

July 22, 2011

BY EMAIL

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

Re: Senate and CD - CCAG Maps & CCCRTF Maps

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to, once again, strongly request that you take seriously your charge to follow the spirit and letter of Proposition 11, by listening to the East Bay citizens who have sent more than 300 letters and made some 50 personal appearances before the Commission supporting the Maps of the grassroots organizations CCAG (California Conservative Action Group) and CCCRTF (Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force).

These two organizations are comprised of many regular citizens of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties who have come together to have a voice. We are exactly the citizens to whom Proposition 11 was designed to give a voice. You need to listen.

You need also to hear the united voices of the Tri-Valley mayors of Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore, who have repeatedly communicated their very important and necessary regional alliances. These alliances should not be broken by nonsensical districts.

Thank you for your attention.

Becky Kolberg  
San Ramon

**Subject:** PTANT

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:50:52 +0000

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

At least move the 2 people in the area south of Chadbourne Road and the other 11 people along that road into the ECC district. They're connect to Antioch.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

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July 22, 2011

Commission:

We urge you to use the CCAG maps. We are active voters in the Danville area.

Follow your guidelines and the intent of the voters by stopping gerrymandering and create "common sense" districts that use the Oakland and Richmond hills as a dividing line. Keep grassroots input alive.

When I showed my 13 and 15 year old some of the possible gerrymandering, they were appalled and they could easily see the absurdity of some of the absurd districts.

Thank you for keeping your word and doing the task properly.

Jennette & George Cabot



Danville CA 94506

**Subject:**

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 10:29:51 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for drawing fair Assembly and Senate maps for the Contra Costa area. I am requesting you do the same for the CD districts. Please use the maps drawn by the CCAG team. This map draws a fair district with regards to COI's.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Ellis  
Walnut Creek

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

**From:** Patrick Alexander <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:18:29 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Patrick Alexander <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting -- Pleasant Hill, Martinez

Message Body:

Including Pleasant Hill and Martinez, as suggested in the current redistricting plan, makes no sense what so ever. In addition to all the obvious geographical, employment, and area of interest arguments against this plan, There are many Contra Costa wide organizations that operate and are funded within the country boundary.

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**Subject:** PTANT v ECC

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:07:03 +0000

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

It appears you still have the dividing line along Chadbourne Road splitting two people's property from their home which are either side of the road.

Please move the road south to Marsh Creek Road and use that as the boundary if you haven't already.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

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

**From:** Lesley Stiles <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:40:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Lesley Stiles <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Placing Pleasant Hill in the same district as Napa, Solano and other counties

Message Body:

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.

I strongly urge this Commission to please reconsider throwing Pleasant Hill and Martinez into these far off counties as you are redistricting and keep our cities in Contra Costa County and the Bay Area where they belong. This is a definite quality of life issue for all that reside, work, play, call home Pleasant hill and Martinez. It makes absolutely no sense at all to redistrict us to these far off counties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lesley Stiles

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

**From:** "Mary L. Rodigou" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:35:10 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mary L. Rodigou <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting proposal

Message Body:

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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 & public transit improvements, school districts 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 cities in a contiguous East Bay district that represents communities with shared concerns, shared challenges and shared values.

I realize that your task is difficult in redrawing district boundaries 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,

Mary Rodigou

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

**From:** Jacqueline Maillet <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:49:31 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jacqueline Maillet <[REDACTED]>

Subject: STOP the Redistricting Commission Proposal to move Pleasant Hill into Yolo's State Senate District!

Message Body:

Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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 & public transit improvements, school districts 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.

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Sincerely,

Jacqueline T. Maillet

[REDACTED] Pleasant Hill CA 94523

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

**From:** Katie Ferrari [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:29:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Katie Ferrari <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate Seat

Message Body:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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.

