

Subject: Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

From: "Ilene Meyers" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 22:17:53 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is _Ilene Meyers_; 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,

Ilene Meyers

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Larkspur, CA 94939

Subject: To California Redistricting Commission from Lilka Areton

From: "Thomas Areton" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 13:30:25 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

May 27, 2011

From Lilka W. Areton

[REDACTED] San Anselmo, Marin Co., CA 94960

Attn: California Redistricting Commission

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

My name is Lilka W. Areton and I live in San Anselmo, Marin Co., 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.

Sincerely,

 Lilka signature

Lilka W. Areton

[REDACTED]
San Anselmo, CA 94960

Subject: Redistriction and Gerrymandering

From: "Dominic DiBlasio" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 15:18:00 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Dominic DiBlasio and I live in Pleasanton, CA. 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.

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Thank you,
Dominic DiBlasio



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Thank you,
Lauren Isaacson

YIP,
Sally

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Subject: REDISTRICTING

From: terry avtonomoff <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 20:39:09 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

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Thank you,

Terry Avtonomoff

Subject: Redistricting

From: Michelle Kralovec <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 20:07:33 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Moreover, I support fair and competitive....

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Thank you,
(Your Signature)

Michelle Belfor Kralovec

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Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:04:08 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is William John Keast and I live in Novato, CA. I was unable to testify at the public meeting of the California Redistricting Commission due to a prior commitment, but I feel strongly in that I support the more than 250 supporters who did testify 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.

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Novato, CA 94949

Phone: (415) [REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting

From: "The Underhills" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 08:48:42 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern: As a concerned citizen, on behalf of my husband and our entire family who have lived in Marin County we would like to express our dissatisfaction with the new idea of redistricting. Marin county has nothing in common with Vallejo, a bankrupt trash of a city, a community on Welfare and also Sonoma and Marin are very much apart. This diversification that you guys are going for will make this great country a third world country in no time. Stop adding constantly to things that are not needed and start fixing the things that are needed to fix. You are to represent the citizens and not your wishful thinking.

Giti Underhill of Novato

Subject: Redistricting Marin/Sonoma

From: "Joan Dickey" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 11:27:31 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Barbara J. Dickey and I live in Novato, CA. 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,

Barbara J. Dickey

Subject: Redistricting Letter

From: "Sally Zelikovsky" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 08:37:01 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Sally Zelikovsky and I live in San Rafael, 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. As all three of these counties have cultural, commercial and transportation communities of interest.

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Thank you,

Sally Zelikovsky

Subject: Redistricting Commission

From: "muddyjeep" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 12:35:21 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

ATTN: California Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Dan Hanlon and I live in Novato, CA. I believe it is important that Marin County **NOT** be lumped together with San Francisco or ANY of the East Bay communities as there are no points in common with them. If Marin must be paired with any community it should be our sister county of Sonoma and possibly Napa. **1)** I request Marin, Sonoma and Napa be joined for the State Senate District; **2)** Marin and Sonoma be joined for the Congressional District; and, **3)** for State Assembly, it be paired with Southern Sonoma County – depending on the numbers involved that would encompass areas north 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) extending into the contiguous part of Napa. All three of these counties have cultural, commercial and transportation issues in common.

[REDACTED]
Novato 94947

Subject: Redistricting the North Bay Re: Marin Co.

From: "Pam McCart" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 11:31:19 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Pam McCart and my husband and I live in Novato, 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 if necessary with 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.

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I appreciate the difficult task you have and your work.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McCart

[REDACTED]
Novato, CA 94947

Subject: Re; California Redistricting

From: JH <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 14:23:12 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Jeanne Hanlon and I live in Novato, CA. I believe it is important that Marin County NOT be lumped together with San Francisco or ANY of the East Bay communities as there are no points in common with them. If Marin must be paired with any community it should be our sister county of Sonoma and possibly Napa. 1) I request Marin, Sonoma and Napa be joined for the State Senate District; 2) Marin and Sonoma be joined for the Congressional District; and, 3) for State Assembly, it be paired with Southern Sonoma County depending on the numbers involved that would encompass areas north 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) extending into the contiguous part of Napa. All three of these counties have cultural, commercial and transportation issues in common

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Thank you,
Jeanne Hanlon
Novato, CA (Marin County)

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Paul Jay Elliott <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 21:56:54 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Paul Jay Elliott <[REDACTED]>
Subject:

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Paul Elliott; 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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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Scott Schneider <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 21:51:51 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Scott Schneider <[REDACTED]>

Subject: California Redistricting Commission

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Scott Schneider, and I am one of those who are following what you are doing and we 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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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: pat mcgovern <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 21:34:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: pat mcgovern <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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From: Kathleen Doyle <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:56:01 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathleen Doyle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: California Redistricting

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Albert DiStasio <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:45:40 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Albert DiStasio <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Comments for the California Redistricting Commission

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Thank you,

Albert DiStasio

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Amy Chorney <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:17:20 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Amy Chorney <[REDACTED]>

Subject: re-districting request

Message Body:

I am writing to include myself in the list of people who are against the redistricting plans which lump Marin county together with S.F. or the East Bay. This seems like an effort to bury the opinions of persons in this district under the mountainous CONFORMITY OF OPINION that represents the Bay Area.

