

Subject: CD3

From: Tracey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 09:38:48 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

Let me begin by thanking the California Citizens Redistricting Commission for their efforts at establishing equitable district lines and affording community members the opportunity to let their thoughts and opinions be known. I am writing this letter to show my support for the proposed Sacramento County Congressional Districts.

I support the current draft submitted by the Commission pertaining to the Sacramento County Congressional District lines. I believe that the proposed district lines will allow the economic and educational needs of the residents of Sacramento County to be adequately addressed.

I urge you to preserve the Sacramento County Congressional District lines according to those you have proposed in your first draft. Thank you kindly for affording me the chance to make these comments. Your efforts are appreciated.

Most Cordially,

D. Alex Surette

Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Sacramento County Resident

Subject: Written copy of public testimony at Sacramento June 28 hearing

From: Eugene Lee <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 19:10:07 -0700

To: Voters First Act <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I have attached a written copy of the testimony I presented today at the Commission's Sacramento hearing, on June 28, 2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

Best regards,
Eugene Lee

Eugene Lee
Voting Rights Project Director

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**Statement of Eugene Lee
Voting Rights Project Director, Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Presented at Sacramento Hearing on June 28, 2011
Conducted by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission**

Good evening. My name is Eugene Lee, and I am a voting rights attorney at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC). APALC anchors a statewide network of Asian American and Pacific Islander community members engaged in redistricting. This network is called the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR).

In May, CAPAFR submitted proposed Assembly and Senate plans with support from APALC, after months of conducting community education about redistricting. Since the June 10 release of the Commission's draft maps, APALC and the lead organizations of CAPAFR have discussed the maps with community members across the state, many of whom have testified at the Commission's June hearings to provide their feedback.

APALC has also worked very closely with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and the African American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC) to develop a coordinated response to the Commission's draft maps.

With APALC's assistance, CAPAFR is today jointly submitting with AARC and MALDEF a statewide "unity" Assembly plan that builds off the Commission's draft. This plan responds to those district configurations that community members feel are problematic while retaining those that seem reasonable.

In addition, CAPAFR, AARC and MALDEF are submitting today a set of proposed "unity" Senate districts for Southern California. CAPAFR is submitting a statewide Senate plan today that includes these unity Senate districts for Southern California.

These plans, along with accompanying documentation, are contained in the CDs that I am giving to the Commission today.

I want to emphasize that the unity plans submitted today in no way represent an attempt to engage in racial gerrymandering. Instead, the plans are drawn to illustrate how new district lines can be drawn to comply with the requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act. The plans submitted today are intended to help the Commission identify options in carrying out this task, including the drawing of districts that provide a remedy for the unfortunate continuing persistence of racially polarized voting.

Importantly, the plans submitted today are presented as a solution to the difficult challenge faced by the Commission. This challenge is how to balance the testimony provided by thousands of Californians about their communities of interest and their neighborhoods.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are part of these communities of interest and neighborhoods, some of which are kept together in the Commission's draft, and some of which are fragmented into multiple districts. The plans submitted today are intended to provide the

Commission with options for how to revise its draft districts to better respect the interests of AAPI and other underserved communities while also accommodating the interests of all Californians.

In the coming weeks, we at APALC are available to answer questions about the unity plans, or to assist in whatever way we may be helpful to the Commission. Thank you.

Subject: Statement of Support for the SACCO Congressional District

From: Mark Taylor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 20:42:51 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

First, thank you for undertaking the difficult and important task with which you are charged. You are to be commended for your efforts to provide extensive opportunity for public input and for making meetings, agendas and handouts, and materials received from the public (including maps and block equivalency files) available on your website. This has provided all Californians with a meaningful opportunity to engage in this most important task.

I am writing to tell you that **you got it right** with your first draft map of the Sacramento County (SACCO) Congressional District. The district I have lived in for the past 10 years, Congressional District 3, has been the poster child for gerrymandering, forcing together disparate communities across 5 counties including Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Solano and Sacramento. The Commission in its 1st draft map of the SACCO Congressional District has demonstrated that it is both feasible and logical to respect the boundary of Sacramento County in drawing the SACCO Congressional District. I applaud you for this and encourage you to maintain your current boundaries for the SACCO District as you move forward.