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Sincerely, Katie Ferrari

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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. Lisa Smiley	[REDACTED]	Emeryville	94601
2. Robert Stull	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94801
3. Jacquelyn Johnson	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94801
4. Hannah Patterson	[REDACTED]	Rich	94801
5. Jeffrey B. Patterman	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94801
6. Marie Lopez	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94806
7. Michael Jones	[REDACTED]	San Pablo	94801
8. Marcus Lyon	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94803
9. Mc Kinley William	[REDACTED]	El Sobrante, CA	94803
10. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94805
11. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94801
12. Leonard McNeil	[REDACTED]	San Pablo	94806
13. Adrienne Harris	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94801
14. Judith Herrera	[REDACTED]	Rich	94806
15. Susan Rumsey	[REDACTED]	Rich	94805
16. Margarita Harrison	[REDACTED]	Rich	94801
17. Irene Garcia	[REDACTED]	Rich CA	94801
18. Deirdre Bergman	[REDACTED]	MONO CA	94805
19. Linda Newton	[REDACTED]	Richmond, CA	94801
20.	[REDACTED]		

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Name	Address	City	Zip Code
1. MARIA ALEGRIA	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Pineole 94564
2. Cordell Hindler	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond CA 94804
3. DEL LEWIS SONSTENG	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Pineole CA 94564
4. Ella B Roberson	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond 94804
5. Cynthia Haden	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94804
6. Virgil Weekes	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94804
7. Randall Enos	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94805
8. Tony & Akere	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94803
9. Stephanie Olson	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond, CA 94811
10. Rocio Gutierrez	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94806
11. The Man	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	94553
12. James W. Newman	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond 94806
13. Monica Castillo	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Pineole 94564
14. Joan Davis	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond 94804
15. Jim Becker	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond 94801
16. Dolores Neese	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Rich. 94804
17. Shirley McKe	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Rich 94804
18. Clarence Van Hook	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Clara St Rich 94804
19. Margaret Craft	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca. 94801
20. Anki Herber-Neck	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Richmond 94804

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	Name	Address	City	Zip Code
1.	<i>Michael Rubin</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94801</i>
2.	<i>Valani Ledeaux</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Antioch</i>	<i>94531</i>
3.	<i>James F Harris</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94804</i>
4.	<i>Nancy Lewis</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94805</i>
5.	<i>David Vincent</i>	[REDACTED]	"	<i>94804</i>
6.	<i>Leah J. Clark</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94801</i>
7.	<i>EDDIE WRIGHT</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>BAY AREA</i>	<i>94513</i>
8.	<i>MICHAEL NYE</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>RICHMOND</i>	<i>94801</i>
9.	<i>Carol J. Manahan</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94804</i>
10.	<i>Arnold Kasensy</i>	[REDACTED]	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>94804</i>
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## City of Pleasant Hill

REGION 8: CONTRA COSTA



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

July 19, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

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 is inequitable and unfair to the citizens of these communities and Contra Costa County to include this portion of the County with the Counties of Lake, Napa, Solano and Yolo.

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...."

We are very different from the proposed WINE District. Neither Pleasant Hill nor Martinez, the County seat of Contra Costa, is geographically contiguous to the proposed district and both cities are physically separated from the other counties by Suisun Bay. We share no specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties, nor do we share transportation systems. Our media market is completely different and the vast majority of our residents are employed in the East Bay or San Francisco.

Clearly, the communities of interest 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. 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,

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Michael G. Harris, OD  
Councilmember

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**Timothy M. Flaherty**

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

July 20, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

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...."

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Sincerely,



Timothy M. Flaherty



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City Council

Carl Anduri, Mayor  
Carol Federighi, Vice Mayor  
Mike Anderson, Council Member  
Brandt Andersson, Council Member  
Don Tatzin, Council Member

July 19, 2011

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

Dear Members,

I am writing on behalf of the citizens of Lafayette, in Contra Costa County, who are constituents of the draft senate district RAMON. As you finalize the boundaries of the Senate districts, we ask that you move neighboring Pleasant Hill and Martinez from the senate district that encompasses Solano, Napa, Lake and Yolo Counties back into the Contra Costa County senate district.

