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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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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Good afternoon. My name is Evan Ayers, Elections Services Specialist/Supervisor for the Contra Costa County Elections Office. Upon reviewing the 1st Draft Lines that were released earlier this month, our Mapping and Precincting Section discovered a few opportunities existed regarding Communities of Interest in Contra Costa County. I am submitting several solutions to Assembly, Senatorial and Congressional lines. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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June 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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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 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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**Black American Political Action Committee (BAPAC)
Of
Contra Costa County**

Region 8: Contra
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June 18, 2011

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

Re: Proposed Redistricting Public Hearing Schedule

Dear Commissioners:

The Black American Political Action Committee (BAPAC) of Contra Costa County is concerned about the redrawn state legislative and congressional districts boundaries. It has been reported that the proposed new boundaries by design will increase the number of competitive seats in the state Assembly from 9 to 16, state Senate from 3 to 9 and congressional seats from California from 4 to 9. In our opinion the new boundaries could have a significant impact on the City of Richmond and neighboring communities.

BAPAC, through its non-partisan, year-round Voter Education and Registration Project will host a community meeting to give residents an opportunity to express their opinion on the redrawn boundaries.

Listed below are BAPAC's Redistricting Principles:

1. Redrawn boundaries should not negatively impact the distribution of federal Resources to the City of Richmond.
2. Redrawn boundaries must avoid diluting, disrupting or splitting collective voting in the African American community.
3. Voting integrity in the African American community must not be compromised.
4. Fairness and careful consideration should be given to the odd and even numbering of new Senate districts.
5. Minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice

BAPAC was established in 1999 to work for the maximum effective representation of African Americans in the political and economical systems of Contra Costa County. BAPAC strives to provide a forum for and participate in all important issues that affect the health, public safety, and well-being of its communities, including but not limited to improved education, economic development and political empowerment.

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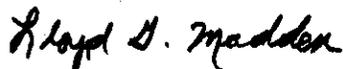
Given the current and historical experiences of African/American people, our struggle for equality and justice requires a constant and unrelenting vigilance. Pursuant to that end, we have pledged ourselves to work and organize throughout Contra Costa County, to provide a political forum for African/Americans.

We also have pledged to:

1. Work cooperatively with any person or organization that shares our mission
2. Exert maximum influence in the voting and election process
3. Help improve the quality of life for all people.
4. Promote economic empowerment
5. Promote community participation in the local political system
6. Develop and disseminate voter education information concerning public issues and Candidates seeking public office

Accordingly, BAPAC has requested that Congressman George Miller, Senator Loni Hancock and Assemblymember Nancy Skinner provide us with their interpretation of the pros and cons of the redrawn boundaries germane to their respective districts, at the earliest date possible. From your office we are requesting the schedule of the next round of public hearings in our area leading up to the approval of the boundaries in August. If you have questions I can be reached at (510) 691-8057.

Sincerely,



Lloyd G. Madden

Cc: Congressman George Miller
Senator Loni Hancock
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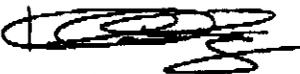
To the members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

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 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 legitimate representation in the State Senate for two years. It is unacceptable to disenfranchise the residents of Contra Costa County in this manner.

With the state's economy and Contra Costa County's economy still in trouble and the county's unemployment rate still above 10%, the working people of Contra Costa County cannot be left without representation in the state Senate. Employers and employees alike have a 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 and jobs.

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

Sincerely,



David Gomez

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