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VOTERS FIRST ACT

ONLY 13% OF AMERICANS APPROVE OF THE JOB CONGRESS IS DOING

ONLY 16% OF CALIFORNIANS APPROVE OF THE JOB THE LEGISLATURE IS DOING

CURRENTLY ALMOST ALL DISTRICTS ARE NONCOMPETITIVE SAFE SEATS

THE SURE WINNERS GET MASSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EVERYWHERE
AND FAVORITISM RESULTS AT YOUR EXPENSE

CONGRESS IS ONLY IN SESSION A MAXIMUM OF 112 DAYS YEARLY
VERSUS YOUR 230+ DAYS, DISTRICT SERVICE DOESN'T BEGIN
TO ACCOUNT FOR THE 118 DAY DIFFERENCE. OUR LEGISLATURE
ALSO NEGLECTS THE WORK

YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE CALIFORNIANS HOPE FOR BETTER
GOVERNMENTS + VOTED TWICE FOR PROPS 11 + 20

OUR ENTIRE STATE IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY IMPROVE IF YOU MAXIMIZE THE
NUMBER OF COMPETITIVE +/- 2% DISTRICTS

YOU WILL DO A GREAT SERVICE FOR OUR NATION AND STATE

DAVID M. WILLIAMS

April 20, 2011

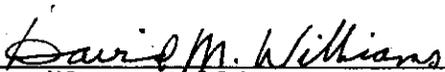
USA one, two, three

Safe seat gerrymandering guarantees us special interest governments that we can no longer afford.

First, maximize competitive ±2% congressional and legislative election districts now!

Second, vote only for voluntary cannot vote for = cannot contribute to candidates.

Third, legislate mandatory 210 eight hour work days in the capitols yearly with houses provided.


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competitive. Only then will our Congress and Legislatures cease being dysfunctional. Perfection is not possible because each state has either more Democrats than Republicans or vice versa and also because there are natural geographic concentrations of one or the other. In those districts keep the majority party to less than 50% whenever possible using the growing decline to state, independents or otherwise registered voters for balance. This will allow for viable fusion challengers to any unsatisfactory incumbents. A very few districts will have more than 50%. There the effort must be made to make the primary elections more competitive.

Phase 1 of the plan is for at least 100,000 voters each in at least a majority of the states to join in class action lawsuits by August 15, 2011. They would charge that they have been partially disenfranchised, discriminated against and otherwise harmed by the undemocratic gerrymandering. Each would donate a minimum of \$20 to cover costs. If phase 1 fails and the majority of states are again gerrymandered for corrupting safe seats, unfortunately the other meaningful reforms will also have to wait another 10 years. Competitive election districts are mandatory for good government.

Phase 2 will be a voluntary reform candidate affidavit similar to the attached preliminary draft. This would be signed by Reform Democrats, Reform Republicans, Reform Independents, and Reform Minor Political Party challenger candidates. Some incumbents in the 2012 elections would convert and execute the affidavit.

In 1986 I learned about gerrymandering and the need for reforms the hard way as the Republican general election candidate in the ninth California congressional district. I served as a reform candidate until 1998 and since then as an activist and advocate. Currently I am a member or supporter of Common Cause, AARP, California Forward, and Mensa. If you have improvements for the plans...great, we agree that something must be done.

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7. If elected, vote to add the choice of "none of the above" to every ballot.

8. Resign from elected office if I fail to comply with pledges 1 through 7.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of _____, that the foregoing is true and correct.

_____ date

_____ candidate's signature

State of _____

County of _____

_____ notary seal

On _____, 2012, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public of the State of _____, personally appeared _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the written instruments and acknowledged that _____ executed it.
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Your work in creating mostly competitive districts will greatly improve the quality of our governments. Thank you.
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September 10, 2010

To Finally Fix Washington and Sacramento

Only 19% of Americans approve of our Congress according to the Gallup Poll. Only 16% of Californians approve of our Legislature according to the Field Poll. Let us not continue to suffer for another 10 years from both federal and state governments that have too often proven to be incompetent and/or unfair. Hundreds of examples can be given.

Help is on the way! California voters very wisely passed Prop 11 which means that our incumbent legislators will no longer be picking their voters rather than the voters picking their legislators. Passage of Prop 20 in November will extend this key reform to our congressional districts which are now gerrymandered, deliberately noncompetitive, for safe seats for both Democrat and Republican incumbents. The dictionary defines gerrymandering... "to divide (a territorial unit) into election districts to give one political party an electoral majority in a large number of districts while concentrating the voting strength of the opposition in as few districts as possible".

Google in the maps and voter party affiliation numbers of your three election districts and you'll see how grotesque and lopsided they are. Applications from 24,915 eligible Californians were received for our new Citizens Redistricting Commission. Our representative districts are redrawn after the census every 10 years so that they are equal in population. The most important other objective should be to maximize the number of competitive districts in every state. California has a few natural geographic concentrations of Democrat and Republican registered voters and we have more Democrats than Republicans so perfection is impossible, but a massive improvement doable. In a recent election only a single one of California's 173 gerrymandered congressional and legislative districts changed political party. You want to be able to vote out the bums who don't do a good job, so we must first get rid of the deliberately noncompetitive, rigged districts and the resultant scam/mock elections. Gerrymandering contributes to gridlock.

Be sure to vote against any candidate this November who does not pledge by affidavit to support maximizing competitive districts statewide. Actively support their challengers. Already a few other states don't let their self-serving legislators gerrymander their own districts. A few other states only have a single congressional district. Hopefully the Americans in all the remaining states will promptly take action to prevent the rigging of their representative elections for 10 more years. Their resources in addition to the current challengers may include referendum, initiative, recall, reform organizations and class action lawsuits.

Our United States Senate and/or our President and/or the National Governors' Association could call for legislation now to

Rigged Election
David Williams
Livermore

10/14/09

MAILBOX

On November 3 there will be another rigged congressional election due to gerrymandering here in the East Bay. The winner is already known as it was in 86 when I was the sacrificial lamb candidate.

For many decades the root cause of both of our inadequate federal and state governments is gerrymandering, aka deliberately noncompetitive election districts. The resultant safe seats facilitate grossly neglected responsibilities and large contributor favoritism via loopholes, subsidies, earmarks, etc. From state to state and from time to time both the Republican and Democrat incumbents are guilty as sin. Sometimes they act together in collusion.

Meanwhile we, the American people, suffer from an avoidable recession and our often comparatively inferior education, health and infrastructure in spite of paying much more.

California voters wisely passed Prop. 11, the Voters' First Act, which means that our state legislators will no longer be picking their voters. The federal Constitution mandates a census every 10 years which allows for the districts to be redrawn to reflect population shifts so that each representative has the same number of constituents.

The census is a very shovel ready stimulus project. Much greater numbers of the unemployed can be put to work right now to accelerate the census. Importantly, this will allow for fair, competitive and truly democratic elections starting in 2010 rather than 2012.

Unfortunately, Prop 11 does not cover California's congressional districts due to the opposition of Speaker Nancy Pelosi who commands large amounts of special interest campaign money. Power should not be more important than good government.

Soon it will be Halloween. Pelosi should put on her pointy hat, then hop on her broom and fly one way to Iran where the elections are also rigged.

January 7, 2008

The Most Beneficial Reform

The lives of you and your family will be better when the gerrymandering of our federal and state election districts is abolished. Pages 86 to 95 in the January 2008 issue of the "Reader's Digest" outline how our federal government alone wastes \$983.5 billion (nearly \$1 trillion) of our money every year. There is also massive waste of our money by our state and local governments which is very bad because there are always more tasks than money. But it's worse...read on.

Our United States of America is the richest nation in the history of the world, but curiously we trail behind many other nations (often badly) in the health, education, safety and security of our citizens along with our nation's inferior infrastructure, energy independence and balance of trade. This is not due to the cost of the current war as this miserable record continued throughout the decades between the Vietnam and Afghanistan-Iraq wars.

Our federal and state governments are not working properly and the many familiar promises of the presidential candidates will not change that fact. We're not electing a supreme ruler or king or queen. Our absurdly part-time Congress and Legislatures make the laws and control the money.

Fair competitive elections must be restored. The dictionary defines gerrymandering as "to divide a territorial unit into election districts to give one political party an electoral majority in a large number of districts while concentrating the voting strength of the opposition in as few districts as possible". From state to state and from time to time both the Republican and Democrat Legislators are guilty as sin. Sometimes they act in collusion to rig all the elections for a whole decade. Hardly any districts move from electing Republican to Democrat representatives/legislators or vice versa after the gerrymandering. Competitive elections are an absolutely mandatory prerequisite for good (fair and cost-effective) governments.

The corruption of safe seats for the incumbents has resulted in governments that serve the increasingly rich special interest contributors first and foremost, often to the exclusion of you and your family. No wonder that their public approval poll numbers are in the gutter. Read the great article referenced above which is titled "You've Been Had!" Contact both your local registrar of voters and your local newspapers, TV and radio stations to learn the lopsided voter registration breakdowns for your uncompetitive election districts.

Appealing to the culprits is futile. The fixes are to recall all of the guilty state legislators who have personally profited (a conflict of interest) from the gerrymandered districts they finagled. They have betrayed your trust. Also, to vote against all such incumbents and their safe seat career incumbent allies in the Congress.

December 27, 2006

"Gerrymandering - The Movie"
by David M. Williams

For the past 20 years I have been an advocate for the reform of the redistricting that takes place after each census. In 1986 I was a general election congressional candidate in the old gerrymandered ninth district of California.

The dictionary defines gerrymandering..."to divide (a territorial unit) into election districts to give one political party an electoral majority in a large number of districts while concentrating the voting strength of the opposition in as few districts as possible". In most states it is committed by the legislature whose members personally benefit from the safe seats which is a conflict of interest.

Gerrymandering is a major root cause for many of the numerous shortcomings of our House of Representatives in Congress and also the same in most of our state legislatures. The rigged elections result in the great majority of American citizens being cheated in various ways including health care, education, taxes, transportation, etc. The lack of moderates and compromise, the favors for large contributors, legislation written by lobbyists, and the short, unproductive congressional and legislative work weeks can all be traced back to the lack of competition or of checks and balances in lopsided, gerrymandered districts.

Unfortunately, reform has not been achieved because the overwhelming majority of the voters are not knowledgeable about gerrymandering and its consequences. There are thousands of reform advocates but millions are needed.

The movie for television would start with a classroom scene where college students are learning about gerrymandering. This would serve to orientate the viewers. That segment would be followed by scenes shot on location in Sacramento, Austin and Washington, D.C. recounting the true history of both the Republicans and Democrats committing gerrymandering.

The true events that have occurred would be dramatized by the actors and actresses playing the citizens, reporters, representatives, legislators and lobbyists. Performers should be eager to participate in a significant film that might win one or more Oscars.

A creative, entertaining and strictly non-partisan script is needed and should be targeted to those adults who vote. The film should have plenty of dry humor and a modest amount of only adult music.

The props would include some of the grotesque district maps and resultant registration and election figures. The specific public service failures of the representatives and legislators from given gerrymandered districts would be portrayed.

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June 11, 2003

Dear Editor:

The recall election of Governor Davis by itself will not bring about good government.

After the 2000 census California's 173 state assembly, state senate and congressional districts were severely gerrymandered. The 2002 election results proved that the winning parties in 169 districts are already known for the 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010 elections.

Our great American system of checks and balances has been partially nullified due to the collusion of the incumbent Democrats and Republicans. It is a conflict of interest to let the politicians create safe seats for themselves.

The incumbents are responsible for California's inferior K-12 education, inferior transportation including roads and the massive deficit. Mock elections never result in good government. We need to get to the root causes of our problems.