There is much in common between Lafayette, Pleasant Hill and Martinez. Although we have separate school districts, the school district boundaries cross city borders. Some Lafayette children attend school in Pleasant Hill and Martinez. We share the same bus system and both Lafayette and Pleasant Hill have BART stations. The cities have been partners on regional issues, and together we have had a strong voice with our state legislators on issues critical to our communities.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Anduri".

Carl Anduri  
Mayor

**Subject:** PTANT AD

**From:** caredistrict [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:54:19 +0000

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

The agricultural areas of the PTANT district are near the Contra Costa County / Alameda County line.

The industrial area of Pittsburg is along the waterfront from Loveridge Road - west.

Hope this helps.

Allen Payton

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

**From:** "Barton E. Krasner" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 00:42:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Barton E. Krasner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate Redistricting for Martinez and Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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 & public transit improvements, school districts 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 cities in a contiguous East Bay district that represents communities with shared concerns, shared challenges and shared values.

I realize that your task is difficult in redrawing district boundaries 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,  
Barton E. Krasner

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

**From:** dawn block <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:26:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: dawn block <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please re-think your proposal for the City of Pleasant Hill - keep it with the rest of Contra Costa County!

Message Body:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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 & public transit improvements, school districts 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.

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

The problems with your proposal are:

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.
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**From:** Bianca Bloom <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:16:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Bianca Bloom <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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.

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

**From:** Matthew Lovett <thelovett@contracosta.gov>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:43:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Matthew Lovett <thelovett@contracosta.gov>

Subject: Senate District

Message Body:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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.

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Thank you for your time.

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

**From:** Cathie Lynn <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:23:22 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cathie Lynn <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposition to removal of Pleasant Hill and Martinez from current Senate District 07

Message Body:

The communities of Pleasant Hill and Martinez in Contra Costa County are not contiguous with the communities of Solano County. The economic, social and cultural aspects of Pleasant Hill and Martinez are shared most commonly with the neighboring cities included in the proposed "Ramon" district.

I urge you to reconsider the redistricting proposal by placing my community where it should be with the rest of CONTRA COSTA in the proposed "Ramon" district.

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

**From:** Faye Donaghu <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:08:04 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Faye Donaghu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting affecting Pleasant Hill and Martinez

Message Body:

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.

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

**From:** allison koerber <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:24:18 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: allison koerber <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

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

**From:** Becky Kolberg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:50:40 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Becky Kolberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: CCAG

Message Body:

You need to give this attention to private citizens who have actually done hours and hours of work to produce competent maps!!!!

You're talking about ignoring the folks who are involved!

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

**From:** Ashley Rinn <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:32:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Ashley Rinn <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

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

**From:** James Lee <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:56:20 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: James Lee <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill redistricting proposal

Message Body:

I do NOT support the creation of a new State Senate district with Yolo, Lake, Napa & Solano counties!

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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 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.	Alma Redic	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca	94804
2.	Helen Carey	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca	94804
3.	Barnell J. Rogers	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca	94804
4.	Helen Carsons	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca	94804
5.	Laura Hill	[Redacted]	Rich. Ca	94804
6.	Mac McKee	[Redacted]	Richmond Ca	94804
7.	Dorothy Walls-Stewart	[Redacted]	Richmond	94804
8.	Gwendolyn Trotter	[Redacted]	Richmond	94804-2615
9.	ELTON RAPP	[Redacted]	Richmond CA	94804
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Name	Address	City	Zip Code
1. Louise Nicky	[REDACTED]	RICHMOND	94804
2. Bella FENNETT DE LOREN	[REDACTED]	RICHMOND	94804
3. Jane Russell	[REDACTED]	Richmond, CA	94804
4. Heather Rupp	[REDACTED]	Richmond, CA	94801
5. Barbara A. Hoban	[REDACTED]	Richmond, CA	94804
6. Wifia C Thomas	[REDACTED]	Richmond	94804
7. Johnny Wilken	[REDACTED]	RICHMOND	94801
8. Neen Banks	[REDACTED]	Rich	94801
9. Lakara Jenkins	[REDACTED]		94804
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**Subject:** Area South of Antioch

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 20:58:54 +0000

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

Contra Loma regional park is only accessible from Antioch.

