

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: jerome battle <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:29:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: jerome battle <[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: Nancy Stevens <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:33:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nancy Stevens <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I just learned that your commission intends to include Pleasant Hill and Martinez in a district with Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano Counties. Are you serious? The residents of our cities are part of Contra Costa County and have little in common with the needs of the counties mentioned above. As a voter, I supported an independent commission to do the redistricting, but learning of this news, I am horrified.

We need to be included with at least Concord and Walnut Creek.

Thank you,

Nancy Stevens

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: kathleen batttle [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:36:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: kathleen batttle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

want pleasant hill left in its present district. contra costa. enough is enough.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: John and Susan Dailey [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:54:24 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John and Susan Dailey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed Redistricting of Pleasant Hill and Martinez

Message Body:

Good People:

Please know that this proposed redistricting does not seem beneficial, only superficial, like a 'quick fix' destined to go wrong. Our community has already suffered immense blows. Our budget is non-sufficient to the point where our schools, economy and very livelihoods are constantly being jeopardized. However, we continually re-group and pull ourselves up and keep going. To disrupt our community by this proposed action is certainly going to crush us as we become separated from what we strive to sustain. Please reconsider. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: David Uribe <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:06:26 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Uribe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Contra Costa redistricting

Message Body:

The California Redistricting Commission has been tasked with redrawing the district boundaries for State Senate and Assembly seats as well as congressional districts. The Commission's most recent proposed maps of State Senate districts, released on July 14, have the cities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill being taken out of the proposed senate district for Contra Costa (referred to as RAMON) and moved into a district which incorporates the counties of Yolo, Lake, Napa and Solano (WINE). Please voice your opposition to the proposed redistricting and support moving Pleasant Hill and Martinez back into the RAMON senate district with the rest of Contra Costa County.

In determining the various district boundaries, the commission must use a "community of interest" standard. This standard includes such factors as a contiguous population and geographic area; a population that shares common social and economic interests such as same transportation facilities, work opportunities, and the same media market. It is clear in our situation that these "community of interest" guidelines were not followed. Here are some bullet points that can be used in your online public comment to the commission:

1. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are NOT geographically part of the rest of this proposed district - that is, the counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano - as we are physically separated from them by Suisun Bay.
2. Our two cities are an integral part of the East Bay region as well as being major cities in central Contra Costa County. As such, we share no specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties mentioned above.
3. Our media market is completely different than these other counties.
4. The vast majority of our residents are employed in the East Bay or San Francisco. There is very little overlap between us and these other counties when it comes to employment.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Steven J Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:08:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Steven J Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill inContraCosta

Message Body:

Pleasant Hill should stay in the ContraCosta district. We share issues and interests with our boarder cities of Lafayette, Walnut Creek, and Concord. The people of Pleasant Hill Live work and shop in the SF bay area and East Bay area. We do not share affinities or issues with Salano County or its cities.

Please keep Pleasant Hill in the Conta Costa district and not an orphan to Salano county.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Richard Ravin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:24:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard Ravin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

During the latest version of redistricting map Pleasant Hill was moved to be part of Lake/Yolo county. Pleasant Hill is part of the Contra Costa county and should be represented as part of the East Bay area and the Great Contra Costa County area.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Robert Bogardus <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:48:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Robert Bogardus <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

I urge you not to include Pleasant Hill and Martinez with the counties across the river and north or us.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Maureen Horne <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:49:20 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Maureen Horne <[REDACTED]>

Subject: State Senate Redistricting

Message Body:

I am a resident of Pleasant Hill and am writing to express my strong opposition to the State Senate redistricting proposal that would separate Pleasant Hill and Martinez from Contra Costa County. Grouping these cities with areas of Solano, Napa, Yolo, etc., is inappropriate. We are not even connected geographically with those regions and do not share similar interests and concerns. We do not share significant overlaps in education, employment, transit, or commerce. Pleasant Hill and Martinez would be fairly represented as a region including other cities in our county and those with which we share more commonalities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: M Buxton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:28:23 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: M Buxton <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting of Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Pleasant Hill is not geographically part of Yolo, Lake, Napa, or Solano Counties. There is actually a bay dividing these counties from Contra Costa county. Contra costa has nothing in common with these other counties. Redistricting Pleasant Hill and Martinez to include them in a district with the above counties is ludicrous. Please reconsider. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Linda Carpenter <[REDACTED]>

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

To: [REDACTED]

From: Linda Carpenter <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I strongly oppose the redistricting plan for Pleasant Hill. Pleasant Hill is in Contra Costa County and interest for our community have nothing to do with Solano County.

