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May 19, 2011

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Re: North-Eastern Sacramento Congressional District

Dear Mr. Ancheta:

We are writing to ask for your consideration regarding the incorporation of North-Eastern Sacramento County and adjoining areas of South Placer County and Western El Dorado County as "communities of like interest" as they relate to their future Congressional District.

As the elected and past elected Sheriffs of Sacramento County, we have the privilege of representing all residents in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County. This gives us a unique perspective on the needs of the people and the different communities they reside in.

It is our belief that Sacramento County has very distinct areas in which their communities of like interest vary greatly. Serving as county-wide elected officials we have a full appreciation and understanding of the very urban parts, as well as the very suburban parts of our county. The cities and communities in Sacramento County have really been defined and developed based on the highway corridors that serve the communities. The North-Eastern portion of Sacramento County developed and grew along the I-80 and Hwy 50 corridors. These communities are different than the communities that developed off the I-5 and Hwy 99 corridors in South Sacramento County. To be clear, the North-Eastern Sacramento County communities would best be served in regards to their congressional district if it were combined with neighboring corridor communities in different counties.

We define the North-Eastern Sacramento County communities as: Antelope, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Orangevale and Rancho Cordova. We believe that they are more aligned with the communities in South Placer County including: Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Rocklin and Roseville; and Western El Dorado County including: El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park.

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We believe it would be beneficial for Sacramento County to have elected congressional officials who can best represent the distinct areas of the county and their unique interests. We work very closely with the Sheriffs in both Placer and El Dorado Counties and know that these corridor communities along I-80 and Hwy 50 are closely aligned and connected with like interests.

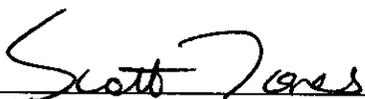
We appreciate the Commission's willingness to seek input from local residents and elected officials. As you move forward with evaluating how to best draw future congressional lines, we believe the people would be well served by the Commission if the similar communities of North-Eastern Sacramento County, Western El Dorado County and South Placer County were merged together.

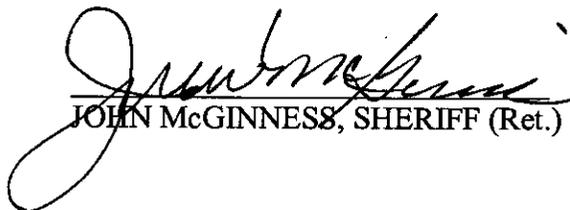
Our goal is the same as yours: to see fair districts drawn throughout California. With regard to the redistricting of Congressional Districts in my county, this is best accomplished if the North-Eastern Sacramento cities and communities are kept whole and adjoined with their communities of like interest in El Dorado and Placer Counties.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime with any questions.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
SCOTT JONES, SHERIFF

  
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If we can answer any questions, please feel free to contact us at [REDACTED]

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Subject: **Drawing lawful, functional preliminary CA district maps**

**Dear Commissioners and Fellow Victims of the Current System:**

Yes, this is a test of the public input process of the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC). In 1789 Benjamin Franklin wrote regarding the certainty of death and taxes; this nation has progressed to add another certainty: litigations. This opportunity to change that which is not working can be **fulfilled**, **fumbled** with minor changes or become a **farce** with only a cosmetic change to the unrepresentative system.

The CRC and staff have worked the hours to do the job, but it is the vote for the new map(s) that **must produce a real process change which the public can see** – not just different districts. These new maps can and shall be legally challenged, that is a certainty. This commission should, hence, focus on key lawful requirements that will produce the functional changes to make your time and efforts a productive success.

Specified in the California Constitution Article (CCA) 21, Sec. 2, item (e) is the requirement that the map(s) **shall not favor or discriminate** “against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.” Other key CCA 21, Sec. 2, items (d) are the requirement that districts be/have: (3) “geographically contiguous.”, (4) “access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process.”, (5) “geographical compactness”.

A district creating tool used in Europe, other countries and even to a lesser degree in parts of the United States is the community area **proportional vote** for area districts producing a single elected member for each district – if five districts are in an urban area, then voters should have an area **proportional vote** to allow any 20% of the area's voters to elect their most wanted candidate. This change would: end urban voter gerrymandering, simplify district boundary decisions, be area self-correcting when population/demographic changes occur, and produce real voter representation – the current district system systematically prevents real representation, it's a representative farce. The area **proportional vote** solution **significantly**: improves voter choice, provides a real way of representation for parties with less registered voters, ends district discrimination of new parties/independent candidates and the two largest parties would have representation in all areas of the state – item (e) noted above would be completely fulfilled.

All candidates now in populated areas have to use the media of that greater area to reach all the area's voters, even voters that are not in their district – item (d 4) the media area is the real campaign boundary, not the district. The only way to really allow populated areas districts to be contiguous, compact and representative of the people is to not partition voters like it is done now, which would be no real change; just a fumbled different, perhaps, less worse gerrymander – items (d: 3 and 5). Metropolitan areas should be kept whole with **proportional vote area districts** and less populated areas could have a one district area to keep their campaign locale compact.

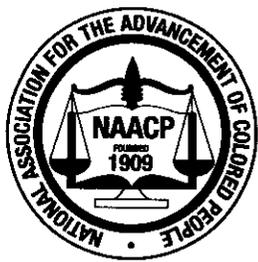
Most voters would see a real difference in their elections: one of the candidates that they see campaigning in their area would be more likely to be elected to best represent them. When there are several candidates running in a **proportional vote area districts**, the TV ads should start to be less negative – candidate can now claim that the one other candidate is the Antichrist – that ad would not play as well when all of the other candidates are advertized as the Antichrist.

