

**Subject:** Public Comment: City of Sunnyvale not be split up

**From:** Thomas Wang <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 05:14:06 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Thomas Wang <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Sunnyvale not be split up

Message Body:

I am writing to the Redistricting Commission that the City of Sunnyvale should not be split up between two districts. It would be important for the City of Sunnyvale to be able to speak up with a unified voice on matters impacting them.

Thomas Wang

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Santa Clara County Congressional Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 16:40:39 -0700 (GMT-07:00)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please do not place all of the Berryessa Union Elementary School District and all of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District in the same congressional district.

Some may suggest placing all of the Berryessa Union Elementary School District (Berryessa School District) and all of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (Alum Rock School District) in one congressional district. The respectively populations of the two school districts share some similarities and have some differences.

The Berryessa School District and the Alum Rock School District provide instruction for students of San Jose and unincorporated areas. The two school districts are part of the East Side Union High School District's territory.

The majority of residents of the Berryessa School District and the majority of residents of the Alum Rock School District are people of color. The foreign born are somewhat under half of both school districts' populations. In both school districts most of the age five years and older population speak a language other than English at home. In the two school districts the majority of the twenty-five years and older population have not completed a bachelor's degree.

While the residents of the Berryessa School District and the Alum Rock School District share some similarities, there are some important differences. While most of the twenty-five years and older populations of the two school districts have not attained the baccalaureate, the percentage of Berryessa School District residents age twenty-five years and older who have attained a bachelor's or higher degree is higher than the state average. The percentage of Alum Rock School District residents age twenty-five years and older who have attained the bachelor's degree is lower than the state average. The percentage of Berryessa School District residents age twenty-five years and older who have attained the bachelor's or higher degree is more than twice the percentage of Alum Rock School District residents age twenty-five years and older who have attained the bachelor's degree.

Even though a fairly similar percentage of residents of the Berryessa School District and the Alum Rock School District are foreign born, there are some differences in terms of birth place location. Most of the foreign born residents of the Berryessa School District were born in Asia. Most of the foreign born residents of the Alum Rock School District were born in Latin America.

In the Berryessa School District and the Alum Rock School District most of the age five years and older population speak a language other than English at home. About ten percent of Berryessa School District's five and older population speaks Spanish at home; nearly half of Alum Rock School District's five and older population speaks Spanish at home.

Most or all of the Berryessa School District area should be in a congressional district which includes all of Milpitas.

The Berryessa School District is composed of areas of San Jose, unincorporated areas, and a very small portion of Milpitas. Thus, it could be said that the Berryessa School District is not only a San Jose area school district but also a Milpitas school district.

Milpitas and the Berryessa School District share similar demographic characteristics (a very small part of Milpitas is actually in the Berryessa School District). For Milpitas and the Berryessa School District among their twenty-five and older populations 38% and 37.6%, respectively, have completed a bachelor's or higher degree. The foreign born are 48.9% and 47.4%, respectively, of the total populations of Milpitas and the Berryessa School District. The born in Asia are 86.6% and 85.6%, respectively, of the foreign born populations of Milpitas and the Berryessa School District. The born in Latin America are 9.6% and 9%, respectively, of the foreign born populations of Milpitas and the Berryessa School District.

For Milpitas and the Berryessa School District among their five and older populations 62% and 63.8%, respectively, speak a language other than English at home. 9.2% and 9.8%, respectively, of Milpitas and Berryessa residents five and older speak Spanish at home. The median age of Milpitas residents is 35.1; the median age of Berryessa School District residents is 36.8.

Both Milpitas and the Berryessa School District have an Asian majority.

While Milpitas and the Berryessa School District (or most of the Berryessa School District) should be in the same congressional district, more areas would need to be part of the congressional district. What areas should be part of this congressional district?

