

Subject: opposition to Pleasant Hill being included in State Senate District WINE

From: Gary Lum <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:30:02 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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

July 20, 2011

Dear Commissions:

I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the proposed State Senate District (WINE) which would result in the removal of Pleasant Hill and Martinez from current Senate District 07. There are many reasons why it makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to include this portion of Contra Costa County with the Counties of Lake, Napa, Solano and Yolo, not least of which is the fact that there is no geographic contiguity between the two areas.

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I strongly urge you to reconsider this redistricting proposal by placing our community where it should be - with the rest of Contra Costa in the proposed 'RAMON'district.

Sincerely

Gary M Lum

 Pleasant Hill CA

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Sincerely

Gary M Lum

 Pleasant Hill CA

Subject: Please consider these changes
From: liz froelich <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 10:57:35 -0700 (PDT)
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

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

Please make the following changes in your 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:

San Leandro 84,950
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Oakland (part) 116,588
Total 275,350

Then the OKLND district will have the following:

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Total in OKLND District 702,905

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Antioch (part) 13,000 (approx.)
TOTAL from COCO 98,291

Thank you for your consideration.

Liz Froelich

 Concord 94518



Subject: Please listen to us!

From: Gayle Pulley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:03:07 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Allen Payton
Chairman
Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force

[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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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.

Sincerely,
Gayle Lee Pulley

[REDACTED]

Walnut Creek 94595

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Subject: PTANT and ECC AD's

From: Allen Payton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:34:19 -0700 (PDT)

To: CA Citizens Commission <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

Just a few minor changes to the Assembly Districts labeled PTANT and ECC that you created at last Wednesday's meeting.

Because there are 3,253 more people than equal in the ECC district and 888 less than equal in the PTANT district, you can move more of Pittsburg into the PTANT district, from the area north of Highway 4, which is more of the industrial area which has commonality with the rest of the PTANT district, using Loveridge Road as an East/West dividing line and Highway 4 as the North/South dividing line.

Then, please move the area south of Antioch and west of Brentwood near the intersection of Deer Valley and Marsh Creek Roads into the ECC district.

By using Chadbourne Road as the dividing line, you've separated one property owner from his property which covers both sides of the road.

Instead, please move the line to just south of Briones Valley Road or use Marsh Creek Road instead of Chadbourne Road as the dividing line.

There are not that many people who live in that area, but they associate more with Antioch and Brentwood, than the rest of Contra Costa County. It just makes sense that all those people in that area be represented by the same Assembly member.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

Chairman

Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Ashley Allen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:13:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ashley Allen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Pleasant Hill and Martinez should NOT be removed from Contra Costa County. This does not make sense based on the social and economic characteristics of these cities. It would be detrimental to the people living in both communities.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Mary Geraci Levesque <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:23:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary Geraci Levesque <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting proposal for Pleasant Hill and Martinez

Message Body:

I oppose including Pleasant Hill and Martinez in a district other than the one that includes the rest of Contra Costa County. I am a resident of Pleasant Hill, I work in Concord, I shop and do business locally. This proposal simply makes no sense.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Sandy Vinson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:30:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sandy Vinson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redrawing district boundaries

Message Body:

Pleasant Hill should be in the district with the rest of Contra Costa County.

To even consider moving Pleasant Hill into a district which includes the counties of Yolo, Lake, Napa and Solano, does not make any sense.

Keep Pleasant Hill with the rest of Contra Costa County!

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Jill Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:21:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jill Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill-Martinez Redistricting

Message Body:

We understand it is being considered to include Pleasant Hill and Martinez with Solano county for redistricting. We are not a part of this county in any way.

Our cities are major in central Contra Costa County's economics and activities.

Please reconsider. We should remain in the RAMON senate district.

Thank you,

Jill Anderson

Resident-Pleasant Hill

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: dawn block <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:01:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: dawn block <[REDACTED]>

Subject: please re-think this dumb idea!

Message Body:

please do NOT lump the city of pleasant hill into the wine districts (eg, yolo, solan, etc). we have absolutely nothing in common with them. we should be linked to cities like: danville, walnut creek, lafayette, etc. we are more of a metropolis than rural, farm country!

dumb, dumb, dumb idea!!

