

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Gam Nguyen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:12:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: redistrict

Message Body:

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Gam Nguyen

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Kathleen Kelley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:58:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Redistricting Change for San Jose/Evergreen Area

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Thanks for your time.

Kathleen Tanabe Kelley

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95135

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Phyllis Karsten <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:41:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Phyllis Karsten <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting map

Message Body:

I just had an opportunity to look at the proposed redistricting map on the web at:
<http://swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011>

It is beyond my comprehension why the neighborhoods of The Villages, Meadowlands, and California Oaks are included in the Milpitas district. We have next o nothing in common with the Milpitas, Fremont or North San Jose neighborhoods. Nor do we identify with the rural ranch country to the east and south. We consider ourselves part of the Evergreen community that includes the Estates, Silver Creek Country Club and the shopping area of White and Aborn.

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Please do not split us off from our area of common interests.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Chris Stampolis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:45:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chris Stampolis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional lines and City of Santa Clara

Message Body:

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Please unify the City of Santa Clara in the final Congressional maps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Stampolis

[REDACTED]
Santa Clara, CA 95052
[REDACTED]

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Re: [TheMeadowlands] Redistricting

From: Linda Paulson [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:32:14 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

I understand redistricting is being considered for my neighborhood in South San Jose (The Meadowlands, just south of the Villages.)

The currently proposed redistricting maps places The Meadowlands in the MLPTS district, which includes Milpitas, parts of Fremont and Newark, part of East San Jose and the East Foothills, The Villages, The Meadowlands and California Oaks. You can see the proposed boundaries at <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011/>. Neighborhoods sharing our common interests, most of Evergreen, such as The Estates, Hillstone, Silver Creek Valley Country Club, are in the proposed SANJO district.

The interests of our neighborhood are much better aligned with our neighbors...The Estates, Hillstone, Bel Air Estates, Silver Creek Country. All of these are within a mile of our home. To be realigned with Milpitas, Fremont and Newark does not serve our needs and the concerns are quite different (and many miles from our home).

Please keep The Meadowlands in the proposed SANJO district.

Thank you for reconsidering the proposed redistricting boundaries.

Linda Paulson

Linda Paulson
Principal
Paulson Rohlifing Associates, Inc.
[REDACTED] (office)
[REDACTED] (mobile)

On Jul 20, 2011, at 11:03 AM, Pat Waite wrote:

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I believe that the interests of our community would be much better served were we part of the SANJO district, and have sent comments to that effect to the redistricting commission. If you feel the same, I urge you to send

your comments immediately using the form at <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/contact.html>, or via email at [REDACTED] We will have to live with the new boundaries for the next 10 years.

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Pat Waite

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Subject: RE: California Assembly and Senate District Boundaries

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:28:31 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

TO: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

RE: California Assembly and Senate District Boundaries

My name is Rose Amador and I have been a resident of San Jose for over forty years. I am active in my community and am saddened by the redistricting lines that have divided my community.

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community.

Your actions to divide our community into three Assembly and Senate districts will completely dilute our voice at the state level and divide our community of interest. I would like to recommend to the Commission that they maintain the 23rd Assembly District as is or with only minor adjustments. The district is reasonably compact. I would also urge that the 28th Assembly District be maintained as it is also reasonably compact. The last decade we have elected Assembly Members in these districts that have served our community very well and given us important leadership at the state level.

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In closing, I would like to remind you that 90 percent of state population growth since 2000 was from Latinos, yet the number of districts where a Latino has a good chance of being elected remains the same or may even go down. I urge the Commission to please fix this before the final maps are approved on August

15. You must also correct the East San Jose split in the final preparation of maps. As the San Jose Mercury News points out "East San Jose is heavily Latino and its fragmentation clearly splits a "community of interest" as defined by law".

Finally, we will not stand idly by and allow this commission to disenfranchise and intentionally discriminate against California Latinos.