The CRC can make a real functional difference in our elections by following the key specifications noted above with a mapping system that really fulfill those specifications. The CRC can, if there is not a complete map consensus, choose to produce several preliminary maps for further public review before making a final split vote, thus fulfilling the requirement that they “conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines.” A voter’s referendum is allowed, thus voters can approve/reject the final new district mapping system changes – **voters deserve a choice, a well drafted change, and real representation rather than more of the same with different districts.**

Thank you for your consideration

Craig Wood

CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE



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*RE: NAACP Office of General Counsel Proposed Edit of Revised  
California State Conference Statement to CA Citizens Redistricting  
Commission-5-26-2011, 5:22 p.m. Eastern*

On behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), an organization with a history of standing up for the civil rights for everyone, we submitted our statewide proposed redistricting plans electronically. The plans are for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization and Congress. We used the guidelines established by the Commission for the purpose of drawing our proposed districts, *e.g.*, compactness, contiguity.

It is, of course, critical that any redistricting comply fully with both the "one person one vote" principle under the Equal Protection Clause, to ensure that the weight of one person's vote is the same as the weight of another person's vote, and with the Voting Rights Act, to avoid minority vote dilution. You should be careful to avoid *packing* which is drawing district lines so that the minority population is over-concentrated or "packed" into election districts. You should also be careful to avoid *cracking* (or "fracturing") which is drawing district lines so that an area of concentrated minority population, which is large enough for separate representation in that it could constitute one or more majority minority or majority-black districts, is divided and spread among several districts that are predominantly white. You should be careful to avoid *stacking* which is drawing district lines so that a large minority population concentration is included with a larger white population with the purpose or effect of depriving minority voters of a voting majority. Stacking most classically happens in the creation or redistricting of multi-member districts, although it can occur in the redistricting of single-member districts. We also respectfully request that you avoid drawing plans that erode minority rights

redistricting plans, not only in the counties covered under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, but in the State as a whole.

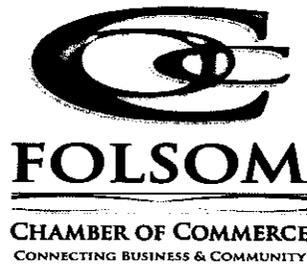
A key traditional redistricting principle is respect for communities of interest, and the Commission's redistricting plans should have as a priority the fashioning of districts that accord appropriate representation to communities of interest. Communities of interest can be defined by three characteristics: the extent to which non-members identify members as a distinct community; the extent to which members identify themselves as a distinct community; and the extent to which members are similarly affected by governmental action. In light of the protections of the Voting Rights Act and the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments, black citizens form one of the strongest communities of interest in the jurisdiction.

Our analysis shows that in the history of California there has never been a district where the African American population was 50% or more despite the fact that some erroneously refer to districts represented by African Americans as "black districts." Our plan is drawn in such a way as to fairly provide for African American electoral opportunities throughout the state by avoiding any packing, cracking, splitting or reducing our current political influence. As part of the process of factoring in the Commission's various redistricting principles or guidelines, we have maintained the existing levels of African American voting strength to allow a continued opportunity for African American voters to elect representatives of their choice, whomever that might be.

In summary, the NAACP Redistricting Plans for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization and Congress provide for "one person one vote," comply with the Voting Rights Act and fairly and appropriately reflect the tremendous diversity of California's population. We urge adoption of the NAACP Redistricting Plans.

  
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Re: Application of redistricting to the City of Folsom

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Folsom Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the following issues be taken into consideration during the redistricting process and development of legislative and congressional districts:

- ***Keep the City of Folsom intact***

Keeping the City of Folsom intact meets the criteria of respecting the boundaries of cities set forth by the commission. This is the most important matter to the Folsom Chamber of Commerce and our membership representing the business community of Folsom.

- ***Include the already approved sphere of influence expansion of the City of Folsom***

- **South** to White Rock Road
- **North** boundary of Highway 50
- **West** to Prairie City Road
- **East** to the Sacramento County/El Dorado County boundary line

In 2001, the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAF Co) approved the city's application to expand its sphere of influence area (SOIA-specified above). In 2004, the residents of Folsom approved Measure W indicating their support for the City's expansion. In June of 2005, the Folsom City Council unanimously selected an "Annexation Concept Plan" that included, among other things, a major highway oriented commercial center.

While we recognize there are no current census tracts within these boundaries, the plans obviously anticipate residential growth. As these future residents will be represented by the same city council, protected by the same police and fire department and enjoy the same amenities as the current residents, it only stands to reason that they be included in the same legislative and congressional districts.



- ***Maintain the City of Folsom's natural ties, of like communities, along the Highway 50 Corridor***

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- The City of Rancho Cordova
- Sacramento County communities of Gold River, Fair Oaks, and Carmichael
- El Dorado County community of El Dorado Hills

Folsom has a number of natural ties with the suburban communities located along the Highway 50 corridor -- Our primary distinction is that Folsom and the other areas are suburban as compared to the urbanized area of downtown Sacramento and those communities beyond the intersection of Highway 99. The three primary communities of Rancho Cordova, Folsom and El Dorado Hills share strong economic and social ties. We shop, share recreation facilities and primarily work within this same region.

As the organization representing the business community in Folsom, we are in a strong position to comment on the interests of the community of Folsom and the communities in which we share common interests. Good businesses know they cannot survive alone on commerce limited to their immediate community boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration and if we can answer any questions, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

  
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