Black Diamond mines is accessible by Somersville Road.  
Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

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

**From:** "Jennifer Davidson, Ph.D." <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 19:53:11 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jennifer Davidson, Ph.D. <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

As a voting citizen of Pleasant Hill, California, I am writing to express my significant concern about the proposed redistricting of Pleasant Hill and Martinez into the counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano.

This redistricting proposal cannot possibly have followed the "Community of Interest" standard that is required.

My concerns focus on four points. First of all, Pleasant Hill and Martinez are not geographically contiguous with the aforementioned four other counties. We are separated from them by Suisun Bay.

Second, Pleasant Hill and Martinez are integral parts of the East Bay region, and are major, contributing cities in central Contra Costa county. We share no specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties.

Third, we do not share a media market with the counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano. The media markets are entirely different.

Finally, the vast majority of our residents are employed in the East Bay or San Francisco--not in the northern counties.

Please take these very serious factors into consideration, and do not go forward with the proposal to combine Pleasant Hill and Martinez into the same Senate district as Yolo, Lake, Napa, and Solano counties.

Thank you.

Dr. Jennifer Davidson

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

**From:** Sarah Ruth Paltiel [REDACTED]

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 03:43:06 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sarah Ruth Paltiel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill and Martinez

Message Body:

Please don't move PH and Martinez from the Contra Costa County State Senate District to the Napa/Yolo/Lake/Solano Counties district! They belong here, in Contra Costa County, not over the Bays with the Wine Country.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are integral parts of CCC - we like them, and we want to keep them!

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

**From:** Victoria Berry <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 02:25:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Victoria Berry <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill and Martinez should be with San Ramon

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 and revolves around sister cities of Concord and Walnut Creek
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:** C Morgenstern <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 02:52:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: C Morgenstern <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Inclusion of Pleasant Hill and Martinez in WINE

Message Body:

Since Pleasant Hill and Martinez are separated from the WINE locations by a bridge, by county lines and by factors such as economic and development interests and goals, including the two in a single district will create the same sort of political gridlock we see in Washington right now. Citizens in Contra Costa may have certain needs and goals regarding things like water, earthquake, development and other policies which a single legislator will not be able to respond to in light of the needs regarding those matters in the Wine Country.

The very idea of carving out two communities integral to Contra Costa (including the county seat) and isolating them arbitrarily as members of an unrelated geographical and economic area is absurd.

Please do not let the need to conform with certain numerical constraints allow you to alienate us from our own communities like this!

Other comments have given you the logistical reasons to keep Pleasant Hill and Martinez in the same district as Contra Costa. I hope my comments add some common sense reasons as well.

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

**From:** Stewart Bodzin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 02:45:49 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Stewart Bodzin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Objection

Message Body:

As a resident of Pleasant Hill for many years I object to the redistricting decision to include Pleasant Hill in the same district as the wine country. We here in Pleasant Hill are a part of the East Bay family of cities such as Walnut Creek and San Ramon. Our lives have very little intersection or commonality with the wine country towns and cities.

Thank you.

Stewart Bodzin

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

**From:** Debbie George <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:57:07 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Debbie George <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Pleasant Hill and Martinez

Message Body:

To whom it may concern,

I support Pleasant Hill and Martinez continuing to be a part of Contra Costa County. I would hope that the Commission does the same.

DJG

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

**From:** Linda Waters <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 03:18:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Linda Waters <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting comment

Message Body:

I am writing to express my dismay and shock that you are proposing to include the East Bay communities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill in a Senate district made up largely of communities to the north of Suisun Bay. Frankly, these are areas I have seldom, if ever, set foot in, and no nothing about; whereas, I feel a part of the surrounding East Bay area, where I shop, work, and live.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are urban/suburban communities and share all the issues that our fellow 680 corridor communities share. We have absolutely no shared common interests with residents of Yolo County or Lake County. We are also physically separated to a great degree.

