

**Subject:** Comments on Yolo County redistricting

**From:** Leanne Friedman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 12:03:11 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for the work you have done, and for encouraging public comment, on the redistricting of our state.

I urge you to re-consider your proposal to split Yolo County into separate political districts.

The cities and towns in Yolo County have a long history of collaboration in land use, social services, air and water quality and other common interests. These community-wide endeavors would be seriously jeopardized by the division of Yolo County, forcing our cities to deal separately with several different political jurisdictions and undermining Yolo County's ability to speak to our elected representatives with a unified strong voice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leanne J. Friedman

[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA 95616

**Subject:** Link for Yolo County General Plan for Commissioner Ontai.

**From:** Matthews Williams [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 22:31:57 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** Janeece Sargis <[REDACTED]>

Janeece, at tonight's hearing, Commissioner Ontai asked for an electronic copy of the Yolo County General Plan. I have requested that a pdf document of the Plan be sent to your attention for routing to Commissioner Ontai. In the mean time, the Plan can be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1965> I also asked Yolo County to send a hard copy of the Plan to you as a reference document for all the Commissioners and Staff.

I submitted 15 printed copies of my testimony tonight, but as a link to the Plan document for Commissioner Ontai, I have attached a pdf file containing the same text I submitted in hard copy.

Thank You.

Matthews Williams Jr.

[REDACTED]  
El Macero, CA 95618  
[REDACTED]



Commission Members,

I am Matt Williams. Thank you for the hard work you are doing on our behalf. My comments are regarding Assembly Districts, specifically 1) East Contra Costa, 2) West Sacramento, 3) South Sacramento/Elk Grove and 4) Yuba.

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Collectively these steps will produce four Assembly Districts that meet your targets.

**Subject:** Comments on the First Draft Maps

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 20:35:40 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

June 28, 2011

Comment on the First Draft Maps

I have been a resident of Yolo County for nearly 20 years in the city of Davis. I served for nine years as the Director of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District from 1995 to 2004. In that capacity I had the opportunity to work for an elected Board with members who were supervisors from Yolo and Solano Counties and cities in both counties.

Over those years, and as a resident of Davis I observed the elected officials dealing with common problems and issues unique to their counties. In particular I want to make several points about Yolo County, which will be significantly impacted by the way in which the first draft breaks up the county, proposing that this unique community should share nine separate elected officials at the state and federal level.

While Yolo county has a small population with relation to the state, the 200,000 residents share a range of issues that impact their lives each day and over the years. These community issues range from water, to flood planning, schools, environmental protection, and in particular they share a special heritage of protecting their agricultural land and focusing most development into the incorporated cities. This is vastly different than the development patterns in neighboring counties, and it has been a long term community strategy to preserve the agricultural land in the county. Each of these issues requires a community focus at the state and federal level over many years and into the future. All of these issues, commonly held throughout the county would be extremely difficult to manage if dealing with nine different elected officials, three at the state Assembly, three at the state Senate and three in the US House of Representatives.

The Commission asked two questions regarding the current map and my responses follow:

1. I do not feel the commission has had enough testimony regarding the unique characteristics of Yolo County.
2. To address the interests of Yolo County, the commission should:
  - Adjust districts so that all Yolo County residents are in the same Assembly Senate and Congressional Districts to reflect the community of interest that is Yolo County.
  - Remove Davis and West Sacramento from the WESTSAC Assembly District and the corresponding SACCITY Senate District and replace them in those districts with Galt and Lodi.
  - Make other adjustments as needed to balance districts in the west.

Sincerely,

Larry Greene  
[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA 95616

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** comments on re-districting

**From:** Anita Reed <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 23:28:00 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express my concern that your proposed redistricting boundaries will divide Yolo County into multiple small fragments based on flawed logic. I realize that these comments are later than the 5 pm deadline for June 28, but I find it is ironic that the public comment period closed before the Commission's meeting which began at 6 pm today. I hope you will still consider my opinion and perspectives at this time.