The secondary objective of redistricting should be to create the maximum number of competitive districts in the state. A commission of old and wise retired judges could oversee the process. Our democracy has been improved over the past 227 years and there probably always will be room for further advances. The legislature could also be recalled.

Sincerely,

David M. Williams

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We debate abortion, but many lives could be saved by comprehensive education, improved adoption laws and more rape and incest prevention and punishment.

California lagged behind other states in fighting the tobacco companies. The tobacco trade is profitable.

California is not winning the war against drugs which kill many people directly and indirectly. The drug trade is profitable.

Gerrymandering weakens our good old American system of checks and balances while it fosters mediocracy and sometimes corruption by our elected officials. "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Some of California's career politicians have eventually self-destructed; Condit, Quackenbush, Coelho, Nolan, Nixon and many others, but that takes too long.

Gerrymandering partially disenfranchises millions of California voters. The winners in most assembly and congressional contests are known before the elections due to the stacked decks that the grotesque, lopsided districts facilitate. No wonder most citizens don't vote.

Term limits haven't improved the productivity, quality and fairness of the elected officials in Sacramento. With no gerrymandering comprehensive campaign reform would come about with the elimination of the counterproductive cash constituencies of the members of the state legislature.

It is an unethical conflict of interest for the California State Legislature to draw the lines on their own election districts. It is now anticipated that a sufficient number of whore Republicans will vote with the Democrat majority to preclude a ballot initiative by the people. The courts may decide the issue. Perhaps gerrymandering is unconstitutional.

The consultants for both political parties should be told to go back to the computers and create the maximum number possible of truly competitive and compact assembly and congressional districts in the state. In the east bay, during the last decade, we had two competitive districts that actually changed hands between the parties and that is needed wherever feasible.

Competitive elections are a mandatory prerequisite for good government. Safe seats for incumbents are definitely not in the best interests of the people of California.

Over the past 15 years, I've worked to help end gerrymandering and to bring about comprehensive campaign reform.

The deliberate creation of competitive legislative and congressional districts could be California's most significant contribution to American civilization since prop 13 and the right hand turn on a red light.

Speaking points for California Citizens Redistricting Commission
May 21, 2011

Hello Commissioners

My name is Jerry Mercola

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

I have lived in Pleasanton for 30 years. I run a small business that we moved to Pleasanton 10 years ago. We will probably retire there.

Pleasanton is a beautiful town to be in and to raise children in. It is noted for its schools and parks. It has many community activities for people of all ages and events like the first Wednesday of each month that draws people to its historic downtown area. It is also home to the Alameda County Fair.

Pleasanton sits at the intersection of two major valleys-Livermore and San Ramon.

We share many major interests with the people in these communities. Culturally we are all the same. We are primarily suburban communities but now have a mix of large and small companies so that we actually have a fairly good local economy. The cities have many common problems that we need to solve like transportation, fire, etc. Pleasanton has joined with Livermore to our East to create a joint fire department. Pleasanton has also joined with San Ramon and Dublin to our North in a sewer district.

We are a natural community area drawn together by our common interests and location. For years we had a combined Fourth of July fireworks celebration coordinated by a local radio station. Los Positas junior college, located between Pleasanton and Livermore, provides an education center for many of the Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore high school students plus serves as a night school for many adults in our area..

Geographically, culturally economically and by nature, we should be treated as one community.

However we are split up by three gerrymandered congressional districts: 10, 11 and 13. District 10 gets part of Livermore,

District 11 get a big part of Pleasanton and some of Dublin-San Ramon.
District 13 gets part of Dublin.

Our voices are lost and we have a minor impact on our Congress person.

There is a natural line of hills that separates the cities along the East Bay (San Leandro, Hayward, Fremont) from the inland cities of Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore in the Tri-valley area.

I urge you to use the East bay hilltop as the dividing line to create a district that keeps the Tri-valley east bay cities like Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon into one district instead of partitioning it into pieces.

The current Assembly District partitioning is just as bad.

The 18th district takes part of Pleasanton and Dublin and combines it with the East bay cities of Hayward and San Leandro.

The 20th district takes a part of Pleasanton and combines it with Fremont.

The 15th district takes part of Pleasanton and San Ramon and combines it with the Central valley cities.

Again our voices are lost in the state legislature. This makes it very hard for our local leaders to gain a state office. This is a very unfair situation that I hope you fix.

If the East bay hills were again used as the dividing line, then we would stay as one community and have a say in the way that our problems and concerns are addressed.

Thank you for giving me this time to offer my opinion.

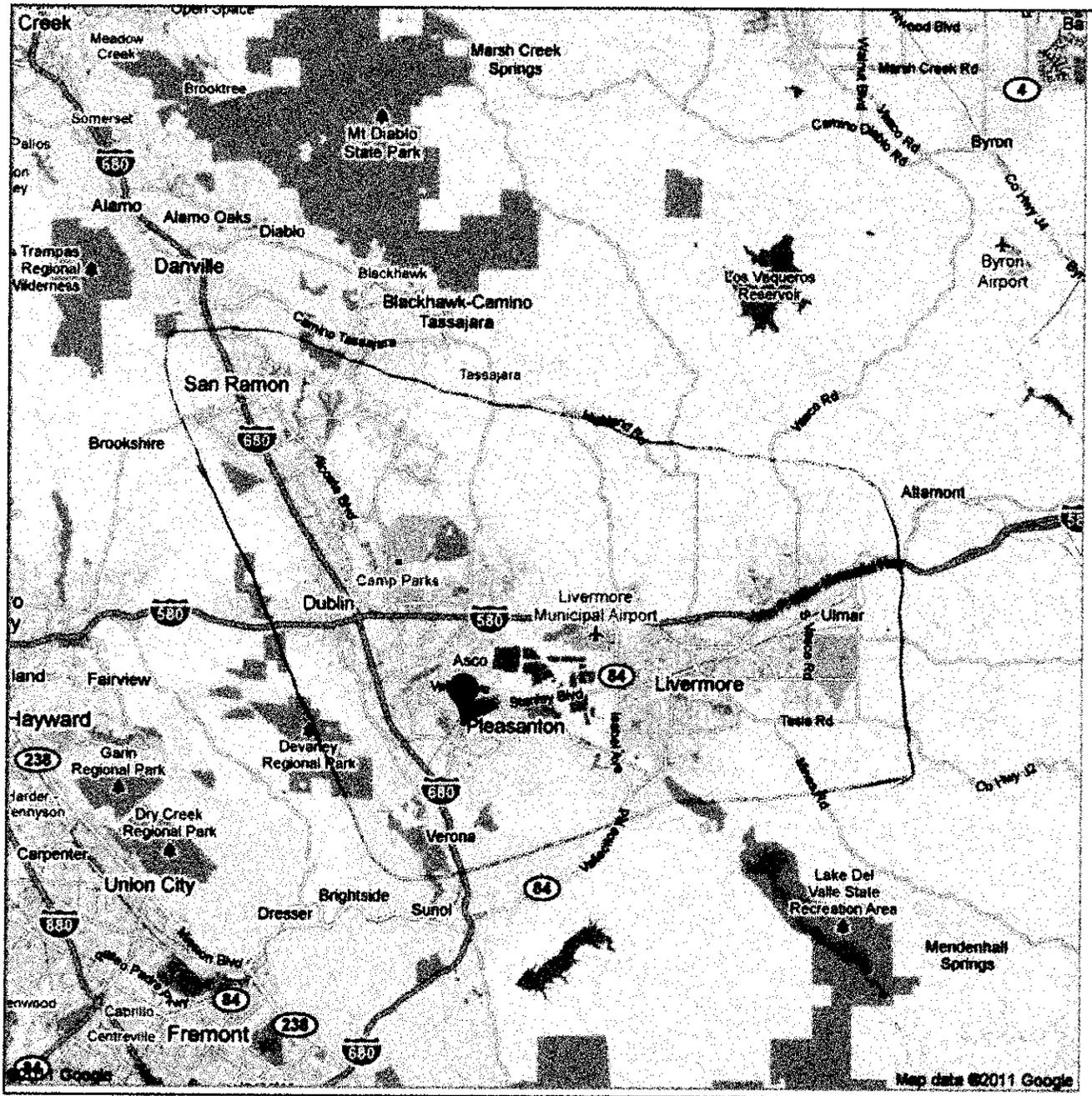
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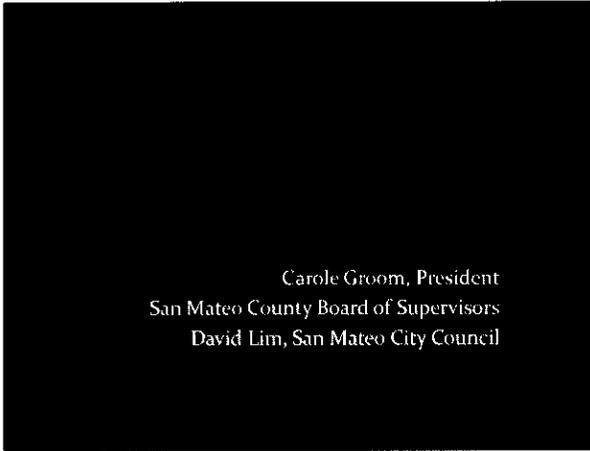
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Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon
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Carole Groom, President
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San Mateo County

- Population: 718,451 (as of 2010 Census)
- Among the most affluent counties in the nation
- One of most culturally and geographically diverse counties in California
 - Dense Asian influence in Daly City and Colma in north to large concentration of African Americans and Latinos in East Palo Alto to the south
 - County touches both San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean
 - Commitment to environment evident at both locations

Economic Engine

- San Mateo County is home to some of Bay Area's biggest job generators:
 - Oracle
 - Electronic Arts
 - San Francisco International Airport
 - Genentech
 - Kaiser Permanente
 - Youtube
- Home to three community colleges, two private universities, and new Stanford University expansion

Current Representatives

- Two state senators represent San Mateo County, yet neither originated from or live in our county.
 - Leland Yee, District 8, from San Francisco
 - Joe Simitian, District 11, from Santa Clara County
- Given our diverse culture, educational institutions, and importance to region, we believe San Mateo County should have at least one Senate District that is predominantly within county lines.

Populations

- Population of San Francisco County:
 - 805,235 as of 2010
- Population of San Mateo County:
 - 718,451 as of 2010
- Neither county has the population numbers to keep a Senate district completely within its boundaries.

Northern District

- Includes all of San Francisco, Daly City, Colma, Brisbane, and parts of Pacifica.

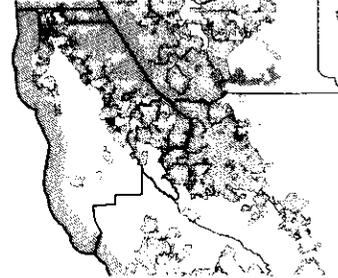
Northern District

- Area: San Francisco and San Mateo County
- Population: 931,349
- % Deviation: 0%
- Hispanic population: 150,556
- Hispanic %: 16.17%
- Non-Hispanic (NH) Caucasian population: 362,000
- NH Caucasian %: 38.7%
- NH Black population: 50,865
- NH Black %: 5.46%
- NH Asian population: 328,764
- NH Asian %: 35.3%
- Other:
- Indian, Hawaiian %: 0.66%

***Over 58 percent minority population in Northern District**

Southern District

- Includes remaining San Mateo County cities and northern Santa Clara County cities and communities including Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale.



