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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of input. Someone said these letters were due by 5:00 pm. I cannot find this on your web site and the "Tell Us What You Think" link does not suggest a closing time for comments today, and is accepting comments as I write. Let me know if this comment will not be accepted.

Thanks for all of your work on redistricting,

Joe Krovoza Mayor City of Davis



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Citizens Redistricting Commission 901 P Street, Suite 154-A Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Representation of Davis, California in Next Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to share two points with the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. My interests in the next redistricting stem from deep involvements in our community related to the environment, watershed management, the UC Davis's industry relations, and my current service as the mayor of Davis. I believe that the ideas below will advance effective and representative government in the state legislature for California, and Davis in particular.

I offer the following:

1. <u>Assembly and Senate Districts with an East-West Orientation Will Align Davis with Communities of Interest</u>. Davis shares interests with our fellow cities along the I-80 corridor and into Napa County. This situation is realized in the areas of open space and resource protection, watershed policy and Delta protection policies, transportation, and economic development.

For local open space protection and recreation, Davis residents look to the west and the Coast Range we share with Solano, Napa and Lake counties. Our local creek – Putah Creek – flows from the Coast Range to the Bay-Delta estuary and supports fishing, riparian and wildlife resource conservation, water-based recreation, and well-managed public access. Watershed and Delta preservation is supported by unified representation of our watershed.

Transportation along the I-80 corridor involves the careful management of multiple modes of transportation, including light duty passenger vehicles, trucks, buses and trains. Road improvements and strategies for congestion and air quality reduction are key inter-regional issues we share with Solano County and the counties of the Bay Area. The Yolo-Solano AQMD unites (east to west): West Sacramento, Davis, Vacaville, Suisun, Fairfield and Valejo. Strong polices to support Amtrak and Capitol Corridor train service are essential to our east-west

transportation corridor and the vital connection that I-80 corridor vehicles and train service provide in linking the Bay Area with Sacramento and ultimately the Lake Tahoe region.

California, Davis and the I-80 region's economic development are best served by an east-west orientation for our future Assembly and Senate districts. UC Davis is a crucial economic engine for the state. Economic development along the I-80 corridor will continue to rely on UC Davis. For this reason, strong and clear representation of the corridor will enhance the state's investment in the University of California for jobs creation, research, education and outreach.

2. Do Not Change the Odd Number ("5" currently) Status of Our Senate District Again. Please keep our Senate district with an odd number so that the redistricting process will not disenfranchise our community once gain. In both 1990 and 2000 our Senate District was changed between an odd and an even number. This left our voters with a representative they did not elect for two years in each of the last two redistricting processes. This should rarely take place for a county every other cycle; it would be grossly unfair to take place in three consecutive cycles.

Thank you for considering my comments. I greatly appreciate the service of the Commissioners and the staff in this most important and challenging exercise in democracy.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Krovoza