

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Patricia Corston Taylor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 19:56:25 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patricia Corston Taylor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill Redistricting

Message Body:

1. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are NOT geographically part of the rest of this proposed district - that is, the counties of 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. We have no specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties mentioned above; we are completely out of their bailiwick!
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 very strongly oppose the proposed redistricting,
and, I support moving Pleasant Hill and our sister, Martinez, back into the RAMON
senate district with the rest of Contra Costa County.
Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Matthew Rinn [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 22:44:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matthew Rinn <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill needs to be in the Ramon Dist.

Message Body:

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.
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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Phil Williamson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:57:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Phil Williamson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill and Martinez Must Stay in Ramon District

Message Body:

Please consider the following very important facts when deciding the Ramon northern boundary:

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.
5. The County seat for Contra Costa is in Martinez and this fact alone should determine that Pleasant Hill and Martinez must remain in Ramon.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration as part of your redistricting analysis.

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