By what reasoning are our cities included with those in Yolo and Lake Counties?

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

Thank you for taking into serious considerations the concerns of the people of Pleasant Hill and Martinez.

Sincerely,  
Linda and Donald Waters

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**Subject:** Redistricting shenanigans

**From:** "Thomas McDougall" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 08:41:21 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

Dear Gentlemen and Ladies – I see the redistricting for my local assembly district and local Senate district is proposed so that a fair contest can be made. But the Congressional districts show a decided tilt to the incumbents George Miller, Barbara Lee and Pete Stark. We were removed from G. Miller's district after the 2000 census, and we appreciated having a fairer, less-gerrymandered fight in the district.

We do not want to go back to the 'politics as usual' scenario that has recently been proposed by your committee. Please consider the California Conservative Action Group (CCAG) map, as it proposes the fairest districts, based on letters from citizens and public comments.

Regards,  
Tom McDougall  
Concord, CA

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

**From:** Lenore Krause <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 05:04:07 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Lenore Krause <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Keep Pleasant Hill in the Contra Costa District (RAMON district)

Message Body:

California Redistricting Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen

My name is Lenore Krause, and I am a resident of Pleasant Hill, California.

Pleasant Hill should remain in the district for Contra Costa County because our interests are similar to those of other cities in this area.

There is a complete lack of community of interest between Pleasant Hill and the counties of Yolo, Lake, Napa, and Solano. We are physically separated from these counties by Suisun Bay.

Also, the majority of our residents are employed in the East Bay or in San Francisco.

Please consider these points when you make your redistricting decisions.

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

**From:** Christina brown <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 01:22:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Christina brown <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Redistricting pleasant hill and Martinez

Message Body:

I just heard on the news today of the proposed move of pleasant hill and Martinez out of Rojo. I am an eight year resident of Pleasant Hill and I can say that the areas of our community does not include Davis, Solano, Yolo and Vacaville.

We are part of Contra Costa-our newspaper, news coverage, voting and events all center around lamarinda, Concord, and walnut creek.

Please visit Martinez and Pleasant Hill to confirm my findings.

Many regard and thank You in advance for not proceeding with the redistricting.

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**Subject:** Mt Diablo State Park

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:02:10 +0000

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

It's only accessible by road from Walnut Creek and Danville.  
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**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Linda Wagner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:40:48 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

July 22, 2011

Attention: Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,

Linda Wagner

[REDACTED]  
Danville, CA 94526

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

**From:** Sandra Loey <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 05:23:34 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sandra Loey <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Redistricting - Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

The possibility of moving Martinez and Pleasant Hill into Solano County makes no sense. Martinez is the county seat. Both cities have much more in common with cities in Contra Costa County than Solano County - plus we are separated by a body of water. I live in Contra Costa County, work in San Francisco, and volunteer at the County Animal Shelter in Martinez. I also take BART everyday to work in San Francisco and would like my ticket revenues to benefit transit in the town and county where I live. This would not happen in Solano County. I hope you are hearing from the residents of these two cities - these are important matters and should be publicized better so opinions can be shared and discussed. Thank you.

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**Subject:** Re: PTANT

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:52:58 +0000

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:50:52

**To:** Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

**Reply-To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** PTANT

Commissioners,

At least move the 2 people in the area south of Chadbourne Road and the other 11 people along that road into the ECC district. They're connect to Antioch.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

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

**From:** Terri Williamson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 06:19:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Terri Williamson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill and Martinez

Message Body:

I know you have a difficult job to do, but I trust you not to place Martinez and Pleasant Hill into the same district as Napa and Solano Counties. They are nice places, but politically and geographically, we have absolutely nothing in common. We are Contra Costa communities, Martinez is the County Seat, and we need to stay within the Contra Costa political sphere in order to have our voices heard.