**Sincerely,
Rose Amador**

*Rose "Cihuapilli" Amador, President & CEO
Center for Training and Careers*

San Jose, CA 95122

Fax

Subject: RE: Recommended California Assembly and Senate District Boundaries

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:44:57 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

TO: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

RE: Recommended California Assembly and Senate District Boundaries

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Sincerely,

**Rosie Alaniz
Resident of San Jose**

Subject: RE: Recommended California Assembly and Senate District Boundaries

From: hotstuff [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:41:21 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

TO: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,

Stephen K. Macias
Resident of San Jose

Subject: Redistricting Concern

From: Monica Amador <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:28:39 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am a long time resident of California (since 1959), and an active member of my community.

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A Very Concerned Voting Citizen,

**Monica Amador Bochantin
95111**

Subject: Redistricting plans for New Senate District

From: BEA MENDEZ <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:32:42 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PANEL

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS MAP IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS AS APPROVED BY MY CONSTITUENCY AS THE BEST POSSIBLE OPTION FOR THE NESTING OF ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS 23 AND 28 TO FORM A NEW SENATE DISTRICT FOR SANTA CLARA, MONTEREY, AND SAN BENITO COUNTIES. OUR GROUP IS COMPOSED OF COMMITTED AND SERIOUS ADVOCATES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND AS A CONSEQUENCE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR STATE. THIS MAP HAS BEEN REVIEWED TO INSURE IT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 2 AND SECTION 5 REQUIREMENTS.

WE SUBMIT THIS OPTION WITH THE SINCERE DESIRE THAT YOU GIVE IT YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE HARD WORK YOUR COMMISSION DOES IN THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR CHOSEN VOLUNTEER WORK.

*Bea Robinson Mendez,
Chair, Silicon Valley Latino Forum
[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95125*

cell [REDACTED]

res. [REDACTED]

2011-Sen-Dist-15-3.pdf

Subject: As sent through the Commission comment gateway

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:08:06 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

The following comments are identical to what I just sent through the comment gateway regarding Congressional lines in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties.

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Chris Stampolis


Santa Clara, CA 95052

Subject: Redistricting

From: Kristi Hewitt [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:29:43 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am a resident of The Meadowlands in southeast San Jose.

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Sincerely,
Kristi Hewitt

Subject: redistricting

From: Ram Iyer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:24:08 -0700 (PDT)

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

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regards

- Ram Iyer

Subject: Restricting maps for east San Jose (Assembly and Senate)

From: Richard Santos <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:18:49 -0700

To: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

I am very angry that both the San Jose East side Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th is discriminatory against our Latino community.

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I urge the Commission to please fix this mess before the final maps are approve on August 15. East San Jose is heavily Latin and its fragmentation clearly splits a community of interest as defined by law.

Sincerely Richard P. Santos

[REDACTED]
San Jose, Ca 95132

Subject: San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps

From: Raul Colunga [REDACTED] >

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:06:45 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

My name is Raul Colunga. I am a long time resident of California, and an active member of my community.

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community.

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Raúl A Colunga

Subject: San Jose Seats

From: Chris Arriola <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:59:18 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Chrisarriola <[REDACTED]>

Commission Members,

As you reach the final deadline I would like to state once again that La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County does not support dividing East San Jose and Downtown into multiple districts.

The East San Jose area is East of Highway 87 to the Foothills in the East (I would suggest using East San Jose Union HS District as a good starting point). This area has a historic unity and is a community of interest to the Latino community and many others. We know your job is difficult, but for generations we have fought for inclusion in the County governance and it was just 10 years ago that the first Latino ever was elected to state office from our county. Please keep the Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts intact in East San Jose and don't divide us up into diluted districts leading to no Latino representation from a Bay Area where 1 in 4 residents are Hispanic.

I add these to the comments I submitted at the San Jose hearing.

Christopher Arriola, Past President and Board Member
La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County

Subject: WATERING DOWN THE LATINO VOTE

From: victor garza <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:48:39 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: victor garza <[REDACTED]>

Dear Committee Members,I am writing to express my anger in seeing that this committee has WATER DOWN THE LATINO POWER (VOTERS) by dividing the San Jose Latino community into 3 districts!That is absurd to say the least.The creation of this committee was to correct injustices by selves serving legislators.Your recommendations are worst !!! Please review and correct your current recommendations.Do not divide the Latino vote by dividing the Latino community into 3 districts, henceforth watering down our Voting Power.