The Latino Policy Forum maps and other such proposals create absurd districts in violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act, jumping over geographical boundaries and mashing peoples together despite clear natural distinctions and differences.

Diversity should be PROTECTED!!

Thank you,

Amy Chorney

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Cathleen Gillies <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:14:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cathleen Gillies <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Kevin Denny <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 19:08:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kevin Denny <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Kevin Denny and my wife and our two sons live in Mill Valley, CA. It is vitally important 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.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Richard P Willis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:31:23 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard P Willis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: common sense

Message Body:

please consider the Conservative suggestions on voting districts. They are fair, common sense, and reflect the reality of population distribution. I see the Latino, Sierra Club and CIJEE plans are outrageous and so biased in favor of Democrat majorities...they would be a joke if the subject did not include our survival as a viable political and economic society.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: "Thomas L. Bires" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:29:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Thomas L. Bires <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Gerrymander Opposition

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Thomas L. Bires and I live in Mill Valley, CA. We want our communities kept together. In particular, it is important 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

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Moreover, 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,
Thomas L. Bires

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Pam McCart <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 18:28:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Pam McCart <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Pam McCart and my husband and I live in Novato, 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 if necessary with 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 scen!

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I support and request 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.

I appreciate the difficult task you have and your work.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McCart

[REDACTED]

Novato, CA 94947

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: joyce kleege <[REDACTED]>

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

To: [REDACTED]

From: joyce kleege <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redisrt

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

From: Joyce Kleege... [REDACTED] ...Novato, CA 94945 [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I believe if a split happens we should be separated from San Francisco on this side of the Golden Gate Bridge. Is that possible? I would like to hear from you. I keep getting emails from different organizations wanting to split in two, or just take patches of a community. I do not understand all the ups and downs of dividing California. There must be a better way. Do you know of one?

I sincerely Thank You for your willingness to serve,

Joyce Kleege

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: "Patricia M. Cook" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 17:07:54 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patricia M. Cook <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Patricia M. Cook and 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,
Patricia Cook

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Regina <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 16:00:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Regina <[REDACTED]>

Subject: California Redistricting Commission

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Regina and I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and those who are following what you are doing and we 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.

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,
(Your Signature)

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: roland <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 15:52:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: roland <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I oppose strongly this idea of joining sonoma and valejo. we have nothing in common and will ruin our great county. who wants to join failed projects.....

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Nuri Sutter [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 15:49:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nuri Sutter <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Lines

Message Body:

[REDACTED]
Mill Valley, CA 94941

May 27, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Nuri Sutter. I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and those who are following what you are doing and we 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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What I enumerate below makes absolute logic and common sense.

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You might think this is a form letter, which it is, but it states very clearly and very succinctly the reasons for why I believe as I do.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nuri Sutter

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Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 15:49:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nuri Sutter <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Lines

Message Body:

[REDACTED]
Mill Valley, CA 94941

May 27, 2011

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My name is Nuri Sutter. I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and those who are following what you are doing and we 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.

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.

What I enumerate below makes absolute logic and common sense.

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You might think this is a form letter, which it is, but it states very clearly and very succinctly the reasons for why I believe as I do.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nuri Sutter

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Morgan Kelley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 15:20:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Morgan Kelley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Region 8

Message Body:

I testified at the meeting in Santa Rosa and continue to be firm in my request to keep Marin and Sonoma together as much as possible for Assembly, and Congress and add in Napa for State Senate.

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Thank you,
Morgan Kelley

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Patty Armanini <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 14:18:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patty Armanini <[REDACTED]>

Subject:

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Patty Armanini: I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and those who are following what you are doing and we 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,
Patty Armanini

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From: John S Armanini <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 14:14:20 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John S Armanini <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-Districting Opinion

Message Body:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

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Thank you,
John S Armanini

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Marin

From: Kernan Jang <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 09:43:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kernan Jang <[REDACTED]>

Subject: North Bay and Bay Area

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I am from Marin and am of course concerned that we be not be gerrymandered over either bridge or along the shore to Solano, but I am also concerned for communities all over the Bay Area region.

I am one of over 250 supporters who testified and submitted public comments, and we 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,
Kernan Jang

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

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....