#### Milpitas

##### Census Tracts

5043.18  
5043.22  
5043.11  
5043.23  
5043.16  
5043.17  
5043.19  
5037.08  
5037.09

5044.10  
5043.20  
5043.21

5044.11  
5043.15  
5043.14  
5043.07  
5038.03  
5038.04

5044.17  
5043.08

5038.02 (partial or complete)

5050.06  
5050.08  
5050.09  
5046.02

#### Sunnyvale

Cupertino

Census Tracts

5079.03

5079.04

5079.05

5079.06

5062.03 (possibly)

5062.04 (possibly)

The above areas do not have sufficient population for a congressional district. What other areas should be added to the above areas?

Fremont (mostly; Newark would not be in the district)

Union City

Although it is not my preference, Mountain View, Santa Clara and the census tracts (or most of the census tracts) listed below could be added instead of Fremont and Union City.

5042.01

5042.02

5033.12

5035.09 block group three

5035.11 block group one

5033.22

5033.23

5033.24

5033.25

5033.26

5033.13

5033.21

5033.15

5033.36

5033.37

5033.27

5033.29

5033.30

5033.33

Possibly Add

5033.31

5033.32

5033.34

5120.01

5033.05

5033.04

5032.11

5032.12

5032.13

5032.10

5032.07

I ask that parts of San Jose (although none or only a few of the census tracts listed above), including portions of the Alum Rock School District, be joined with Gilroy, San Benito County, Amesti CDP, Freedom CDP, Interlaken CDP, Watsonville, Pajaro CDP, Las Lomas CDP, Castroville CDP, Boronda CDP, Salinas, Chualar CDP, Gonzales, Soledad,

Greenfield, and King City in one congressional district. A congressional district with the above communities could have a 65% Latino population.

Although Assembly District 28 could have had different boundaries, the district currently goes from the Alameda County/Santa Clara County boundary to the Monterey County/San Luis Obispo County line. Some of the communities which are fully or partially in Assembly District 28 are San Jose, Gilroy, San Benito County, Amesti CDP, Freedom CDP, Interlaken CDP, Watsonville, Pajaro CDP, Boronda CDP, Salinas, Chualar CDP, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City. Thus, Assembly District 28 shows that a political district can stretch from San Jose to Salinas and beyond.

It is possible to have both a majority Asian congressional district which includes Milpitas and the Berryessa School District (a majority Asian congressional district might or might not be possible if Mountain View and Santa Clara are part of the district) and a 65% Latino congressional district which includes all of San Benito County and parts of Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County, and Monterey County.

If I were recommending state assembly or state senate district boundaries, my recommendations regarding which communities to place in the respective district (state assembly or state senate) could be different.

The source for the educational attainment, foreign born, language, and median age data is the 2005-2009 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Presented by J. Nakamura

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Kenneth Carlson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 14:18:44 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hello Commissioners:

My name is Ken Carlson. I have lived in Morgan Hill for 29 years. I'm a concerned citizen and small business owner. I live in Congressional District #11, State Senate District #15, and State Assembly District #27.

I writing this because I voted for the propositions that eliminate politicians from drawing district lines, more often than not to assure their own re-election. I'm hoping that a bipartisan commission will instead do a fair and equitable job. Our region, South Santa Clara County, is "semi-rural" meaning we still have a lot of agriculture and open space but many residents still commute into Silicon Valley for employment. Our district lines should reflect our residents with their needs and lifestyle.

Our Congressional District #11 sprawls from the Central Valley (Tracy) to the East Bay (Danville and Pleasanton) to South Santa Clara County (part of Morgan Hill); I say "part" because the other side of town is in another Congressional District. In fact, when I write to my Congressman, I have to give the extra four digits of my zip code to prove that I'm in his district. My State Senate District #15 is also goofy as it extends along the coast from San Louis Obispo to San Jose. I remember in the 80'S and 90"s we also had crazy district lines.