Southern District

- Area: San Mateo County and Santa Clara County
- Population: 931,495
- % Deviation: 0.02%
- Hispanic population: 203,693
- Hispanic %: 21.87%
- Non-Hispanic (NH) Caucasian population: 438,050
- NH Caucasian %: 47.03%
- NH Black population: 20,800
- NH Black %: 2.23%
- NH Asian population: 221,878
- NH Asian %: 23.82%
- Other:
- Indian, Hawaiian %: 1.25%

***Southern District holds a minority "majority" population**

Final Thoughts

- These Districts would accomplish many of the Commissions' goals:
 - Both Districts are minority "majority" districts, giving minority populations an excellent chance of being elected.
 - Both Districts respect geographic boundaries by keeping San Francisco all together, and most San Mateo County cities together with northern Santa Clara County cities.
 - Two Assembly seats can easily nest in each district and also gives majorities to minority communities.
 - Provide a logical solution instead of splitting San Francisco into two with Marin and Sonoma and San Mateo County.

Numerous areas of Common Interest in Both Districts

- Extremely ethnically diverse
- Major employment centers
- Common transportation links – roads, mass transit, airport
- Common geographical features – Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay
- Shared infrastructure – Hetch Hetchy water system, BART, Caltrain
- Compact districts
- Gives each county a population majority in each District

California Redistricting Commission Hearing

Testimony by Jennifer Pae

May 21, 2011

Good afternoon, my name is Jennifer Pae and I am testifying today on behalf of the East Bay Asian Voter Education Consortium (EBAVEC). EBAVEC is a nonprofit public benefit consortium; our main purpose is to educate the Asian American and Pacific Islander community regarding the election process, voter registration procedures, qualifications for American citizenship and voting, equal and full participation of all citizens in the electoral process, and community issues of concern within the Oakland and East Bay community. The Consortium is comprised of organizations within Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, pooling its resources to improve citizen awareness of public policy issues.

Currently, the Consortium consists of the following community-based organizations: the Chinese American Political Association, the CAPA Community Education Fund, Cal Students for the Asian Constituency, Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Citizens for Better Community, Family Bridges, Organization of Alameda Asians, and Organization of Chinese Americans, East Bay Chapter.

EBAVEC has been working with the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR) to bring people together to learn about the redistricting process. Some of the coalition's individual members who received education from CAPAFR will be testifying about their communities of interest today.

Currently, there are over 457,000 Asian American and Pacific Islanders (APIs) in Alameda County. APIs are one of the county's most rapidly growing populations. In 2000, APIs were about 23% of the county's population, and now they make up around 30% of the population, based on census 2010 figures.

The attached map that I will be providing shows areas of API population density in Alameda County. The first concentration of APIs is in Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley. The second concentration of APIs is located in San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward, and Union City. And finally, there is a third concentration of APIs located in Fremont and Newark.

The communities in which APIs live have shared needs for language access, have similar immigrant backgrounds, and have common economic needs. For example, the attached map show high numbers of foreign-born individuals in the areas I've mentioned. APIs have common policy concerns around these needs and interests that would be best-served if the areas in which they live are kept intact within the same district.

We thank you for your time and hope that we may continue to work together in the best interest of the community.

Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Jennifer Pae
 Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA



¹ United States Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates.

Testimony of Gilbert Dong, Oakland Resident

Citizens Redistricting Commission Hearing in Oakland
May 21, 2011

Good Afternoon. I want to thank the Commission for the opportunity to testify about my community.

My name is Gil Dong and I am a resident of Oakland and have been a long-time community activist and public service provider in the East Bay for over 25 years.

I first ask the commission to keep Oakland's Chinatown whole. Oakland Chinatown is in downtown Oakland and is centered around 8th Street and Webster. The area is very diverse, with Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and other Asian Americans living, working and owning businesses there. There are also a number of community nonprofit organizations that provide services to the Oakland Chinatown.

Second, I want to emphasize that Oakland and the surrounding cities of Alameda and Berkeley are very diverse with many Asian Americans, Latinos and African Americans residents. Across racial groups, many of these residents are underserved and rely upon critical social services provided by government agencies and community institutions. The attached map shows levels of per capita income in this area and illustrate the need residents have for a strong voice at the state and federal levels on issues of social services and jobs & economy.

Based on these common needs, I recommend to the commission to ensure that Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland districts are economically grouped to ensure that the diverse population in these areas has fair and responsive representation.

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***Lillian Galedo, Executive Director
Filipino Advocates for Justice
May 21, 2011***

Good afternoon. I am Lillian Galedo. I have lived in Alameda County for 35 years. I am the Executive Director of Filipino Advocates for Justice. Filipino Advocates for Justice is a nonprofit organization who serves the more vulnerable in our community and works to foster economic stability and civic engagement in a community that is predominantly immigrant, to advance social and economic justice, and democratic and human rights for everyone.

I am also a founding board member of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, a board member of the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, and a national co-chair of the National Alliance for Filipino Veterans Equity, who has worked to win recognition and equal status for Filipino WWII veterans.

For the past 25 years our organizations has provided youth development and parent support services in Union City. Over the past two decades we have seen the Asian Community in Union City grow to now be more than 50 percent of the city's population. The Filipino community is nearly 20% of the population. The attached map shows Filipino American population in Union City and the neighboring city of Hayward.

I'm here to ask the Commission to keep Union City intact in the new Assembly, State Senate and Congressional districts for the next decade. Union City is a geographically small city – only 18 square miles – with a population of about 60,000. Besides the Asian community, there are also a significant number of Latinos in the city who share similar socioeconomic interests as AAPIs.

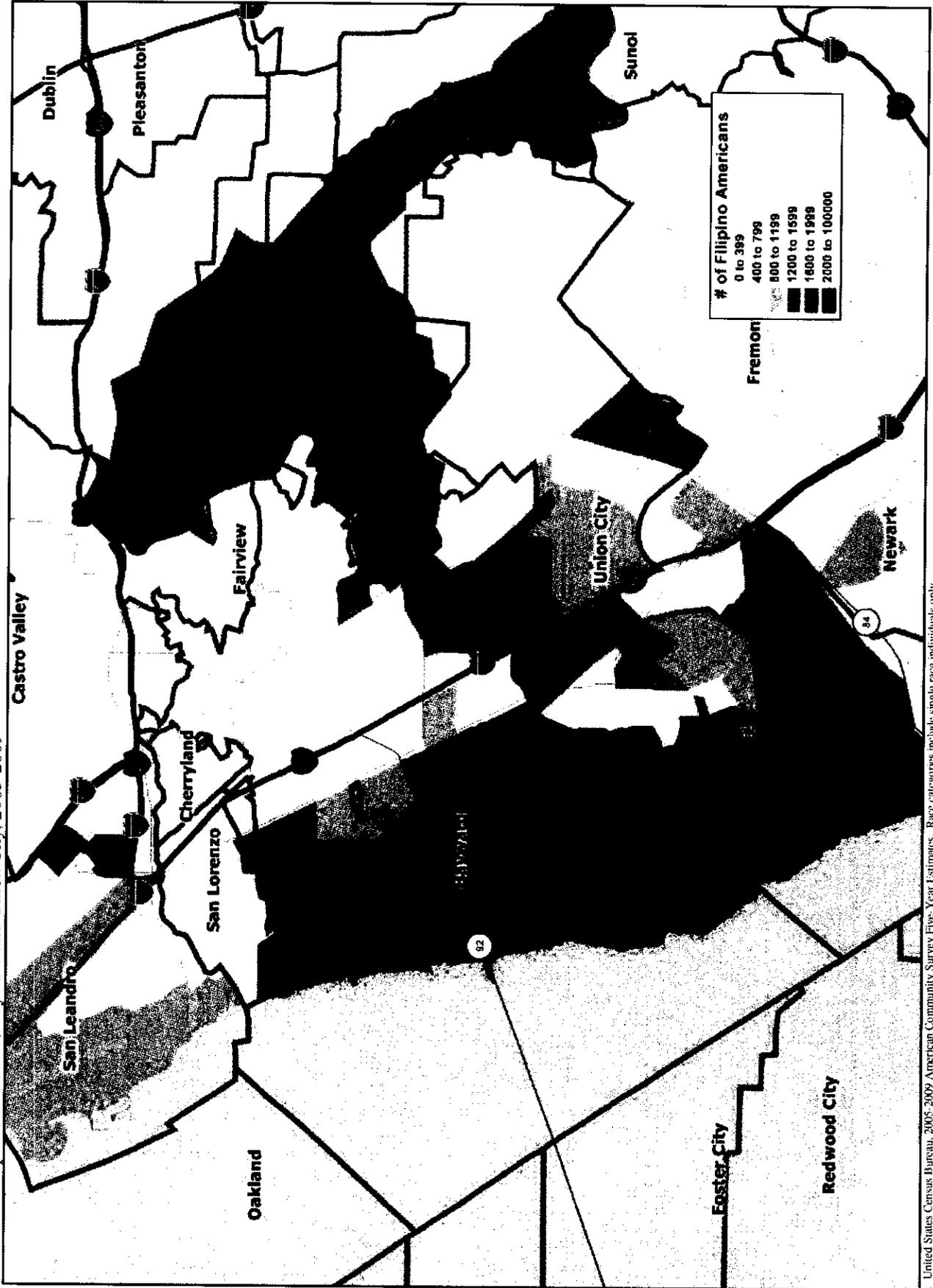
We have checked in with some of our local allies and know that they feel as we do that the residents of Union City prefer and would be best-served by having a common representative at the state and federal levels.

Furthermore, I recommend that the Commission keep Union City with Hayward / San Leandro / San Lorenzo and the unincorporated area of Alameda County as a community of interest. Filipino Americans in Central Alameda County have long shared the same churches, businesses, recreational areas, community organizations, educational and cultural institutions, in addition to similar economic status. Many youth from this part of Alameda County have also participated in our after school programs in Union City.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

*Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Lillian Galeo
Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA*

Number of Filipino Americans, Hayward and Union City, 2005-2009¹



¹ United States Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates. Race categories include single race individuals only.

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Suizi Lin
Resident of Alameda County

Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA

I have lived in Alameda County for almost 30 years, obtaining my education from Pioneer Elementary, Alvarado Middle School, James Logan High School, and the University of California, Berkeley.

I ask the Commission to keep Union City intact. I also ask the Commission to keep Castro Valley and Hayward with Union City as a community of interest.

The Chinese Americans in Union City interact with the Chinese American residents of Hayward and Castro Valley. Many residents from the neighboring cities such as Hayward, Castro Valley, and cities to the north come to Union City to access Asian grocery stores and other institutions in Union City.

Lastly, since Hayward, Union City and Castro Valley cannot make up a community of interest by themselves, I ask the Commission to keep Hayward and Union City with cities to the north such as San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland and Cherryland. Residents of all of these cities have socioeconomic interests in common such as need for ethnic shopping, religious institutions, and cultural activities celebrating the unique heritage. Also, many residents in this area, both Asian American and non-Asian American, are limited English speaking and need language assistance to access vital government services.

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May 21, 2011

Albert Wang

I have lived in Fremont for over 30 years. I am the Bay Area Chapter Chair for the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA), a statewide organization promoting civic participation by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). I also participated in the 2001 redistricting effort together with other AAPI community members.

I ask the Commission to keep together Fremont and Newark because of their similarities. These areas have large AAPI populations, including many South Asian residents. The attached map shows Asian American population density in Fremont and Newark as well as areas to the south.