One of the important benefits of the approach you have taken is that it minimizes the number of separate local jurisdictions--including not only the County but cities, school districts, fire districts and others--represented in the new district and promotes the ability of citizens within the district to find a true common voice on issues of importance.

Therefore, the Commission deserves credit for respecting the geographic, economic, political and cultural integrity of Sacramento County and the communities of which it is composed as you have sought to develop congressional districts in this area.

As I have monitored the correspondence to the Commission regarding the SACCO District, I have noted a small number that have advocated inclusion of areas beyond the boundaries of Sacramento County. None of the proponents of such change have commented on why the community bonds within Sacramento County should be viewed by the Commission as any less compelling than the community affinities they claim to have identified. For me, those proposals move back in the direction of the type of multi-county gerrymander we have seen in the past and I don't believe the Commission wishes to be the agent for that type of change.

Again, with great respect and thanks,

Mark Taylor

Subject: Redistricting of Citrus Hieghts

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 20:48:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the CA Redistricting Commission Members,

We are devoted residents of the City of Citrus Heights and cannot fathom the thought process of splitting our City into two Districts. We thought your goals were to keep communities together however this does not seem to be the case. We need to be one voice and keep our community together. It would dilute our voice as one body if you split us. We need to have one representative to represent our City.

We are emailing our thoughts in lieu of a personal appearance on such a foul weather night.

Sincerely,
Jean and Jack Duncan
Residents of Citrus Heights

Subject: Keep Citrus Height whole

From: "Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 17:34:02 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear members of the Ca Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your hard work that has taken you months to do. I fully supported the citizen redistricting process. I have waited with anticipation to see more reasonable lines, not gerrymandered for political purposes.

But I am shocked that you did not follow the required guidelines! Your first draft separates our little city into two parts -- and each into a different county!!!!

I am once again urging you to amend the first draft of the California Assembly District lines and keep my city whole. Citrus Heights is unique : it is just 14.1 square miles of about 85,000 residents. Our citizens are very engaged since we struggled to become a city in 1997. They participate in everything that local public engagement has to offer them (one of the reasons we chose citihood).

How can this be? Wasn't your directive to keep cities whole? Your web site states:

When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable.

The first draft of your assembly lines ignores this premise. I urge you to move one line -- in any direction -- but keep Citrus Heights united as we are today. Let our residents speak as one.

Thank you.

Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa

Councilmember

City of Citrus Heights

Subject: Comments to the Commission

From: "Will H. Green, M.D." <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 22:03:02 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please review the concerns of East Sacramento Preservation, Inc. in regard to your proposed plans to divide the neighborhoods of East Sacramento.

Attached letter

Respectfully submitted,

Will Green, Pres
ESP, Inc.

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ESP, Inc., [REDACTED], Sacramento, CA 95819

June 28, 2011

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

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

We are a neighborhood non-profit who 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 members of this lovely tree-lined neighborhood we understand the importance of crafting sound public policy and balancing community input. We trust that you will hear our voices and reassess this part of the draft map to find a workable solution that will not split these adjacent neighborhoods.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss this further. Visit our webpage at www.eastsacpreservation.org

Sincerely,

Will Green, MD
President of ESP, Inc.

Subject:

From: Robert Hyland <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 17:02:44 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To the CA Redistricting Commission Members,

As recommended by your website, I am presenting this email in lieu of making a personal appearance before the commission this evening.

I vehemently oppose the first draft map that splits our city between two assembly districts. This decision violates your principles to keep communities whole, cities whole and people of like interest whole. We have fewer than 85,000 people in Citrus Heights and I would like to know why it is so important to split a city as small as ours and violate the tenants of the commission? If you split us, it will dilute our ability to represent our citizens to the state, particularly because the two districts will probably be represented by opposing parties, thus completely neutralizing our effectiveness to appeal to our legislators. We implore you to keep our city within one assembly district, in keeping with the principles and goals of the commission.

Sincerely,

Robert Hyland-Citrus Heights resident

June 28, 2011



Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street
Sacramento CA 95814
via electronic mail

Dear Commissioners:

You have received comments that argue that your first-draft districts inappropriately link Davis/West Sacramento with the City of Sacramento. I am writing to assure you that such a linkage is, in fact, a reasonable community of interest according to the terms of state law and your own prior definitions and that, taken together, your proposed first-draft maps are appropriate.

