



Region 8: San Francisco

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and our member companies, please consider the Silicon Valley region's technology industry and its supporting businesses as an economic community of interest as you deliberate and draw new political district boundary lines.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group is organized to involve principal officers and senior managers of more than 340 companies in a cooperative effort with local, regional, state, and federal government officials to address major public policy issues affecting the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley. Leadership Group membership has grown to collectively provide nearly one of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley.

Under the California Redistricting Commission's criteria, ***a community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.*** Silicon Valley as a region clearly represents the intent and definition of a community of economic interest as outlined by the Commission.

- Silicon Valley as a region has a population of 3 million people and is home to greater than 1.3 million jobs.
- Total employment in the five key green job sectors accounts for 175,077 Silicon Valley jobs, or 14% of all employment in the region.
- Silicon Valley continues to maintain its status as the top research and development center in the world and is a leader in patent creation; currently 10 of the top 20 cities are located in Silicon Valley.
- The innovation economy of Silicon Valley has been the economic engine for California and the nation.

At the Federal level, our elected representatives in Congress have been very important to the economic success of our region and state, and to the global competitiveness of Silicon Valley companies. It is critical too that this economically vital region have effective representation in Congress. The Leadership Group and its member companies have worked hard to advocate, educate and participate in policy setting that affects our region, both in Sacramento and Washington DC and we are concerned that our economic community of interest remains intact during reapportionment and redistricting.

Thank you for your willingness to step forward and serve the people of California in this important role.

Sincerely,

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May 26, 2011

VIA U.S. MAIL

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

Re: Redistricting - South San Francisco Communities of Interest

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of South San Francisco, I want to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Commission's efforts to redraw state Congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts.

Currently, South San Francisco is entirely within a single Assembly and Senate district. Both the 19th State Assembly District and the 8th State Senate District encompass a majority of the communities in Northern and Central San Mateo County. We believe that including such a large portion of San Mateo County in these districts is important to ensuring that the northern and central San Mateo County communities are adequately represented in the Legislature as these communities have many common interests and shared responsibilities for providing public services. Accordingly, any redistricting effort should continue to keep South San Francisco within a single Assembly and Senate district, and the majority of each district should be populated by San Mateo County residents. Joining San Mateo County communities in Assembly and Senate districts is critical to complying with the requirement to group communities of interest for purposes of effective and fair representation.

Thank you for considering our input and please contact my office if you desire any further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Mullin".

Kevin Mullin, Mayor
City of South San Francisco

cc: City Council
Barry M. Nagel, City Manager

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May 23, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
ATTN: Statewide Congressional and State Senate Plan Submission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our plans for the redistricting of California Congressional and Senate districts. We appreciate the work the commission has done and want to recognize that it has been at times difficult. Thank you for your dedication to this complex, time consuming process.

These plans are community oriented with a regional structure. The plans focus on connectivity and access within each district. City and County boundaries have been maintained except where a conflict exists with a clear community of interest or where a split is necessary for population equality.

We have minimized unnecessary vote deferral in our Senate plan by adhering to the north to south numbering sequence adopted by the Supreme Court Special Masters in 1991.

The Congressional plan has a total population deviation of ten people, with the maximum deviation of six people. The Senate plan has a total deviation of 3,880 (.42%), and a maximum deviation of 1,966 (.21%).

We have taken care not to retrogress in the Section 5 protected counties. Districts which include Monterey, Merced, Yuba and Kings do not retrogress relative to the Spanish Surname voter registration or Latino share of Citizen Voting Age population from the current districts (CD 17, 18, 20; and SD 12, 16 and 18).

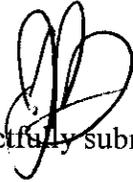
We believe the community of interest focus of these plans has resulted in districts in compliance with Section 2 of the VRA. None of the districts were drawn primarily to comply with Section 2, as they all have community based logic. And, we believe we have not failed to create any district whose formation would be compelled by Section

2 of the federal Voting Rights Act or the California Constitution.

We defined communities of interest by a number of characteristics, including regional Or geographic (Coastal districts, Valley districts, Mountains), public testimony, socio-economic and demographic characteristics, transportation and access (freeways and highways), neighborhoods, and City and County boundaries. We have attached a more detailed definition of communities with our maps and data tables. We have also included computer readable block equivalency files for our plans.

These are fair and equitable plans which pass legal muster. We believe these plans provide equal opportunity to participate in the governance of our great state.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and curves, positioned above the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Respectfully submitted,