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Elmhurst
Parents Group



June 27, 2011

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

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the Elmhurst Parents Group, I am writing to urge you to reconsider a proposed redistricting map that will impact the residents of the Elmhurst neighborhood within the City of Sacramento. We oppose the Commission's proposal to separate Elmhurst and other nearby neighborhoods from the rest of the City of Sacramento in how it is represented in our State's Assembly and Senate.

Elmhurst is a part of the City of Sacramento—geographically, socially, and culturally. We are proud to be citizens of the City of Sacramento and wish to be represented as such. To include this central city neighborhood in an Assembly or Senate District more associated with outlying areas in Placer and El Dorado Counties is incongruent with the needs, concerns, and interests of our citizens. We need to remain represented by the same State Legislators as the rest of the City of Sacramento in order to be most effectively and fairly represented.

The many central neighborhoods of Sacramento—including Elmhurst—are a vital part of our community's identity. The neighborhoods proposed for this new district include institutions like California State University, Sacramento and the U.C. Davis Medical Center. Without question, these institutions are part of Sacramento and should be included within State Assembly and Senate Districts that represent Sacramento.

As parents, the families of the Elmhurst Parents Group are deeply concerned about local school boundaries and education options for our children. We are concerned about any repercussions of new Assembly and Senate Districts that would disrupt the current catchment areas of our nearby schools.

The Elmhurst Parents Group urges the Commission to return Elmhurst and other City of Sacramento neighborhoods to Assembly and Senate Districts that respect and reflect the City's boundaries. We urge you to create a redistricting map with core Sacramento neighborhoods intact, thus creating appropriate Legislative districts that protect the integrity of cities and communities and are geographically compact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathleen Ford
Representative of the Elmhurst Parents Group

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P.O. Box 352

Fair Oaks, CA 95628

June 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce and the Fair Oaks community, I write to express our concern over the Assembly district maps that were released for public review last week.

By law the Commission is directed to preserve the integrity of any city or county. We do not see any justification for chopping up Sacramento County, Placer County, and El Dorado County. The result is that Fair Oaks – a suburban Sacramento County community – along with some of our close neighboring communities, are now a small minority part of a district dominated by Placer County interests. The common sense place to divide the districts would be at the Placer/Sacramento County line.

We thank you for adopting a process that allows for community input in the drawing of district lines. We strongly urge the Commission to edit the districts so that Fair Oaks, and hopefully all of northeastern Sacramento County, is included in an eastern Sacramento District.

Sincerely,

Don Troutman
President
Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce

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EAST SACRAMENTO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Sacramento, CA 95819

June 23, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, California 95814

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to provide input on your June 8th draft of new Assembly and Senate legislative boundary lines. While I appreciate the efforts of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) to draw sensible, balanced and impartial legislative boundary lines, I think the Commission made a mistake regarding the eastern portion of the City of Sacramento.

Specifically, I 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 the 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 the President of the East Sacramento Improvement Association (ESIA), I am particularly concerned with the devastating effect the draft proposal would have on our own neighborhood. The proposal splits East Sacramento—one of the oldest, most cohesive neighborhoods in the city—right down the middle. In fact, part of the boundary that divides most of Sacramento from its easternmost portions is 42nd Street, on which my own residence is located. Does this mean that those of us on the east side of the street will be in different Assembly and Senate districts than our neighbors just across the street?

I hope you will agree that the proposal to split Sacramento in general, and our neighborhood in particular, does not make good sense, and that you will re-evaluate this part of the draft to find a workable solution. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Noble, President
East Sacramento Improvement Association

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Dear Commissioners;

As a voter, living in Citrus Heights the past 45 years; it has always concerned me how the 6th district has been gerrymandered in this long skinny tail all the way to Oregon. It has made the GOP candidate the sole beneficiary

I hope that you will have the courage for the sake of fairness to all other candidates to correct this blatant inequality.

Sincerely,
Marianne Asebedo
Voter in Citrus Hts.