Respectfully Yours,
Victor Garza,Chairman
La Raza Roundtable de California
[REDACTED]
San Jose, Ca. 95122

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**Re: San Jose Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT)
Community Written Public Comment on the Proposed July 16,
2011 Assembly Districts Map for Northern California.**

Dear Commissioners:

The Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC) would like to thank the Citizens Redistricting Commission for recognizing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community as a "Community of Interest". On behalf of the LGBT community in San Jose, BAYMEC respectfully requests a small shift in the proposed SANJO Assembly District to protect the LGBT Community of Interest.

**ONE SIMPLE ADJUSTMENT KEEPS THE CORE SAN JOSE
LGBT COMMUNITY WHOLE**

We have reviewed the Commission's Proposed California Assembly District Map for Northern California, published July 16, 2011 on your website at <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/maps-assembly-working-draft.html> ("July 16, 2011 N. CA Assembly Map"), and with one simple shift the entire Core San Jose LGBT ("Core SJ-LGBT") community will be one and whole.

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In the July 16, 2011 N. CA Assembly Map, the southern portion of the Core SJ-LGBT area is split and separated between two Assembly Districts. If the Commission looks at Diagram 1 on the next page, just below the northwestern border of the proposed SANJO Assembly District, it will observe that the blue LGBT community in the Newhall-Sherwood community and south of Park Avenue sit uncomfortably in the proposed SILIV Assembly District, away from the rest of the blue LGBT community in the proposed SANJO Assembly District.

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Proposal 1

To correct this, BAYMEC respectfully requests that the northwestern boundary of the SANJO Assembly District, as proposed in the July 16, 2011 N. CA Assembly Map, shift southwest to include the major corner of W. San Carlos Street and N. Bascom Avenue. (See Diagram 1A below.)

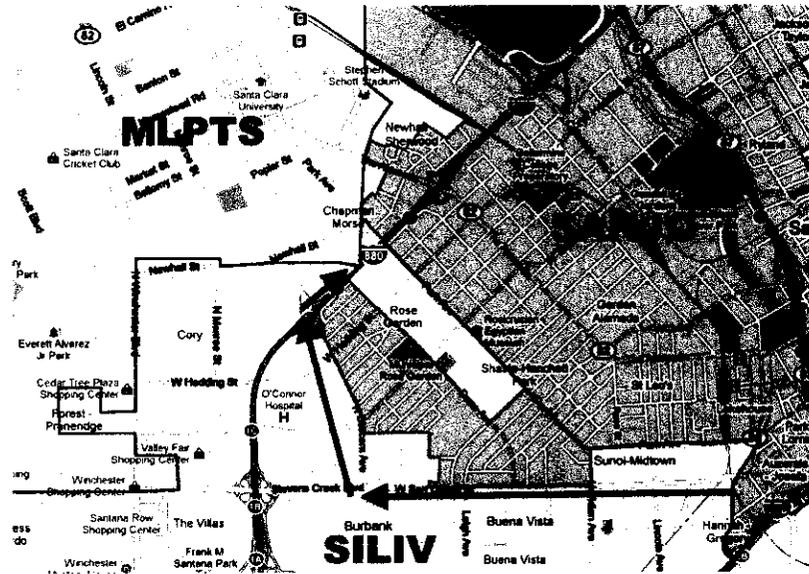


Diagram 1A

Proposal 2

In the alternative, BAYMEC proposes a simpler line change for the proposed SANJO Assembly District. The southwestern boundary for the proposed SANJO Assembly District could follow W. San Carlos Street / Stevens Creek Blvd to the Valley Fair Shopping Center. (See Diagram 1B below.)

