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Re: City of East Palo Alto, San Mateo County, Proposed Congressional District Change

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

This letter is written on behalf of the City of East Palo Alto with regard to the First Draft Detailed Map proposed for Congressional Districts found on the website www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov.

For many years, East Palo Alto, located in San Mateo County and fronting on the San Francisco Bay, has been in Congressional District 14, along with Palo Alto (Santa Clara County) and Menlo Park (San Mateo County). You are now proposing that East Palo Alto, as well as a portion of Menlo Park, be moved to Congressional District 12. The City prefers that East Palo Alto (and Menlo Park) remain in District 14 with Palo Alto and believes strongly that the three cities share a community of interest.

East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and Menlo Park function as a tri-city area. A substantial portion of East Palo Alto residents work in Palo Alto and Menlo Park. The Stanford University Medical Center, located in Palo Alto, is a significant provider of medical services to the residents of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park through not only the hospital in Palo Alto, but through clinics located in each community. The three cities also are involved in an agreement to provide for the administration of the cable television and video franchising and franchise administration.

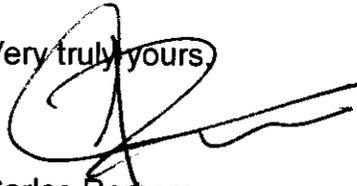
More importantly, after major flooding in 1998 of the San Francisquito Creek, which runs through the three communities, a joint powers agreement and JPA Board was formed between the Cities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, along with Santa Clara County Water District and the San Mateo County Flood Control District, to deal with flooding issues. In addition, traffic among the three cities is heavily impacted by US 101 and the Dumbarton Bridge, and the three cities work together on traffic matters,

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especially since the major arterial, University Avenue, embraces all three communities. The flooding and traffic concerns are ones which easily could someday entail governmental action at higher levels.

Based on the foregoing, East Palo Alto respectfully requests you reconsider your map lines.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Carlos Romero', written over the phrase 'Very truly yours'.

Carlos Romero
Mayor, East Palo Alto

Cc: Honorable Laura Martinez, Vice Mayor
Honorable Ruben Abrica, Council Member
Honorable A. Peter Evans, Council Member
Honorable David Earl Woods, Council Member
Honorable Sid Espinosa, Mayor Palo Alto
Honorable Richard Kline, Mayor, Menlo Park