My name is Glenda; I am one of 250+ supporters that testified and we 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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Glenda S. Kitchel

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Subject: Important Gerrymander Opposition

From: Thomas Bires <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 11:28:31 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

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Thank you,
Thomas L. Bires

Subject: Comments on redistricting for Marin

From: Ann Gregory <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 13:17:17 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Thelma Ann Gregory and I live in San Rafael. I think connecting Marin and Sonoma makes a lot of sense. We are similar communities and contiguous. Joining Marin with San Francisco or any East Bay community just doesn't make much sense - we are so different in population, industry, interests and more. Thanks for doing the common sense thing - link Marin and Sonoma....please!

T. A. Gregory

Subject: California Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 23:00:00 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

ATTN: California Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Mark O'Toole and I live in San Rafael, CA, the county seat of Marin County. I believe it is important that Marin County **NOT** be lumped together with San Francisco (as in the previous "Burton Plan") or any other districts across the Bay that have no common interests with the North Bay. If Marin must be paired with another community, it should be our sister county of Sonoma and possibly Napa... These areas have geographic, cultural, suburban/rural land-use, and transportation issues in common.

I support fair and competitive districts that fully comply with Proposition 11 district geography criteria. I want my districts to maintain district continuity and compactness by keeping cities, communities and neighborhoods intact as much as possible. It seems only logical to me that contiguous areas of people, who share their communities and daily lives, should be represented as such in the various legislatures...

- **I vehemently oppose** the CIJEE plan for Marin... Any AD based in Marin should expand north along Hwy 101, our shared artery, to reach people who work in Marin. It should not be gerrymandered across the Bay and far east to Benicia, which has absolutely nothing in common with Marin/Sonoma.
- **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 that have steamrolled us in past decades...
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- **I strongly oppose** the Sierra Club Bay Area plan that violates the Voting Rights Act **and** gerrymanders the TriValley area. **I agree** with the Sierra Club plan **ONLY** on the one point, not to cross the natural delineations of the bridges & water.
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- **I totally reject** the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) plan for violations of the Voter Rights Act and abusive gerrymandering... So ridiculous, one commissioner spoke out during MALDEF's presentation on 5/26 in Northridge stating "**Why so many Gerrymander Fingers?**"

Thank you,

The O'Toole Family

Subject: California REDISTRICTING

From: Gene Pennington <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 13:13:17 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

ATTN: California Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Gene Pennington and I live in San Rafael, CA. I believe it is important that Marin County **NOT** be lumped together with San Francisco or ANY of the East Bay communities as there are no points in common with them. If Marin must be paired with any community it should be our sister county of Sonoma and possibly Napa.

- 1)** I request Marin, Sonoma and Napa be joined for the State Senate District;
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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

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5. I strongly oppose the California Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan and insist that districts not jump across the East Bay hills, because the communities from San Leandro to Milpitas have little in common with the Tri-Valley, and everything in common with each other. The commission got overwhelming testimony in the Oakland input hearings to this effect, both from Tri-Valley and from Oakland, San Leandro, Milpitas, Richmond, El Cerrito etc. to the effect, "Keep the Berkeley Oakland Hills as a natural geographic barrier between urban, ethnic, diverse communities west of the hills and suburban bedroom and office park communities east of the hills."

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such as San Ramon and Livermore. Union City is linked to its neighbors in Fremont and Newark by ethnicity, job patterns, and I-880. It has no connection whatsoever to Danville! Additionally, there was very clear testimony at the Oakland input hearing from community groups centered around the auto industry who did NOT want to be connected to Tri-Valley.

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Gene Pennington

Subject: California REDISTRICTING

From: "muddyjeep" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 12:40:32 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

ATTN: California Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Dan Hanlon and I live in Novato, CA. I believe it is important that Marin County **NOT** be lumped together with San Francisco or ANY of the East Bay communities as there are no points in common with them. If Marin must be paired with any community it should be our sister county of Sonoma and possibly Napa. **1)** I request Marin, Sonoma and Napa be joined for the State Senate District; **2)** Marin and Sonoma be joined for the Congressional District; and, **3)** for State Assembly, it be paired with Southern Sonoma County – depending on the numbers involved that would encompass areas north 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) extending into the contiguous part of Napa. All three of these counties have cultural, commercial and transportation issues in common

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Thank you,



Novato 94947

Subject: California Redistricting

From: Laura Vance <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 11:42:05 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: carolyn vance <[REDACTED]>

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Carolyn Vance, from Fremont, CA.

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,

Carolyn Vance

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From: Laura Vance <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 11:25:52 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: carolyn vance <[REDACTED]>

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is ___Carolyn Vance___ and I live in ___Fremont___, 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.

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Thank you, Carolyn Vance

Subject: California Redistricting Commission Voter Input

From: "Dave Curtis" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 12:25:21 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is David Curtis and I live in Mill Valley, CA. I am writing to insist 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 am requesting, 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.

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