

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Guy Greenwood <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 05:22:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Guy Greenwood <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Borderlines toprotect George Miller

Message Body:

For the past 20 years until the last election, Congressman Miller who doesn't represent me and I vote against had a free ride. For the first time in 30+ years in office 40% of his constituents a sizable minority voted against him. I am certain King George was shocked Solano County and a significant portion of Martinez wanted to give him the boot. Strange his new district will continue to support his re-election.

If decent districts were drawn both Miller and Stark would be in for the fight of their lives every election.

Me and my immigrant non-OTM minority wife whose language I speak have little use for either. There are many Libertarians and Independants of similar opinin

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Deborah C Donovan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 06:34:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Deborah C Donovan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill belongs with Walnut Creek

Message Body:

We live across the street from Walnut Creek, the counties on the other side of Suisun Bay are too different from our culture. There is no community of interest and we are opposed to proposed realignment.

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From: Cheryl A Wilson-Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 06:34:51 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cheryl A Wilson-Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Martinez and Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Dear California Citizen's Commission,

I strongly object to Martinez and Pleasant Hill being redistricted from Contra Costa County. Both cities would lose proper representation should this occur. I request you reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Wilson-Johnson

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Christopher Wong <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 06:35:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Christopher Wong <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Potential Redistricting of Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

I would like to express my concern with the potential redistricting of Pleasant Hill outside of Contra Costa district. With the new district lines, our town would fall in will a district encompassing yolo county, solano county and napa county. The reason why I am opposed to this is that the new district we might be moved to has almost nothing in common with us. We are a suburb of San Francisco, we have a completely different economy and to top it off, we are geographically separated from the other counties that the district represents. Our representation in government will be completely gone because our goals will be completely different than the rest of the district. So please, put pleasant Hill back where it belongs. It doesn't even make sense to take it out of the district anyway.

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Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 20:47:35 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Please see attached pdf letter concerning the redistricting maps.

Redistricting letter.pdf

July 21, 2011

To the Redistricting Committee:

Citizens groups on both sides of the East Bay hills have voiced their opposition to your redistricting plans and have endorsed the CCAG map which still gives Pete Stark, George Miller and Barbara Lee “safe” districts but also refrains from combining communities with little in common and uses natural boundaries such as the East Bay hills. Putting Richmond and Danville in the same district makes no sense; neither does putting Union City in with Pleasanton and Livermore. I always believed the goal was to combine communities of like interests; your maps just wipes out representation for communities with little in common with Richmond (Danville, Alamo and Walnut Creek; little in common with Union City (Livermore and Pleasanton). We had this 10 years ago when Orinda was in the same District as Richmond-please don't tell me you are seriously considering moving backward in time!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Summer
Alamo, CA

Fax Transmission

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Petition in Support of City of Richmond Resolution No. 52-11
 Keeping the City of Richmond in the Contra Costa County Congressional District

We, the undersigned understand that the Citizen's Redistricting Commission (CRC) is charged with redrawing California's Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and Congressional districts based on information gathered during the 2010 census. That the Commission must draw the districts in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relative equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians. We, the undersigned request that the Citizens Redistricting Commission keep the City of Richmond (community of interest) intact and in the Contra Costa County Congressional district. Fax completed petitions to: CRC (916) 651-5711.

Name	Address	City	Zip Code
1. Clem Watson	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94804
2. Jamaal Cannon	[REDACTED]	AY Concord,	94518
3. Brittany Scott	[REDACTED]	Tracy	95304
4. JAY MOSS	[REDACTED]	ALBANY,	94706
5. Adrienne Oliver	[REDACTED]	Oakland, CA	94619
6. Willy Wilaysook	[REDACTED]	Richmond CA	94801
7. Gloria Matereza	[REDACTED]	San Pablo, CA	94806
8. Cealia Jauregui	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94801
9. MARIH SMITH	[REDACTED]	DAK CA	94603
10. George Ozene	[REDACTED]	Oak C.A	94601
11. Abdur Nuriddin	[REDACTED]	OAKLAND ca	94608
12. RICHARD WRIGHT,	[REDACTED]	RICHMOND	94806
13. Valerie Jimenez	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94804
14. Shanell Jacobs	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94801
15. Marilyn Anderson	[REDACTED]	Rich	94801
16. AImaree Dennis	[REDACTED]		804
17. BERNARD DENNO	[REDACTED]		94804
18. Pradi Datto	[REDACTED]		94530
19. Anin Pathuratal	[REDACTED]	Orinda Ca	94563
20. Tommy Abraham	[REDACTED]	Orinda. CA	94563.