Yolo County is the smallest county in the State. It is largely rural but flanked by large urban areas. It is the commitment to retaining this rural character that drew me back to Davis in Yolo County after a 22 year absence. Prior to my return I lived in Fresno County for 13 years and watched as the city and unincorporated areas sprawled and leap-frogged over prime agricultural lands. True, I moved back to Yolo County because of a job offer in Sacramento, but I chose to live, and spend my money in Yolo County, not Sacramento. It was a refreshing change to find discrete borders to Yolo County cities and active agriculture thriving in between. Contrary to a statement by one of your commissioners, I do not identify with Sacramento, and I believe that it is ridiculous to lump any of Davis with Sacramento voting districts. It is even more ludicrous to subdivide the state's smallest county into 9 different areas of representation. Because of Yolo County's small population, it may be necessary to combine it with another area, but your current proposal will divide and destroy the fabric of our communities in Yolo county.

Please keep Yolo County whole!

Sincerely,  
Rhonda Reed, Davis, CA

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June 28, 2011

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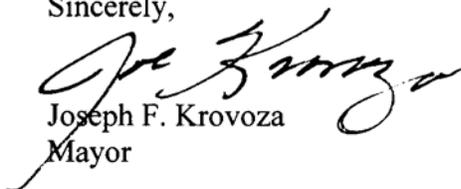
Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The City Council of the City of Davis recognizes the challenge inherent to the charge of the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission and appreciates the efforts that the Commission has put forth to date. However, on behalf of the City Council, I would also like to register our concern with the first draft of the Senate and Assembly districts related to the city of Davis.

The first draft of plans split the communities of Yolo County into multiple districts for Assembly, Senate and Congress. Davis shares many philosophies and projects with its other Yolo County neighbors and is working to minimize costs by further sharing resources with other Yolo communities. Davis and Woodland have partnered in the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency, as both communities seek a sustainable, long-term supply of water. Davis participates in countywide initiatives that tie Yolo County together, such as the Yolo County Transportation District and the Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District. The city has worked hard to preserve farmland, open space and the environment, all key interests of Yolo County that may or may not be shared by the urban districts in which our city has been tentatively placed.

The City of Davis requests that the Commission consider the interests and efficient representation of Davis and Yolo County as a whole as it prepares the second draft of the redistricting maps. We request that our eventual Assembly and Senate districts pair us with as much of Yolo County as feasible. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph F. Krovoza  
Mayor

CITY OF DAVIS



**Subject:** redistricting plan submittal

**From:** "Bob Schneider" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 08:19:56 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

To the Redistricting Commission:

Please find attached an alternative redistricting map (jpg file) and statistics that support this proposal. This submittal is a further refinement of maps submitted earlier by Don Nicodemus. They address issues of representation in the Yolo County area.