The people of Yolo-Sacramento are “a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests”. With specific reference to the examples articulated in the state law enacted by the electorate, the key transportation facilities, work opportunities, and communications media are shared from Davis to West Sacramento to Sacramento.

- The overwhelming majority of residents of Davis and West Sacramento work either in our own two cities or in Sacramento. This is also reflected in commute patterns, with nearly all intercity commute trips linking just our three cities, as measured by vehicle trips on our major highway (I-80), by transit trips on Yolobus, or rail trips on the Capitol Corridor rail line (on which the Sacramento and Davis stations are the two busiest in all of Northern California). Trips linking these three place dwarf trips to points west of Davis.
- The University of California at Davis is our region’s top employer, and it is concentrated in Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, and Sacramento. More campus employees of UC Davis commute from Sacramento and from West Sacramento than from Woodland, Winters, and all of Solano County—combined. That doesn’t include the more than 10,000 UCD Medical Center employees who work in Sacramento. For students, who reflect the integration of urban culture, the distinction is even more dramatic; fewer than two percent live in Solano County, while nearly ten times as many reside in West Sacramento and Sacramento. Similarly, a majority of the 33,000 jobs in my city are held by residents of Sacramento and Davis.
- While most of Solano County is in the Bay Area media market, Yolo and Sacramento share the same regional newspaper and the same radio and television stations.
- The integration of our communities extends to cultural and social life, as well. Our professional baseball stadium on the west bank of the river is financed by a joint powers authority spanning both counties across the river. Elected officials from all across Yolo County (including Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Winters) serve on the blue-ribbon committee working on a new sports and entertainment center near the river in Sacramento, largely because it is associated with thousands of jobs for Yolo residents. And the Mondavi Center in Davis is the region’s preeminent performing arts facility—drawing far more patrons from Sacramento than from Solano.

It might be tempting to say that the river is at least a bright-line boundary for governmental purposes. But even that would be an exaggeration.

- Sacramento and Yolo are a single Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau. Davis and West Sacramento share with the City of Sacramento the same community college district (which does not include the rest of Yolo), metropolitan planning organization, vector control district, and council of governments.
- The first-draft WESTSAC (Assembly) district reflects natural ecological boundaries with major policy impact. Unlike Benicia and Fairfield in the current 8th Assembly District, Sacramento is in the same air basin and watershed as West Sacramento and Davis. The legal and regulatory boundaries for the US Army Corps of Engineers District, the Sacramento Valley Basin Air Pollution Control Council, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other place-based agencies all extend across the Sacramento River, but none extend west of the Coast Range to Fairfield and Benicia.

Finally, the history of district lines in our area reinforces the notion that we can be reasonably considered a community of interest, even across the river boundary. Davis and West Sacramento were in the same Congressional district as the City of Sacramento for 25 years, from 1966 to 1992, including the nonpartisan, court-ordered 1973 map. We shared an Assembly district with Sacramento in the 1960's and 1970's, represented by Ed Z'berg, Vic Fazio, and Tom Hannigan. And Davis and West Sacramento (although not Woodland) were in a Senate district with a large portion of the City of Sacramento throughout the 1980's, with Patrick Johnston as our representative.

These are also the reasons why we would be concerned about severing West Sacramento entirely from the rest of Yolo County in all three legislative/congressional districts, as some have proposed in response to your first draft. Pairing Davis with Fairfield and Benicia instead of Sacramento (and, in some cases, my city) would be directly contrary to virtually every indicator of substantial economic, political, governmental, cultural, and social integration.

In an ideal world, our legislative and congressional districts would include all of Yolo County *and* at least a portion of urban Sacramento. That would reflect a coherent overlap of multiple dimensions of community of interest. We know and appreciate, however, that the commission cannot treat any one place or group of places in isolation. So your first-draft maps, taken together and in context, represent a reasonable treatment of communities of interest in the Sacramento-Yolo MSA.

