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Citizens Redistricting Commission

Public Input Hearing

Fort Mason Center

San Francisco, CA

Dear Commissioners,

I am deeply appreciative of the job you've done so far. You seem to be proving that passing Proposition 11 – which Potrero Hill Democratic Club of San Francisco strongly endorsed – can indeed result in fairer redistricting and an end to partisan gerrymandering. The issue of clean and fair elections is extremely important to me personally, and to the Club that I lead.

Ours is, or aims to be, a representative democracy. Your choice in assigning a number to the new San Francisco State Senate district will have an impact in this area. Because even-numbered Senate districts will not elect their Senators until 2014, if you assign our new citywide district an even number, then my half of the city, the eastern (less wealthy, more diverse) neighborhoods, would be deprived of our own elected representative for two years. On the other hand, giving our district an odd number would mean we have a

Senate election in 2012, and thus would deprive neither the east nor the west side of San Francisco of representation. Please continue to act fairly, and choose the alternative that does no harm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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