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Name	Address	City	Zip Code
1. <i>Erin Clark</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Rich</i>	<i>94801</i>
2. <i>Bea Roberson</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94804</i>
3. <i>Barbara Beene</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94801</i>
4. <i>Chonda Harris</i>	[Redacted]		<i>94801</i>
5. <i>J. H. [Redacted]</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond CA</i>	
6. <i>Norm Brown</i>	[Redacted]		<i>94804</i>
7. <i>Bryan Hancock Sr</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94804</i>
8. <i>Kenneth Davis</i>	[Redacted]		<i>94801</i>
9. <i>P 510 850 1992 Lam Sauch</i>	[Redacted]		<i>94801</i>
10. <i>Ken Nelson</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94801</i>
11. <i>Otheree Christian</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94801</i>
12. <i>Deshawn Clark</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond, CA</i>	<i>94801</i>
13.			
14. <i>Cordell Hindler</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Street Richmond</i>	
15. <i>Leona Austin</i>	[Redacted]		<i>94804</i>
16. <i>Olga Davidovitch</i>	[Redacted]	<i>SAN FRANCISCO</i>	
17. <i>Allie Faye Moore</i>	[Redacted]	<i>94533</i>	
18. <i>Theresa Chapman</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Rich Ca.</i>	<i>94801</i>
19. <i>Manro Trevins</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond CA</i>	<i>94801</i>
20. <i>Chessa J. Galt</i>	[Redacted]	<i>Richmond CA</i>	<i>94801</i>

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2. Randy J. White	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Oakland Ca 94605
3. Miria Graham	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond 94804
4. Jewel Miles	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94804
5. Lillie Tate	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca 94804
6. [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
7. Melissa J. Neely	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94804
8. Paul DeBorja	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca.
9. Pandora White	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94804
10. Catherine L. Trotter	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Walpole Ca 94589
11. Barbara Lewis	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Rich - 94804
12. Jerry Lewis	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Rich - 94804
13. George Calloway	[Redacted]	St. Francis	
14. Carlisle [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94804
15. [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Hercules CA 94547
16. Dakota Burgess	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Albany Ca 94706

Subject: Congressional District plan - Redistricting Commission

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:54:41 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Legislature & Congress

Please use the Oakland/East Bay/Richmond hills as the natural dividing line, as over 300 people testified and sent in emails even before their 1st Draft maps.

Then ask them to make the following changes in their latest plan - it's a counter clockwise rotation of communities in four districts - COCO, OKLND, FRENE and NEBAY:

First, move the following into the COCO District:

San Ramon 72,148
Dublin 46,036
Pleasanton 70,285
Livermore 80,968
Sunol 913
Non-CDP areas 5,000 (approx)
Total 275,350

Then move the following into the district with Union City and Castro Valley, labeled FRENE:

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Then the OKLND district will have the following:

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Total in OKLND district 444,541

- then from the COCO district move into the OKLND district:

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Pinole	18,390
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Tara Hills	5,126
Montalvin Manor	2,876
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TOTAL from NEBAY	98,200
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Then move into NEBAY district from COCO: (need 98,200 for NEBAY) (need 115,186 out of COCO)

Clyde	678
Bay Point	21,349
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While it's off by about 17,000 somewhere in the four districts, part of that figure is in the unincorporated, non-CDP areas and some is just due to the fact there's no population figures that go along with the Commission's/Q2's latest maps, so we can't know for sure which communities are in which districts along the borders.