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: William Bankert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:05:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: William Bankert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

As a citizen of the city of Pleasant Hill I was appalled to hear of the proposal to move Pleasant Hill out of the Ramon Senate District; away from our fellow Contra Costa County neighbors. The cities of Contra Costa County share the same population demographics, such as socio-economics. Most of my immediate neighbors in Pleasant Hill all work in San Francisco or the East Bay. We all shop in town, Walnut Creek, or Concord. We have nothing in common with the counties on the other side of the Suisun Bay. This is a ludicrous proposal and is in direct violation of the common interest standard that is to be used. The Media Market is completely different in the Northern farm based counties. Do the right thing and keep Pleasant Hill in Ramon. Thank You.

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Subject: "Hotspots" in the Counties of Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, Stanislaus and San Joaquin

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:34:20 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept the attachment as input for CD refinements at your meetings Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23.

This input is based on your Working CD Visualization for Northern California dated July 19.

The good stuff is in the attached PDF table. It shows how you can do it, and it all works out!

The table contains suggestions to resolve "hotspots" in the Counties of Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, Stanislaus and San Joaquin.

I hope this helps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Nibert
Pleasanton

CD Redistricting for East and South Bay Area based on 07-19-2011 Visualization.pdf

"Hotspot" Refinements for Counties of Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, Stanislaus & San Joaquin

(based on CRC Working Congressional District visualization for Northern California dated July 19)

Here's how to do it. It all works out!

Coming from this CD	Move these Places <i>INTO</i> adjacent CD (~ 70,000 total for each)	Into this CD	Population Shift (before final detail)	HOTSPOTS Addressed
COCO	Danville, Alamo and Blackhawk cities proper plus edge census blocks *	FRENE	70,768	THANK YOU! for uniting 4 Tri-Valley cities (<i>Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon</i>). Add Danville and apron-string towns to FRENE to keep the Tri-Valley whole!
FRENE	The rest of Fremont city proper (except tract 4411)	SANJO	70,524	Keep Fremont whole within SANJO!
SANJO	San Jose city center missing pieces (all areas West of US 101 as shown in 7/19 SANJO visual) **	SNACL	70,967	US 101 is clear and unambiguous line! Keep city center San Jose and San Jose State whole!
SNACL	Southeast Santa Clara County (as shown in the 7/19 SNACL visual -- no Gilroy) *** all areas in SNACL that are East of a rough north-south line with endpoints at (1) US 101 Interchange # 377A and (2) the intersection of Summit Rd & Croy Ridge Rd, Llagas-Uvas, CA.	STANI	70,723	STANI and South SNACL both are lower-density, agricultural and commuter communities. They are not like North SNACL
STANI	Manteca city proper (as shown in 7/19 STANI visual) plus adjoining 95 blocks, most to South of Manteca bounded by: - Austin Road on the East and - Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers to the South and West.	SNJOA	70,647	Keep Manteca with San Joaquin County!
SNJOA	Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Byron cities proper plus in-between census blocks ****	COCO	70,082	Keep East CoCo County with COCO!

Source: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/popmap/>

Please make the above refinements to the working CD visualizations at your meetings Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23. Thanks. - Jeff Nibert, Pleasanton

Footnotes:

* Includes these tracts or portions of tracts (zero-pop. blocks not counted): 3342 (block groups 1 & 2), 3452.04, 3461.01, 3461.02, 3462.01, 3462.03, 3462.04, 3551.12 (includes 25 blocks), 3551.13, and the portions of the following tracts that are in 7/19 COCO visual (i.e., not San Ramon): 3451.05, 3451.13, 3451.14, 3452.02, 3452.03, 3551.14
** Includes these tracts or portions of tracts (zero-pop. blocks not counted): 5001 (grp 2 & 3), 5009.02 (includes 6 blocks), 5010 (grp 1 & 5), 5011.02, 5012, 5014.01, 5014.02, 5015.01, 5015.02, 5016 (grp 1, 2, 3 & 5), 5031.05, 5031.10, 5031.11, 5031.12, 5031.17, 5031.18, 5031.22, 5052.02 (grp 1, 2 & 3), 5053.02 (includes 5 blocks), 5056 (includes 6 blocks)
*** Includes these tracts or portions of tracts (zero-pop. blocks not counted): 5120.01 (8 blocks in grp 1), 5120.01 grp 2, 5120.38 (8 eastern blocks), 5121, 5122 (6 blocks in grp 1, 41 blocks in grp 2), 5123.05, 5123.07, 5123.08, 5123.09, 5123.10, 5123.11 (part), 5123.12, 5123.13, 5123.14, 5135, and the portions of the following tracts that are in 7/19 SNACL visual (i.e., not Gilroy): 5124.01, 5124.02, 5125.03, 5126.02
**** Includes these tracts or portions of tracts (zero-pop. blocks not counted): 3020.08 (excluding 51 blocks), 3031.02, 3031.03, 3032.01 (excluding grp 1 and 28 blocks), 3032.02, 3032.03, 3032.04, 3032.05, 3040.01 (includes 24 blocks), 3040.02, 3040.03, 3040.04, 3040.05

