

**Subject:** San Joaquin County districts

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**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:43:06 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner DiGuilio:

See the attached letter and maps.

Thanks for all you and the Commission are doing.

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July 19, 2011

Commissioner Michelle DiGuilio  
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Stockton, California 95203

***Re: San Joaquin County Citizens for Constitutional Redistricting***

Dear Commissioner DiGuilio:

On behalf of the San Joaquin County Citizens for Constitutional Redistricting we thank you and all the commissioners for your ongoing efforts to redistrict California through a fair and open process. You have each made a significant contribution to the future political process in California.

We have reviewed the Commission's "second draft" visualization maps for the congressional, senate, and assembly districts affecting San Joaquin County. The currently proposed districts restore in large measure the effective representation that was taken from San Joaquin County residents 10 years ago.

The majority of San Joaquin County is within two of the currently proposed Assembly districts and will provide effective representation for those residents. We thank the Commission for its efforts to keep San Joaquin County whole to the extent possible. Although Lodi is in a proposed Assembly district with parts of Sacramento County, we concede that at this point redrawing the districts to put Lodi into a district with other San Joaquin County residents would require revision of a significant number of Northern California districts.

We congratulate you and the Commission for keeping all of San Joaquin County within a single senate district. This will provide for the effective representation of San Joaquin County residents in the California senate.

We are pleased to see that the currently proposed Congressional districts also keep most of San Joaquin County together. Although we would prefer and have advocated for all of San Joaquin County being kept in a single Congressional district, we are mindful of the multiplicity of considerations the Commission is weighing when drawing these districts. We thank the Commission for keeping the majority of San Joaquin County within a single Congressional district.

We would suggest, however, one revision to the proposed San Joaquin County Congressional district that will increase the district's attention to communities of interest while not harming any other city, county, or community of interest. In short, we recommend that the City of Manteca (population of 67,096) be relocated from the currently proposed Stanislaus County Congressional district to the San Joaquin Congressional district. In exchange for the population, the populations of Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Byron, and surrounding unincorporated areas (of the same population, 67,096) would be relocated into the Stanislaus County Congressional District. The populations are as follows:

Manteca: 67,096	Brentwood:	51,481
	Discovery Bay:	13,352
	Byron:	1,277
	Unincorporated:	<u>986</u>
	Total:	67,096

This change can be made without changing the boundaries of any other districts in Northern California. Enclosed is a map with the approximate boundary lines shown.

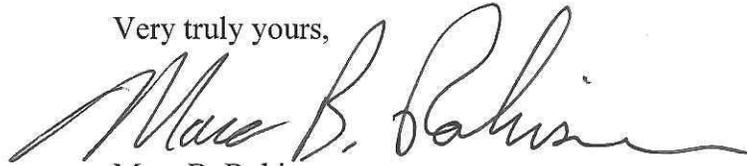
This exchange of populations makes sense for several reasons. First, the communities of Discovery Bay, Byron, and Brentwood all have a significant number of commuters to the Bay Area, and thus have a commonality with Tracy in that regard. Although Manteca also has residents who commute to the Bay Area, it is not to the extent of the commuters within Discovery Bay, Byron, Brentwood, and Tracy.

Second, Manteca has more of a community of interest with the urban areas of Stockton and Lathrop to the north than it has with Modesto and Turlock that are much farther to the south. Third, the currently proposed Stanislaus County Congressional district is largely agricultural as are the area's north of Tracy extending up through and to Discovery Bay, Byron, and Brentwood. This exchange of the Manteca population for these agricultural areas in Contra Costa and western San Joaquin County would enhance the agricultural nature of the Stanislaus County Congressional district. Finally, the change keeps most of the Byron Bethany Water District within a single congressional district.

We know time is short, but also know that this small change to these two Congressional districts can be made without significant difficulty and without affecting surrounding districts. The changes will create two congressional districts that provide for more effective representation for both the San Joaquin County district and the Stanislaus County district.

Thanks again for all the Commission's focus and effort to have an open and fair process in redistricting California.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc B. Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Marc B. Robinson