Denise Fowler

Resident of Martinez

████████████████████ CA 94553

Attended Two of the Redistricting Meetings

Subject: Draft Maps dated 2011-07-19

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 19:28:38 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

From: John A. Peterson

Email: [REDACTED]

Region/County: 8/Contra Costa

Subject: Draft maps dated 2011-07-19

Please see the attached letter in PDF format. Thank you.

[July_21_Letter_to_CRC.pdf](#)

July 21, 2011

To: The California Redistricting Commission
Subj.: District Maps, Draft of 2011-07-19
Ramon Senate District
PTANT and EALAM Assembly Districts
From: John A. Peterson (address below)

Ladies & Gentlemen:

After a good start with the June 10 draft maps, I'm afraid things seem to have gone backward with the latest maps at least insofar as Contra Costa County is concerned!

To begin with the presently-proposed Ramon senate district, I think it's a grievous error to exclude Martinez and Pleasant Hill from the district while including all of eastern Contra Costa County. Martinez is the county seat of Contra Costa County! Pleasant Hill has far more "community of interest" with its surrounding central county cities of Concord, Walnut Creek and Lafayette than it does with Fairfield, Vacaville and Davis! And stated in the reverse, Concord, Walnut Creek and Lafayette have far more "community of interest" with Pleasant Hill than they do with Pittsburg, Antioch and Oakley!

I urge, therefore, that Martinez and Pleasant Hill be included in the Ramon senate district, and that a corresponding population of the northeastern corner of Contra Costa County, comprising Oakley, Brentwood, and as-needed portions of Antioch and Pittsburg, be included in the proposed "Wine" senate district. This would be a straight-across numerical swap which can be easily achieved between these adjoining districts with no impact on any other district.

With regard to the proposed "PTANT" and "EALAM" assembly districts, the draft of July 19th makes no sense at all, as compared with that of July 11th! I can think of no rational explanation for adding Vallejo and Benicia to PTANT while excluding Antioch and half of Pittsburg. For one thing, it directly violates the text of Proposition 11, which requires that to the extent practicable "...each Senate district shall be comprised of two whole, complete, and adjacent Assembly districts..." (PTANT and EALAM do not achieve this, with respect even to the presently-proposed Ramon senate district.) It also violates the "geographical integrity" of two counties rather than just one (eastern Contra Costa). Finally, it violates the intent of the term "geographical compactness" in Proposition 11 by reaching across water bodies that are not crossed anywhere else in the Bay Area.

All of the problems described above regarding the proposed assembly districts can be readily resolved simply by adopting the above recommendation for improvement to the Ramon senate district. The dividing line between PTANT and EALAM remains unchanged, and those two assembly districts then come into full compliance with the guidelines clearly set forth by the voters in Proposition 11. This is so simple one has to wonder how the inconsistent and convoluted options set out in the July 19th drafts could possibly have been devised!

I sincerely hope the Commission will give fair consideration to these suggestions. I recognize that I am a “special interest group” of only one person, but as an applicant for Commissioner that made it down to the semi-final cut to 314 I have a strong interest in this process and want to see it done properly.

Sincerely,
John A. Peterson

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Walnut Creek, CA 94598
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Cc: Tom Barnidge, Contra Costa Times
Lisa Vorderbrueggen, Contra Costa Times

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: "Carol M. Hehmeyer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:35:29 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol M. Hehmeyer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Gerrymandering -- unconstitutional

Message Body:

Commission: You have been gerrymandering to please politicians. That is in direct contravention of Article 21 of our Constitution.

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Please pay attention to your citizen commentators. Follow the Constitutional provision that implements your work.

Yours truly,
Carol M. Hehmeyer
Contra Costa County

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From: Matt Regan [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 19:38:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matt Regan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill & Martinez

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay/ San Ramon Valley communities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill in a rural Senate district made up in large part by agricultural communities to the north of Suisun Bay.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are urban/suburban communities and share all the issues that our fellow 680 corridor communities share; freeway congestion, failing school districts, BART funding, open space preservation, etc. We have absolutely no shared common interests with residents of Yolo County or Lake County which are largely agricultural and rural.