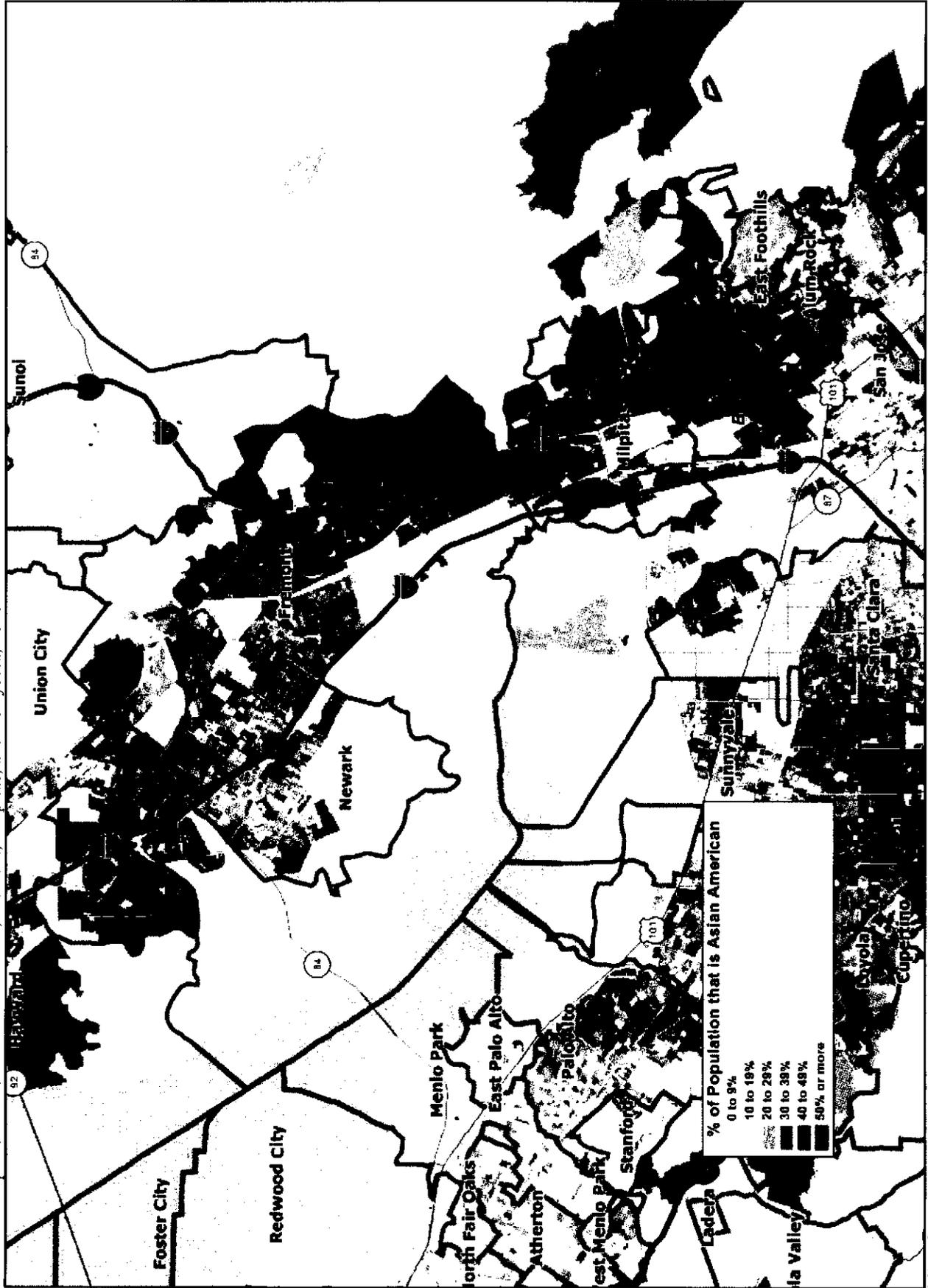
The residents of these areas have other ties, such as being part of the Ohlone Community College, Union Sanitary District, Alameda County Water District, and Washington Township Hospital service areas.

I also ask the Commission to put Fremont and Newark with areas in Santa Clara County such as Milpitas and Berryessa. Many of us from Fremont shop at Milpitas Square, the largest Asian American center in the area, as well as the Great Mall. There are a lot of similarities in terms of demographics (such as income level, ethnic mix, age), types of business and industry, and the close proximity through highway 880 and 680.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the commission to maintain the integrity of similar communities by keeping Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, and the Berryessa area of San Jose within the same assembly, senate and congressional districts so that the residents of this area have unified representation at the state and federal levels.

*Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Albert Wang
Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA*

Percent of Population that is Asian American, Fremont, Milpitas, and Berryessa, 2010¹



¹ United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PT 94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals.

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COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING (CAPAFR)

CAPAFR – SAN FRANCISCO-SAN MATEO

*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA*

Chris Punongbayan
Asian Law Caucus

Hello. My name is Chris Punongbayan and I am the Deputy Director of the Asian Law Caucus, a member of the Asian American Center for Advancing Justice. I have lived in San Francisco for seven years. ALC provides free legal services to the low-income immigrant communities in our neighborhood and in total we serve over 1000 clients per year.

San Francisco's Chinatown is the oldest and among the most densely populated Chinatown in North America, second only to New York City. It has been a gateway for new immigrants to this country for over 150 years, and even today, there is a large steady influx of immigrants to this neighborhood. One of the most defining characteristics of this community is the working class status of many Chinatown residents. Many seniors live on a fixed income, and for the younger working population, many jobs here pay barely enough to make a living. Chinatown's housing is 60% SRO, or single room occupancy, buildings and there are many Chinese residents of public housing throughout this section of the City. An important shared characteristic of many of these new Americans is that they are still learning English and require language assistance in order to be able to navigate life in the U.S.

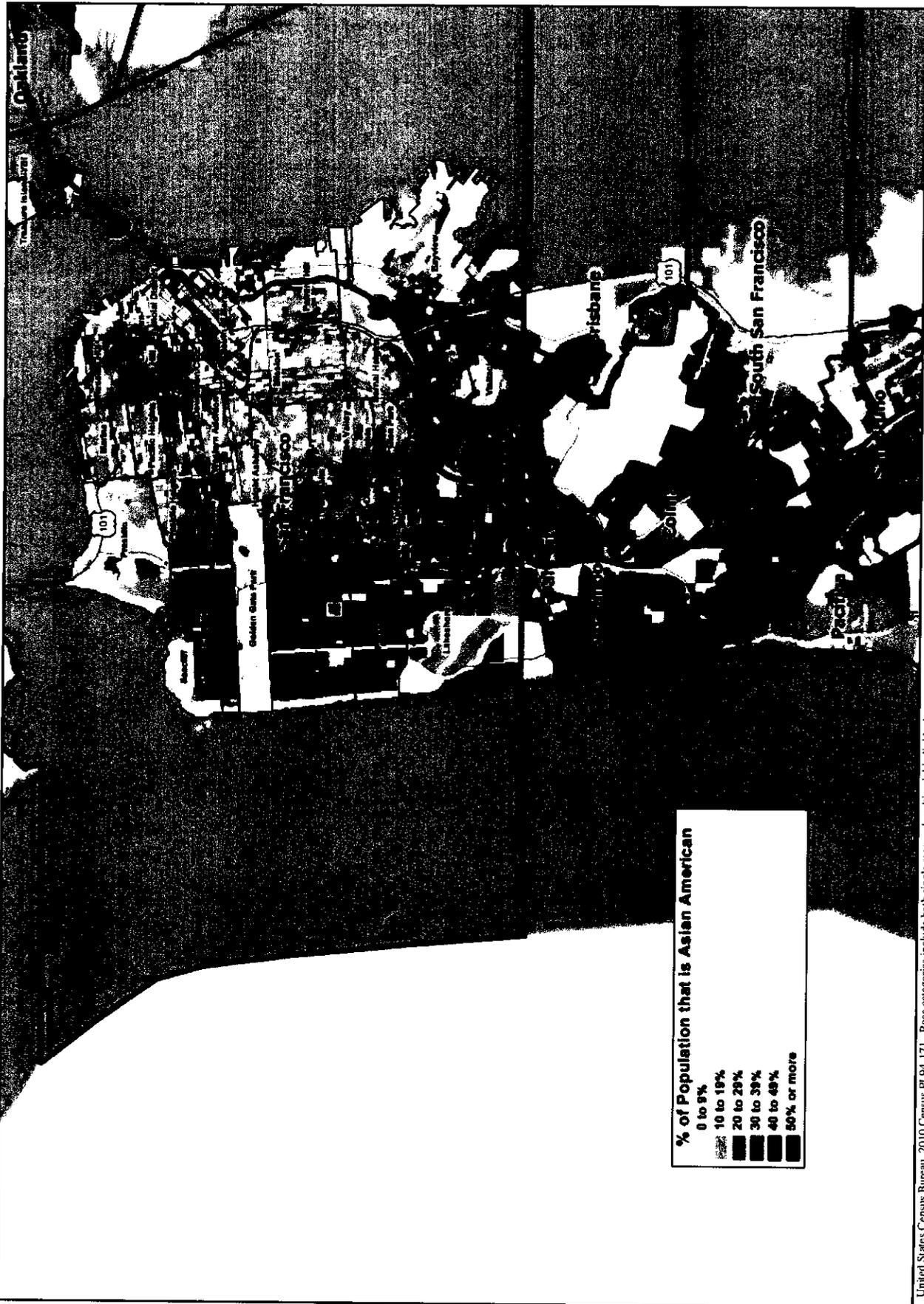
Chinatown may generally understood to be a compact area, but there are also many Chinese Americans who live in adjacent neighborhoods such as North Beach, which is the neighborhood immediately to the North. Accompanying my testimony are maps that show the Asian American population in this area, as well as the socio-economic data that I outlined earlier.

It is imperative that this neighborhood be kept together in one district because of its special history and its shared interests. The Chinatown community is very often unified in its interests on most local, state, and even federal matters. For example, the Chinatown community acts together in advocating for translation and interpretation services from the City and state governments.

But beyond this immediate area, Chinatown is also an epicenter for the Chinese community throughout the entire City of San Francisco. I would like to highlight in particular the Chinese communities in the Southeast section of San Francisco, the Visitacion Valley, Excelsior, and Bayview districts. Beyond the relative lack of resources and infrastructure in those neighborhoods, many low-income, Chinese Americans comes to Chinatown for everything from social services to employment to commerce to worship. These Eastern neighborhoods share many common characteristics, particularly in terms of characteristics such as income, educational attainment, and limited English proficiency. In fact, the new Central Subway

Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Christopher Punongbayan
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Percent of Population that is Asian American, City and County of San Francisco, 2010¹



¹ United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PL94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals.

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*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA*

David Chan
Asian Pacific American Community Center

Good afternoon, my name is David Chan, I'm here today representing the Asian Pacific American Community Center. APACC is a community based non-profit organization located in Visitation Valley dedicated to serving the API community in Vis Valley.

I'm here today asking that the Asian communities in Vis Valley be respected as they share important cultural, economic, educational and language needs. Vis Valley is predominantly a family-oriented working class neighborhood, and has become home to many recent Asian immigrants with limited English proficiency. Language services are a critical for the community and its one of the main programs that APACC provides to the community.

Vis Valley became home to many Asian Americans, specifically Chinese American families when the rising cost of housing drove many families and newly settled immigrants to find more affordable housing options. As a result, homeownership rates are higher compared to its adjacent neighborhoods, but the area still experiences high rates of foreclosures and lower overall per capita income. The accompanying maps demonstrate this economic difference as well as the prevalence of Asian Americans in Vis Valley and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Transportation is also a critical issue that affects and defines the community. Many of the new housing developments were built after the creation of the T-Line in San Francisco. This helped to address the lack of public transportation in the area, but transit needs are still a critical issue.

Vis Valley is an important community that shares similar economic, transportation, and linguistic needs with its surrounding neighborhoods, particularly the Excelsior. We also share much in common with Chinatown, even though it is located in the opposite end of the City and County. Many of the same agencies that provide services to the Chinatown community have set up satellite offices in Vis Valley. But many residents of Vis Valley still make the long ride to Chinatown for many of the services they require, emphasizing the importance of transportation issues for both communities. Chinatown and Vis Valley share many similar characteristics, specifically similar levels of income, educational attainment, and limited English proficiency. For example, the English proficiency and the unemployment rate of both neighborhoods are nearly identical. The city currently plans to extend the T-Line to run from Vis-Valley to Chinatown, this transit line represent the strengthening of the connection between the Chinatown and Vis Valley community.

COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING (CAPAFR)
CAPAFR – SAN FRANCISCO-SAN MATEO

*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
May 23, 2011 regarding San Francisco and Northern San Mateo Counties*

Ben Leong
Gay Asian Pacific Alliance

Good afternoon, my name is Benjamin Leong. I'm a current resident of San Francisco and I've lived in the city for the past 6 years. I'm the current Co-Chair of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, or GAPA and also a member of the API Wellness Center's Board of Directors. GAPA was formed in 1987 to address the issues affecting the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community. Today, GAPA's members work on a wide range of issues ranging from sexual health, political awareness, and civic engagement.

Today I'd like to talk to you about the connections between the LGBT and API community, and the need to respect the geographic integrity of both. The areas of the city that are home to large working class Asian communities, including the Tenderloin and SOMA, are also home to many API LGBT individuals. We share the same language needs, cultural heritage, and similar socio-economic status. But we also access the service agencies dedicated to the LGBT community, located in Upper Market, Castro, and Haight-Ashbury neighborhoods.

These are community centers, public health facilities, and social service agencies that provide critical resources to our community. But moreover, they provide the physical space in which API LGBT individuals come together for community-building events at places such as the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center and the SF LGBT Center. While San Francisco is known to be a strong force for LGBT rights, the voice of the API LGBT community is still developing. Our community's needs and aspirations for a stronger voice show why API LGBT should be kept together in a single district. Only then can we effectively access, protect, and advocate for essential human services but also grow our influence and truly carve out a space for a unified community. We might live in different areas of the bay area but we convene and congregate in a centralized area of support and services and these are the service agencies where we gather strength and find support from our fellow minority community members.

In closing, I respectfully request that the geographic integrity of both the LGBT community and the API communities be respected.

Thank you.

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Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Ben Leong
Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA

Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual/Transgender (LGBT) Service Centers, City and County of San Francisco



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Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA

Ray Satorre

Pilipino Bayanihan Resource Center

Good afternoon, my name is Ray Satorre and I'm the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Pilipino Bayanihan Resource Center, or PBRC. PBRC is a Filipino based community center that serves the needs of the Filipino population in Daly City and surrounding communities. I'm a long term resident of Daly City.

Daly City is home to the largest population of Filipinos in the United States, as well as the largest population of Filipinos outside the Philippines. Filipinos make up one-third of the city's total population and Asians are more than half of Daly City's total population. Accompanying my testimony are maps that show the Asian American population in this area, as well as the socio-economic data that I will now discuss.

Since the 1970s Asian immigrants have immigrated to Daly City and the neighboring cities of South San Francisco, Broadmoor area and Colma. This migration has been multi-generational and, as a result, a strong family-oriented Filipino community has formed. These families share and access many of the same services located within Daly City, including Community Centers like PBRC, schools, shopping plazas, and local business. The strong cultural, social, and economic ties between the Filipino community in Daly City and the surrounding areas is obvious; just go to Serramonte Shopping Center.

The current State Assembly districts do not respect the geographic integrity of Daly City, as it splits our community into two districts. If our community is divided, our shared interests and community voice will not be heard. Our communities' levels of civic engagement are trending upwards, which is a dynamic that should be respected in the redistricting process. In addition, it is important that Daly City remain connected to other Asian American communities with whom we share many common characteristics. These are, specifically, the Asian communities in the Sunset and Richmond areas of San Francisco, where there are also common traits of homeownership, foreign-born status, and high rates of individuals who are learning English.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Ray Satorre
Public Input Hearing: May 21, 2011 in Oakland, CA

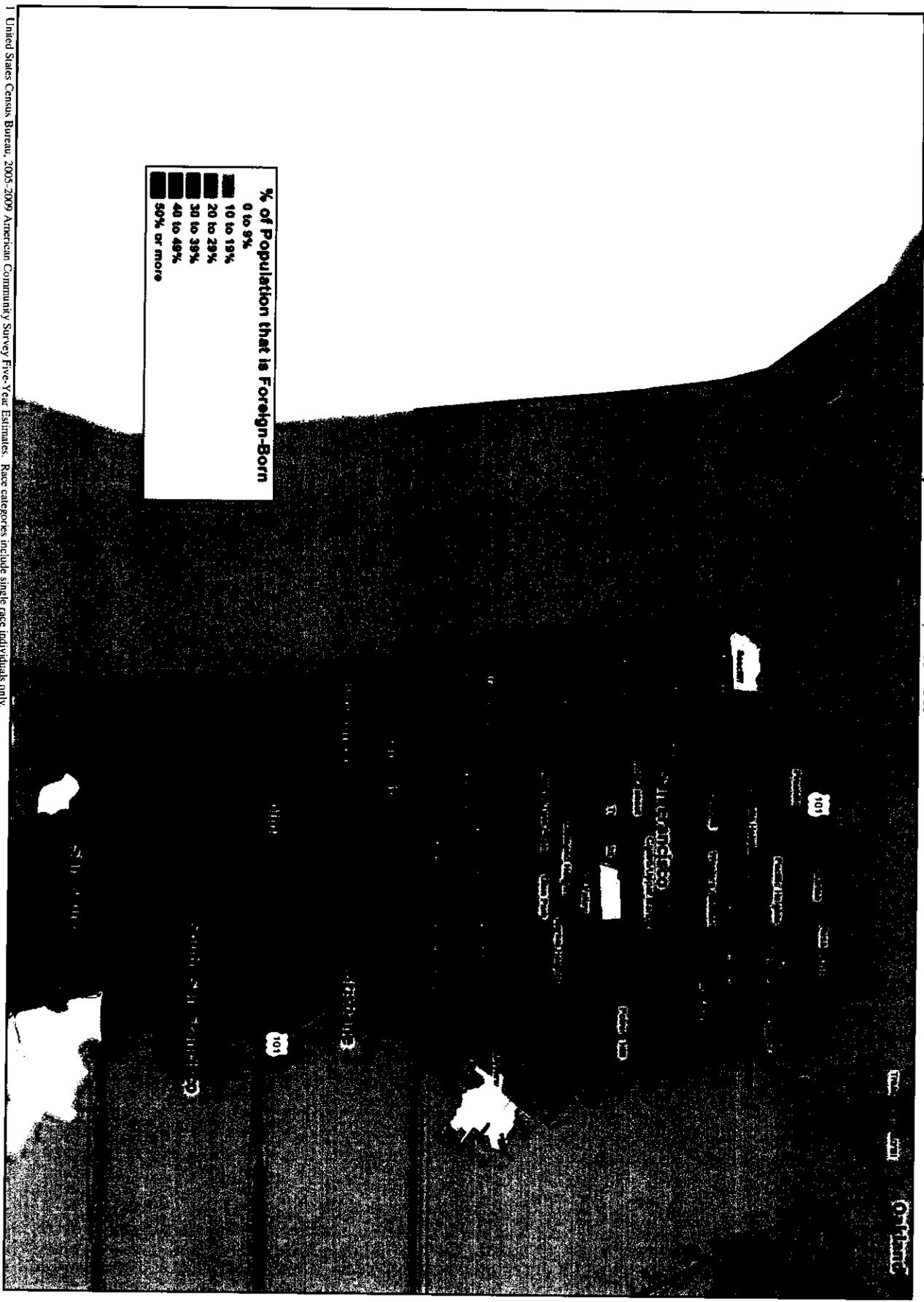
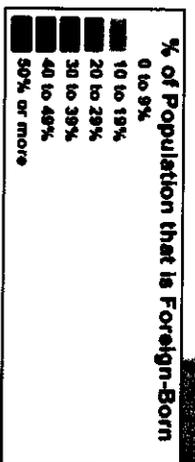
Number of Filipino Americans, City and County of San Francisco, 2005-2009¹



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Percent of Population that is Foreign-Born, City and County of San Francisco, 2005-2009¹



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May 21, 2011

Go afternoon Commissioners.

My name is Dan Brown.

I am speaker number _____.

I was born in South San Francisco in 1943 and have lived in California my entire life.

Currently I live in Oakland and I'm registered as "Decline to State".

I am not, and have never have been a member of any special interest or political group.

I'm just a concerned citizen that believes in fairness and opportunity for all our citizens.

The people of California are counting on this commission to develop a fair and unbiased Redistricting Plan.

In these hearings you have heard testimony from many special interest groups, some very powerful.

So, image how surprised I was when I read that some commissioners have been employed by and/or have had close relationships with these special interest groups in the past.

So many questions came to my mind.

I wrote down a few:

1. Will these relationships lead to law suits that will delay or even destroy this very important and necessary commission?
2. Do these commissioners have commitments or aspirations that might influence their decisions?
3. How did they get picked for this commission?
4. Did they disclose these relationships on their applications?
5. Were they secretly pre-selected for these positions?
6. Do they have personal, family, or financial relationships with these groups?

Questionable relationships cannot be tolerated on this important commission.

As a concerned citizen I have lost my confidence in the integrity of this commission as it stands today.

Because of her close relationship with special interest groups and by her own admission that she worked at MALDEF I ask that Member Blanco immediately recue herself from this commission.

Thank you.....

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
FROM: AMY M. MOORE, MPA - MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALICE B. TOKLAS LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB
SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION- COMMENTS
DATE: 5/21/2011
CONTACT: [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon Commissioners,

My name is Amy Moore. I am here today representing the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Democratic Club, as a member of the Board of Directors. Alice is celebrating its 40th year, created in response to a lack of representation of the needs of the LGBT community. One of the ways Alice has ensured the needs of the LGBT community are met, is by encouraging members of the LGBT community to seek office and educating the public on the issues most affecting the LGBT community in the region.

Given the large population of LGBT people living in the Bay Area and throughout California, our community has and continues its struggle to gain equal representation. The LGBT community must be included in the definition of 'community of interest' as per Proposition 20. This inclusion will allow the large portion of LGBT people living in the Bay Area and throughout California, to receive consideration, as such, when drawing the boundaries.

Although there are laws ensuring the rights of LGBT people throughout the State of California, they are not always implemented. The LGBT community is still experiencing social stigma, violence and discrimination. Having the ability to elect officials who are aware of and ensure that LGBT rights are protected is one of the ways LGBT people's interests will continue to be represented.

Communities in the region, outside of the boundaries of San Francisco, such as Marin County, have less access to services; as it is assumed that all LGBT people in that region have the ability to access services in San Francisco. If separated from eastern San Francisco the new lines may create an even larger barrier to services for LGBT people living in that region. That being said it is extremely important that Marin County remain combined with the Eastern portion of San Francisco. Doing so will ensure that a historically LGBT region maintain its representation.

Thank you for taking on this enormous task and taking our comments seriously. We look forward to the results of such a great endeavor.

May 21, 2011
To Redistricting Commission:

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My name is Marilyn Singleton. I am a native California and have voted in every election since 1966.

I came to testify here because politicians took what started out as an idea based in fairness to give a voice to the politically weak – and have now created a monster. How can Congress have an 80% disapproval but incumbents get re-elected 93% of the time. Something is rotten and I'm glad that an attempt at transparency and fairness is happening.

I want fair compact districts that reflect the whole community with all of its differences – not having those differences parsed out.

I want impartiality in the Commission's decisions. The Commission's instruction from the Act and the State Auditor's counsel says that the commissioner must be impartial in a manner that "reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process."

For example, one member of the commission, Ms. Blanco was the National Senior Counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund. The fact that MALDEF has a dramatic and sustained presence at these meetings gives the appearance of partiality. I feel like the integrity of the process is undermined – The 2010 California population has 37.6% Hispanic and there are 40.1% non-Hispanic whites. Hispanics have the numbers – what is needed is good leadership – not political advantage from redistricting

I'm a "decline to state race" and -- as they say in Canada – a visible minority. I'm not against anybody – what I'm FOR is fairness, and for people to be treated as Californians – part of our great mix.