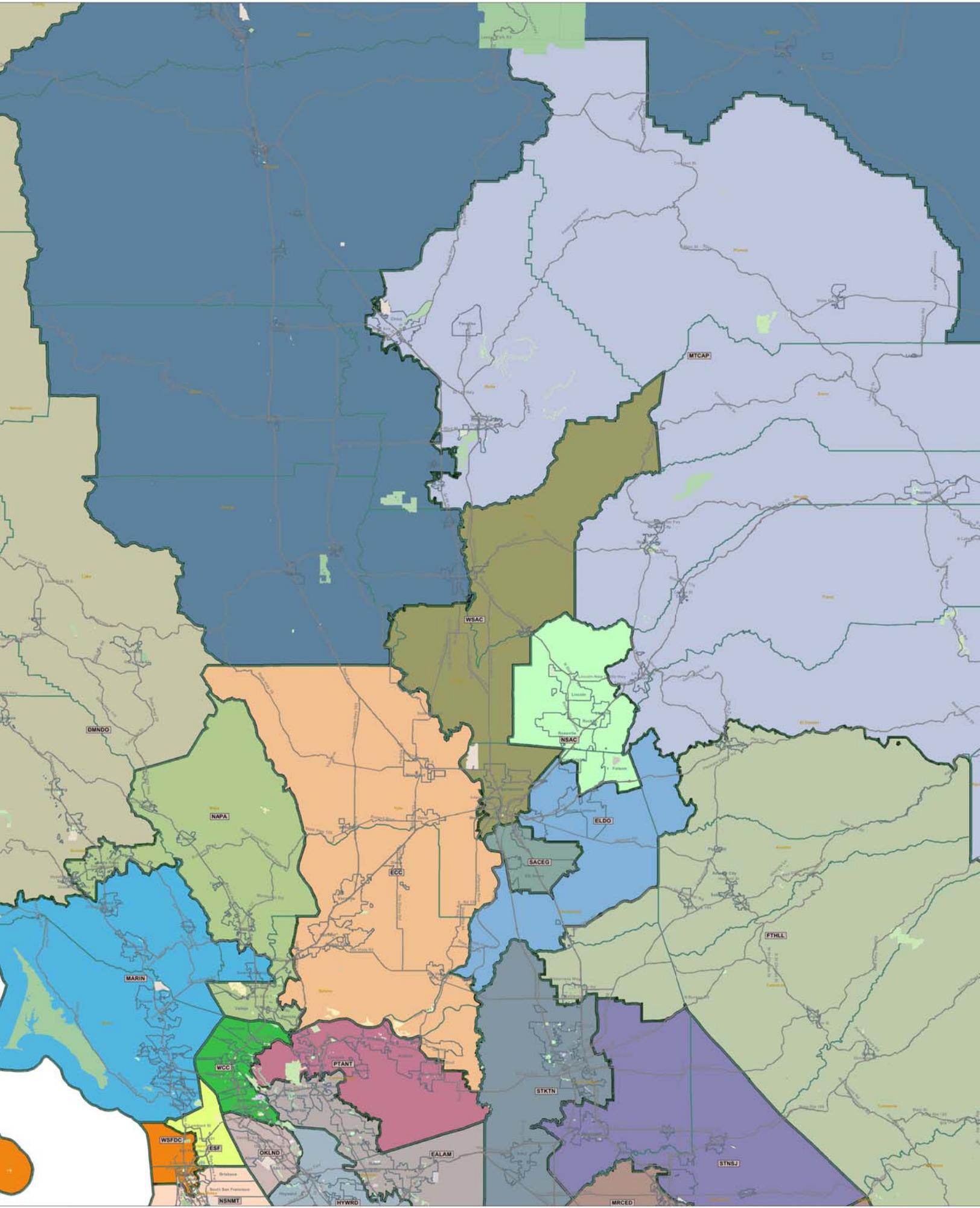
Yolo County is a community of interest. They share the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds, an interest in protecting agricultural lands and open space, and a part of the economy that is increasingly ag-eco tourism related. The districts in this map are compact, ecological and a community of interest based solution.

Thanks you.

Sincerely,  
Bob Schneider

Bob Schneider, Conservation Chair and Executive Committee  
Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter  
and  
Verve Enterprises  
[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA 95616  
[REDACTED]

# Yolo, Yuba, Mtcap, StanSJ, ECC population exchange



District	POP	Deviation	% Deviation	Total Reg.	dem	% dem	rep	
ECC	456489	-9185	-1.97%	218609	47.89%	102091	46.70%	61590
ELDO	458766	-6908	-1.48%	247128	53.87%	98661	39.92%	96520
FTHLL	464315	-1359	-0.29%	230805	49.71%	75714	32.80%	105781
MRCED	462037	-3637	-0.78%	171098	37.03%	80604	47.11%	58154
MTCAP	465703	29	0.01%	263369	56.55%	88831	33.73%	104778
NSAC	461467	-4207	-0.90%	257379	55.77%	76706	29.80%	123641
SACEG	466251	577	0.12%	204475	43.86%	102070	49.92%	57764
STKTN	466462	788	0.17%	174341	37.38%	82828	47.51%	59780
STNSJ	460843	-4831	-1.04%	209829	45.53%	82878	39.50%	84938
WSAC	460265	-5409	-1.16%	204996	44.54%	91887	44.82%	60945
YUBA	473555	7881	1.69%	234078	49.43%	71335	30.47%	107902

