

**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

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Subject: Martinez, CA

Message Body:

It makes no sense to me that Martinez, the Contra Costa County seat is separated from all of the rest of Contra Costa County in both the State Senate and U.S. House Districts. In addition, Martinez is physically separated from these other areas by a relatively large body of water (the Carquinez Straits). In the U.S. House Districts it makes far more sense for Richmond to be included with Oakland than to exclude Martinez from Contra Costa County. As for the State Senate for the sake of continuity proposed districts 3 or 5 could pick up Oakley (which is very similar to the balances of 3 and 5 reducing 7 sufficiently to allow Martinez to be part of 7 with which it so closely related. PLEASE RECONSIDER WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO MARTINEZ. IT WILL CLEARLY BE THE UNNOTICED STEP-CHILD THE WAY YOU HAVE DRAWN THE LINES.

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