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**From:**Thomas Agee <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: 1 State Senate Seat in San Francisco, Odd #

Message Body:

For sure San Francisco County only needs on State Senate Seat, and should not be gerrymandered. It should occur under odd numbered years beginning in 2012, and not 2014 since State Senator Leland Yee will be term limited out of office.

Thomas Agee

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DENNIS J. HERRERA  
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June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Importance of assigning an odd number to San Francisco's State Senate District

Dear Commissioners:

I write to urge the Citizens Redistricting Commission to assign an odd number to San Francisco's remaining State Senate District.

Designating the district as odd would be the simplest, most elegant approach to avoid a highly problematic scenario in which the majority of the City and County of San Francisco's population would be forced to go without elected representation in the California State Senate for two years. Such a loss of representation—even temporarily—would be far worse than a mere inconvenience to thousands of San Franciscans. It would be a potentially devastating setback to the particular rights and interests of all of California's LGBT citizens, who have historically looked to San Francisco's elected legislators for leadership on issues of concern to their community.

As we were powerfully reminded by the New York State Senate's narrow approval of equal marriage rights for same-sex couples last Friday, our nation's LGBT community is in the midst of an historic time in its long and difficult struggle for equality. California has been among the states at the forefront of that movement, and no municipality has been more forcefully in the vanguard than San Francisco. Should a quirk in the numbering of State Senate districts eliminate San Francisco's representation during this critical time, the detrimental effects would reach far beyond my own City's borders. It would be gravely unfair to Californians who have been too long marginalized, and too often denied rights to which they are entitled.

In amending our State Constitution, California voters charged the Citizens Redistricting Commission with establishing legislative districts that ensure fair representation. Surely, that charge requires recognition for the particular leadership some districts offer to statewide constituencies. Perhaps no legislative districts are more important to California's LGBT community than San Francisco's. The commission can secure the worthy objective of fairness for all here by simply assigning an odd number to San Francisco's State Senate seat. I appreciate your consideration of my request, and I thank you for your hard work in the difficult task of leading California's redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dennis J. Herrera in black ink.  
DENNIS J. HERRERA