Thank you for the care and transparency with which you have approached your work, both overall and in the specific context of aligning district lines in our region with meaningful communities of interest.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER L. CABALDON
Mayor of West Sacramento

Subject: Sacramento Area Lines

From: Michael Borges <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 13:43:33 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Michael Borges and I am writing to urge the Commission to keep West Sacramento together with Sacramento as the Commission draws its Assembly, Senate, and Congressional lines. I currently live in West Sacramento and have done so for the past 4 years. During this time, our representatives have have been shared with Davis, Woodland, other Yolo County cities and other neighboring counties to the West. However, as I have built my life here, I think most West Sacramento residents would agree with me that we have more in common with Sacramento than the areas west of us. An extremely large number of our residents work and play in the Sacramento area. Sacramento and West Sacramento are only separated by about 1000 feet and there are multiple bridges crossing that span. When we shop at farmer's markets, we either go to our own, or we travel in to Sacramento. We eat out, go to bars, watch movie, and do a myriad of other activities in Sacramento. The areas minor league baseball team is hosted in West Sacramento and both cities are working together to develop the riverfront areas in coordination with each other. In contrast, Davis, our closest neighbor in Yolo County, is miles away over the Yolo Causeway. Personally, most of my interactions with the city have been watching it pass by in the car on the way to the Bay Area. In summary, although we are only own distinct city and in a neighboring county, I would call West Sacramento almost a suburb of Sacramento, sharing many more ties with our neighbors across the river than with other cities in in our same county. Thus, I respectfully ask the Commissioners to keep West Sacramento with the Sacramento area when the Commission draws the political boundaries.

Thank you,
Michael Borges

Subject: Redistrictingr

From: Tracey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 09:33:25 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Region 9 Sacramento County Congressional Districts

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts and opinions concerning the proposed Congressional District lines in Sacramento County. I appreciate the Commission's efforts and their receptiveness with respect to public comment and input.

I support the manner in which the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has initially drafted the Sacramento County Congressional District boundaries. The proposed Congressional District boundaries are reasonable in their effort to ensure that the Congressional Districts include Sacramento County. In my opinion, the proposal appropriately attempts to see that the interests common to Sacramento County residents are adequately represented. I believe that the Commission's boundaries attempt to preserve the unity of Sacramento County and its residents.

Thank you kindly for presenting community members with a reasonable proposal and for the opportunity to express my thoughts on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Del Surette

Citrus Heights 95610

Resident of Sacramento County

Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 23:44:15 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Jeannie Bruins <[REDACTED]>

To the CA Redistricting Commission Members,

As recommended by your website, I am presenting this email in lieu of making a personal appearance before the commission this evening.

The Citrus Heights City Council sent a letter opposing the first draft map that splits our city between two assembly districts. This decision violates your principles to keep communities whole, cities whole and people of like interest whole. We have fewer than 85,000 people in Citrus Heights and I would like to know why it is so important to split a city as small as ours and violate the tenants of the commission? If you split us, it will dilute our ability to represent our citizens to the state, particularly because the two districts will probably be represented by opposing parties, thus completely neutralizing our effectiveness to appeal to our legislators. We implore you to keep our city within one assembly district, in keeping with the principles and goals of the commission.

Sincerely

Mel Turner
Citrus Heights City Council Member

Subject: Re: Redistricting Draft Maps

From: "Rick Bettis " <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 14:46:57 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

This is to acknowledge that you received an earlier incomplete message from me that was sent by mistake. The message below includes my completed comments.

Thank you,
Rick Bettis

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rick Bettis " <[REDACTED]>

Reply-To: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 19:38:31 -0700

Dear Commission Members,

As a Charter and active member of Common Cause and a Board Member for a local League of Women Voters Chapter I was a very supportive of Proposition 11. This included spending many hours gathering signatures for the Initiative.

However, from the perspective of a longtime Sacramento Community Activist I must express my disappointment with the Draft Maps as they effect the Sacramento Assembly and State Senate District. They appear not to adequately respect the local government boundaries and communities of interest.

The combining of Sacramento and Yolo County Assembly and Senate Districts does not respect important local government boundaries and could result in the loss of two members of the Assembly and one Senator who very effectively represent the interest of their communities.

The inclusion of portions of the City of Sacramento in the El Dorado Assembly District also does not respect communities of interest. The City of Sacramento areas are culturally and socio-economically very different than those in El Dorado County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rick Bettis

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, ca. 95811

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Jeannie Bruins <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 21:53:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeannie Bruins <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Citrus Heights Whole

Message Body:

As recommended by your website, I am presenting this email in lieu of making a personal appearance before the commission this evening.

