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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
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Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

We write to provide input on your June 8th draft of new Assembly and Senate legislative boundary lines.

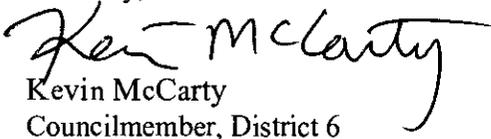
We appreciate and support the efforts of the California Citizens Redistrict Commission (CCRC) to draw sensible, balanced and impartial legislative boundary lines; however, we believe the Commission missed the mark with regards to the eastern portion of the City of Sacramento.

Specifically, we have serious concerns about the separation of nearly 40,000 residents from the eastern portion of the City of Sacramento in the draft Assembly and Senate legislative maps. Residents and businesses in East Sacramento, Tahoe Park, Elmhurst, College Glen, Colonial Manor, Campus Commons, Sierra Oaks, and Power Inn area would be divided from adjacent neighborhoods with historical ties and similar interests and issues. Splitting these neighboring communities and separating school boundaries, business activity, economic development, higher education opportunities, hospital synergy and general neighborhood connectivity seems completely contrary to the goals of the CCRC to link communities of interest.

As local elected officials with more than 25 years of combined service on the City Council, we understand the importance of crafting sound public policy and balancing community input. Again, we appreciate your work and hope you can re-evaluate this part of the draft map to find a workable solution.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss this further.

Sincerely,


Kevin McCarty
Councilmember, District 6


Steve Cohn
Councilmember, District 3

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Dear Mr. Claypool and Commissioners,

While we applaud your efforts to tackle the massive job of redistricting California, we are exceptionally disappointed at how you divided up the Sacramento area, particularly the eastern part of the county. The Power Inn Alliance, created over 18 years ago by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and Developer Dain Domich, has been a central influence among the communities of interest the eastern part of Sacramento County. As the largest industrial sector in Sacramento, we do not have many registered voters ourselves, but we are disturbed that so many of these communities of interest have been rent and divided. To wit:

- 37,000 city residents are being redistricted to outlying areas on the proposed Assembly and Senate maps
- Separating eastern Sacramento from the City is simply wrong. This has been an historic part of Sacramento from the beginning, (the first Pony Express route passes directly through this area and it is home to Sacramento's first electrical power plant.)
- Local Communities of Interest, such as Neighborhood Associations and Business Improvement Districts are tightly connected to Sacramento, not El Dorado, Loomis or Lincoln.
- The proposed plan shows Schools Boundaries split between districts
- Perhaps one of the most unfathomable discrepancies puts CSUS in El Dorado and Roseville districts, when clearly Sac State has been in Sacramento districts from the beginning and belongs there still.
- Additionally, UCD Med Center, Sac Campus should be linked with Sacramento, not some district that stretches to the foothills.

We trust the commission will reconsider the draft district proposals in these regards, and we appreciate your consideration,

JERRY VORPAHL

Cc: Sacramento City Council, County Supervisors, CSUS, Neighborhood Associations, Board of Directors