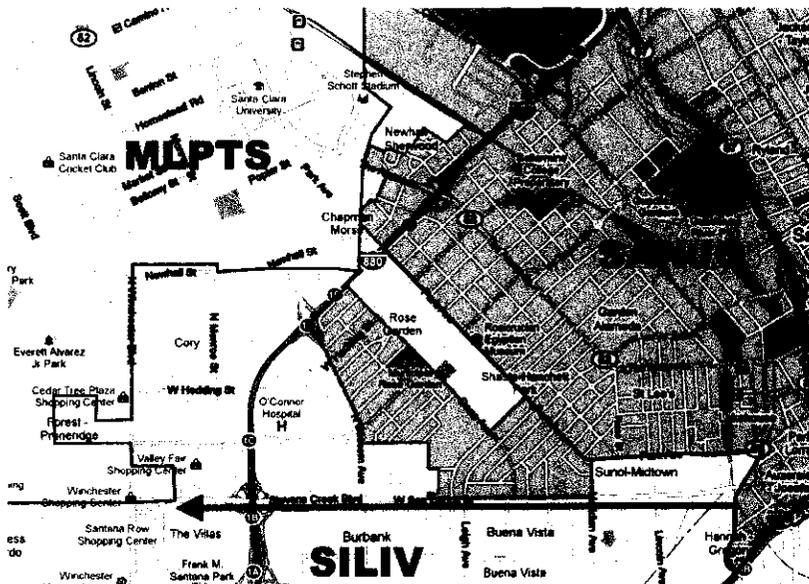


Diagram 1B

THERE EXIST SEVERAL GOOD REASONS FOR THE REQUESTED SHIFT

In addition to the proposed shift being good for the LGBT community, there exist several other good reasons for the shift. They are as follows:

1. The shift eliminates the triangular island anomaly at the northeastern border of the proposed SILIV Assembly District. This area is centered in the Newhall-Sherwood neighborhood. (See Diagram 2.)

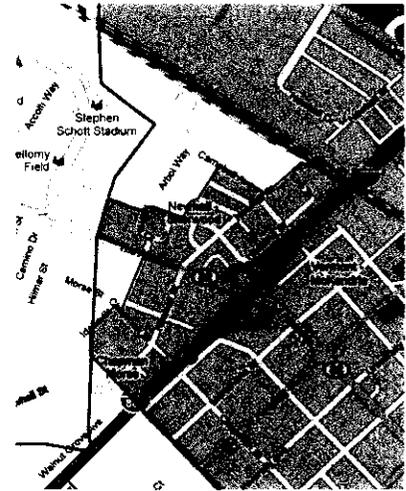


Diagram 2

2. Major highways and city intersections are observed to meet local expectations of where political boundaries would naturally occur. Highway 880 is, by its very nature, an expected boundary, and West San Carlos Street and N. Bascom Avenue are major feeder streets to two freeway entrances to Highway 880. All local residents that use W. San Carlos or N. Bascom to access Highway 880 would see BAYMEC's proposed shift as common sense. (See Diagram 3.)

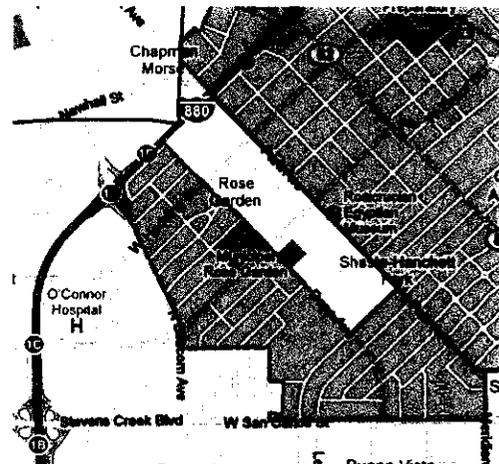


Diagram 3

3. Finally, the historic San Jose "Rosegarden" neighborhood would be kept intact. The "Rosegarden" neighborhood surrounds the award-winning San Jose Municipal Rose Garden at the center of Diagram 3, which has existed as an entity since the early 1900s. The neighborhood extends from the Municipal Rose Garden northeast to The Alameda (CA 82) and south to W. San Carlos Street.

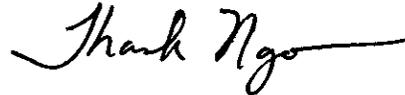
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SUMMARY

The Core SJ-LGBT Area is so close to being one and whole, and with the Commission's help to shift the proposed SANJO Assembly District southwest to the corner of W. San Carlos Street & N. Bascom Avenue, or to the Valley Fair Shopping Center (as proposed in Diagram 1A and Diagram 1B respectively), the Core SJ-LGBT Area will be one and whole. Not only does BAYMEC's requested shift empower San Jose's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community, but it eliminates the triangle island anomaly in the northeastern corner of the proposed SILIV Assembly District, uses natural highway and large street boundaries, and keeps the historic "Rosegarden" neighborhood together.

