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Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 12:24 PM

To: K [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Ms. Briese,

Thank you for submitting your comments to the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Your email has been forwarded to the Commissioners and will be posted on our website under the public comments section.

Regarding your inquiry in the context of redistricting: The Citizens Redistricting Commission does not have the authority to change the number of districts drawn in California. You can learn more about the Commission and its responsibilities by visiting our Laws and Regulations page (http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/regulation_archive.html) or by reading the Voter's First Act, the constitutional language creating and governing the Commission: http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/voters_first_act.pdf

Sincerely,

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"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work!"

On Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 6:09 PM, K [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I am contacting the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to express my frustration at the apparent dilution of my vote. Since I have been voting, about 40 years, I have seen a lessening of my ability to find local candidates to support and difficulty in getting access to a local State representative. I occasionally receive a form letter when contacting my representative, but they are so busy with their huge districts, I have no voice.

My representatives (Assemblyman and State Senator) have approximately 480,000 and 943,000 people (respectively) to serve, in 8+ counties. I do not see how one representative can honestly and fairly represent that many counties. While most of us are rural California residents, each county has different needs. What conflict must exist for those representatives who have rural districts when they try to represent smaller locales within their boundaries. I am not represented, I don't feel my county is represented. Essentially, my vote doesn't count.

I understand the redistricting efforts to move the boundaries around, however, that in no way increases representation for me. The representatives still have the same excessive number of people to try to represent. In my opinion, there are not enough state representatives to represent a population of nearly 40 million.

Please respond to my inquiry about lack of representation in the context of redistricting.

Thank you.

Karen Briese [REDACTED]