The Citrus Heights City Council sent a letter under my signature opposing the first draft map that splits our city between two assembly districts. This decision violates your principles to keep communities whole, cities whole and people of like interest whole. We have fewer than 85,000 people in Citrus Heights and I would like to know why it is so important to split a city as small as ours and violate the tenants of the commission? If you split us, it will dilute our ability to represent our citizens to the state, particularly because the two districts will probably be represented by opposing parties, thus completely neutralizing our effectiveness to appeal to our legislators. We implore you to keep our city within one assembly district, in keeping with the principles and goals of the commission.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Bruins, Mayor
City of Citrus Heights

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Amy Springmeyer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 20:10:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Amy Springmeyer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: community of interest concept not being upheld

Message Body:

I'm a bit confused as to how the "community of interest" concept is being applied by the commission. It would appear that, at least in the case of Sacramento, COI requires a voting rights or equal protection element to have weight, and that, aside from that, geography/contiguity/compactness and equipopulousness supersede all other interests.

With the existing proposal for redistricting in the Sacramento region, the commission is proposing to align residents of the city with far flung areas and peoples that are not similar in any ways.

While, the proposed redistricting does create less homogeneity in the voters, I cannot see how in good faith the commission can draw lines through the middle of a city and align those factions with areas almost 60 miles away.

I would urge the commission to seriously consider the concept of community of interest and look at aligning districts by city/county boundaries. There is something to be said for why folks choose to live in certain locales.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public comment Richard Salton

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 14:55:34 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Dear CRC Commission Members,

Please change your first draft Assembly map called SACEG by adding the two similar communities of Galt and Lodi to the district. I am very familiar with both communities. I live in Galt and I work in the Lodi/Galt area. Further, I get my daily newspaper in Galt from Lodi, the *Lodi News Sentinel*, on my doorstep every morning. I shop in both communities, depending on which is nearest when I need something. On the other side, many of the county and local government services in Galt are shared with Elk Grove. For example, in the case of a disaster, we are both part of a joint Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) organized by the Consumnes Community Services District Fire Department. All three cities are tied together by Highway 99.

You said that if we suggest taking cities out of a district you put them in, we should also suggest what cities you could put into the district to replace the transferred population. To that end, I looked at the WSAC district which could take a bigger portion of the City of Sacramento and in turn give up Davis to the EEC district making that district line cleaner and keeping it on the west side of the Delta.

Another option is to place Lodi with Stockton since they are nearer to one another, but I didn't find a city with like population to try to trade it for and I'd really like Galt to be with Lodi. I do not want to see Lodi and Galt in Solano and hope my Davis suggestion gives you a viable option and we can stay together in the Central Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Salton

Subject: No to redistricting

From: Tracey Surette [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 09:36:41 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

RE: Sacramento County Congressional Districts

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the proposed boundaries of the Sacramento County Congressional Districts. I am also writing to express my thanks to the CCRC for considering the opinions and concerns of community members and local officials.

I support the proposed Congressional District boundaries because I believe that the Commission has made an attempt to recognize the concerns that are relevant to the City of Sacramento and the surrounding metropolitan area; and the concerns of residents in the more suburban areas within Sacramento County. I agree with the Commission's proposed Congressional District boundaries. I support the proposal of creating two Congressional Districts within Sacramento County. I think a district that includes the City of Sacramento and the surrounding downtown area; and a separate district that includes much of the County's suburban areas is an appropriate proposal. I think that these Congressional District boundaries are sensible because they do not dismantle Sacramento County. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Truly,

Tracey Surette

Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Resident of Sacramento County



June 28, 2011

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

Re: Draft Plan for Assembly and State Senate Boundaries

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The East Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors wishes to express its desire that our local neighborhood, commonly identified as "East Sacramento," be retained in its entirety when the California Citizens Redistricting Commission finalizes the Assembly and State Senate district boundaries. The most recent plan, dated June 8, divides our neighborhood in half between two different State Senate and Assembly seats.

Our Chamber's membership consists primarily of businesses, merchants and professionals working or residing in East Sacramento. The boundaries of East Sacramento are very distinct and recognizable: the American River on the north; the CSUS campus on east; the Capital Freeway (Business 80) on the west; and Highway 50 on the south.

