

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: David Miller <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 08:00:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Miller <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Adopt California Conservative Action Group Maps

Message Body:

I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps being submitted by the California Conservative Action Group.

These are the only maps that make fair and logical sense.

Sincerely,
David Miller

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Kathleen Fazakerly <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 09:54:59 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Kathleen Fazakerly. I live in Pleasanton, Alameda County.

I support CCAG maps and strongly disapprove of specific group maps that contain plans to continue to gerrymander and violate the Voting Rights Act For the Greater Bay Area.

Thank you attending to this.

Kathleen Fazakerly

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From: Kris Urdahl <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 04:37:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kris Urdahl <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Drawing Fair Lines

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Kris Urdahl. I attended the redistricting hearings in Oakland. I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps being submitted by the California Conservative Action Group.

I support fair and competitive districts that fully comply with Proposition 11 with district geography criteria of natural geographical boundaries such as mountain ranges, bodies of water, of equal population and that comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act. I want my district lines to maintain district contiguity, and compactness by keeping cities, communities and neighborhoods intact as much as possible.

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Thank you,
Kris Urdahl

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From: Bob Howe <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 02:24:24 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bob Howe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: More Gerrymandered Proposals

Message Body:

Please reject the maps produced by the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF). These are blatant example of the sort of political gerrymandering that should be rejected by the commission. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Bob Howe

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From: Jane Seifert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 00:08:51 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jane Seifert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: GERRYMANDERING THREATENS OUR VOTE

Message Body:

My sister attended one of your meetings and told me the Special Interest Groups were more represented than anyone else. All wanted you to Draw the lines for the Voting Districts to take away a "fair vote" for everyone living in the same area and instead "Gerrymander the District" as they are Gerrymandered today...taking votes away from many in favor of "Special Interests" and the Politicians supported by them.

In looking at the maps, the two that are the worst (as far as Gerrymandering goes) are the "Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting CAPAFR plan and . The California Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan.

One that represent the Tri-Valley area of Pleasanton - Livermore - Dublin best is clearly the California Conservative Action Group's map of this area -- which also represents other areas near here well.

Jane Seifert

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From: kathleen fazakerly <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 22:44:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: kathleen fazakerly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The MALDEF maps are an unacceptable example of political gerrymandering and should absolutely be rejected by the commission!

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From: Hugh Bussell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 22:29:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Hugh Bussell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Tri-Valley map proposals - I support the California Conservative Action Group Bay Area Maps

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Hugh Bussell. I was speaker number three during the commission meeting on Monday May 23rd in San Jose. Since I could not attend the Oakland meeting on Saturday, I spoke about my views on how best to comply with the spirit and letter of Proposition 11 in drawing the districts that will affect the Tri-Valley area.

I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and want our communities kept together. I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps being submitted by the California Conservative Action Group.

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Thank you,
Hugh Bussell


Livermore, CA 94550

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From: June Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 22:10:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: June Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is June Peterson. I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps being submitted by the California Conservative Action Group.

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Thank you,
June Peterson

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From: David Allen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 21:36:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Allen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: MALDEF maps are an outrage

Message Body:

Dear commission,

I am very concerned that hte MALDEF maps are based too much on political gerrymandering and should be rejected.

Please support the CCAG maps. They are impartial and fairly drawn. They make logical sense from a community perspective and all political parties should find them reasonable and impartial.

Sincerely,
David Miller

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From: Pat Ferguson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 21:19:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Pat Ferguson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: GERRYMANDERING STEALS OUR VOTES

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I attended one of your redistricting meetings. The Special Interest Groups were all there asking for special favors. DO YOU REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA WHO VOTED TO HAVE THIS COMMISSION ESTABLISHED -- THE CORRUPPT POLITICIANS AND THE "SPECIAL INTEREST" LOBBYING YOU?

PLEASE VOTE TO KEEP CITIES AND AREAS TOGETHER. I've looked at a map by the CALIFORNIA CONSERVATIVE ACTION GROUP and think it represents my area fairly. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE GERRYMANDERED -- BUT IN GENERAL KEEPS CITIES TOGETHER.

THESE MAP GERRYMANDER MY AREA:

1. The Sierra Club Bay Area Plan (I belonged to that group over 30 years ago) Gerrymanders the area I live in (Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin).
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4. Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting CAPAFR plan. Both puts Fremont with my area - They have nothing in common.
5. The California Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan. Knowing this area well -- This is a MASS OF GERRYMANDERING - A MESS.
6. Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) plan - THE CLEAREST EXAMPLE OF CORRUPT GERRYMANDERING! This is a group said to represent Mexican in California -- They do not! They represent instead a very liberal agenda. I have family members born and raised in Mexico -- I have friends from Mexico -- NONE are represented by this radical group that gets power by "claiming to represent Mexicans".

WE IN THE TRI-VALLEY HAVE NOT HAD A VOICE IN YEARS. THE SHAPE OF THE DISTRICTS YOU ALLOW TO BE DRAWN WILL SHOW IF YOU CAN STAND UP TO THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND GIVE US FAIR DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA -- OR SELL US OUT TO THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS.

GERRYMANDERED DISTRICTS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO FRAUD AND ABUSE.

Pat Ferguson

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From: Dorian Glanville <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:42:29 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dorian Glanville <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting maps.

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to support the Bay Area maps that have been prepared by the California Conservative Action Group and the CC Citizens Redistricting Task Force.

I live in Pleasanton where our city has been outrageously split into three Assembly districts, connecting our Tri-Valley community to inner Bay Area cities over the mountain range that separates us.

Thank You,
Dorian Glanville

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From: "James I. (Jim) Faison" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:40:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: James I. (Jim) Faison <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Voters select representatives-an analogy

Message Body:

Boy Scout leaders learn often to make the organization is 'for the boys', thus the needs of the moms for 'carpooling' or schedules doesn't help the boys/girls. Youth want to group with their friends, not for 'mom's'(political leaders) convenience!! Oakland need not be in 3 separate Assembly Districts (two is OK) and would not be suspect to criticisms of packing, but as it is now, it is 'cracked' for over 10 years!!

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From: Patrick Devine <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 17:42:20 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patrick Devine <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Gerrymandering

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Patrick Devine. I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps being submitted by the California Conservative Action Group.

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 17:26:01 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 14:46:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: G Tavares <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

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Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Gina Tavares; I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps being submitted by the California Conservative Action Group.

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10. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan for Marin. Any AD based in Marin should expand north along Hwy 101, to reach people who work in Marin. It should not be gerrymandered far east to Benicia, which it has nothing in common with.

11. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan which merges North Bay districts with SF districts. We insist that the North Bay districts be kept separate from the SF districts.

12. I reject the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting CAPAFR plan. Specifically but not limited to joining Fremont with The TriValley: the City of Pleasanton.

13. I reject the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) plan for violations of the Voter Rights Act and abusive gerrymandering. So ridiculous that one commissioner spoke out during MALDEF's presentation on 5/26 in Northridge stating "Why so many Gerrymander Fingers?"

Thank you,

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