Thank you for listening,

Terri Williamson

Pleasant Hill City Council Member

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**From:** Donna Van Stralen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 04:22:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Donna Van Stralen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill / Martinez

Message Body:

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I am sure you have received other letters with this similar format, but this letter expresses my views very accurately.

Sincerely,

Donna Van Stralen

[REDACTED]  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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

**From:** Ashleigh Leal <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 23 Jul 2011 06:51:40 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ashleigh Leal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: representation!

Message Body:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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.

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Sincerely,  
Ashleigh Leal

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**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "Jean Meredith" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:45:48 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I have been a resident in Contra Costa County since 1957. I lived in Concord for 21 years and the last 38 years in Walnut Creek. During this period of time and in these two communities, I have witnessed and lived with the actions of 5 + redrawings of district lines at all levels. Some of the redrawings were better than others...some where just plain awful. The Congressional Districts have been all over the map...from Stockton/ Fremont/Contra Costa to Berkeley/Danville/San Ramon/Valley.

It was my impression that the guidelines for the Commission were sensible and followed the intention of the voters to create districts that incorporated communities of interest, geographical boundaries and would make sure that the "art" of gerrymandering would become a curiosity of the past.

Now it seems that we will have a return to that past. We are threatened with a Congressional districts that show a marked resemblance to having been gerrymandered.

You have taken testimony from a great many local voters who only want districts to be fair and a reflection of the wishes of those who live with-in them. In most minds a "fair" district gives all candidates a chance to be elected - it is not skewed to one political ideology, and it is not biased to one ethnic group to the disadvantage of another. It also observes natural boundaries - and communities of interest.

I would urge you to strongly consider the Congressional maps that were provided by interested citizens of the CCAG. Your adoption of those maps would indicate that you are truly following your own guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marjorie N. Meredith

**Subject:** STOP Redistricting Commission Proposal moving Pleasant Hill to Yolo's State Senate district  
**From:** J THOMPSON MAILLET <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 12:01:29 -0700  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**CC:** [REDACTED] hill.ca.us

Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay 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.

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Sincerely,

Jacqueline T. Maillet  
[REDACTED] Pleasant Hill CA 94523

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[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Linda Wagner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 13:40:48 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

July 22, 2011

Attention: Redistricting Commission

It has come to my attention that the California Conservative Action Group (CCAG) has a set of maps for a fair congressional district in the Bay Area which is being overlooked or ignored. Why are you gerrymandering when it comes to the Congressional Districts?

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Sincerely,

Linda Wagner

[REDACTED]  
Danville, CA 94526

July 22, 2011

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

Re: Contra Costa Congressional Map

I think most voters expected maps that allowed voters to pick representatives. They were sick and tired of districts that guaranteed winners based on party in almost every district.

Your current maps for congressional districts split Contra Costa up into sections that are added to liberal urban districts and disenfranchise the reasonable communities of interest in Contra Costa County.

As you have heard from the vast majority of witnesses at committee hearings, the East Bay Hills act as a natural boundary, not because of their height or geographic qualities, but because they define the boundaries for natural associations that are universally recognized.

Citizens moving into the area don't consider Union City and San Ramon to be the same community when choosing a home. Current residents west of the hills and those in the valleys, don't consider themselves in the same community. As a 22-year resident of San Ramon, I don't think I've ever heard anyone lump themselves in groups that span the hills, when describing their community of interest.

The same is true as I talked with and surveyed customers from throughout the Bay Area when locating (or re-locating) more than 75 offices in the Bay area. No matter what side of the hills you live on, you consider them a natural dividing line between communities of like interest.

As a business executive receiving analysis and recommendations from our marketing department for TV, radio, and newspaper buys, both the message and media recommendations varied for the cities west of the hills and those in the Tri-Valley area. Sears built a store in the Stoneridge Mall because their stores in Hayward and Oakland were outside of the natural boundaries residents observed for their shopping.