The Chamber's board believes the neighborhood of East Sacramento should remain in one Assembly and State Senate district and not be divided between districts. First, residents and businesses in East Sacramento historically have viewed themselves as all being part of a single unified community. Second, this Chamber strives to promote neighborhood cohesiveness and unity between residents and business in East Sacramento in cooperation with many of the public services and programs. Accordingly, this Chamber and its members are familiar with working with a single point of contact via our elected legislative representatives when addressing issues. Dividing the neighborhood could cause confusion and the unintended result of having duplicate services performed wasting tax dollars. Lastly, East Sacramento is defined by easily recognizable physical and community of interest boundaries so dividing this neighborhood would be contrary to the spirit of preserving neighborhood integrity.

Our Chamber recognizes the challenging task awaiting the California Citizens Redistricting Commission in adjusting districts to achieve a numerical balance caused by changes in population growth. Our Chamber believes the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has the ability to draw reasonable Assembly and State Senate district lines without disturbing well-established and recognizable neighborhoods. The East Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors urges the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to preserve East Sacramento in one Assembly and one State Senate district.

Sincerely,

Chris Little
President

[REDACTED], Sacramento, California 95816

Subject: Keep Citrus Heights Whole

From: "Thorson, Karen" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 16:01:33 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

As recommended by your website, I am presenting this email in lieu of making a personal appearance before the commission this evening.

I am opposed to having the city of Citrus Heights split between two assembly districts. This decision violates your principles to keep communities whole, cities whole and people of like interest whole. We have fewer than 85,000 people in Citrus Heights and I would like to know why it is so important to split a city as small as ours and violate the tenants of the commission? If you split us, it will dilute our ability to represent our citizens to the state, particularly because the two districts will probably be represented by opposing parties, thus completely neutralizing our effectiveness to appeal to our legislators. We implore you to keep our city within one assembly district, in keeping with the principles and goals of the commission.

Karen Thorson

[REDACTED]

Citrus Heights, CA 95610

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Subject: Keep Citrus Heights Whole

From: "Jeannie Bruins" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:04:33 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Jeannie Bruins

*Jeannie Bruins, Mayor
City of Citrus Heights*

Subject: Keep Citrus Height Whole

From: "Harless, Kathleen" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:51:12 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To the CA Redistricting Commission Members,

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Kathleen Harless

SAFE Credit Union

Asst. Vice President, Branch Operations

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COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING (CAPAFR)

CAPAFR-Sacramento

Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Public Hearing: June 28, 2011

State Capitol, Room 4203 Sacramento CA 95814

Arrive 5pm – 6:00pm-9pm

“Elaine Abelaye”

Asian Resources, Inc.

My name is Elaine Abelaye. I am the Executive Director of Asian Resources Inc. (ARI). Thank you for holding this hearing so that residents of Sacramento can provide input in the redistricting process. ARI is a nonprofit, community-based organization in Sacramento. We provide a wide spectrum of social services to low-income and limited English speaking residents in Sacramento County. Although the word “Asian” is in our organizational name, we serve any low-income or limited English speaking resident in the County. ARI has three offices. Our original office and headquarters are on Stockton Boulevard in South Sacramento and serves the South Sacramento and Elk Grove community. Our second office is in the Broadway Corridor which serves the downtown area and even families in West Sacramento. Our northern office is located in Citrus Heights and reaches communities in the northern part of the City of Sacramento such as North Natomas and North Highlands.

We provide naturalization services, English-as-a-second-language (ESL) classes, and employment services. We also provide traditional social services to low-income residents such as assisting residents in applying for low-income public utility programs. Because we serve a diverse population, our staff can speak 13 different languages, including Hmong, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Russian. Each office services a different population because of the demographic make up in the surrounding areas.

Our South Sacramento office serves a large Southeast Asian population. The Southeast Asian population we serve face a number of barriers to accessing all the resources our community has to offer, and ARI provides a number of community services such as ESL classes to help eliminate the barriers. ARI also serves as a bridge for newcomer Southeast Asian communities as we connect them to opportunities for civic participation. For example, each year, ARI helps hundreds of newcomers become citizens and as a result of their integration into the community, their contributions are visible in a host of ways.

