

Subject: Letter from the City of Cupertino regarding redistricting maps

From: "Karen B. Guerin" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2011 11:40:33 -0700

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

CC: Orrin Mahoney <[REDACTED]> Gilbert Wong <[REDACTED]>

Attached please find a letter from the City of Cupertino regarding redistricting maps.

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Letter to the Citizens Redistricting Commission.pdf



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[REDACTED] CUPERTINO, CA 95014-3255
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August 3, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Cupertino understands that the Commission is on track to make its final decision on August 15, 2011.

According to the final draft map received July 28, 2011, all of Cupertino is located in the same Congressional and State Senate districts but not in the State Assembly district. In the State Assembly district, our city of 58, 300 will be divided into two districts with a 92% / 8% split.

The City of Cupertino respectfully requests that the Commission keep all of Cupertino together in the State Assembly district, and use the same boundary lines in the Assembly district as were used for the Congressional and State Senate districts. Cupertino is a community of interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gilbert Wong".

Gilbert Wong
Mayor

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Chuck Seymour <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 5 Aug 2011 04:47:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chuck Seymour <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I totally oppose the current proposed redistricting of the City of Santa Clara into the east bay. The way it is proposed, San Jose is in one district, Santa Clara is in another, and Sunnyvale is in another.

The area referred to as the South Bay includes Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San Jose. These three cities must be with the same district because of their locations. The proposed redistricting would put the City of Santa Clara in the district with the East Bay, when Santa Clara has no connections with the East Bay. This proposed idiotic idea has no realistic basis, no commonality, no connection between three adjacent and vibrant cities.

This proposed redistricting has all of the elements of corrupt politicians, making decisions for their own interest and not for the best interest of the citizens.

Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San Jose must be within the same district for many obvious reasons, not just geographic, but type of life style, economic similarities, racial similarities, business similarities, but also intercity communications.

USE YOUR COMMON SENSE, DO NOT REDISTRIBUTE THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, SAN JOSE AND SUNNYVALE INTO THREE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS! I am very active in the City of Santa Clara, and have been for over 45 years. This proposed redistricting does not make sense, accomplish any goal, but does guarantee that any communication with our representatives will suffer, and there is no connection, similarity, or other reason to separate the three Cities. This smells like, and sounds like political game playing for absolutely no reasonable goal or improvement. Chuck Seymour

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Garth Williams <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2011 18:25:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Garth Williams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Preliminary final maps

Message Body:

Dear Commission,

I took a look at the final maps and at least in my particular area, Sunnyvale, there seems to be a strict adherence to the city boundary without taking into account the schools. Our local elementary school (West Valley) is in the Cupertino School district but attendees come from Cupertino, Los Altos, and Sunnyvale. It seems to me that our neighborhood school is a much more important community than the city lines. Your final maps appear to break up Cupertino and Sunnyvale into separate districts based on the city boundaries not the school/neighborhoods.

regards,

- garth Williams

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: "Marsha A. Donati" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2011 18:42:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marsha A. Donati <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Your plan detrimental to Santa Clara

Message Body:

Your redistricting plan is not good for Santa Clara. We are in the South Bay and have always been closely associated with San Jose and Sunnyvale. We are a part of Silicon Valley and not the industrial East Bay. Your 14 member commission includes no members from the South Bay, Silicon Valley or the Peninsula. What's wrong with this picture??

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Max Kaehn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2011 23:05:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Max Kaehn <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Sunnyvale

Message Body:

I am a resident of Sunnyvale, a Silicon Valley city that has close ties with our neighbor, Mountain View. We have a common federal interest in Moffett Field and NASA Ames, as well as many other connections, that would be ill-served by dividing our representation. Please reconsider your decision to place us in different Congressional districts; I believe the two cities form a clear "community of interest". Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Steve Van Dorn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 4 Aug 2011 15:24:27 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Steve Van Dorn <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Why is the City of Santa Clara being grouped with Alameda County Cities?

Message Body:

As the president of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors asked me to relay our concerns with the City of Santa Clara being grouped with Alameda County cities. This will deny our City and the Silicon Valley region coherent representation. Santa Clara has distinct differences to the industrial East Bay cities such as Newark, Hayward and Castro Valley. These cities have no connection to Santa Clara's past and future. This district does not follow the goal of the redistricting committee which is to group "communities of similar interest". We urge you to realign the City of Santa Clara to its true "communities of interest" such as Sunnyvale, San Jose, Cupertino, Campbell and Mountain View. Thank you for considering our recommendations.

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