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Message Body:

The job of this council is critical to California. The corporations have fled Calif as indicated in the change in tax revenue from mainly corporations during Gov Brown's first term to individuals during this term. California needs to have a balance in the legislature. Now only one viewpoint is heard. It was not long ago that due to water restrictions unemployment in the valley rose to 40%. California needs a balanced path for its citizens. This council can do this by making districts competitive amongst competing interest groups; not safe elections for one group. I know this is difficult, but whether in the state legislature or the Congress we need this and here is why; I had a student with 1.9 GPA in her science and math major at a UC school; I took AP; I got top grades; I thought I would be fine at UC, but I am not; only 8% of students graduate from my high school; during high school chemistry we colored the atom the entire year. Please do not take sides; please make California stand for excellence and that does not mean just taxing its citizens. California is no longer balanced; it is run by special interests who put their own desires above those of a state as whole. Although each may think their viewpoint is the best for the state, shared sacrifice is best from the lowest to the highest; everyone should contribute; Calif should lead the melting pot theory, not the isolationist view of each ethnic group; labor unions need to sacrifice, the poor need to know what poverty is, so they wish to rise above it, environmental groups need to think of a California with people not one just conservation areas and other restrictions on urban life, the second and third generations who have achieved something should have the right to build something for their descendents. Business left long ago, and people who earn money now leave California, because it has become unfair. Only your council can restore balance, by !

constructing districts that do not favor any group, party or interest.

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