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carolyn Steinberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:30:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carolyn Steinberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Martinez Should Stay with Contra Costa

Message Body:

I do not understand the logic of moving Martinez in the district with Solano and other more northern communities. Martinez is the county seat for Contra Costa County and has been for eons. Martinez is physically separated from Solano county by the Suisun Bay. Martinez shares Contra Costa transportation and media systems. It would make no sense to isolate Martinez from Contra Costa County. Please keep Martinez in the Ramon district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Dan Stone <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:49:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dan Stone <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Pleasant Hill Ridiculous Redistricting

Message Body:

Common sense would lead one to believe Pleasant Hill and Martinez should not be in a different Senate district than Concord or Walnut Creek. I live in Pleasant Hill and I shop and dine in those communities, and what happens in those communities affects my quality of life. Public safety issues, transportation issues, economic issues in those areas are relevant to my family.

I have much less, if any, concern about those same issues in communities north of the Benicia Bridge.

There are no logical physiographic barriers such as waterways or hills separating Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill. Hence, the rational place to divide districts would be the Bay just to the north of Martinez. It's just common sense.

Please do the sensible thing and make Pleasant Hill and Martinez part of the same district as Concord and Walnut Creek.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Allison Koerber <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:13:09 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Allison Koerber <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

I oppose the re-districting of Pleasant Hill out of Contra Costa County

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Robert & Catherine Lewis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:25:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Robert & Catherine Lewis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

We live in Pleasant Hill and strongly disagree with the proposed redistricting excluding Pleasant Hill and Martinez from the Central Contra Costa County District. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are not geographically part of the proposed district. We function as part of Central Contra Costa, not Solano or any of the others. Our transportation is part of the Central Contra Costa systems, not any of the other proposed counties.

We strongly request that you reconsider the redistricting and include Pleasant Hill and Martinez with Central Contra Costa County with which it is contiguous and shares common interests.

Best regards and sincerely,

Robert E. Lewis and
Catherine L. Lewis

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: jerome battle <b[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:27:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: jerome battle <b[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

leave Pleasant Hill & Martinez in Contra Costa County. this is not pot country (yet).
feel free to continue screwing with Walnut Creek. they seem to enjoy it.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Susan Noack <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:29:16 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan Noack <[REDACTED]>

Subject: districting

Message Body:

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

Dear Members,

I am writing as a very concerned resident of Pleasant Hill. I learned recently that the commission is proposing to place the Cities of Pleasant Hill and Martinez in a new state senate district which also includes the Counties of Napa, Solano, Lake and Yolo. This makes absolutely no sense whatsoever and it would seem that you have ignored your own 'community of interest' guidelines in making this decision.

The populations of Pleasant Hill and Martinez have little in common with those in the other four counties. We are physically separated by the Carquinez Straits but more importantly our social, cultural and economic separation is even greater. Residents in Pleasant Hill and Martinez identify themselves with the East Bay community and that's where we live, work, attend school, commute and socialize.

To separate these two communities from the rest of Contra Costa in terms of state senate representation is illogical and unfair to the people who live here. We share the same BART stations and bus connections; our school districts cross city borders and we support each other's communities to help strengthen quality of life in central Contra Costa County.

Separating Contra Costa's representation in the state senate will dilute our impact on many tough issues if we do not have one state senator fighting for our combined interests. I strongly request that you reconsider your splitting Pleasant Hill and Martinez and move these cities back into the same senate district with the rest of Contra Costa.

