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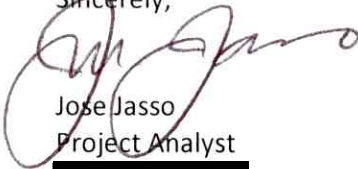
Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letters addressed to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and the Citizens Redistricting Commission

There appears to be some confusion as to whether this letter was received by certain individuals. Attached please find copies of both letters from the Mayor and Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jose Jasso
Project Analyst
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MANTECA CITY COUNCIL
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April 6, 2011

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

Subject: Support that San Joaquin County be “kept whole” when redrawing boundaries for California Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts and U.S. Congressional districts.

Commissioners:

The United States Constitution requires that political boundaries be redrawn every 10 years after the decennial census is completed. The guiding principle of one person-one vote is the foundation of our democratic system of government.

The 14th Amendment to the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 “prohibits any procedure which would result in the denial or abridgement of the voting rights of any racial or language minority.”

There are also court rulings that have noted that the geography of cities must be respected to the greatest extent possible, and that districts must be contiguous.

In 1991, San Joaquin County was recognized as a single political entity and included the vast majority of one state Senate District, which had two Assembly Districts “nested” within the Senate District. In addition, it primarily housed one U.S. Congressional district. This ensured that the County’s interests and needs were well represented in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

After the 2000 census, San Joaquin County included portions of three Assembly districts, two Senate districts and two Congressional districts. There was not a single district whose boundary was entirely within San Joaquin County. By the end of the decade, none of our representatives even lived in San Joaquin County.

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The Manteca City Council believes that the residents of Manteca and San Joaquin County would be better served by having less representation but more tightly drawn districts where the vast majority, if not all, of the constituents live in San Joaquin County.

The City of Manteca respectfully requests the San Joaquin County be "kept whole" when redrawing boundaries for California Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts and U.S. Congressional districts. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



WILLIE W. WEATHERFORD
MAYOR

cc: Manteca City Council



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April 6, 2011

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
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44 N. San Joaquin Street
Stockton, CA 95202

Subject: Support that the City of Manteca be wholly included in the boundaries of a single Supervisory District.

County Supervisor's:

The United States Constitution requires that political boundaries be redrawn every 10 years after the decennial census is completed. The guiding principle of one person-one vote is the foundation of our democratic system of government.

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors will soon be reviewing its district boundaries and making adjustments, as necessary. San Joaquin County's population as of April 1, 2010 is 685,305. This represents a 22 percent increase in the County's population over the past decade.

Thus, the ideal size for each Supervisorial District has grown from 112,720 residents in 2000 to 137,061 in 2010. Due to significant growth in South County and North Stockton, there was not proportionate growth in all of the Districts. For example, District 2, which primarily covers Central Stockton, now has 26,071 less residents than the ideal District size, while District 5 in South County has 30,316 residents more than the ideal size.

In order to reach an ideal size for each District, meaningful boundary changes will be necessary. The law requires that each Supervisorial District should be as nearly as equal in population as possible. Typically, each District should be within 2% to 3% of the ideal size.

Also, the 14th Amendment to the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 "prohibits any procedure which would result in the denial or abridgement of the voting rights of any racial or language minority." There are also court rulings that have noted that the geography of cities must be respected to the greatest extent possible, and that districts must be contiguous.

San Joaquin County has done a good job of meeting this criteria in the past, with the exception of the City of Manteca. While Stockton's population of nearly 300,000 residents makes it mathematically impossible to include in one district, the cities of Tracy, Lathrop, Ripon, Escalon and Lodi have all been included within single Districts in previous boundary modifications. For the past few decades, Manteca has been split into two Districts, with the area north of Yosemite and west of Main Street in one District, and the area south of Yosemite and east of Main Street in a separate District.

With a 2010 population of 67,096 residents, Manteca can easily fit into one ideally sized District. While the City Council believes all of the Supervisors over the past few decades have done a good job of serving Manteca, we believe Manteca would be better served if we were 50 percent of one District instead of a quarter of two different Districts.

The City of Manteca respectfully requests that Manteca be wholly included in the boundaries of a single Supervisory District. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



WILLIE W. WEATHERFORD
MAYOR

cc: Manteca City Council