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Enclosure

cc: All Commissioners: Citizens Redistricting Commission



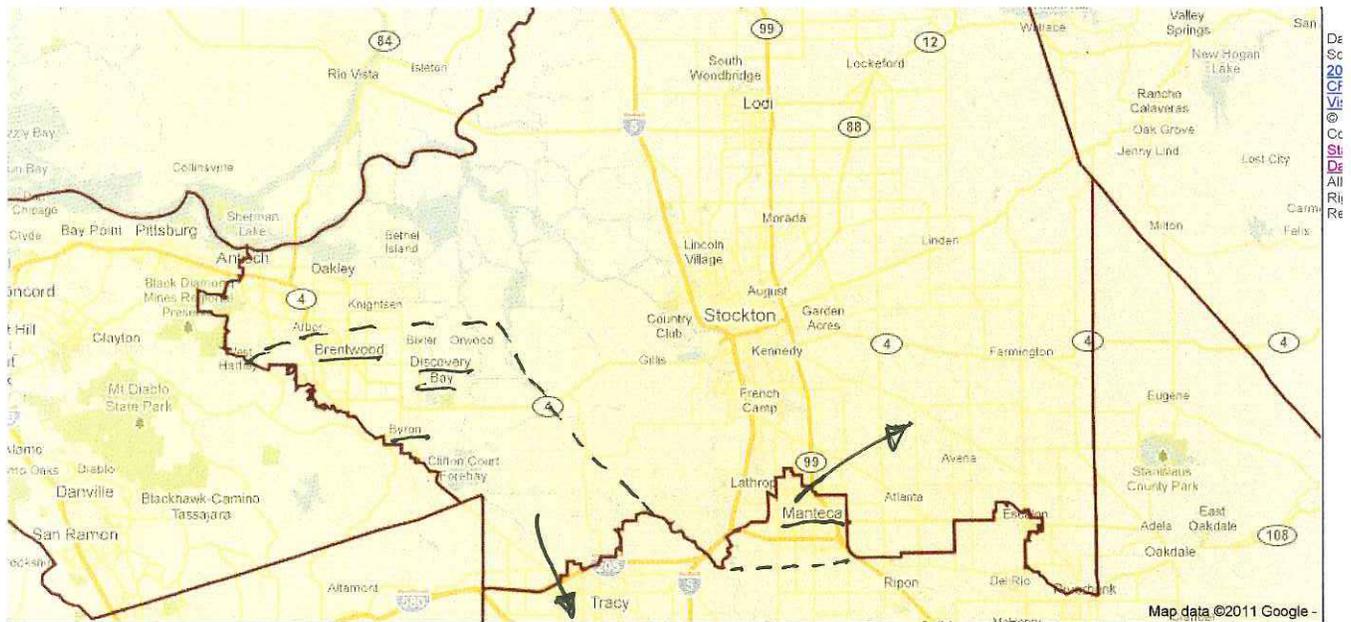
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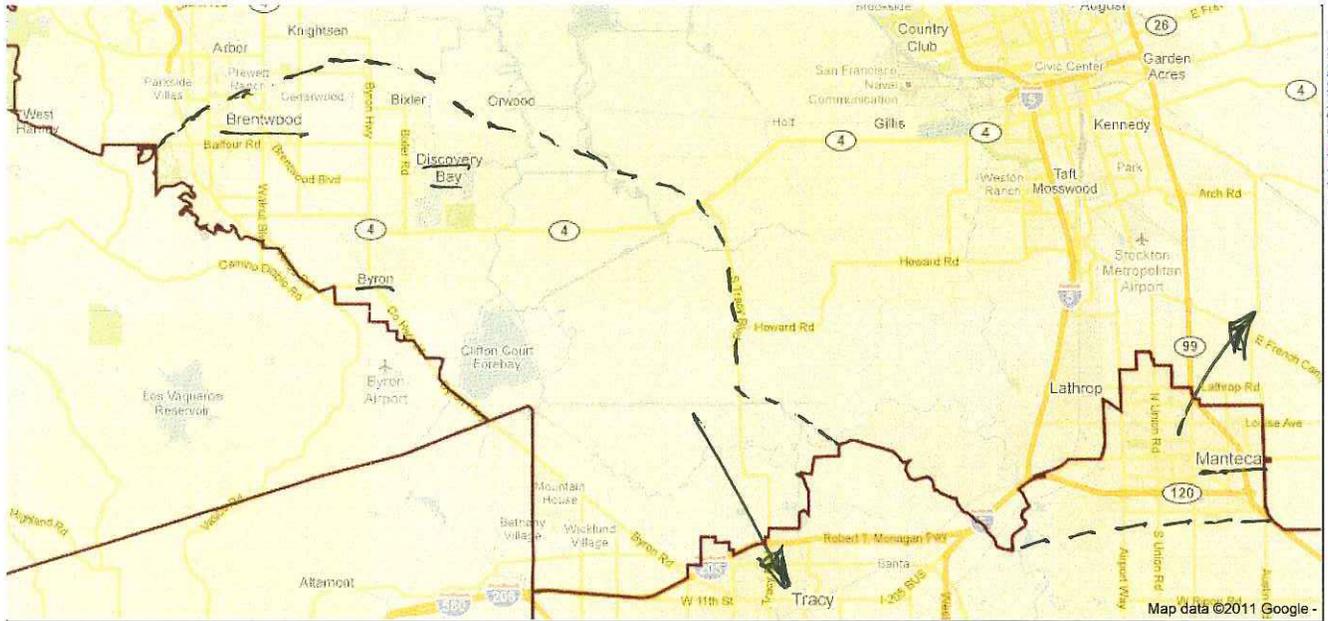
Proposed move of Manteca (pop. 67,096) to San Joaquin County Congressional district, in exchange for moving Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay, and surrounding unincorporated areas to Stanislaus County Congressional district.

Proposed boundaries are approximate. Population numbers are from CRC website.

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Map 2:

Proposed boundaries are approximate.

**Subject:** Thanks for keeping the area of Stockton/San Joaquin County together! (please read my message)

**From:** Jesus Andrade <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 02:31:51 +0000

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

Dear Commission,

My name is Jesús Andrade and I work for the National Council of La Raza's (NCLR) California Regional Office as a statewide organizer, and today I write to you as a concerned son and citizen. I have kept track of the Commission's renderings of the legislative maps concerning the Stockton/San Joaquin County area, and so far I believe the Commission has done a good job of capturing the area's needs. The vast majority of my family still lives in Stockton (I work and live in LA) and the surrounding cities, so I write out of concern for them. Your Northern California "visualization" maps presented on 7/15/2011 capture the political, cultural, and economical flavor of the county of San Joaquin – Assembly, Senate, & Congress.

But, my concern is that there will be other groups advocating to draw a "finger" around the city of Stockton to include it with other counties or regions that do not make sense. In the past, Stockton was divided into several Assembly Districts, which diluted the city's power at the state level. Also, in the past, the city of Stockton was included with cities further north from Yolo and Solano Counties at the Senate level. This pairing didn't make sense, so I applaud the Commission's efforts to include the majority of San Joaquin as its own Senate District. Furthermore, I also applaud the Commission's effort to draw most of San Joaquin and parts of Contra Costa County into one Congressional District. Please do not allow Stockton to be anyone's finger any longer! The city and county deserve to be kept whole for the next 10 years (at least). Good work!

Jesús Andrade, Field and Campaign Organizer  
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