I ask the Commissioners to remember the words on your web-site:
"Fair representation – Democracy at work."



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5/21/2011
Bing shu Guan

各位领导,女士们,先生们,下午好!

我叫李炳超,住在三藩市清化区,但工作在日港区。对三藩市的选区划分问题,我认为现在这样分很不合理。现在把日港区从市区划分出去,令华人会感到不安,因为华人占三藩市的四分之一人口,他们分布在唐人街,清化区,到治文区和日港区,现在唯独日港区被分出去,这是非常不合理不公平的。因为日港区有最好的学校,有最高级的最好吃的华人饮食,有很多华人商铺,最适合华人居住,所以不应该属不同选区。更不能用其他选区制定的法规去控制和管这个社区,使我们的居民受到不平等的待遇。比如租务管制,禁售儿童玩具,禁食鱼翅,不尊重华人文化的行为,都是不公平的。所以,我们要求将日港区划回三藩市选区。

谢谢!

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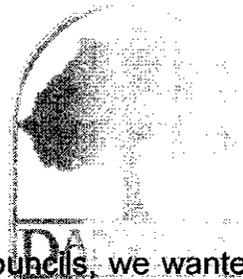
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May 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Tri-Valley City Councils, we wanted to express our desire that efforts be made to keep our communities together during the process of drawing new legislative districts for the California State Senate and Assembly. We recognize the fact that the Citizens Redistricting Commission has a unique and challenging responsibility, but we believe that the Tri-Valley meets the criteria to be considered a community of interest, and that our boundaries should be respected during the redistricting process.

The Tri-Valley region is spread over three neighboring valleys at the eastern end of Alameda County and the southern end of Contra Costa County, and is comprised of the adjacent cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville. Despite the fact that we are in two separate counties, our residents identify far more with the Tri-Valley region than either Alameda or Contra Costa County. In fact, we believe that the Tri-Valley can be considered a model for regional collaboration throughout the State of California in many traditional and non-traditional ways.

The Tri-Valley shares a common identity and spirit among its residents. Residents of our five cities depend on the same transportation networks, we have similar demographics and sources of employment, businesses have formed partnerships throughout the area, our children play in the same sports leagues, and local governments collaborate on a multitude of regional projects.

Some specific examples on how our five jurisdictions formally collaborate include the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, which identifies and funds needed projects to relieve congestion in our region. We are all partners in the Tri-Valley Housing and Opportunity Center, which is an agency that jointly manages our five cities affordable housing programs and services. Tri-Valley Community Television is another entity that focuses solely on programming unique to our region. Other smaller agencies such as the Dublin San Ramon Services District, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and Zone 7 are entirely within the Tri-Valley. Our five City Councils meet together in joint sessions on issues of regional concern every few months, while our Mayors, City Managers, and staff meet both formally and informally several times a month to further solidify our public partnerships.

Our cultural and economic life also revolves around the Tri-Valley community. For instance, the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding tourism options amongst our five cities. Innovation Tri-Valley is a private sector collaborative of leading businesses from the five cities to promote

Tri-Valley Coalition Petition

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of the Tri-Valley cities of Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and surrounding areas, I ask that the Citizens Redistricting Commission respect the boundaries of the Tri-Valley by keeping our community of interest whole in districts at the State and Federal level.

To have enough population to make new districts, our community should be joined with similar towns, such as Walnut Creek and Lamorinda, by going further north into the valley along the main transportation route of Highway 680.

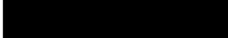
Thank you for your time and dedication in listening to our voice as a community.

Sincerely,*

Corinna E. Meissner


Pleasanton, CA 94588

Ramsey Ismail


Pleasanton, CA 94588

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Danville, CA 94526

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Pleasanton, CA 94588

*The signatures above were received electronically from Tri-Valley supporters who were planning on testifying in person to the commission, but unfortunately were not able to attend the May 21st California Redistricting Commission Public Input Hearing in Oakland, CA.

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Tri-Valley cities seek 'community' recognition in redistricting

Pleasanton also wants to stay in single supervisory district

by Jeb Bing
Pleasanton Weekly Staff

Five Tri-Valley cities are petitioning a redistricting commission to keep their municipalities together as new legislative districts are drawn to meet changing population centers in the Bay Area.

The city councils of Pleasanton, Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon have signed a joint letter to the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is meeting in Sacramento, calling this area "a community of interest." It asks that "our boundaries should be respected during the redistricting process."

At the same time, the Pleasanton City Council is urging that any redistricting of supervisory districts in Alameda County keep Pleasanton in a single district.

Some supervisors have indicated that they would like to divide the city into two districts with District 1 represented by Supervisor Scott Haggerty to be redistricted to an area south of Pleasanton's Stoneridge Drive, and with District 4, represented by Supervisor Nate Miley, to include the area north of Stoneridge Drive.

The county board of supervisors has established a redistricting ad-hoc committee to oversee the redistricting process. The committee is planning a series of public hearings throughout the county, although none is scheduled in Pleasanton which is the only city being considered for a split-up.

The Tri-Valley region is spread over three neighboring valleys at the eastern end of Alameda County and the southern end of Contra Costa County.

"Despite the fact that we are in two separate counties, our residents identify far more with the Tri-Valley region than either Alameda or Contra Costa counties," the letter signed by representatives of the five cities states.

"In fact, we believe that the Tri-Valley can be considered a model for regional collaboration throughout the state in many traditional and non-traditional ways."

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho, whose council was the last to sign the letter Tuesday night, said the Tri-Valley shares a common identity and spirit among its residents.

The joint letter further states:

"Residents of our five cities depend on the same transportation networks, we have similar demographics and sources of employment, businesses have formed partnerships throughout the area, our children play in the same sports leagues, and local governments collaborate on a multitude of regional projects.

"Some specific examples on how our five jurisdictions formally collaborate include the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, which identifies and funds needed projects to relieve congestions in our region.

"We are all partners in the Tri-Valley Housing and Opportunity Center, which is an agency that jointly manages our five cities' affordable housing programs and services.

"Tri-Valley Community Television is another entity that focuses solely on programming unique to our region.

"Other smaller agencies such as the Dublin San Ramon Services District, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and Zone 7 are entirely within the Tri-Valley.

"Our city councils meet together in joint sessions on issues of regional concern every few months, while our mayors, city managers and staffs meet both formally and informally several times a month to further solidify public partnerships.

The five city councils also pointed out in their letter that much of their communities' cultural and economic lives also revolve around the Tri-Valley.

The Tri-valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding tourism options.

Innovation Tri-Valley is a private sector collaborative of leading businesses firms the five cities.

The Tri-Valley Business Council represents private business interests in the five cities.

The five Tri-Valley cities also are partners in I-Gate, a partnership with the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national laboratories.

"The Tri-Valley has flourished over the years due to our tremendous cooperation," the five city councils stated. "Our region is poised for even great excellence moving forward.

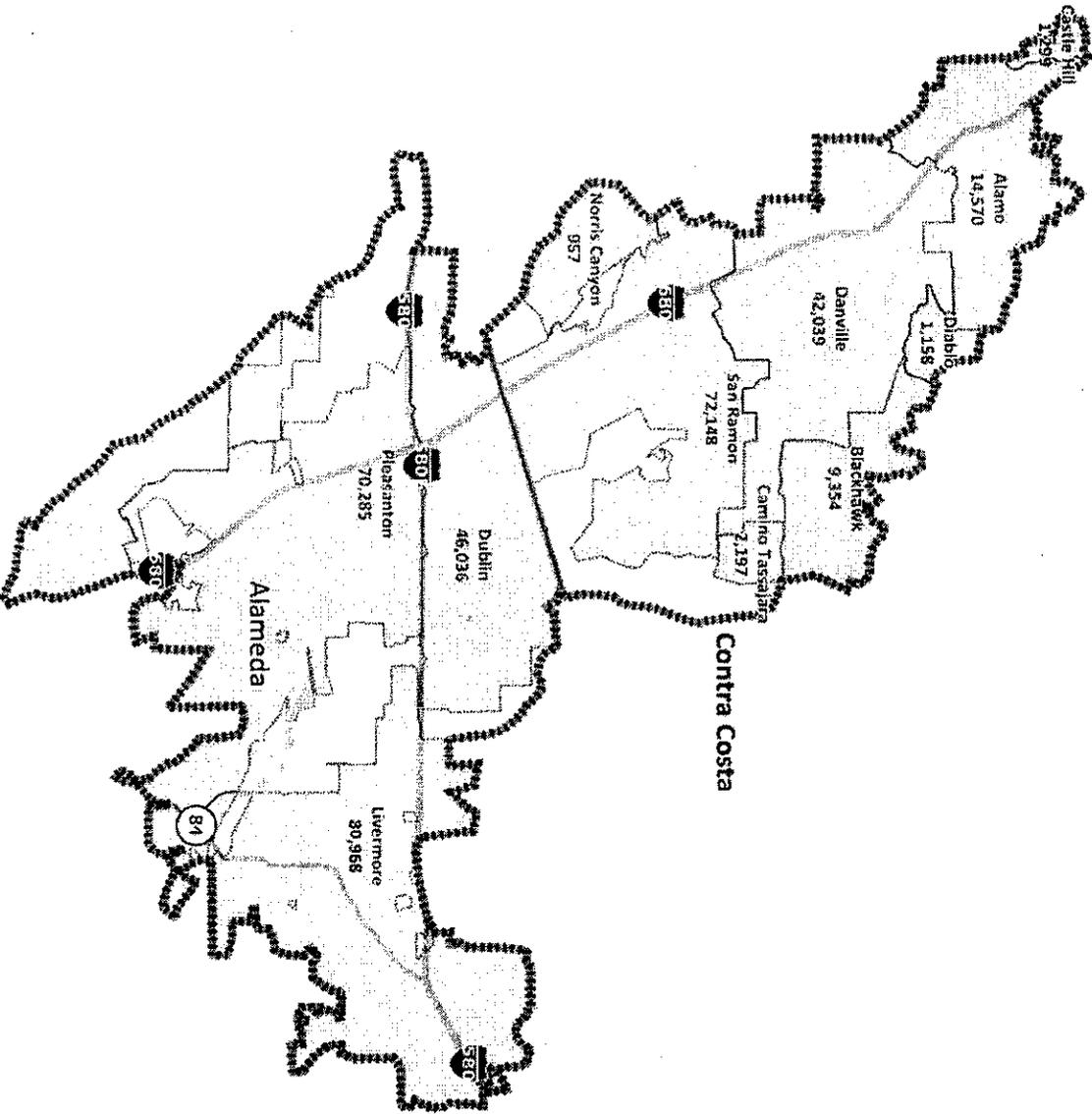
Fialho said the councils want to keep the Tri-Valley in one state Senate district with any newly drawn Legislative districts recognizing the homogenous characteristics of the five cities.

Currently, Pleasanton, for one, is in three state legislative districts, two state Senate districts and two Congressional districts.

Find this article at

http://sanramonexpress.com/news/show_story.php?story_id=3728

Tri-Valley Area



Field	Value
Population	343,132
Black	10,042
% Black	3%
Asian	70,414
% Asian	21%
Hispanic Origin	41,760
% Hispanic Origin	12%
an_High_School_Grad	5%
-E_High_School_Grad	15%
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Redistricting Commission Public Comment

Oakland May 21, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

I am a citizen of Oakland, a retired college professor, the mother of three grown California voters, and author of a book on herd behavior.

I was active in progressive politics some years ago. I lived in a world where hating conservatives was the social glue. We thought progressives were all good and conservatives were all bad, and we fudged the facts to fit.

I'm ashamed at my part in bending the truth to fit a cause. But I'm proud that I've learned to see beyond the progressive orthodoxy that surrounds me. I have learned that human beings need a check on the tendency to see the world through the lens of our social group. That's why I'm here to ask you to preserve the two-party system.