% rep	dcl	% dcl	oth	% oth	LCVAP_09%	LCVAP_	BDCVAP_ (%)	BDCVAI
28.17%	45154	20.66%	9774	4.47%	47789	16.36%	179054	61.31%
39.06%	41270	16.70%	10677	4.32%	30071	9.52%	235726	74.64%
45.83%	37273	16.15%	12037	5.22%	47563	15.22%	241228	77.18%
33.99%	25282	14.78%	7058	4.13%	82372	35.42%	120024	51.62%
39.78%	53199	20.20%	16561	6.29%	23155	6.70%	300860	87.05%
48.04%	47124	18.31%	9908	3.85%	26608	8.48%	254711	81.21%
28.25%	36742	17.97%	7899	3.86%	42912	16.81%	104563	40.96%
34.29%	25483	14.62%	6250	3.58%	65672	26.30%	109069	43.68%
40.48%	32500	15.49%	9513	4.53%	60091	21.18%	195747	69.00%
29.73%	41462	20.23%	10702	5.22%	44676	15.63%	174028	60.89%
46.10%	39778	16.99%	15063	6.44%	30824	9.54%	261915	81.09%

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27608	9.45%	30158	10.33%	292064	63.98%	7455	2.55%
21441	6.79%	20967	6.64%	315829	68.84%	7624	2.41%
8683	2.78%	6300	2.02%	312572	67.32%	8798	2.81%
10852	4.67%	13740	5.91%	232535	50.33%	5547	2.39%
3939	1.14%	7936	2.30%	345599	74.21%	9709	2.81%
9586	3.06%	17178	5.48%	313650	67.97%	5567	1.77%
41672	16.33%	57866	22.67%	255264	54.75%	8251	3.23%
27872	11.16%	40448	16.20%	249683	53.53%	6622	2.65%
7983	2.81%	12864	4.53%	283698	61.56%	7013	2.47%
28537	9.99%	28383	9.93%	285788	62.09%	10164	3.56%
6983	2.16%	10263	3.18%	322983	68.20%	12998	4.02%

Party % Deviation

18.53%

0.87%

-13.03%

13.12%

-6.06%

-18.24%

21.67%

13.22%

-0.98%

15.09%

-15.62%



June 28, 2011

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

**Re: Request for Winters Inclusion in a Congressional District with Napa and Lake Counties**

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express support for the City of Winters and our rural community's inclusion in a congressional district with Napa and Lake Counties for reasons of our watershed and our wine grape cultivation.

Winters is a small, rural community in Yolo County located just east of Napa and nestled at the base of the Northern Coast Range and Blue Ridge. Situated at a prominent break in the range (Berryessa Gap) are Monticello Dam and Lake Berryessa. The dam was constructed on Putah Creek which flows from Napa through Winters.

As proposed, the draft district lines exclude Winters and our rural community from inclusion with neighboring areas which share economic, demographic and mutual common interests.

Much of Winters economic livelihood is dependent on Lake Berryessa as a recreation and tourist destination. Currently, upgrades and improvements to the Lake are in full swing that will enhance and draw additional visitors. Highway 128 provides a beautiful eastern gateway from Winters into the Napa and Sonoma valleys. It is important that this economic linkage be considered when drawing redistricting lines.

In recent years, Winters and the surrounding farm land has developed as a burgeoning wine region. Our area is the home to the UC Davis Viticulture programs which have an international reputation for collaboration and research in the wine industry. The wine growers and wineries have developed and benefit from a strong connection with Napa County wineries and vintners and the UC Davis Viticulture Center. Again, these shared interests pose a strong argument for Winters continued representation by the current congressional district.