Sincerely,

Sue Noack

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Peter Beck <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:29:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peter Beck <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill and Martinez proposed to move into Senate District with Yolo and Lake Co

Message Body:

this makes absolutely no sense! i have lived in central Contra Costa since 1963, and in Pleasant Hill specifically since 1994. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are an integral part of the greater community, it makes no sense to have them represented by a district that we do not interact with and that we are physically separated from by a body of water. leave the district lines where they are and leave Pleasant Hill & Martinez alone!

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Subject: Common Sense in Re-Districting

From: Glenn Steiding <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:12:24 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

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. Why are you playing partisan politics by allowing special interest groups to influence you through the re-districting procedure. Remember, America didn't become the great Nation it "was" with the likes of idiots who vote for what they can get and not for the overall good!

Glenn Steiding
Pinole, CA.

Subject: Congressional District maps

From: "Judy Lloyd" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:00:27 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in the San Ramon Valley in Contra Costa County as well as the Tri-Valley in Contra Costa/Alameda Counties for more than a decade.

One of the maps being offered looks like a power grab from Fremont to divide the communities of interest in San Ramon Valley. Alamo, Danville, Diablo, Blackhawk, San Ramon and unincorporated areas of Danville and San Ramon share the same school district and fire district and have a natural dividing line at Mt. Diablo and Highway 580. It makes no sense to divide this area and force the citizens of San Ramon into a district with Fremont, Castro Valley and other communities for which we share very little.

Also, the Tri-Valley Communities of Dublin-Pleasanton-Livermore are nestled between Highways 580/680 and share the same qualities as their neighbors in the San Ramon Valley. Any attempt to divide any of these communities or those of the San Ramon Valley would violate your policy with regard to communities of interest remaining together.

Don't let the partisan special interests fool you on this - listen to the citizens who live in these communities. I support the Town of Danville and City of San Ramon's efforts to remain intact.

Best wishes,

Judy B. Lloyd

President

Altamont Strategies

[REDACTED]
San Ramon, CA 94583

[REDACTED] office
[REDACTED] cell
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Subject: Congressional District Visualization

From: Gayle B Uilkema <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 11:09:11 -0700

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

CC: John_Gioia <[REDACTED]> Mary Piepho <[REDACTED]>

Karen Mitchoff <[REDACTED]> Federal Glover

<[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter regarding redistricting.

Sincerely,

Gayle B. Uilkema, Supervisor

Contra Costa County District [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] phone

[REDACTED] fax

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GAYLE B. UILKEMA

CHAIR

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LAFAYETTE, CA 94549

July 20, 2011

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

RE: Congressional District Visualization That Splits the City of Martinez

Commission Members,

It has come to my attention that a congressional district visualization proposes splitting the City of Martinez between two congressional districts, one of which will also include North Bay cities in the adjoining counties of Sonoma and Napa.

Martinez is the county seat of Contra Costa County. As the current County Supervisor representing Martinez, I would strongly urge you keep the City of Martinez whole and in one district with other cities in central Contra Costa County.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this issue more thoroughly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gayle B. Uilkema".

Gayle B. Uilkema

Cc: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Honorable Rob Schroder, Mayor, City of Martinez

Subject: East Bay CD - Specific Revisions

From: Allen Payton [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:08:33 -0700 (PDT)

To: CA Citizens Commission <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

This is to remind you of the COI testimony and input of over 300 people from east of the Oakland/East Bay/Richmond hills, in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, as well as some of those West of the hills, to use those hills as a natural dividing line when creating the districts.

While one of the Commissioners at last Wednesday's meeting said you're looking to respect county lines, that's clearly not happening in Contra Costa County where you've divided it up in four different Assembly and four different Congressional districts. So why is it so important to do so with Eastern Alameda County and keep it with communities West of the hills that it has less in common with than the San Ramon Valley? It's not.

I remind you that Richmond and the West Contra Costa County communities you have in the COCO district are not directly connected to the rest of the district, except by a few two-lane, windy, country roads. Plus those communities are in a different area code, 510, while the rest of Contra Costa and Eastern Alameda County communities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and Sunol are in the 925 area code. Finally, Richmond and West County have more in common with the other communities along the I-80 corridor than they do with the rest of Contra Costa County.

Please use the Oakland/East Bay/Richmond hills as the natural dividing line when creating your final districts, today.

