

21 April 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Re: San Joaquin County's State Senate, Assembly and Congressional Districts

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

In staying with our "democratic" government said to be "by the people," it is crucial in our representative government that there be fairness and proportional balance of power. The boundaries for political districts must be redrawn for that to happen in San Joaquin County. I sincerely believe that San Joaquin County should be established as its own Congressional District, and that we should have a full Assembly District with no more than two Assembly Districts in the county. I further support being part of only one state Senate District. This would give us our long overdue political fairness in San Joaquin County.

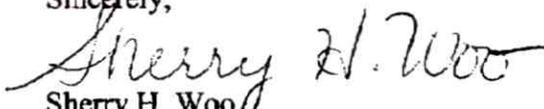
This is the problem: after the redistricting in 2001, San Joaquin County ended up with two congressional representatives, two state senators, and four assembly members representing us. That forces citizens and even our locally elected officials to contact **eight** state and federal elected officials to get anything done. This is neither fair nor efficient. This is not right.

Looking objectively at San Joaquin County will lead a person to see that we have natural physical barriers that make the county rather self-contained. We have the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and the Altamont to the west, open agricultural lands to the north, the foothills to the east, and the Stanislaus River and open agricultural land to the south. San Joaquin County's geography and common land-use issues lend it to a single representative unit. Furthermore, because population centers outside the county are distant and accessible only by congested highways, the majority of county residents tend to look within San Joaquin County's borders for jobs, transportation, services, and entertainment.

I hope you can see that it makes sense to have San Joaquin County as its own Congressional District. It also makes sense to map out an entire Assembly District of its own with no more than two Assembly Districts in the county and with the county in a single Senate District.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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