Thank you for all of the work you have done thus far, and for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

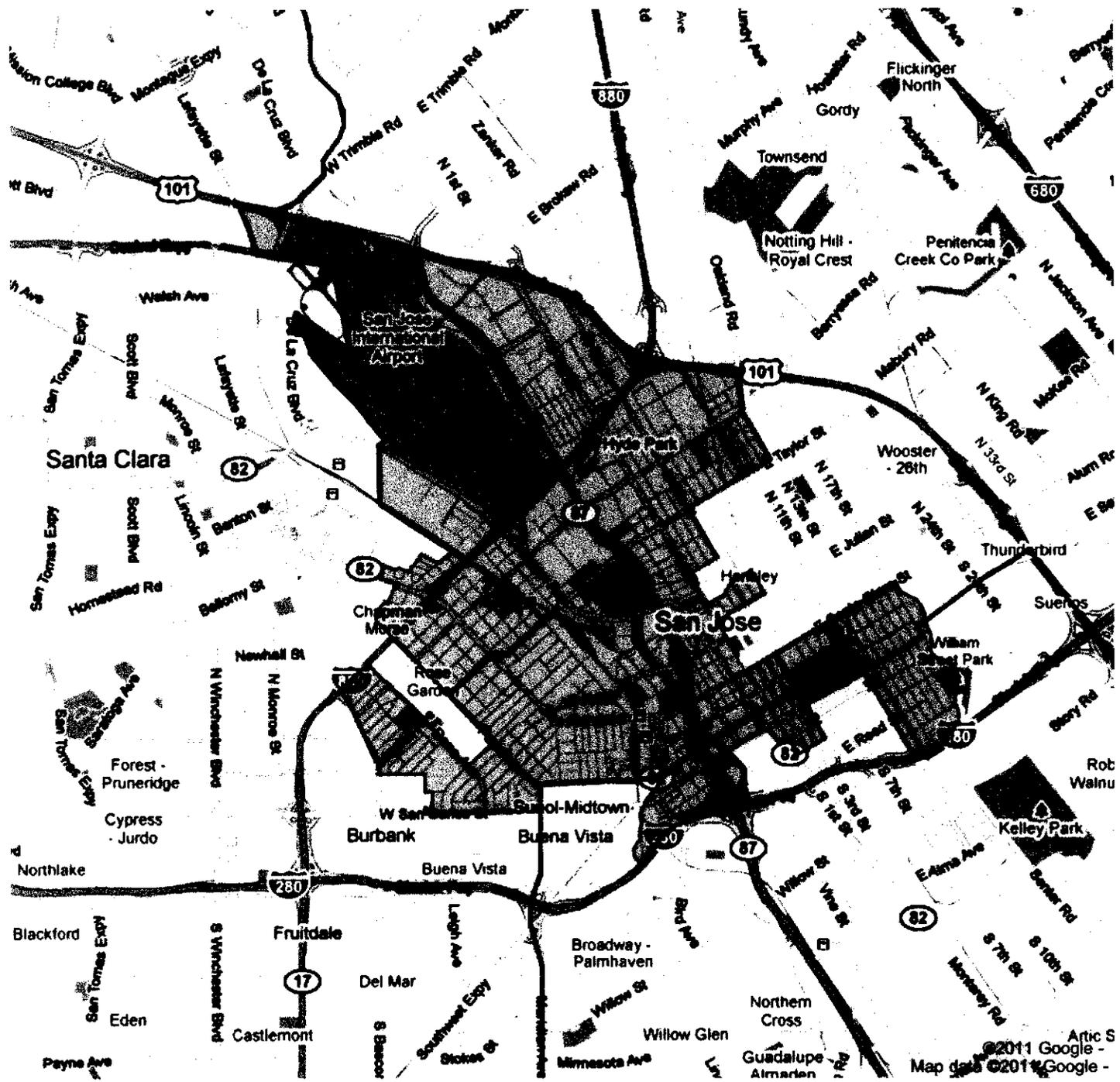


Thanh Ngo, President
BAYMEC

Attachment

ABOUT BAYMEC

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EXHIBIT A

Subject: California Assembly and Senate District boundaries

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:37:26 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To the California Citizens Redistricting Commission regarding the recommended new California Assembly and Senate District boundaries:

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community.

