

Subject: Please respect the ties that bind our Armenian American community!

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 14:09:53 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Lucy Kasparian

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2011 Redistricting Commis California
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Dear 2011 Redistricting Commis California:

Dear Members of the California Redistricting Commission and Staff:

Thank you for your time and dedication to helping draw the lines that help ensure the necessary and appropriate representation of all Californians for the next decade to come. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some thoughts regarding the proposed districts as they relate to the Armenian American community.

Most maps drawn in the current draft respect the ties that bind the various neighborhoods and interests of the Armenian community, especially in southern California. For example, generally speaking the California State Assembly district covering the greater Glendale area ties together the communities of Burbank and Little Armenia in Hollywood.

The Congressional district covering the greater Glendale area also connects the main artery of the Armenian American communities from Burbank through Glendale to Little Armenia.

However, in terms of the greater Glendale area there are a couple areas of concern. Both Congressional and State Assembly district maps cut out a portion of Glendale, separating it from the rest of the community. Also, the California State Senate seat in the area creates a corridor between Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena but completely cuts out the Little Armenia neighborhood in Hollywood.

In the San Fernando Valley, the proposed Congressional district generally connects the Armenian American communities of the west and south San Fernando Valley - who share multiple Armenian schools, churches, and youth as well as social service organizations specific to the San Fernando Valley.

However, it is unfortunatne to note that this same community is completely fractured when it comes to the California State Assembly and State Senate districts.

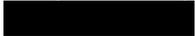
The California State Senate district that binds the community of Montebello, Pico Rivera, and Whittier - which is served by a church, a school, and an Armenian Center - is unfortunately split in the State Assembly district (losing Whittier) and in the Congressional district

(losing parts of Montebello).

There are definitely positive aspects to the current draft maps, but we hope that the concerns outlined above can be satisfactorily addressed as the communities being split are bound on a number of levels including the residences of small business owners and their enterprises residing within these communities, schools and churches serving the communities, youth and scouting organizations operating within the communities, and centers and social service organizations tending to the needs of these communities.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

Lucy S. Kasparian


Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Angela Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 16:09:27 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Angela Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Hi there,

I would like to make a statement that I do not like the redistricting for Santa Clara to be under Alameda County. Santa Clara is a close nit community and we take great pride in being part of Santa Clara County. This change would hurt our economy in this city.

Thank you for your time.

Angela Garcia

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Arthur Reis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 20:29:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Arthur Reis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Clara must be grouped with established Silicon Valley communities

Message Body:

Santa Clara is at the heart of the Silicon Valley with Intel as the largest employer yet the redistricting commission has included this Silicon Valley city with Alameda County cities with no clear local planning, school district, regional transportation, trade, and environmental management connections. The Cities of Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and Cupertino form a clear community of interest as the heart of the internationally recognized Silicon Valley region and must remain to the fullest extent possible in the same Senate, Assembly, and Congressional districts. In your preliminary final Senate map, Santa Clara is completely disconnected from its neighboring communities and thrown into a mix of communities in northern Alameda County completely outside the Redistricting Commission's own Regional delineations. The Assembly map also is greatly skewed in connecting the vast unpopulated region of eastern Santa Clara county with the City of Santa Clara and disconnecting the city from its Silicon Valley neighbors such as Sunnyvale and Cupertino.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: J Busch <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 15:49:01 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: J Busch <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Clara

Message Body:

Please leave the City of Santa Clara in the County of Santa Clara. This just makes sense on so many levels.

Thank you,
Judy

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Kenneth Sheridan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 14:20:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kenneth Sheridan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Good job

Message Body:

Good job providing a coherent set of districts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: michael soares <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 14:53:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: michael soares <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Clara

Message Body:

The city of Santa Clara should not be moved to Alameda County. Thank you!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Vicki Pardini <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 15:19:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Vicki Pardini <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Clara part of Santa Clara County!

Message Body:

This doesn't make sense! Keep Santa Clara part of Santa Clara County!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Yvonne Loo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 15:20:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Yvonne Loo <[REDACTED]>
Subject: City of Santa Clara district

Message Body:

Hi,
As a resident of Santa Clara City, I feel that I would be unfairly represented by being placed in the same district as Alameda County resident. They have different needs and concerns. For example they pay an extra tax for the BART system. BART is something that does not affect our city.
Also shouldn't Santa Clara stay in the county that shares our name.

-Yvonne Loo

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