

Subject: Tri-Valley Community of Interest Testimony**Date:** Saturday, May 21, 2011 12:32 PM**From:** Jerome C. Pandell <[REDACTED]>**To:** <[REDACTED]>**Cc:** "Jerome C. Pandell" <[REDACTED]>**Conversation:** Tri-Valley Community of Interest Testimony

Greetings Honorable Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Jerome and I am a member of the Tri-Valley Coalition. I am a resident of Danville, California, here in the Tri-Valley (or, specifically, the San Ramon Valley). I moved to Danville with my parents from Walnut Creek in 1985, and, with an exception of a 4-year stint in Chicago for college, have been a resident ever since. Essentially, almost my entire life has been spent living and working in the Interstate 680 and Interstate 580 corridor of the East Bay.

I joined the Tri-Valley Coalition because I fully support its advocating for our community of interest to stay together in the new redistricting lines that your commission will be tasked with drawing. I believe this is important because of the many links between the Tri-Valley cities, including our shared regional priorities, transportation interests (expansion of BART as well as urban/suburban growth), civic and business groups and the mere fact that, since coming to the East Bay in 1985, it seems the Tri-Valley cannot go through a redistricting process without becoming passed around like a political hot potato, with Danville represented by no fewer than 5 different members of Congress in the last 25 years.

I do not write this because the Tri-Valley needs a member of any one political party advocating for it in our nation's capital; but the Tri-Valley does represent a community of interest that needs an advocate of its own who knows the area, the people and the issues important to our communities. The Tri-Valley should not be a tail wagging the dog by being latched onto some other congressional district for convenience. The growth and regional uniqueness of the Tri-Valley makes it worthy of being an anchor to a district in its own right. To me, it's unfortunate that the Tri-Valley almost went from 1975 until 2007 without its member of congress being from either Danville, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, or Pleasanton.

In conclusion, I recommend the Tri-Valley cities of Danville, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Pleasanton be kept together in redistricting. To have enough population to make new districts, our community should be joined with similar towns, such as Walnut Creek and "Lamorinda" (Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda), by going further north into the valley along the main transportation route of Interstate 680. As a Danville resident, I

work in Walnut Creek, visit wineries in Livermore, go to the movies in Pleasanton and San Ramon, and often use BART in Dublin. There's no reason why this community of interest should not be contained in a single congressional district.

I separately submitted a map for the boundaries of the Tri-Valley. Thank you for your time and dedication in listening to our voice as a community. I apologize for not being able to attend today's public hearing, as I am away from California on business.

Sincerely,

Jerome C. Pandell, Esq.
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I DID NOT ATTACH THE MAP CONTAINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TRI-VALLEY TO MY ORIGINAL SUBMISSION DUE TO SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. THIS EMAIL CONTAINS BOTH THE BOUNDARY MAP AS WELL AS MY PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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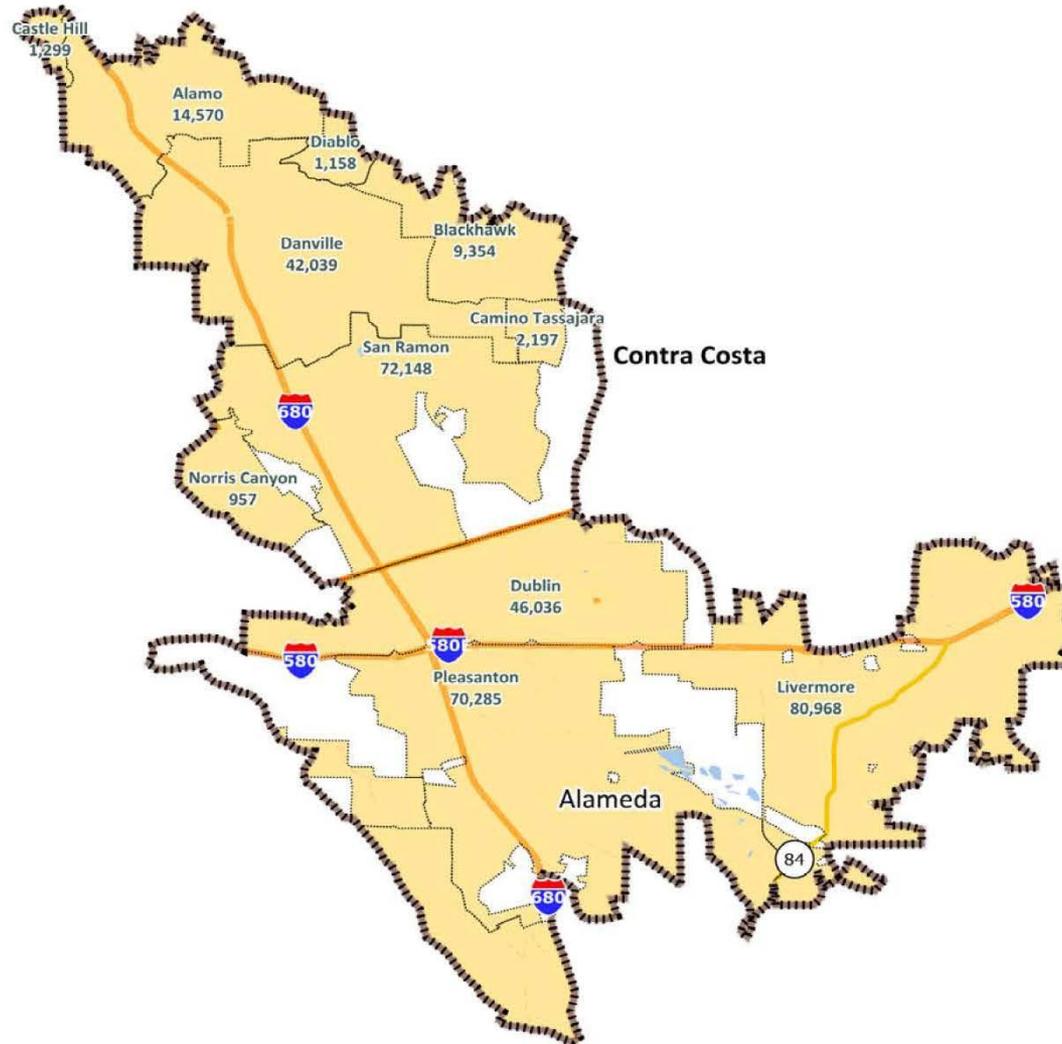
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Tri-Valley Area

Field	Value
Population	343,132
Black	10,042
% Black	3%
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