

Region VII, VIII Wrap-Up

Executive Summary delivered on May 27, 2011

The following is a summary of the major points that have been raised through public testimony about Regions VII & VIII. It is not an exhaustive list of every public comment; those are available in a MS Access Database. Also, there are no recommendations in this document. It is merely a summary of what was communicated and proposed by the public and technical notes on the populations of some of those proposals.

Santa Rosa: May 20, 2011

* *69 Input Hearing public speakers*

Oakland May 21, 2011

* *81 Input Hearing public speakers*

Salinas: May 22, 2011

* *54 Input Hearing public speakers*

San Jose: May 23, 2011

* *74 Input Hearing public speakers*

278 total speakers at public input hearings held in these five locations (note that some individuals spoke at multiple meetings and are therefore counted at least 2-4 times in this total)

12 of the speakers indicated that they currently live outside Regions VII or VIII (in Mendocino, Humboldt, Lake, Ventura, Kern and Los Angeles Counties); 9 spoke about how districts in Regions VII & VIII might affect them, and 3 spoke about their region unrelated to Regions VII and VIII. The wrap-ups for Regions I-VI and IX will be updated with information from these hearings, just as they are being updated with written comments submitted to the commission.

Publicly Submitted Written Comments on Region VII: 61 (note: this is not 61 additional individuals because some of the hearing speakers also submitted written comments)

Publicly Submitted Written Comments on Region VIII: 121 (note: this is not 121 additional individuals because some of the hearing speakers also submitted written comments)

Note: The numbers above reflect public comments received by the CRC office through close of business on May 22, 2011. We are in the process of receiving the huge volume of comments that arrived on May 23 and then determining how many more came from these two regions. We are also in the process of entering the comments into our database and incorporating them into this document.

There was one additional hearing since the last report which was located in Region IX: Auburn, CA on May 19, 2011. In addition there was testimony on Region IX during the Santa Rosa hearing. These updates will be incorporated into the Region IX summary.

Region VIII: Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo Counties

1. Marin County should not be with San Francisco or the East Bay, but rather with Sonoma County.
(stated in Santa Rosa by: 18 speakers who live in Marin and 8 speakers who live in Sonoma)
 - Detail: Many Marin residents would like Marin County to be in a district with Sonoma County and include Santa Rosa if possible; a Sonoma resident offers that perhaps from Bodega Bay north on the Sonoma coast could be cut out and go with a coastal district.
2. Keep Sonoma County whole.
(8 speakers in Santa Rosa)
 - Detail: Some Sonoma County residents want to be with other wine areas, such as parts or all of the north and east counties of Napa, Mendocino, Lake Counties, and NOT with Solano County. Some people from Sonoma County want to be with Marin County.
3. Napa County wants to be with other premium wine growing counties.
(7 speakers in Santa Rosa)
 - Detail: Napa County wants to be with parts or all of Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma Counties, also with Yolo County, but not with Solano County
4. Keep San Francisco whole.
(3 speakers in Oakland)
 - Detail: Keep San Francisco whole in districts especially so that the Sunset district is no longer separate from Chinatown, which has been difficult for the Chinese community; also Chinatown in the same district with Visitacion Valley, Excelsior, and Bayview would unite the city's API community.
5. Keep Oakland whole and with Alameda, Berkeley (and one speaker added Emeryville).
(6 speakers in Oakland)
6. Use Berkeley, Oakland Hills (and county line) as natural boundary.
(9 speakers in Oakland)
 - Detail: Don't put Berkeley/Oakland with Lamorinda (Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda)
7. Lamorinda cities (Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda) do not want to be with towns across hills and across county line with Alameda.
(7 speakers in Oakland)
 - Detail: One speaker from Lamorinda said specifically to not to be put in a district with San Ramon, Danville, another speaker from Lamorinda said to run district down to Pleasanton and cross the county line there, but other Contra Costa County residents would put Lamorinda with San Ramon, Danville.
8. Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Newark should be together.
(5 speakers in Oakland)
 - Detail: These four cities should be together and possibly also Milpitas, and not with the more affluent Alameda County towns of Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton.