We favor a fair and open process for drawing the district lines, not gerry-mandered lines with a political agenda. We are counting on you to produce these fair and equitable results. We will be watching closely at your work. Please don't make it necessary for lawyers and judges to come in and clean up a mess.

Thank You for Listening,  
Kenneth w. Carlson

May 22, 2011

California Citizen Redistricting Committee  
Sherry P. Quick, CA resident

Citizen Comment on Redistricting Process

I am a resident of Morgan Hill, California, a city in southern Santa Clara County. My representative districts are U.S. House of Representatives No. 16, State Senate 15 and State Assembly 27. I have been a resident of Morgan Hill for twenty five years and am currently employed as a Psychotherapist in Morgan Hill, CA.

Morgan Hill is a middle class bedroom community with a population of approximately 33,000 people. It is a bedroom community to the Silicon Valley. Currently, this small city is represented by three different U.S. Assembly Districts – Jerry McNerney the 11<sup>th</sup>, Michael Honda the 15<sup>th</sup> and Zoe Lofgren the 16<sup>th</sup>. This division of a small city into three separate U. S. House of Representative Districts is an outrage and was obviously done for political purposes to insure the election of one party. A similar story is the division of the State Assembly where our city has two districts located within its boundaries.

I am urging this Committee to be fair in drawing the districts and to keep the City of Morgan Hill under one Congressional District and one State Assembly and Senate District. Morgan Hill needs to be united under one district. I ask that when drawing the districts that you be fair and to include the City of Morgan Hill in one district.

Sincerely,

Sherry Quick  
Morgan Hill Resident

**Subject:** Public Comment: South Santa Clara County Redistricting

**From:** Ann Price <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 16:58:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ann Price <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Santa Clara County Redistricting

Message Body:

My name is Ann Price and I am a native Californian and a resident of Morgan Hill for over 30 years. I have been a small business owner in South County for 25 years. I am very outraged that my small city of Morgan Hill with a population of 38,000 is split into 3 Congressional Districts of CD11, CD15 and CD16. The only reason I can think of for this to have occurred is because of gerrymandering which should never have occurred in the first place. I voted for both Prop 11 & 20 to take the redistricting process out of the hands of the politicians and I am counting on this citizens commission to draw FAIR Lines. I do not want my vote stolen by special interest groups having any influence on this commission. Please do not divide California on the basis of race, ethnic group, language, religion or income. Please make sure all districts are reasonably equal in population within 1%. I want to make sure that the communities of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy are kept as one C!

ongressional District and not split into 2 or 3. These three cities are really one large community that is family oriented and share a significant agricultural component. We have much more in common with each other than with those cities north of us, so please keep us together. I will be watching this commission closely and I am counting on you to draw FAIR LINES. Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Ann Price

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**Subject:** Public Comment: Santa Clara County Redistricting

**From:** Beth Calvert <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 16:47:00 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Beth Calvert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clara County Redistricting

Message Body:

My name is Beth Calvert and I have been a resident of South Santa Clara County for over 30 years. I have lived in both Morgan Hill and Gilroy during this time. My Congressional District is 15, State Senate District 15, and Assembly District 27. My major concern is keeping South Santa Clara County together as one district. Currently we are split into 3 different Congressional Districts of CD11, CD15, and CD16, WHY???? The only reason I can think of is because of Gerrymandering which needs to STOP. I voted for both Prop 11 & 20 because I DO NOT want politicians or Special Interest Groups drawing my district lines. Please do not divide California by race, ethnic group, religion, language or income!! I am counting on this commission to draw FAIR lines! Please keep the districts reasonably equal in population size within 1% not 5% that I have heard you are considering! Please keep the districts as compact as possible and that have a shared community interest. The comm!

unities of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy are family oriented communities in a suburban setting and also have a significant agricultural component evidenced by the huge success of both the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras and The Gilroy Garlic Festival. Please keep our communities together when you draw our Congressional District Lines!

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion and I will be watching very closely how you draw our lines.

Beth Calvert

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