Winters, CA 95694

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As it is for any agricultural community, water is a key issue. Winters is dependent on water from Clear Lake and the tributaries that come from that watershed (Cache Creek, Indian Reservoir, etc.). It is very important that Winters and our rural community have a representative with a voice in decisions affecting its water supply. To take away Winters ability to safeguard its water supply by leaving those decisions in the hands of others would surely not be in the best interest of our community. Currently, we are included in the Westside Watershed Group that include Lake, Napa, Sonoma, Yolo and Solano Counties which is developing an integrated regional water management plan. (IRWMP). The collaboration and regional decisions for water are paramount and keeping Winters and our regional partners together will provide good projects and potential funding.

The inclusion of common interests, especially in our national representation is critical. Segmenting economic interests based purely on a geographic and/or political basis is not good for California, nor is it good Winters.

As redistricting commissioners you have a daunting task ahead of you. I ask that you take a very studied and logical approach when redrawing the district lines and that when it comes to Winters that you recognize the importance of keeping our interests connected to Napa, Lake and Sonoma counties.

Sincerely,



Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
Mayor Pro-tem  
City of Winters

CAC/mjr

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Stella Taylor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 22:30:10 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Stella Taylor <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: proposed changes in District lines

Message Body:

I DO NOT agree with the current proposal that divides Yolo County into several different Districts. The county and its cities work together well to accomplish shared goals of maintaining agricultural land, open space, ecosystems and rational growth. Yolo County leaders have been effectively involved and supportive of regional planning, bringing the above perspective to the table. As a Davis resident, I have few interests and issues of importance in common with Sacramento area. Davis is NOT a suburb of Sacramento! Regions with a common identity should not be destroyed in this process!  
Stella Taylor

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Donald Morrill <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 21:38:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Donald Morrill <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Community of Interest - Whole County Districts

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I have spent the majority of my work life in the business world, and in retirement have been working to help Yolo County non profits with development.

Yolo County has an enriching array of nearly 70 non profits that focus on the county's needs of hunger, homelessness, health care, children and families, education, the environment, artistic expression, and other community needs. Their daily work clearly reflects the needs of our community of interest.

These organizations depend largely on private support from individual donors and foundations. and consistently demonstrate their cost-effectiveness, delivering services at less cost than public agencies. They do get grant support from state and federal government. In that effort as well as for liaison with state and federal agencies they rely on support of legislators at both the state and federal level. In addition, their missions are enhanced and bolstered by the voices of those elected officials expressed to government entities with whom they work.

To split Yolo County into numerous federal and state districts presents an enormous burden for these non profits to gain help from elected officials to effectively communicate with government. This diffusion and dilution of responsibility would severely restrict the effectiveness of all our County-wide non profits.

Among our non profits are a number of very successful environmental education and advocacy organizations. They reflect our county wide connection with the land and regional interest in our precious watersheds, farmland, and bio-region. Yolo County is in a natural geographic region of the watersheds of Cache and Putah Creeks to the Sacramento River. Federal and state representation of the whole County for its water, agricultural, and biological stewardship and management is entirely sensible.

For the sake of these non profits whose varying missions enormously enhance the lives of Yolo County residents, I strongly urge the Commission to keep Yolo County whole in all districts, representing the strong community of interest that it is.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Morrill

[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA 95616

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**From:** Marilyn Schwartz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 20:42:20 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marilyn Schwartz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Yolo county redistricting

Message Body:

I live in Woodland, Yolo Co. My US congressional district is a small area cut from town attached to Chico area. Already I get zero representation as Herger never attends to this area. Further splitting of this town into different state districts will lead to less representation at state levels. We should be left as a whole county with our neighboring towns including Davis - we need and deserve a COMMON COMMUNITY OF INTEREST. DO NOT DIVIDE OUR COUNTY & attach towns at some distance with zero in common. Divided we will get less representation than we now get. KEEP OUR COMMUNITY in one contiguous district

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** "Matthews Williams, Jr" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 20:04:26 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Subject: Keep the Yolo County Community of Interest whole

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Jan Newman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 17:52:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jan Newman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Davis in Yolo!

