

From: **Manuel J Martin** [REDACTED]  
Date: Fri, Apr 15, 2011 at 8:33 PM  
Subject: San Joaquin County  
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Commissioners

My name is Manuel Jeffrey Martin. For my entire life i have lived in San Joaquin County. Subsequently all my life i have seen this valley split up and divided like some puzzle for the reelection purposes of our politicians. I ask that you keep our County together as one district as we have enough citizens populating our county to make up a congressional district. Our agricultural interests do not parallel those of the bay area and we should not be represented by the same representative. Please do your part to keep the bread basket of this state accurately accounted for.

I'm writing to ask you not to divide San Joaquin County when you draw legislative districts this year. I want to focus particularly on the importance of agriculture to people across San Joaquin County. People from all over the county share a common interest in agriculture. Let me give you a few examples:

- o Agriculture is a huge part of the county's economy—San Joaquin County produces upwards of \$1.5 billion worth of agricultural crops every year. It's one of a very small number of counties nationwide that produce that much value through agriculture. And, unlike some farming counties, San Joaquin's economy depends on both crops and livestock and poultry products. Grapes and milk are the two leading products.
  
- o More than 90 percent of the land in San Joaquin County is farmland. And it isn't just in one part of the county; it's all over the county, including within the city limits in incorporated areas. I'm attaching a map that shows the distribution of farmland throughout the county, which I hope you will take into

consideration as part of my public comment.

- o San Joaquin County farmers established a Farm Bureau and UC Cooperative Extension program in 1914, almost 100 years ago. Those programs continue today and serve farmers throughout the county.

The economy of the whole county rises and falls with agriculture, and it's going to continue to play a huge part in the county's culture and economy in the future. There are young people who are active in 4-H and FFA organizations all over San Joaquin County. I'm also attaching a list of just some of the 4-H clubs that are active in all the different communities across the county.

Agriculture is a community of interest that unites people all across San Joaquin County. It affects people in urban and rural areas and keeps the economy going. It doesn't make sense to divide the county into different legislative districts. All of San Joaquin County should be kept together in a single congressional district, a single state senate district, and two state assembly districts.

Sincerely,

Manuel Martin



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## San Joaquin County 4-H Clubs

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Club Name	Community Served	Average Adults	Average Youth	Meeting Location	Meeting Time
Alpine-Victor	Lodi, Acampo	24	69	Houston School Acampo	1st Monday 7:00 p
Banta	Tracy	28	97	Banta Elem. School Tracy	1st Monday 7:00 p
Calla	Manteca	35	55	New Haven School Manteca	2nd Thursday 7:00
Clements	Lockeford, Clements	26	46	Lockeford Elem. School Clements	2nd Thursday 7:00
Durham Ferry	Manteca, Tracy	18	56	Durham Ferry Outdoor Ed. Manteca	2nd Monday 2:30 pm
Enterprise	Escalon	25	66	Dent School Escalon	2nd Thursday 7:00 pm
French Camp	Manteca, Stockton	9	29	Mission of the Good Shepherd French Camp	2nd Monday 7:30 p
Glenwood	Linden, Stockton	8	12	Glenwood School Linden	1st Monday 6:30 p
Harmony Grove	Lockeford, Clements	6	5	Lockeford Elem. School	1st Monday 6:30 p
Jefferson	Tracy	15	37	Jefferson School, Tracy	3rd Wednesday 7:00 pm
Liberty	Galt	2	5	12445 E. Liberty Rd., Galt	2nd Thursday 6:00
Linden-Peters	Linden	40	105	Linden Elem. School, Linden	1st Monday, 7:00 p
Live Oak	Lodi	27	25	Live Oak School, Lodi	2nd Monday 6:30 pm
New Jerusalem	Tracy	26	57	New Jerusalem School, Tracy	2nd Monday 7:00 pm
North Stockton	Stockton	24	55	Presentation School, Stockton	1st Wednesday 7:00 pm
Oak View	Galt	15	45	Liberty Fire House, Acampo	1st Monday 7:00 pm
Ripon	Ripon	33	117	Ripon Elem. School, Ripon	1st Monday 7:00 pm
Roberts Union	Stockton	3	11	Muller Res., Stockton	2nd Thursday 6:30 pm
Tokay Colony	Lodi	17	39	Tokay Colony Sch., Lodi	1st Wednesday 7:00 pm
Van Allen	Escalon, Manteca	17	67	Van Allen School, Escalon	2nd Thursday 6:00 pm
West Lodi	Lodi	13	21	Leroy Nichols School, Lodi	2nd Wednesday 3: pm

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