

Subject: Revised Letter!

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Attached is a revised letter regarding Tri Valley Redistricting. This letter supersedes the previous submission.

May 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Tri-Valley City Councils, we wanted to express our desire that efforts be made to keep our communities together during the process of drawing new legislative districts for the California State Senate and Assembly. We recognize the fact that the Citizens Redistricting Commission has a unique and challenging responsibility, but we believe that the Tri-Valley meets the criteria to be considered a community of interest, and that our boundaries should be respected during the redistricting process.

The Tri-Valley region is spread over three neighboring valleys at the eastern end of Alameda County and the southern end of Contra Costa County, and is comprised of the adjacent cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville. Despite the fact that we are in two separate counties, our residents identify far more with the Tri-Valley region than either Alameda or Contra Costa County. In fact, we believe that the Tri-Valley can be considered a model for regional collaboration throughout the State of California in many traditional and non-traditional ways.

The Tri-Valley shares a common identity and spirit among its residents. Residents of our five cities depend on the same transportation networks, we have similar demographics and sources of employment, businesses have formed partnerships throughout the area, our children play in the same sports leagues, and local governments collaborate on a multitude of regional projects.

Some specific examples on how our five jurisdictions formally collaborate include the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, which identifies and funds needed projects to relieve congestion in our region. We are all partners in the Tri-Valley Housing and Opportunity Center, which is an agency that jointly manages our five cities affordable housing programs and services. Tri-Valley Community Television is another entity that focuses solely on programming unique to our region. Other smaller agencies such as the Dublin San Ramon Services District, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and Zone 7 are entirely within the Tri-Valley. Our five City Councils meet together in joint sessions on issues of regional concern every few months, while our Mayors, City Managers, and staff meet both formally and informally several times a month to further solidify our public partnerships.

Our cultural and economic life also revolves around the Tri-Valley community. For instance, the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding tourism options amongst our five cities. Innovation Tri-Valley is a private sector collaborative of leading businesses from the five cities to promote

economic development. The Tri-Valley Business Council is another entity that represents private business interests in the five cities. Most significantly for our future, the five Tri-Valley cities are partners in I-GATE (Innovation Green Advanced Technology Excellence) with the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Sandia National Lab, other Tri-Valley businesses, non-profits, educational institutions, and government agencies to collaborate on making our area a high-tech innovation hub, attract new businesses, and expand educational opportunities.

The Tri-Valley has flourished over the years due to our tremendous cooperation, and our region is poised for even greater excellence moving forward. However, in order to continue to thrive and achieve our mutual goals, we must be able to continue working together in close collaboration with legislators dedicated to the needs of the Tri-Valley. We appreciate your consideration of our request that the Tri-Valley be considered a community of interest, and we hope that the Commission will make strong efforts to keep us together while drawing California State Senate and Assembly districts.

Sincerely,



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