Message Body:

Davis and Woodland have more in common than Davis and Sacramento. If you group Davis in the same district as Sacramento, you effectively drown out the voices of the voters in Davis! Is this your intent? I don't think so. But think: how can we in Davis assert our positions on issues when we are grouped with such a huge, powerful entity as Sac.? Especially when Sac & Davis voters differ on almost every issue, whether social, economic, environmental, or growth issues...we are at odds. Davis residents are drawn to Davis. Most of us are not born here. Most of us (even UC Davis profs) could choose to live elsewhere. Yet we choose to live in Davis to be among like-minded people. When you group us in a district with Sac, you are marrying us into a subservient, or at the very least, mute political union. Don't do it!

Rather, group us with Woodland, a city with which we have a longstanding cooperative relationship. As such, we stand to protect our mutual interests including agricultural needs, growth issues, water supply, and many others. Think of UCD: the ag. research there supports the farms & farmers of the surrounding area, not the urban centers in Sac! Davis is oriented to agriculture and the surrounding farmland; these are what drive our politics.

Again, please consider grouping our district with more of Yolo County, and not Sacramento! Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Susan Lovenburg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 13:42:34 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Lovenburg <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Yolo County community of interest

Message Body:

I address you as a trustee of the Davis Joint Unified School District, president of the Yolo County School Boards Association, a member of the Board of Directors of Yolo County Court Appointed Special Advocates, one of the more than seventy non-profit organizations that work to meet the needs of county residents, and the messenger of 114 Yolo county residents who came together this past weekend to endorse a letter requesting that you re-unite Yolo County in district representation.

Quoting from that letter:

“Yolo County is a community like many others, but our pride and focus in two key areas sets us apart.

The first is our dedication to the preservation of ag land and open space. More so than any of the surrounding counties, Yolo County has retained its value of preserving and protecting our agricultural and environmental heritages. All one need do is look around and see our values in practice: small, sustainable cities surrounded by acres and acres of productive and prosperous farm land. We celebrate deep roots in good soil.

The second is the extraordinary degree of cooperation we enjoy with one another. The communities that comprise Yolo County - be they the four small cities or the numerous towns and smaller centers of population - all share a history of working together to resolve problems.

We take pride in municipal teamwork. We partner on water and tourism and infrastructure and law enforcement issues and fire safety and emergency services and parkland and road maintenance and air quality and flood control, and the list goes on. Our partnerships work because we share similar values and a common connection to the land.

As one of California’s original counties, we respectfully request that you honor our way of life and established practices of cooperation and collaboration by re-uniting our county.”

Thank you for your valuable work on our behalf.

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

Subject: Public Comment on First Draft of District Maps

I would like to make the following comments in the hopes of providing the information that will cause you to change the boundaries of the first draft of the maps drawn for the California State Assembly and State Senate districts for UC Davis, the City of Davis and the Yolo Bypass area of Yolo County.

UC Davis has about 5,500 acres of land that spans Yolo and Solano Counties. The founding and continued mission of the UC Davis campus has a focus on agriculture. UC Davis has many internationally recognized programs; one in particular is viticulture that is very relevant to Yolo County and nearby agriculture. In addition, many of the UC Davis students live in Davis. UC Davis and the City of Davis should not be linked to the urban area of the City of Sacramento.

UC Davis is critical to the research necessary to assist the State of California in its renewed effort to address the challenges of managing water quality, quantity and natural resources of the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Delta. This nexus of UCD and our Delta (see attached map of the legal boundaries of the Delta) should be strengthened not weakened. Move the UC Davis campus, the City of Davis and the Yolo Bypass area of Yolo County into the California State Assembly and Senate Districts that you have already so aptly drawn that includes much of the Sacramento River Delta area.

In summary for State Senate:

- The "SACCITY" State Senate district boundaries should be modified to remove UC Davis, the City of Davis and the Yolo Bypass area of the Sacramento River Delta.
- UC Davis, the City of Davis and the Yolo Bypass area of the Sacramento River Delta should be moved in to the "NBAYECONTRA" State Senate district.
- In any event; recognize the agricultural mission of UC Davis, and keep Woodland, UC Davis campus, the City of Davis, Dixon and the majority of the Sacramento River Delta including the wetland area of the Yolo Bypass whole within a single Senate District.
- To compensate the "SACCITY" State Senate district boundaries could be adjusted to add the Central Valley communities of Galt and Lodi.

