

Subject: bay area lines

From: Gayle Kindall <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 20:17:11 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To all commissioners:

The citizens from Contra Costa and Alameda counties who testified at the Oakland May 21 meeting were concerned, well-spoken and serious. Some of us have been working as volunteers to map and present fairly and sensibly drawn districts as we have not had in decades or perhaps ever. The maps which were displayed subsequently, on May 24 represent clearly compact districts with many factors considered, guide-lines followed and are not stretched or squeezed for political advantage. Furthermore, other neighboring counties have weighed in on the process and have been supportive. Geographical and population commonalities are obvious.

I urge to strongly consider the recommendations of the Contra Costa Redistricting Task Force. The most concerned citizens in our county have spoken.

Thanks very much,
Gayle Kindall

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Becky Bridgen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 04:28:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Becky Bridgen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Bay Area Maps

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Becky Bridgen. 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,

Becky Bridgen

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From: Melanie Moss <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 03:41:16 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Melanie Moss <[REDACTED]>

Subject: California Redistricting Commission

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Melanie Moss; I 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,
(Melanie Moss)

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From: Patsy Rodriguez Ronat <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 02:24:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patsy Rodriguez Ronat <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support Calif Conservative Action Group Maps for Bay Area

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: "Shirley D. Meloy" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 00:15:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Shirley D. Meloy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting preference

Message Body:

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Thank you,
Shirley Meloy of San Ramon

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From: Arthur Talley II <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 00:00:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Arthur Talley II <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Fairness

Message Body:

My name is Arthur Talley II; 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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From: Glenda Kitchel <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 23:53:26 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Glenda Kitchel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Glenda Kitchel and I live in El Sobrante, CA. I am one of 250+ supporters that testified that we want our communities kept together. In particular, I testified about how important it is that Marin NOT be lumped together with San Francisco or any East Bay communities as there are no points in common with either of those communities. If Marin must be paired with any community it should be its sister county of Sonoma and possibly Napa. I requested, along with others, that Marin, Sonoma and Napa be joined for the State Senate District; Marin and Sonoma be joined for the Congressional District; and, for State Assembly, it be paired with Southern Sonoma County--depending on the numbers involved that would encompass going up to Santa Rosa and, if possible, include the city of Santa Rosa as the links between Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Novato and San Rafael are many, both culturally, socially, transportation-wise and commerce-wise. Another acceptable scenario for Assembly

would be Marin, Southern Sonoma including Petaluma/Rohnert Park and extending into the contiguous part of Napa. All three of these counties have cultural, commercial and transportation communities of interest.

Moreover, I support fair and competitive....

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 23:35:37 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 23:04:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mr. Wm F Thompson & Mrs S C Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Hopefully we can get a honest redistricting that will make voting worthwhile. Getting someone who knows the area makes common sense!!!! Thank you.

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To: [REDACTED]

From: Mr. Wm F Thompson & Mrs S C Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Hopefully we can get a honest redistricting that will make voting worthwhile. Getting someone who knows the area makes common sense!!!! Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carol Gibson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 21:01:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Gibson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: district lines

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is _Carol Gibson; I 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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From: "Hilary S.Gavenda" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 20:46:36 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Hilary S.Gavenda <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Map lines

Message Body:

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 20:40:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lewis Egan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 20:34:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Donald Powell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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Thank you,
(Your Signature)

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From: Salathiel Masterson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 20:08:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Salathiel Masterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Gerrymandering

Message Body:

My name is Salathiel Masterson; and I want our communities kept together. For the past 20 years, my El Sobrante, west Contra Costa neighborhood has been tossed in with Central Contra Costa and Berkeley and other communities that are separated by 8 miles of "green belt" rather than being included with my neighbors a block away.

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From: "Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Corley" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:49:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Corley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Conservative redistricting

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

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Thank you,
Ronald Corley

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Sheri Garay <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:16:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sheri Garay <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

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From: Linda Garvey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:05:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Linda Garvey <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Citizen Redistricting Commission

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Joseph Garvey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:03:01 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joseph Garvey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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From: Margie Liberty <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 17:39:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Margie Liberty <[REDACTED]>
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 17:23:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Larry Goldenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 17:14:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Hoover <[REDACTED]>

Subject: California Redistricting Commission

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From: Carol B Saxen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 17:13:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol B Saxen <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 16:36:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alan Wadsworth <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Decision.

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 16:19:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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From: Denise Fowler <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 16:17:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Denise Fowler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Contra Costa County

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

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From: Anne S Pettigrew <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 15:55:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Anne S Pettigrew <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District Contiguity

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 13:41:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Glenda Kitchel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

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(Glenda Kitchel

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Subject: Contra costa county

From: Becky Kolberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 15:33:23 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

I am watching your wrap-up live.

I would urge Commissioner Blanco not to acknowledge the preponderance of testimony to include Lamorinda with Walnut Creek, San Ramon Valley & the Tri-Valley & then ignore it.

Citizens have testified and we do not want to be ignored.

Thank you
Becky Kolberg
San Ramon, CA

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