By extending an artificial finger of this large rural Senate District into our urban/suburban communities just to solve a math problem is to disenfranchise all the people who live here and call these communities home.

I urge you to reconsider this proposed Senate District and to keep our communities in a contiguous East Bay district that represents communities with shared concerns, shared challenges and shared values.

I was a strong supporter of the creation of a citizen driven process to redraw our electoral districts and I remain convinced that you will do a good job. However, part of your task is to listen to the concerns raised by the public, and I am sure that once you are aware of the level of concern in our community you will address this problem,

Sincerely,

Matt Regan
Pleasant Hill, CA

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From: John Hanecak <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 21:45:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Hanecak <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Ask to have real representation for Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

I was dumbfounded to believe that this process could reach for a bizarre sliver of voters from one district to include in a Senatorial district that represents voters with such different needs, media, local government relationships, etc. All of Pleasant Hill's regional representation on Boards such as ABAG, Bay Area Air Quality, MTA, etc. are selected from member cities of Contra Costa. Placing Pleasant Hill in Solano County's Senatorial District is equivalent to silencing our voice in this critical legislative branch of 40 members. Please demonstrate that the integrity of this new system is better than the prior system.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: "Mark Ross, Councilmember" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 21:58:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Ross, Councilmember <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 7th Congressional District-YOSON preferred

Message Body:

Honorable Commission Members,

The 7th Congressional District would, in my humble opinion as a Martinez City Council member, be best designed in the manner of the "Yolo/Solano" or "Visualization 17- YOSON configuration".

The 7th District in the "YOSON" iteration includes communities of similar demographics, shared road and rail links (1-80 and Capitol Corridor), waterway appurtenance, and cultural similarities.

Other configurations presented include disparate communities; whereas the YOSON design incorporates communities of similar interests.

As a lifelong member of the 7th District, and leader in my community for the last 15 years, I humbly request the Commission consider the YOSON district as being politically, geographically, and culturally superior to other proposed configurations. I am joined by other members of my community that feel similarly, including the Martinez City Council and their comments will follow independently in the next few days.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments and my community's interest in having continued, sensible governance.

Sincerely,
Mark Ross
Martinez City Council member
1996-Present

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Mark Ross <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 22:13:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Ross <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 7th Senatorial district

Message Body:

Honorable Commission Members,

The 7th Senatorial District District should, in my humble opinion as a Martinez City Council member, include Martinez as historically been the case as the county seat of Contra Costa.

The 7th District should continue to include communities of similar demographics, shared road and transportation infrastructure, and co-terminus borders. Current iterations include Martinez in districts that are overwhelmingly in other counties, and thus separates the county seat from Contra Costa County!

Martinez would best be served by a Senatorial district that includes Central Contra Costa cities as a group. Collectively, we cross-pollinate on many levels, and we wish to remain so in state governance.

Other configurations presented include us with disparate communities; whereas a Contra Costa-centric design incorporates communities of similar interests.

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Mark Ross

Martinez City Council member

1996-Present

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Janice Walker <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 04:01:44 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Janice Walker <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Moving Pleasant Hill and Martinez out of the county!

Message Body:

As a registered voter who votes in every election, I can not imagine being alined with the areas, such as Napa etc., that are outside my geographical region and current county. It makes no sense and certainly would not benefit the residents of Pleasant Hill and Martinez, even if it benefits the politicians! Think of the residents of those communities and leave things as they are!

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Donald Pallotta [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 05:17:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Donald Pallotta <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Martinez/Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Please do not shift boundaries that will make us part of northern counties that do not share like interests. We have little in common with those folks who live north of the Carquinez Straits. We do have and share government entities and transportation modes with those of the Central CC County and also of the East Bay. We could end up as a small geographical protruberance that could turn out to be an afterthought for northern county representatives or ignored altogether. Thank you for your consideration. Donald Pallotta

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