In summary for State Assembly:

- The “WESTSAC” State Assembly district boundaries should be modified to remove UC Davis, the City of Davis and the Yolo Bypass area of the Sacramento River Delta.
- UC Davis, the City of Davis and the Yolo Bypass area of the Sacramento River Delta should be moved in to the “ECONCOSTA” State Assembly district.
- In any event; recognize the agricultural mission of UC Davis, and keep Woodland, UC Davis campus, the City of Davis, Dixon and the majority of the Sacramento River Delta including the wetland area of the Yolo Bypass whole within a single Assembly District.
- To compensate the “WESTSAC” State Assembly district, boundaries for the “SSACELKGR” could be adjusted to include Galt and Lodi and the boundaries of “WESTSAC” could be adjusted to add portions of South Sacramento.

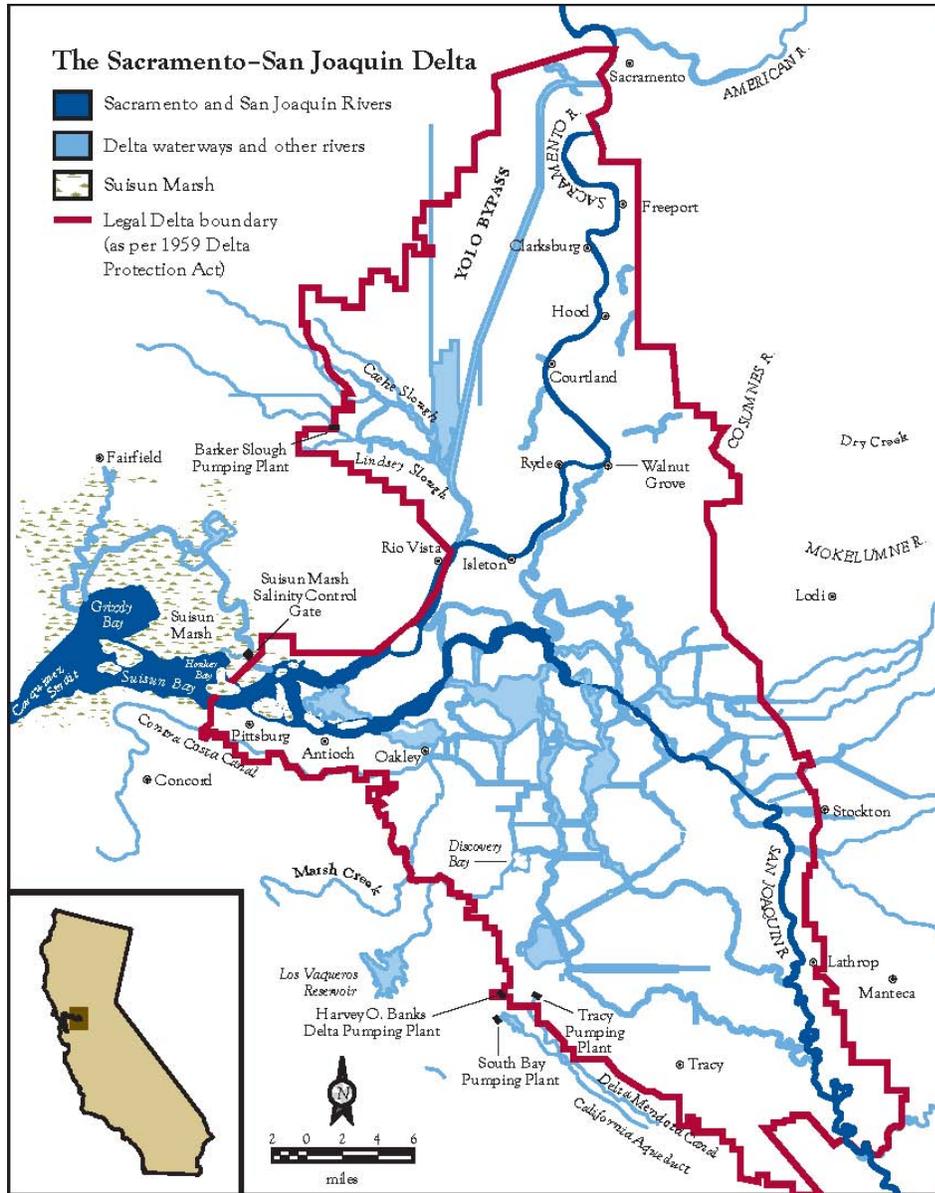
I also urge you to preserve the California Congressional “YOLOSOLNAP” draft by holding together the areas of Woodland, UC Davis Campus, the City of Davis, Dixon and the majority of the Sacramento River Delta including the wetland area of the Yolo Bypass.

