our district as an odd-numbered district so that the residents and businesses of Contra Costa and Alameda counties are not disenfranchised.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Best  
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