I am a registered voter and oppose this plan.

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From: Nita Balousek <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:39:29 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nita Balousek <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate redistricting

Message Body:

I understand it is being considered to move Pleasant Hill and Martinez out of the area it currently is into Solano County across the strait. We are not even remotely part of that community in any way, the vast majority of our residents are employed in the East Bay or San Francisco. There is very little overlap between us and these other counties when it comes to employment. Our entertainment center is Walnut Creek, Oakland or San Francisco. Educationally we attend schools in Pleasant Hill, San Ramon or Concord. Bad Idea to separate us from those we are connected to. Even Craigs List and Freecycle have us as separate areas!! Thank you for your consideration.

Nita Balousek

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Norma Flaskerud <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:25:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Norma Flaskerud <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill/Martinez

Message Body:

We are located in central Contra Costa County and as such need to be part of the same district. Our issues are their issues; our issues have no bearing on Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano Counties! Lovely places, but they are places we visit when wanting a full day outing as they are that remote from us. Their employment base is different, their housing issues vary, their traffic issues have no bearing on ours, and our social news are unique here from there. How or why an elected representative would fairly deal with such remote locations at once makes no sense to anyone familiar with the areas in question. Please assure we are with the rest of Contra Costa County, we here in Pleasant Hill/Martinez, CA. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Jordan Reed <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:26:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jordan Reed <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Martinez & Pleasant Hill should remain in the Contra Costa district

Message Body:

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I live in Martinez, and I work as one of the pastors at a church in Pleasant Hill. Our congregation consists mainly of people from Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Concord, and Walnut Creek. While we do not preach partisan politics from the pulpit, we do encourage our congregants to be involved in their communities and exercise our civic duty to vote.

Our people are deeply invested in Contra Costa County. Someone may live in Concord, but their children attend school in Pleasant Hill, or vice versa. Our church is known in the cities in which our congregants live, and there are plenty of places to serve the community without leaving this four or five-city area. We not only care about decisions affecting the cities in which we live but also about decisions affecting the cities in which we serve and have fellowship. Our business is spread across these cities, too. Neither Concord, Pleasant Hill, Martinez nor Walnut Creek individually have every amenity or service one could need, but these cities combined give our residents little reason to leave the county for shopping and services.

We have little investment in the cities north of the Suisun Bay. Steep tolls to cross the bridges into the cities to the north create an economic dissuasion to frequenting those communities. We do not share many media markets with the cities to the north of the bay, either.

From a government standpoint, separating the county seat, Martinez, from the rest of the county seems unwise. I am sure that residents in the cities of Concord, Walnut Creek, etc., would like to have some say in the decisions made in the city of their county's center of government--its facilities and employees.

I urge you to take all of these things into consideration as you draw the district boundaries for the State Assembly, Senate and Congress. Martinez and Pleasant Hill are intrinsically linked with their adjacent cities in the Mt. Diablo Valley. To separate them would be disruptive and divisive.

Respectfully,
Jordan Reed
Martinez, CA

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Alison Willett [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 00:57:44 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alison Willett <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please do not redistrict Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Hi:

I have recently heard that Pleasant Hill might be redistricted to Yolo County. Our city is so much more connected to the other cities in Contra Costa County. We are quite literally surrounded by other Contra Costa County cities, sharing services, parks, etc. Even our BART/train stop is called Pleasant Hill/Contra Costa Centre. Yolo county is across the bridge from our city. While we love the cities there, it's really not in our area - it's a day trip away!

Please keep Pleasant Hill in Contra Costa county, where we are most affiliated.

Thanks,

Alison

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Pedro Barrera <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:26:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Pedro Barrera <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't move Pleasant Hill into a different Senate district

Message Body:

Moving Pleasant Hill and Martinez into another Senate district with Napa, Solano, etc. is a terrible idea. It makes no sense whatsoever. We here in Pleasant Hill/Martinez have nothing in common with the people you want to have us join. What dodo bird came up with this idea?