As much as people feel sure that their own group would save the world if it had all the power, history makes it clear that this never happens. People abuse power when they have it and they end up hurting those they purport to help. When one group has too much power, they promise a worker's paradise but create a paradise for themselves.

If we want to solve problems we have to be open to the facts of each situation, whether they fit our preconceptions or not. The two-party system ensures that more than one side of each story is told.

Partisanship results from the real human need to belong to something. But we fail to solve problems when we sift the facts through partisan filters. Please leave our children a political system that aims to solve problems instead of just scoring goals for the team.

Thank you for your consideration.

Loretta Breuning

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Haleb

我是S.F日落区的居民，而日落区和S.F其他区域比较起来，日落区^{不同的}变数是单独且一般一向^为单一业主或最多租给一种客住，而在其他区域如^如德隆区、金融区变数是相文和大度。通常一业主可能会有多个租客以至几十个租客。所以三藩市以前所订下的法律租例日落区不能听^从其他区域的。这些租务法律基本是对租客有利而对业主不利。这^也开^了一些^做租客利用S.F租务法例的漏洞，向小业主诈骗勒索的可途之径。

去年租务与我也租客，他利用各种手段恐吓^{打劫}我家底，以致於使我损失超过五万元。精神上遭受极大的困扰。所以我希望将日落区列入三藩市已，令我^的日落区上^有机会^是表^我我们的心声。可以得^到公平^的待遇。

Redistricting: Fold Sunset District Back to San Francisco

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To: California Citizen Redistricting Committee
From: Josephine Zhao, Sunset District, San Francisco, CA (San Francisco County)

I currently reside in the **San Francisco Sunset district**, at the border of Congressional District 8, represented by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and Congressional District 12, represented by Congresswoman Jackie Speier. It is very strange that on one side of the street, we belong to the San Francisco congressional district, while on the other side, we go to San Mateo's. Even more strange, is these area though belong to different Congresswomen, belong to the same City Supervisor Carmen Chu, and the same Sate Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, and the same State Senator Leland Yee. This districting makes no sense whatsoever. It is time to change it.

This weird districting breaks up the coherent neighborhoods. We share the common restaurants and eateries, common schools, common parks, common utilities companies, common public transits system, even the common complaints of bad cell phone receptions! There is no way to tell that just merely across the street, they are under the management of totally different Congressional districts.

The worse part is, this insensible arrangement breaks down the chain of command on the Congressional level. While the chain of command is the same in the local, city and State levels, it changed hand on the Congressional level. This breakdown bring strange and unfair effects to me, my families, my neighbors, my community and residents across town. Our neighborhood has to endure rules, regulations and laws passed by the other areas of the City, because we function as a whole. But when there is unjust, we can't effectively complain all the way to our House of Representatives. Rep. Nancy Pelosi is not responsible for us, while Jackie Speier can't do much about it. This is unfair!

Most of the **Sunset District** residents are Chinese immigrants, who share the same background as the Chinese immigrant residents at Chinatown, Richmond, Silver Terrace and other parts of San Francisco. But WHY are we treated differently? We should be under the great leadership of Nancy Pelosi. We feel being left out and unfavored. This is just like a dysfunctional divorced family, two children are under different parents' custodies. One sibling keep bullying the other sibling, but the parents can't do anything about it. Please fold Sunset into San Francisco, to make this big family a healthy family, and be fair to all children within the family!

What would I like to see the Commission achieve?

I would like to see the Commission fold the Sunset District back into San Francisco Congressional District, by follow the mandates of the law that created it: Districts that are of equal population (within 1%), continuous so that all parts are connected to each other, respectful of boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, are geographically compact (having a fairly regular shape), and complies with the Voters Rights Act. Finally, each district should also not be drawn to favor or discriminate against the Chinese immigrant minority in order to favor some the white ethnic groups.

What bonds your community – what do you see as the common links in your community?

Chinese immigrants are bound by our common culture background, food interests, living habits, and common believes and values. It makes no sense to separate Sunset district away from the rest of San Francisco, where Chinese immigrant is ¼ of total population. By making this uneven, handgun like cut, it violates our voters right to be united.

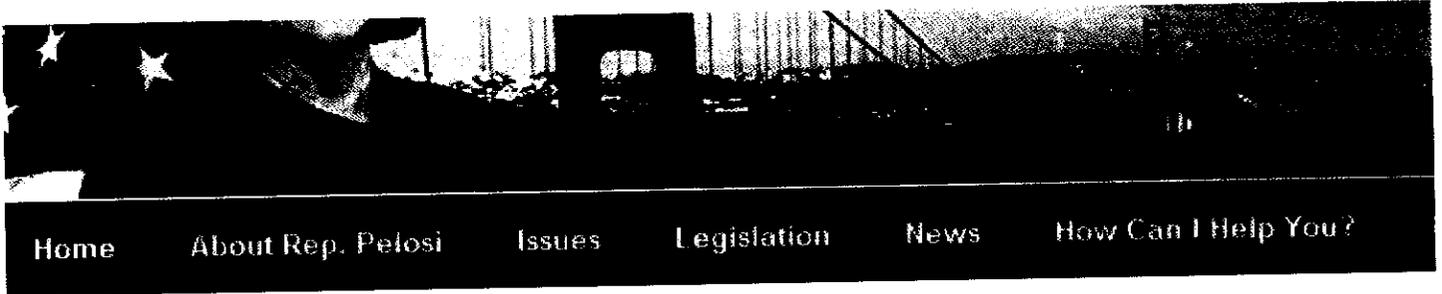
Where is your community located – what are the boundaries of your community?

San Francisco is my community. It is only 7 miles by 7 miles, and lots of Chinese culture.

Why should the community be kept together – or separate from another area?

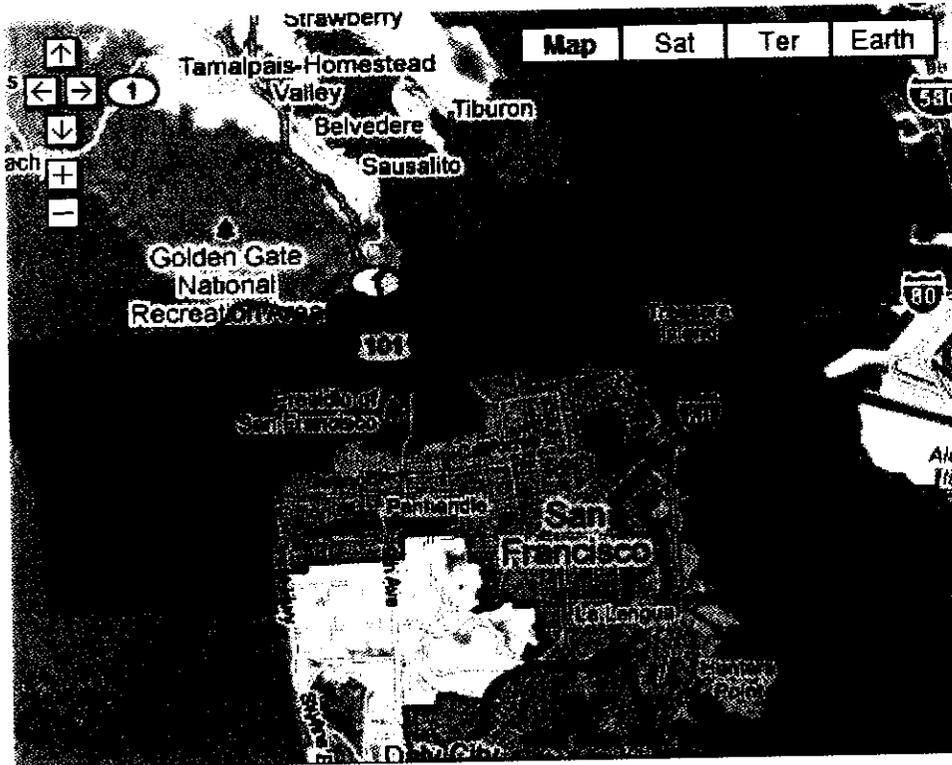
It is wrong to separate the Sunset district from the rest of the city in a gun-shaped map. Sunset should be part of San Francisco, not be part of San Mateo county. We don't shop garlic bread at San Mateo, we shop chicken feet at Chinatown! Breaking the minority ties away violates Voters Right Act. It is unfair, unjustified and discriminating! Just keep Sunset back in the city, and take Treasure Island away, make a straight line cut on the bottom across the whole San Francisco city along Daly City, that is fair! Be fair to the minorities, we are the backbone of San Francisco.

The Gun-Shape Map of D8



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Judy Link

From: Judy Link [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2011 8:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re-districting

Hello

I am a Diablo resident and have lived in the Tri Valley area for over 30 years. I am a member of the Tri Valley Coalition that supports keeping Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Dublin and Pleasanton together as a unit in the re-districting process. This area and its citizens work well together and are dependent on each other for business and future growth opportunities. The mayors and councils work together on issues and concerns for the greater good of the area.

It would not be good to separate the entity as it is. Business opportunities for all of the communities and the people they serve could be effected.

I hope you will consider that this Tri Valley area is more than just separate towns but a community together working for improvements and addressing issues .

Thank you for your consideration.

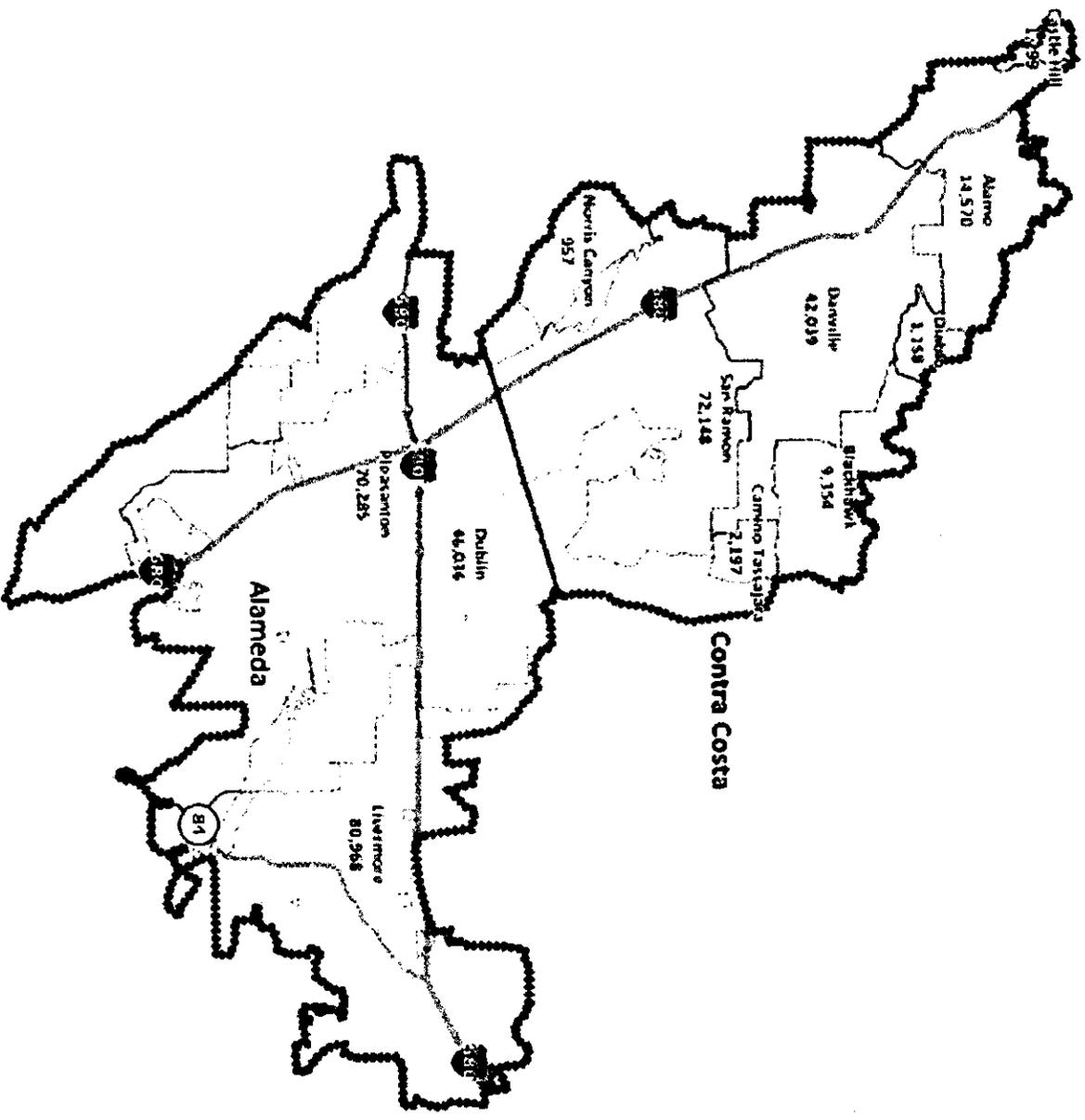
Judy Link

[REDACTED]
Diablo, Ca 04529

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Tri-Valley Area

Field	Value
Population	243,132
Black	18,042
% Black	7%
Asian	79,414
% Asian	21%
Hispanic Origin	41,768
% Hispanic Origin	17%
hs_High_School_Grad	5%
col_High_School_Grad	15%
p10_F_Econo_College	28%
sp10_E_College_Grad	33%
pr_Professional_Degree	19%