The Stockton Boulevard corridor is home to many Southeast Asian restaurants and retailers that have established themselves over the past three decades. This area was designated “Little Saigon” by the City of Sacramento to pay tribute to the many Vietnamese refugees who resettled into the area after the Fall of Saigon in the late 1970’s. The City’s designation is Stockton Boulevard from Fruitridge to Florin Boulevards. There are many opportunities in this corridor particularly because the area has continued to grow new development and attract business owners from Southern California and the Bay Area who are interested in doing business with many of the unique and specialty retailers. In early 2011, a group of local Southeast Asian

business owners founded the Greater Sacramento Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce to provide support and build capacity of existing Southeast Asian businesses.

And as Southeast Asian families have grown in size and accumulated resources, we have seen our client population move further south into the Elk Grove area. The Census data poignantly captures the dramatic shift in demographics of the City of Elk Grove as more Southeast Asian families have moved into the area. Even though they are moving further south, the Southeast Asian community still comes to our office for ESL classes, citizenship workshops, and the social services we provide.

Based on the hearing held in Auburn on May 19, 2011 and the release of the draft maps of the Assembly, I want to thank the Commission for keeping South Sacramento and Elk Grove together. Even if there are changes to the maps, please continue to keep South Sacramento (from Fruitridge Road South), Elk Grove, Florin, and Vineyard together.

In our Citrus Height office, we see many clients from the Slavic, Latino, and Southeast Asian communities. The northern part of Sacramento has a relatively high number of foreign born residents. This is particularly true of the northern part of the City of Sacramento. Like our South Sacramento office, our Citrus Heights office provides ESL classes and citizenship services. We also provide workforce programs and youth services.

Thank you for considering our input.

Subject: Don't split our City

From: "Ivalynn \ (Ivy\) Kichor" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 16:24:28 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the CA Redistricting Commission Members,

As recommended by your website, I am presenting this email in lieu of making a personal appearance before the commission this evening.

I oppose the the split of our city between two assembly districts. This decision violates your principles to keep communities whole, cities whole and people of like interest whole. We have fewer than 85,000 people in Citrus Heights and I would like to know why it is so important to split a city as small as ours and violate the tenants of the commission? If you split us, it will dilute our ability to represent our citizens to the state, particularly because the two districts will probably be represented by opposing parties, thus completely neutralizing our effectiveness to appeal to our legislators. We implore you to keep our city within one assembly district, in keeping with the principles and goals of the commission.

Ivy Kichor

Resident of Citrus Heights

Subject: District Boundaries for Citrus Heights.

From: Bill Van Duker [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 16:00:05 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

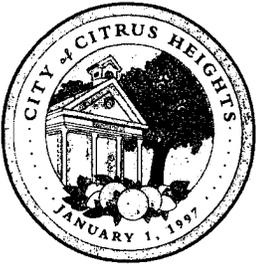
Dear Commissioners. The proposed boundaries appear to split our community in half. This is not right. We worked 12 long years to bring about the incorporation of our city, we have a community that is tight-knit, with a high level of esprit.

Please don't split us in half.

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Bill Van Duker
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Fax [REDACTED]
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June 27, 2011

VIA U.S. MAIL

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

Re: Redistricting – Citrus Heights

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, 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, Citrus Heights is entirely within a single Assembly and Senate District. Including Citrus Heights in Assembly and Senate districts as a whole, rather than dividing the City between districts, is important to ensuring that the residents of Citrus Heights are adequately represented in the Legislature and this principle is essential to ensuring compliance with Proposition 20. Proposition 20, amended Section 2 of Article XXI of the California Constitution, to use a mapping process to respect "communities of interest" when drawing Assembly and Senate District boundaries. Specifically, Proposition 20 recognized that importance of the geographic integrity of cities, explaining that "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." (Cal. Const. Article XXI, Section 2(d)(4).) We believe that the current draft maps do not accomplish the constitutional mandate to preserve communities of interest, and thereby the draft maps do not provide Citrus Heights with effective and fair representation.

Residents of Citrus Heights have many common interests; dividing the City will deprive residents of effective representation in the Legislature because no member will be obligated to answer to the residents of the City as a unit. Furthermore, dividing the City will interfere with the intent of Proposition 20 and the City's ability to advance its interests in a cohesive and efficient manner because the City would be faced with the challenge of coordinating the efforts of two Assembly or Senate Members who may have competing interests in the other communities they represent. Accordingly, any redistricting effort should continue to keep Citrus Heights within a single Assembly and Senate district, rather than dividing the City between Assembly and/or Senate districts.