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Katie Sunderland [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 01:30:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Katie Sunderland <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill should stay in Ramon District

Message Body:

Please reconsider the latest remapping of the districts. Pleasant Hill is located in Central Costa Costa, off highway 680 and highway 4. By taking this small city, along with the City of Martinez, you will be dividing the communities in the area were we live. Napa's area is very distinct from our area geographically as the water clearly separates the two areas. In addition, there are a lot of unincorporated areas which could be forgotten.

Please reconsider and keep the cities of Pleasant Hill and Martinez within the Ramon District and with the rest of the surrounding towns of Pacheco, Concord, Hyde, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Clayton, etc. Which are all very close and overlap.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Regards,

Katie Sunderland

[REDACTED]
Pleasant Hill, CA. 94523

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: "Susan J. Bennett" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 03:07:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan J. Bennett <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Cities of Martinez/Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Please keep Martinez/Pleasant Hill in the "Ramon" district with other central Contra Costa Cities. These cities are geographically and demographically bonded to this district and should be represented by the same legislative electees.

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From: Ai Leng Goh <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 04:22:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ai Leng Goh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Disagree with Pleasant Hill redistricting

Message Body:

I just learned that there is plan to redistricting Pleasant Hill to Napa and Salano. This DOES NOT benefit Pleasant Hill, I strongly disagree. Please reconsider and advise the logic of doing so.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Joel Oubre <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 05:40:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joel Oubre <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Please do not take Pleasant Hill and Martinez out of Contra Costa County!!

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Kathleen Maxwell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 06:42:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathleen Maxwell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: State Senate and Assembly Proposed Redistricting

Message Body:

I and my other neighbors are emphatically opposed to the proposed redistricting plan that puts Pleasant Hill and Martinez in a district with Yolo, Solano, Lake, and Napa counties. The reasons we are opposed are:

1. We are geographically unrelated, separated by Suisun Bay. 2. Our interests differ, our politics differ. 3. We do not have much in common- not employment, not shopping, not entertainment, not education. 4. We are intrinsically related to the rest of Contra Costa County; we are part of the East Bay and have always been so by the things mentioned above- employment patterns, shopping destinations, entertainment functions and educational facilities.

I can also say that any legislator from our district that approves the proposed redistricting will not be favorably looked upon when election time rolls around. I have lived in Contra Costa County for over 70 years and am very familiar with Central County, the people and the politics.

Kathleen Maxwell

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Subject: Redistricting July 20,2011

From: "Bob and Gwen Bogardus" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:02:25 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Madam and Mister,

Please keep Pleasant Hill and Martinez in the same group as Walnut creek and Contra Costa County as it is now. We should not be with the northern counties on the North side of the Sacramento River.

Sincerely,

Robert and Gwen Bogardus

[REDACTED]
Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523

Subject: Redistricting Correctly Please

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:21:55 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Allen Payton
Chairman
Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force

[REDACTED]

www.FairTheLines.org - California Conservative Action Group

www.ccredistrioting.org - Contra Costa Board of Supervisors

www.wedrawthelines.com - California Citizens Redistricting Commission - State 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:

- 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/Q2's latest maps, so we can't know for sure which communities are in which districts along the borders.

Subject: Redistricting of Pleasant Hill and Martinez

From: "Daniels, Sharon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 10:58:45 -0700

To: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Attached is a letter from Antioch Mayor James D. Davis re: redistricting of Pleasant Hill and Martinez.

Sharon Daniels
Secretary to the
City Manager & City Attorney
City of Antioch

[REDACTED] (Fax)

"Due to the ongoing economic crisis and its impact to the City's budget, City offices will be closed every Friday starting the week of July 6, 2009. We thank you for your understanding."

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July 19, 2011

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

Dear Commission:

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 no sense 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.

As outlined in Proposition 20, which passed in 2010, the commission is required to use the 'community of interest' guidelines or standards in considering districts. Specifically, community of interest is defined as "a contiguous population which shares common social & economic interests....examples of such interests are those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication...."

