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CAPAFR-Sacramento

Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Commissioners:

We understand that the commission is considering moving Elk Grove into assembly and senate districts with Galt and Lodi. Elk Grove has changed considerably in the last 10 years and it was incorporated in 2000, so Elk Grove is a relatively new city.

- In 2000, it had just under 60,000 people. The 2010 census now shows that Elk Grove has 153,000 population.
- According to Wikipedia, the census determined that it was the fastest growing city in the US between July 2004 and July 2005.
- It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Sacramento County
- It is no longer a rural community. It is a suburban city
- Unlike Elk Grove, Galt and Lodi have remained smaller, rural communities

There is much in common between South Sac and Elk Grove

- In the last 10 years, many in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have moved from South Sacramento to Elk Grove
- We have submitted testimony and data showing commonalities between South Sacramento (from Fruitridge Road), Elk Grove, Florin, and Vineyard (relatively high rates of foreign born and low rates of English language proficiency)
- These areas are either in the City of Sacramento or part of the suburbs of Sacramento. They should stay together in a district focused on the City of Sacramento.

**We recommend the lines that have been proposed in the Unity assembly plan or the CAPAFR senate plan that were both submitted June 28, 2011.**

Thank you again for considering our community input.