To accomplish that, following are the common-sense detailed changes to your latest plan, dated 2011-07-19. 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:

San Leandro 84,950
 Alameda 73,812
 Oakland (part) 116,588
 Total 275,350

Then the OKLND district will have the following:

Oakland (balance)	274,136
Piedmont	10,667
Albany	18,539
Berkeley	131,119
Emeryville	10,080
Total in OKLND district	444,541

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

El Sobrante	12,669
Rollingwood	2,969
Richmond	103,701
North Richmond	3,717
East Richmond Hts	3,280
San Pablo	5,202
El Cerrito	23,549
Kensington	5,077
TOTAL from COCO	160,164

- plus from the NEBAY district move into the OKLND district:

Port Costa	190
Crockett	3,094
Rodeo	8,679
Hercules	24,060
Pinole	18,390
El Sobrante	12,669
Bayview	1,754
Tara Hills	5,126
Montalvin Manor	2,876
Vallejo (part)	21,362
TOTAL from NEBAY	98,200
Total in OKLND District	702,905

Then move into NEBAY district from COCO: (need 98,200 for NEBAY) (need 115,186 out of COCO)

Clyde	678
Bay Point	21,349
Pittsburg	63,264

Antioch (part) 13,000 (approx.)
TOTAL from COCO 98,291

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 latest maps, so we can't know for sure which communities are in which districts along the borders.

However, Tamina Alon of Q2 already created an visualization similar to this. So hopefully she can bring it up and show you fairly quickly at your meeting, today.

Thank you.

Allen Payton
Chairman
Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force

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Subject: East Bay Districts UNFAIR to urban and suburbs

From: David Miller <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:49:39 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I've examined and REJECT the current redistrict map proposal that groups suburbs like Pleasanton/Dublin/San Ramon/Livermore/Sunol with urban areas like Hayward and Union City. This grouping does not make sense as urban area should be grouped with urban areas and suburban areas likewise grouped.

Please modify the maps to group the following cities in the Contra Costa district along with similar suburban communities like Danville, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Brentwood, etc...

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Sunol 913

Non-CDP areas 5,000 (approx)

Total 275,350

Respectfully,

David Miller

Pleasanton resident

Subject: East Bay Hills A Clear COI and Geographical Boundary

From: Matt Heavey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:42:13 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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.

We have nothing in common with the freaks on the west side of the east bay hills, which means your move is political. I testified at three of your meetings and that was my only point. This whole process started fishy and is getting worse. Clearly the community of interest coupled with the contiguous, compact and the clear geographical boundary dictates you put your political motivations aside.

You people, like politicians at **every** level of government are out of control--and we are getting sick of being played, again.

Matt Heavey

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Subject: East Bay Map

From: M Truong <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:45:43 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for all your efforts to make this mission possible.

I received an updated draft from California Conservative Action Group(CCAG) and compared to your latest map; I found commissioners have gerrymandering the congressional district in the east bay, especially within Pete Stark, George Miller, and Barbara Lee. It is clearly CCAG's map is more balanced to serve the community. I also talked to my friends about their opinions; they all agree they don't want the line to cross the hill. Commissioners took this challenge task to fix any gerrymandering district, make it fair and balance to all citizens. Your efforts have been recognized and appreciated. I believe it was an honest overlook on your part. I hope Commissioner give it another closer look and change it based on CCAG's map.

Sincerely,

Mi Truong

Subject: One more change to PTANT & ECC AD's

From: Allen Payton [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:45:03 -0700 (PDT)

To: CA Citizens Commission <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

My apologies. One more change.

I mentioned at last Wednesday's meeting about moving the agricultural area in the southern part of the PTANT district into the EALAM district. By doing so, it makes the PTANT district even less than equal, but that allows you to move more of Pittsburg into the PTANT district from the ECC district which has 3,253 too much population.

Or you could move it in with the ECC district which would make even more sense. But you have to, again move more of Pittsburg's population into the PTANT district.

That area has a population of about 5,000 residents.

The Clifton Court Forebay as well as Los Vaqueros Reservoir should really be in with the other parts of Eastern Contra Costa County, such as Brentwood, Byron and Discovery Bay.

So you could divide that area and put the eastern portion in with the ECC district and the western portion in with the EALAM district.

It makes sense to keep the agricultural areas of Southeast Contra Costa County in with either the rest of Eastern Contra Costa County or with the Livermore Valley in Eastern Alameda County, which you have in the EALAM district or portions in each.

That area really doesn't belong with Vallejo, Martinez and Pittsburg, as there's no community of interest.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

Chairman

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