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Re: San Joaquin County's Congressional, state Senate, and Assembly Districts

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

It's time for justice in San Joaquin County. The current districts here are the very definition of gerrymandering. This is not hyperbole; when you look up the word on Wikipedia there is a picture of San Joaquin County! You can see it for yourself at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerrymandering>. Scroll down to "Examples of gerrymandering" and there it is!

Wikipedia defines gerrymandering as follows: "... a practice of political corruption that attempts to establish a political advantage for a particular party or group by *manipulating geographic boundaries* to create partisan, incumbent-protected, and neutral districts." Your job is to correct the political corruption of the past.

Here in San Joaquin County, we have natural geographic boundaries; rivers on the north and south and foothills on the east and west. Our county seat is in our largest city, Stockton, which is almost dead center in the County. We meet the population criteria to give the County its own Congressional District, its own Assembly District, and most of a Senate District and part of another Assembly District.

You have a once in a lifetime opportunity to correct the political corruption of the past, and to set an example for the next redistricting commission, and the world, to see what impartial, fair, and competitive political redistricting looks like. If you don't, you will be no better than the corrupt and cynical political hacks that are the very cause of voter apathy and mistrust in California.

Sincerely,



Mike Brown