I recognize your mandate to facilitate and incorporate public comment in drafting district lines and that many people will participate in this public process. Thus, I request a formal response to my comments, and that response is made evident to me in some fashion such as email.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Serra". The signature is stylized with a large 'M' and a cursive 'Serra'.

Mary Serra, M.S., P.E.  
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Attachment 1. Legal Boundaries of the Sacramento San Joaquin River Delta



**Subject:** Public Comment for legislative redistricting for Yolo County

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:39:53 +0000

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to add our names to the list of residents of Yolo County that are concerned about the proposed boundaries for legislative districts for California. We were surprised when we saw the maps in our local paper to see that Davis is never included with Woodland, a community that we share many ties with. Both cities are in the middle of negotiations on their water source --- a huge possible change that affects both of our communities. Davis has many ties with Woodland, Dixon, and Winters on many land use issues, as well as public services. Davis does not have any particular connection with West Sacramento or Natomas. The boundaries as they are proposed would lump Davis in with urban areas and issues that affect their community but have little to do with the needs and concerns of Davis. Legislative districts should include Davis with Woodland and other Yolo County communities so that we can have representation that focuses on the shared needs and concerns of our more similar communities.

Sherri Sandberg-Ransom

Michael Ransom

[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA 95616

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Larry Greene <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 29 Jun 2011 00:37:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Larry Greene <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Comments on the first draft

Message Body:

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

June 28, 2011

Comment on the First Draft Maps

I have been a resident of Yolo County for nearly 20 years in the city of Davis. I served for nine years as the Director of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District from 1995 to 2004. In that capacity I had the opportunity to work for an elected Board with members who were supervisors from Yolo and Solano Counties and cities in both counties.

Over those years, and as a resident of Davis I observed the elected officials dealing with common problems and issues unique to their counties. In particular I want to make several points about Yolo County, which will be significantly impacted by the way in which the first draft breaks up the county, proposing that this unique community should share nine separate elected officials at the state and federal level.

While Yolo county has a small population with relation to the state, the 200,000 residents share a range of issues that impact their lives each day and over the years. These community issues range from water, to flood planning, schools, environmental protection, and in particular they share a special heritage of protecting their agricultural land and focusing most development into the incorporated cities. This is vastly different than the development patterns in neighboring counties, and it has been a long term community strategy to preserve the agricultural land in the county. Each of these issues requires a community focus at the state and federal level over many years and into the future. All of these issues, commonly held throughout the county would be extremely difficult to manage if dealing with nine different elected officials, three at the state Assembly, three at the state Senate and three in the US House of Representatives.

The Commission asked two questions regarding the current map and my responses follow:

I do not feel the commission has had enough testimony regarding the unique characteristics of Yolo County.

To address the interests of Yolo County, the commission should:

Adjust districts so that all Yolo County residents are in the same Assembly Senate and Congressional Districts to reflect the community of interest that is Yolo County.

Remove Davis and West Sacramento from the WESTSAC Assembly District and the corresponding SACCITY Senate District and replace them in those districts with Galt and Lodi.

Make other adjustments as needed to balance districts in the west.

Sincerely,

Larry Greene

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Davis, CA 95616