Tri-Valley Coalition Petition Form

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of the Tri-Valley cities of Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and surrounding areas, I ask that the Citizens Redistricting Commission respect the boundaries of the Tri-Valley by keeping our community of interest whole in districts at the State and Federal level. To have enough population to make new districts, our community should be joined with similar towns, such as Walnut Creek and Lamorinda, by going further north into the valley along the main transportation route of Highway 680.

Please see the attached map for the boundaries of the Tri-Valley and thank you for your time and dedication in listening to our voice as a community.

Date 5-20-11

Name Signature Address E-mail or Phone

1) Judith E. Link Judith E. Link [Redacted] [Redacted]

2) Lori Garcia [Redacted] [Redacted]

3) Loch Christensen [Redacted] [Redacted]

4) Susan Elder Susan Elder [Redacted] [Redacted]

5) Eric Elder Eric Elder [Redacted] [Redacted]

6) David Whippy [Redacted] [Redacted]

7) Alan Whippy [Redacted] [Redacted]

JAMES DOWNEY [Redacted] [Redacted]

Karen Beck [Redacted] [Redacted]

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Good afternoon everyone and thank you for allowing us to speak to you today. My name is Saleacia Taylor and I am a current resident of Hayward and have lived there for the past 13 years. I have lived in the Congressional District 13 for a total 22 years. I'm am here today to recommend that you to keep the cities of Hayward, Fremont, Union City and Newark together in CD13. These cities have similar socioeconomic demographics and share similar needs with regards to our schools, economic development, and social services. If Hayward were to be separated from CD13 and put into a district with Pleasanton, Livermore or Dublin; I feel that the needs of people of Hayward would be overshadowed. The three cities I mentioned are made up of a more affluent population with very different needs. The median income level in Hayward is around \$61,000 dollars with about 11% of the population living below the poverty level. The city of Hayward has made redevelopment a priority and is also taking steps to reduce gang activity, improving our schools and increasing economic growth. It is critical that Hayward remain in a district where these changes are supported and not overlooked.

Thank you.

Saleacia Taylor

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Reference:

US Census Bureau fact sheet for Hayward, CA 2005-2009 retrieved from [http://census.gov/hhes/www/...](#)

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Dear Commissioners

████████████████████ May 21st, 2011

First I would like to thank you all for providing this opportunity to give our input on how our congressional district should look like. I'm Susan Johnson and I'm a long time resident of Fremont. I humbly recommend that Fremont, Union City, Newark, Hayward and Milpitas are kept together for the following reasons.

Our district is a very diverse community comprised of Hispanics, African Americans, Caucasians, Asians and Pacific Islanders. People of various faiths live here in perfect harmony and their places of worship are located in our cities. We have a Hindu temple, Buddhist temple, Mosque, Churches, and a Synagogue. We share Socio economic similarities because most of us are working class families employed by the local high tech companies and manufacturing companies such as Solyndra, Tesla, Sigmatron etc. Our kids who attend community colleges at Fremont and Hayward feed into California State University East Bay, Hayward. These five cities are also geographically contiguous and meet the population requirement. Please do not combine us with Pleasanton, Livermore or Dublin since it is neither geographically contiguous nor share similar interests. The mountains and a freeway divide our community from those three cities. They are affluent cities mainly comprised of Caucasians without any significant representation of minorities. Their challenges and needs are completely different from ours.

There were two independent efforts to draw the lines. One was the 1990 court ordered hearings that put Fremont, Hayward, Newark, Union City and Milpitas together. A recent study by Columbia University which was nonpartisan came out with the exact same map. They considered all the population and voting rights considerations. We are submitting this Columbia university map to the commission. It is the only map that perfectly captures for our area the diversity and economic interest.

We strongly recommend that the commission adopt the map proposed by Columbia University for the Fremont Milpitas area.

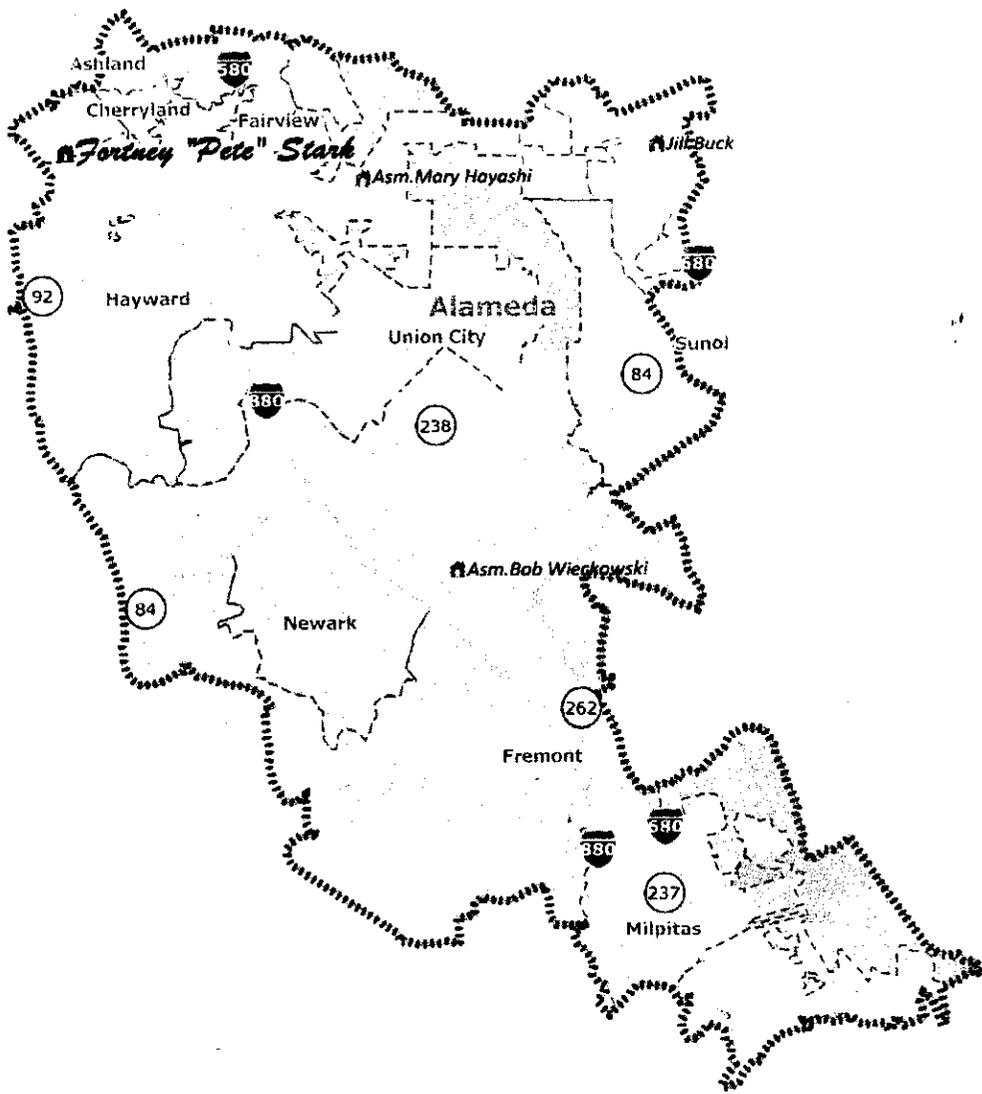
Sincerely,

Susan Johnson #44



Columbia Law Plan: CD 14

Field	Value
District	14
Population	702,905
Deviation	0
% Deviation	0%
Hispanic Origin	177,889
% Hispanic Origin	25%
B_LAT_CVAP	70,662
% B_LAT_CVAP	18%
Black	45,574
% Black	6%
Black_CVAP	28,848
% Black_CVAP	7%
Asian	275,630
% Asian	39%
Asian_CVAP	132,969
% Asian_CVAP	33%



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May 21, 2011

TO: California Redistricting Commission
RE: Tri-Valley Area of the East Bay
FROM: Nicky Neau

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2011 redistricting of California.

I am a 32-year resident of Livermore in the Tri-Valley Area, East of the San Francisco Bay Area. I have consulted with my neighbors who agree with the following testimony.

Livermore has been Gerrymandered into Congressional District 10 while being surrounded by CD11. This has, in my mind, segregated the residents of Livermore from their representative, John Garamendi. The Shape of CD10 reaching into CD11 area shows the extremes that have been used to attempt to make districts secure politically without consideration of constituents.

I truly believe that keeping the cities of the Tri-Valley together constitutes the best interest of the population. These cities, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville are surrounded by the geography of the hills that make up the valley topography. **Please see the file named "Tri-Valley Area Map1.**

The transportation corridors of I-580 and I-680 connect these cities together. Businesses consider this geographical area as their marketing targets. The redevelopment of Livermore's downtown has attracted its neighbors to the west rather than to the east since it sits at the base of the Altamont Pass.

The two junior colleges, Las Positas and Diablo Valley, primarily attract students from this area. The Tri-Valley Coalition is a group that is advocating for our community of interest to stay together in the new redistricting lines. I believe this is important because of the many links between the Tri-Valley cities including our shared regional priorities, transportation interests, civic and business groups.

I am presenting a tract for this area that was created by the Columbia School of Law Redistricting Project that reflects almost exactly the area that constitutes this community of Interest. Yesterday I went to the Berkeley Law Resource Center to build a Congressional District. Unfortunately I did not receive the file in time. Fortunately, I found this on the Internet. This plan represents the ideal area that I have been visualizing. **Please see the file named "Columbia-District-11 (1).pdf**

Please see the attached map for the boundaries of the Tri-Valley and thank you for your time and dedication in listening to our voice as a community.

Sincerely,

Nicky Neau

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Livermore, CA

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Field	Value
District	11
Population	702,905
Deviation	0
% Deviation	0%
Hispanic Origin	140,979
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R_LAT_CVAP	54,201
% B_LAT_CVAP	13%
Black	47,831
% Black	7%
Black_CVAP	28,017
% Black_CVAP	7%
Asian	106,659
% Asian	15%
Asian_CVAP	48,954
% Asian_CVAP	11%

