Subject: public comment regarding Pleasanton CA, districts 15, 18 and 20

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Dear commission members,

My name is Sandy Piderit and I reside in Pleasanton CA, a city of approximately 70,000 members located to the east of San Francisco in Alameda County. In the California state assembly, our city has three different representatives, depending on where in the city we live. (Currently districts 15, 18, and 20). This decreases the likelihood that any one assembly member will pay attention to concerns in our city. I know many city residents who are otherwise active voters, but who do not know who their assembly member is.

I would like to see a proposed redistricting that would include all of our city in a single district for the state assembly. This would promote more effective working relationships between our city's elected council members, our school district's elected trustees, and our representative in Sacramento. It would give our representative motivation to consider the needs of our city as a whole when deciding how to vote in Sacramento, and increase our representative's accountability to voters.

There are natural population boundaries around our city -- I 580 to the north, I 680 to the west, unpopulated hills to our south, and a large area to the east of our city that is sparsely populated, between Pleasanton and Livermore.

If it is necessary to include more than one city within the district of our assembly members, Pleasanton has many interests in common with the cities of Dublin and Livermore (known as the tri-valley area).

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