Clearly, these guidelines were not taken into consideration with the current redistricting proposal. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are an integral part of Contra Costa and the East Bay region in general. We share the same transportation modes such as BART, highway system and economic base. We are part of the same Bay Area media market which only partially reaches into the proposed 'WINE' district.

From a social, economic and cultural perspective, Pleasant Hill and Martinez share many common interests with neighboring cities and the entire East Bay community. Conversely, there is little or no connection with Solano, Napa, Lake and Yolo Counties, some of which is not considered as part of the Bay Area region.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this redistricting proposal by placing Pleasant Hill and Martinez where they should be - with the rest of Contra Costa in the proposed 'RAMON' district.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

James D. Davis
Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mayor James D. Davis • Mayor Pro Tem Wade Harper • Council Members Brian Kalinowski, Mary Rocha, Gary S. Agopian
Antioch, California 94531-5007

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Smith, Karen" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:19:25 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please find attached a letter regarding redistricting from H. Abram Wilson, Mayor, City of San Ramon

Karen McHenry-Smith

Executive Assistant
City Manager's Office
City of San Ramon

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CITY OF SAN RAMON

SAN RAMON, CALIFORNIA 94583

July 20, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to thank you for your service as a member of the commission and thank you for taking the time out of your lives to serve the State. We really appreciate your time and service.

I am emailing you to express strong opposition to State Senate District (WINE) which will remove Pleasant Hill and Martinez from the current Senate District 07 for the following reasons:

1. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are an integral part of the East bay and share social and economic characteristics with the cities in the East Bay. They share no specific social or economic characteristics with the Counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano.
2. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are not geographically part of the proposed area, and are physically separated by the Suisun Bay.
3. Pleasant Hill and Martinez share little or no overlap when it comes to employment. The majority of residents are employed in the East Bay or San Francisco.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this redistricting proposal and leave Pleasant Hill and Martinez with the rest of contra Costa in the proposed 'RAMON' district. Thank you

Respectfully yours,

H. Abram Wilson, Mayor
City of San Ramon

Subject: Redistricting

From: Nancy <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:41:03 -0700

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

CC: "st" <[REDACTED]>

My opinion on this subject is to add these cities to the COCO (Contra Costa) County area: San Ramon, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol. These are East of the Oakland Hills, and should be treated as such.

Thank you.

Nancy Stevens
Pleasanton, CA

Subject: Redistricting

From: Nelson Di Marco <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:45:57 -0700 (PDT)

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

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission -

I'm writing to express my support for the fair redistricting map being proposed by the CCAG (California Conservative Action Group).

As a resident of District 11, it doesn't seem right that our area would be absorbed into the district currently represented by Pete Stark.

I trust that any changes made to the Districts will be fair, representative, and free of efforts to usurp political power.

Thank you,

Nelson Di Marco
Danville, California

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 California Citizen's Redistricting Commission 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.

Name	Address	City	Zip Code
1. <i>John Tyrell</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94805</i>
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Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

July 19, 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.

As outlined in Proposition 20, which passed in 2010, the commission is required to use the 'community of interest' guidelines or standards in considering districts. Specifically, community of interest is defined as "a contiguous population which shares common social & economic interests....examples of such interests are those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication...."

Clearly, these guidelines were not taken into consideration with the current redistricting proposal. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are an integral part of the central Contra Costa community and the East Bay region in general. We share the same transportation modes such as BART, County Connection Bus Services and many bicycling and pedestrian routes. We are part of the same Bay Area media market which only partially reaches into the proposed 'WINE' district. Both Cities are also active participants in the East Bay Economic Development Alliance incorporating all of the major cities in Contra Costa and Alameda.

From a social, economic and cultural perspective, Pleasant Hill and Martinez share many common interests with our neighboring cities and the entire East Bay community. Conversely, there is little or no connection with Solano, Napa, Lake and Yolo Counties, most of which is not considered as part of the Bay Area region. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are intertwined with efforts in Contra Costa county to develop transit centers and reduce the greenhouse effect caused by auto emissions in commuting to work places elsewhere in Contra Costa, Alameda, and San Francisco counties.

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


James Bonato


Pleasant Hill, CA 94523