Please consider this a request to keep Contra Costa whole. It is a community of interest. It won't guarantee a victory for either party, but leave the results in the hands of the voters. You have followed the principles outlined in this letter when creating the assembly and senate seats for Contra Costa County. These same principles apply for the Congressional District.

Sincerely,

Jerry Dees

 San Ramon, CA 94852

**Subject:** Redistricting shenanigans

**From:** "Thomas McDougall" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 08:41:21 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

Dear Gentlemen and Ladies – I see the redistricting for my local assembly district and local Senate district is proposed so that a fair contest can be made. But the Congressional districts show a decided tilt to the incumbents George Miller, Barbara Lee and Pete Stark. We were removed from G. Miller's district after the 2000 census, and we appreciated having a fairer, less-gerrymandered fight in the district.

We do not want to go back to the 'politics as usual' scenario that has recently been proposed by your committee. Please consider the California Conservative Action Group (CCAG) map, as it proposes the fairest districts, based on letters from citizens and public comments.

Regards,  
Tom McDougall  
Concord, CA

Joan S. Hamblin

[REDACTED]

Danville, CA 94526

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Commission on Redistricting:

First, I want to thank you for applying for and serving in this position that is of such great importance to all Californians. I have followed your progress and admired the fact that you set forth as one of your guidelines the intention of the voters. However, it's hard for me to see how the districts you have drawn up will change anything. Communities should not be split down the middle. A congressional district should not ramble over three or more counties. I had hoped that you would listen to the people of this area, not just to special interests and unions.

The natural dividing line of the Oakland/Richmond Hills should be used.

Please do what is fair not what is politically expedient.

Sincerely,

Joan S. Hamblin

**Subject:** Congressional Districts

**From:** Gaye Evans <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 09:23:32 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To The Committee:

We want fair elections and that can only be accomplished by having a fairly designed Congressional District. QUIT PLAYING POLITICS!! Do what is right, KEEP THE EAST BAY HILLS AS THE DIVIDING LINE.

A concerned voter,  
Gaye E. Evans  
Concord, Ca. 94518-2324

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

**From:** Katherine Bracken <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:15:06 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Katherine Bracken <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Redistricting Pleasant Hill/Martinez

Message Body:

To whom it may concern:

I have read that you are proposing to include the communities of Pleasant Hill & Martinez in the same district as the counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are urban or suburban communities and are part of the 680 corridor, meaning that we all share the same issues, such as school district funding, open space preservation and transport issues. There are no common shared interests, either physical or quality of life, with the residents of the largely rural counties of Yolo, Napa, Lake & Solano.

Please reconsider this move and allow Pleasant Hill and Martinez to stay in the Senate district with our surrounding communities so that we can continue to work together on common issues and goals.

Thank you for undertaking this task.

Sincerely,

Katherine Bracken

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**Subject:** Congressional Districts-public input

**From:** Gayle Kindall <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:46:25 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Commissioners all:

I, as a resident of Contra Costa, and a member of the Task Force, approve of the Congressional District drawings. As I testified at the first public hearing in Oakland, I reside in Martinez, but affiliate with Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, and Lafayette, and furthermore am a mere few minutes from each of those cities while bordering Pleasant Hill within 2 blocks. I believe that Highway Four is a natural boundary of commonalities, as my part of Martinez is not industrial, commercial, or waterfront dictated to any large extent. I hope you consider my input and keep the existing district in this section of the county.

Thank you very much,

Gayle Kindall

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

**From:** Dennis Donaghu <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:06:21 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Dennis Donaghu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I am Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District (a California Special District). I strongly urge you to reconsider splitting Pleasant Hill and Martinez out of the Contra Costa County district and putting us in the district with with Napa, Solano, Yolo and Lake counties, counties that we have nothing in common with. For your additional information, our Special District also covers unincorporated areas outside the city limits of Pleasant Hill, thus you would also be splitting our Special District between Representatives. From a legislative standpoint, this would be totally unacceptable for our district. Please make the logical choice and keep Pleasant Hill and Martinez in Contra Costa County where we belong.

Thank you for your consideration.

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