I have been a resident and active member of my community for thirty years.

Your actions to divide our community into three Assembly and Senate districts will completely dilute our voice at the state level and divide our community of interest.

I would like to recommend to the Commission that they maintain the 23rd Assembly District as is or with only minor adjustments. The district is reasonably compact. I would also urge that the 28th Assembly District be maintained as it is also reasonably compact. The last decade we have elected Assembly Members in these districts that have served our community very well and given us important leadership at the state level.

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by law".

Finally, I can not stand idly by and allow this commission to disenfranchise and intentionally discriminate against California Latinos.

Respectfully,

Cuauhcihuatl Carmen Trinidad
Resident of San Jose

Subject: California Assembly and Senate District Boundaries

From: Sandra Guerrero <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:30:49 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

My name is Sandra Guerrero. I am a life long resident of California, and an active member of my community.

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Subject: Feedback on Redistricting

From: Venkat Maddipati <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:58:12 -0700 (PDT)

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

CC: Venkat Maddipati <[REDACTED]>

Hi there,

It is beyond my comprehension why the neighborhoods of The Villages, Meadowlands, and California Oaks are included in the Milpitas district. We have next to nothing in common with the Milpitas, Fremont or North San Jose neighborhoods. Nor do we identify with the rural ranch country to the east and south. We consider ourselves part of the Evergreen community that includes the Estates, Silver Creek Country Club and the shopping area of White and Aborn.

The neighborhoods affected have more interests in common with the immediate vicinity than with the area in the northern end of MLPTS. Concerns such as the vibrancy of downtown San Jose, traffic along the 101 corridor south of 280/680, light rail along the Capitol Expressway are significant concerns of the neighborhoods at the southwestern edge of MLPTS. These are not relevant to the cities of Milpitas, Fremont or Newark, and a representative from the northern end of the proposed district would provide inadequate representation for our neighborhoods. I respectfully request that you move the southeastern boundary of SANJO to include the area south of The Villages Parkway and directly east of San Felipe by following the ridgeline down to Metcalf Road.

Please consider getting needed population from neighborhoods that have more in common with the North San Jose - Fremont/Milpitas, or the rural ranch country. It looks like there could be a chunk of territory from the Fremont, Union City area that could be added if it is necessary to gain required population. That area is more homogeneous to the Milpitas, North San Jose sections.

Please do not split us off from our area of common interests.

Thanks,

Venkat Maddipati

"Give the Gift of Vision"

[REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed redistricting threatens to fragment community voice

From: Michael Avila <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:39:28 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Esteemed California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

My name is Michael Avila and my grandparents moved to San Jose almost 70 years ago so my parents and I are second generation Mexican Americans residing here. I have also gone to school, worked, marched for civil rights as Americans, protested for justice to be served and been an active member of my community.

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Sincerely,

**Michael Avila
San Jose resident**

Subject: Proposed split of Evergreen Area

From: Peggy Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:58:18 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Greetings:

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Peggy Thompson

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95135

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: "Patrick J. Waite" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:38:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patrick J. Waite <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Southeastern Boundaries

Message Body:

I do not understand why the currently proposed maps include the area of San Jose south of The Villages Parkway and east of San Felipe in the MLPTS district, rather than the SANJO district. The neighborhoods affected have more interests in common with the immediate vicinity than with the area in the northern end of MLPTS. Concerns such as the vibrancy of downtown San Jose, traffic along the 101 corridor south of 280/680, light rail along the Capitol Expressway are significant concerns of the neighborhoods at the southwestern edge of MLPTS. These are not relevant to the cities of Milpitas, Fremont or Newark, and a representative from the northern end of the proposed district would provide inadequate representation for our neighborhoods. I respectfully request that you move the southeastern boundary of SANJO to include the area south of The Villages Parkway and directly east of San Felipe by following the ridgeline down to Metcalf Road.

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From: City of Santa Clara <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:12:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: City of Santa Clara <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposition to Congressional district

Message Body:

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