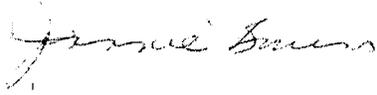
Jeannie Bruins, Mayor • Jeff Slowey, Vice Mayor

Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Council Member • Steve Miller, Council Member • Mel Turner, Council Member

Henry Tingle, City Manager • Ruthann Ziegler, City Attorney

Thank you for considering our input and please do not hesitate to contact me or Henry Tingle, our City Manager, if you desire any further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeannie Bruins".

Jeannie Bruins
Mayor, City of Citrus Heights

cc: City Council
Henry Tingle, City Manager
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Subject: Written testimony for the Citizens Redistricting Commission First Draft Maps

From: Diana Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 18:41:51 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Diana Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept my written statement (attached) as my testimony not in favor of the proposed maps.

Thank you,

Diana Rodriguez, Board Member

Sacramento City Unified School District

Letter to CRC Members 6-28-11.pdf



June 28, 2011

Diana Rodriguez, Board Member
Sacramento City Unified School District

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Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the draft maps drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission for the California State Assembly, Senate, Congressional, and Board of Equalization districts. Specifically, my concern surrounds the first draft of the maps which diminishes much needed opportunities for future Latino political progress in the state of California.

As a current Latina elected official to a local school board in Sacramento, California, had it not been for the creation of single member districts versus past at-large representation, we would not have had an opportunity for persons from a diverse background including socio-economic status and educational attainment to have run for and hold a seat on this particular board. As I review the maps being proposed, I see the this same potential opportunity being severely diminished to the point of dividing communities of interest based on many levels, but none more so than those communities who are of Latino descent.

During the last decade, California's Latino population accounted for 90% of the state's growth. Furthermore, the current census numbers shows youth in the state of California representing over 50% of children aged 18 years or younger. In the next 10 years, Latinos will represent a larger voting base than what is currently presented before you today. Your commission's maps fail to reflect Latino growth by overlooking the need to create opportunities for increased Latino elected representation at all levels.

In addition, your commission must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. Under state law, strict adherence to the VRA is the second highest priority that the Commission must apply when drawing the state's new districts.

I write to request the following be considered when revising your current proposed maps:

1. Create additional Latino opportunity districts where there is at best 50% Latino Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)
2. Where there are currently Latino opportunity districts in existence, the Commission does not reduce or eliminate Latino opportunities
3. The Commission does not divide a Community of Interest (COI) or force underrepresented groups of ethnicities to work against each other to gain political representation for their respective communities.

There are several areas where the Commission can focus its attention to remedy the proposed loss of opportunities for the Latino community. The following is a list of these areas and proposed recommendations:

Area	Recommendation
Imperial Valley	Keep the alike communities of Imperial Valley and Coachella Valley together in the same assembly and senate districts
San Diego	Keep the communities of interest together and carefully examine natural dividing lines such as freeway's and areas of differing socio-economic status, especially when presented with areas of newer development versus older developed areas
Central Valley	<p>Strengthen the Kings district's Latino CVAP.</p> <p>Maintain the current KINGS as a Latino effective district.</p> <p>Carefully examine the MERCED senate district to determine if it can be made a Latino effective district.</p> <p>Carefully examine if two Latino effective Congressional districts should be created in this area.</p>
Los Angeles County area	Keep Latino COI's together in the downtown and west Los Angeles area
San Bernardino	Keep San Bernardino City area together. Keep all assembly districts wholly in the same county (San Bernardino)

San Jose area	Keep the East Side San Jose together with San Jose
Tri-County Central Coast area	Create opportunities that enhance fair Latino political representation that keeps in compliance with the VRA for all Assembly, Senate, Congressional, and Board of Equalization seats. Create a district that spans across the Mt. Madonna/Hecker Pass mountains that keeps the communities of Gilroy, Watsonville, Aromas, and other surrounding areas together.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in written format to your commission. I appreciate and value your time and dedication to serving our communities across the state of California.

Sincerely,

Diana Rodriguez