9. API communities in Region VIII:

(7 speakers in Oakland and 8 speakers in San Jose)

- Detail:
 - a) Union City with Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo (Filipino American community);
 - b) Union City with Hayward and Castro Valley (for Chinese American community) and add cities to the north for more population (San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland);
 - c) Keep Daily City whole for the Filipino population and with South San Francisco, Broadmoor and Colma, also with Sunset and Richmond in San Francisco to unite with other API communities.
 - d) Also keep San Francisco whole (see above), keep Oakland Chinatown whole, and put together Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, Berryessa (see below under Region 7).

10. Keep together the Tri-Valley area.

(5 speakers in Oakland, 1 speaker in San Jose)

- Detail: Tri-Valley area is the cities of Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton in Alameda County, and San Ramon, Danville in Contra Costa County.

11. Keep together the San Ramon Valley area.

(5 speakers in Oakland)

- Detail: Definitions of San Ramon Valley differed but it generally included San Ramon and overlapped somewhat with the Tri-Valley area

Region VIII Technical Notes

COI	POP	%LATCVAP	%BLKCVAP	%ASNCVAP	AD	SD	CD
Marin + Sonoma Counties	736,287	9.01%	2.24%	4.34%	270,613	-195,062	33,382
Marin + Petaluma, Penngrove, Cotati, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Roseland, Santa Rosa (Sonoma)	555,317	8.82%	2.75%	5.04%	89,643	-376,032	-147,588
Marin + Petaluma, Penngrove, Cotati, Rohnert Park (Sonoma)	364,664	7.70%	2.75%	5.48%	-101,010	-566,685	-338,241
Marin + Sonoma Counties - coastal areas	733,403	9.03%	2.25%	4.35%	267,729	-197,946	30,498
Sonoma County whole	483,878	10.46%	1.72%	3.73%	18,204	-447,471	-219,027
Sonoma + Napa, Mendocino + Lake Counties	772,868	10.95%	1.73%	3.53%	307,194	-158,481	69,963
Sonoma + Napa + Mendocino + Lake + Yolo Counties	973,717	12.76%	1.93%	5.15%	508,043	42,368	270,812
San Francisco County whole	805,235	10.09%	7.24%	29.17%	339,561	-126,114	102,330
Oakland whole, Piedmont (Alameda)	401,391	10.80%	34.25%	15.66%	-64,283	-529,958	-301,514
Oakland, Piedmont, Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville (Alameda)	597,863	10.06%	25.48%	17.50%	132,189	-333,486	-105,042
Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda (Contra Costa)	57,552	4.13%	1.24%	10.47%	-408,122	-873,797	-645,353
Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek, Acalanes Ridge, San Miguel, Castle Hill, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon (Contra Costa)	262,689	5.18%	1.48%	12.31%	-202,985	-668,660	-440,216
Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek, Acalanes Ridge, San Miguel, Castle Hill, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton (Alameda and Contra Costa)	379,102	6.32%	2.73%	13.24%	-86,572	-552,247	-323,803
Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Newark (Alameda)	470,551	18.31%	7.65%	34.13%	4,877	-460,798	-232,354

Region VIII Technical Notes continued:

COI	POP	%LATCVAP	%BLKCVAP	%ASNCVAP	AD	SD	CD
Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Newark, Milpitas (Alameda and Santa Clara)	537,378	17.77%	7.18%	36.53%	71,704	-393,971	-165,527
Hayward, Union City, San Leandro, San Lorenzo (Alameda)	326,106	20.80%	12.27%	29.47%	-139,568	-605,243	-376,799
Hayward, Union City, Castro Valley (Alameda)	275,277	20.36%	10.39%	28.12%	-190,397	-656,072	-427,628
Hayward, Union City, Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland (Alameda)	424,147	19.83%	11.52%	26.44%	-41,527	-507,202	-278,758
Daly City whole and Broadmoor (San Mateo)	105,886	18.82%	4.18%	52.70%	-359,788	-825,463	-597,019
Daly City, Broadmoor, Colma (San Mateo)	108,160	18.93%	4.20%	52.49%	-357,514	-823,189	-594,745
Oakland Chinatown whole (Alameda)	2,024	1.01%	2.02%	90.22%	-463,650	-929,325	-700,881
Berryessa Neighborhood (San Jose in Santa Clara)	84,200	14.05%	3.98%	58.23%	-381,474	-847,149	-618,705
Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, Berryessa (San Jose)	406,505	14.22%	3.91%	43.71%	-59,169	-524,844	-296,400
Fremont + Milpitas + Berryessa (San Jose County)	363,932	12.99%	3.81%	45.92%	-101,742	-567,417	-338,973
Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton (Alameda)	197,761	10.29%	4.07%	12.57%	-267,913	-733,588	-505,144
Tri-Valley Area: Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Danville (Alameda and Contra Costa)	311,995	9.09%	3.31%	14.06%	-153,679	-619,354	-390,910
San Ramon Valley: Walnut Creek, Shell Ridge, San Miguel, Castle Hill, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Dublin (Contra Costa)	244,834	6.42%	3.26%	13.72%	-220,840	-686,515	-458,071

Region VII: Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties

1. Some Monterey residents want to be in a district with San Luis Obispo County and part of Santa Barbara County, and NOT with Santa Cruz County.
(16 speakers in Salinas)
2. Combine Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties (the AMBAG¹ area), say some residents from all three counties; some residents of Monterey also asked to NOT be with San Luis Obispo County.
(19 speakers in Salinas)
 - Detail: At least 4 of these speakers specifically emphasized that the Latino population needs representation, and that not combining these three counties would dilute Latino voting strength.
3. South Santa Clara County residents request that Morgan Hill, Gilroy and San Martin be together.
(5 speakers in Salinas, 2 speakers in San Jose)
 - Detail: Morgan Hill is all cut up and that's not good.
4. Silicon Valley is a Community of Interest.
(7 speakers in San Jose)
 - Detail: Definitions of Silicon Valley varied but included some combination of North Santa Clara County, and bordering parts of San Mateo and/or Alameda Counties.
5. Recognize the API community of interest that extends from Fremont in Alameda County to the Berryessa neighborhood of San Jose.
(1 speaker in Oakland, 6 speakers in San Jose)
6. Draw fair districts, based on geographic barriers and not based on race, ethnicity or income.
(22 speakers in Santa Rosa, Oakland, Salinas, and San Jose)

¹ AMBAG is the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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COI	POP	%LATCVAP	%BLKCVAP	%ASNCVAP	AD	CD	SD
Monterey + SLO Counties + Santa Maria (Santa Barbara County)	784,391	23.68%	3.57%	5.52%	318,717	-146,958	81,486
Monterey + SLO Counties + Santa Maria, Orcutt, Guadalupe, Garey, Siquoc, Vandenberg AFB, Vandenberg Village (North Santa Barbara County)	837,555	23.40%	3.45%	5.40%	371,881	-93,794	134,650
Monterey + Santa Cruz + San Benito Counties	732,708	25.33%	3.19%	5.86%	267,034	-198,641	29,803
Morgan Hill + Gilroy + San Martin	96,162	34.76%	1.81%	8.04%	-369,512	-835,187	-606,743
Monterey + Santa Cruz + San Benito Counties + Morgan Hill + Gilroy + San Martin	832,043	26.38%	3.02%	6.17%	366,369	-99,306	129,138
Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Saratoga, Campbell	458,944	14.72%	42.79%	2.08%	-6,730	-472,405	-243,961
Fremont + Milpitas + Berryessa (San Jose County)	363,932	12.99%	3.81%	45.92%	-101,742	-567,417	-338,973