

**Subject:** ACTION ON: Re: Division of Communities on Proposed Maps

**From:** "CeeCee" [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/28/2011 9:15 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** LYNETTE WILLIAMS [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2011 9:24 PM

**To:** Gabe Lavermicocca

**Subject:** Fw: ACTION ON: Re: Division of Communities on Proposed Maps

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Division of Communities on Proposed Maps

**Subject:** Division of Communities

The first drafts of the final maps for San Diego County make it difficult to determine boundaries. We need time to find out what communities are within each district for State and Federal offices. I do know that communities have been divided even though many people asked the commissions to keep entire communities together as much as possible. They did not do that and therefore I am protesting what has been presented to us. Give us time to help fix this problem.

**1 - Lynette Wiliams**

[REDACTED]  
**San Diego, CA 92131** [REDACTED]  
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**2. Randel Dorian**

[REDACTED]  
**San Diego, CA 92117**  
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3. Joan Pernicano

[REDACTED]  
San Diego, CA 92131

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4. Donna Woodrum

[REDACTED]  
San Diego, CA 92109

[REDACTED]

5. Camille Dorian

[REDACTED]  
San Diego, CA 92117

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**Subject:** RE: Opposition to Current Iteration of State Senate Redistricting Map

**From:** "Manuel Paul" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 4:27 PM

**To:** "Jason M-B Wells" <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]>

Excellent, written!

M. Paul

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**From:** Jason M-B Wells [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2011 4:13 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Opposition to Current Iteration of State Senate Redistricting Map

**Importance:** High

Dear Commissioners:

The San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you to redraw the lines for the state Senate district in San Diego County – currently drafted to force together the coastal areas of Solana Beach to Imperial Beach near the San Ysidro border. This map would have a retrogressive effect at best, and prejudicial effect at worst, on the South San Diego electorate. The residents would be prevented from electing a candidate of their choice and, therefore, would not be represented as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1985.

**South San Diego and North San Diego are not 'communities of interest'**

South San Diego County which includes the cities and communities of Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, Nestor, Otay Mesa, West Chula Vista, National City and Barrio Logan have little to nothing in common with the northern cities of Solana Beach, Del Mar, La Jolla, Point Loma and Coronado.

Income

There is a marked difference in average median household income:

Solana Beach.....	\$72,000
Del Mar.....	\$120,000
Coronado.....	\$67,000
La Jolla.....	\$113,000
Point Loma.....	\$88,000
Imperial Beach.....	\$35,000
W. Chula Vista.....	\$39,000
National City.....	\$38,000
Barrio Logan.....	\$18,000
San Ysidro.....	\$30,000
Nestor, Otay Mesa.....	\$37,000

As you can see, the northern cities have incomes significantly greater than the state average of \$59,000 while the southern cities have incomes lower than the state average, nearing the poverty level of \$30,000. Clearly, the political influence would come from wealthier individuals, who typically have more resources to make an impact. Inevitably,

this would harm poorer communities and their interests.

Further, residents in northern cities, including Coronado, enjoy white collar jobs and a low unemployment rate. Residents in the Southern cities are mostly blue collar with some of the highest unemployment rates in the County. For example, Coronado has 7,439 people employed and 255 unemployed. Imperial Beach has 11,513 blue collar jobs and 7,000 white collar jobs.

Education and Schools

Solana Beach, Del Mar, La Jolla, Point Loma and Coronado have a high percentage of residents with college degrees or higher while the other cities average a high school or lower education.

The same is true for the quality of their schools. Del Mar has the top elementary school district while San Ysidro has the worst in the state. Del Mar's academic performance index (API) is 10 (the highest score in the state). San Ysidro's is a 6 (one of the lowest). Similar comparisons can be made of other schools located in northern vs. southern cities.

Public Safety

National City has the highest crime rate in the San Diego County and accounts for a rate of 60% per 1,000 residents. It has significant drug and gang activity. In contrast, Solana Beach's crime rate is 20% per 1,000 residents and consists mainly of property crime. The same is true when there is a comparison between the other northern and southern areas.

Ethnicity

The Voting Rights Act of 1985 protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. Today, the Senate District that encompasses the Southern cities and communities is primarily Latino and is represented by a Latino elected official. It also includes East Chula Vista and the communities to the east into Imperial County which share similar demographics as the South San Diego cities. East Chula Vista has similar demographics as its West counterpart. Similarly, Imperial County's average household income is \$31,000 with 19% living below the poverty line. Its unemployment rate is 17% compared to California's 9%. As you can see, the cities in the Imperial County have most in common with the cities in South San Diego. The current 40th Senatorial District includes South San Diego and Imperial County.

The minority population is significantly diluted with the inclusion of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Coronado and the communities of La Jolla and Point Loma, among others, in the Senate District. Furthermore, cutting the city of Chula Vista in half when the city shares the same interests and demographics makes little sense and prevents contiguity. There is no question that South County residents are worse off in terms of race or protected language minority status. Following is a sample of ethnic breakdown in those communities:

	<u>White</u>	<u>Latino</u>	<u>Other</u>
Solana Beach	75%	12%	13%
Del Mar	94%	4%	2%
Coronado	77%	11%	12%
La Jolla	82%	7%	11%
Point Loma	75%	12%	13%
Imperial Beach	47%	29%	52%
W. Chula Vista	29%	51%	20%
National City	13%	59%	28%
Barrio Logan	5%	77%	18%
San Ysidro	20%	45%	35%
Nestor/Otay Mesa	12%	68%	20%

Imperial County	20%	72%	8%
E. Chula Vista	32%	49%	19%

Coastal Cities

The only similarity between the Northern Cities and the Southern Cities is that they share a coastline. However, the coastal and water quality issues are drastically different. Solana Beach, Del Mar's coastline, La Jolla beach, Point Loma's bay front and Coronado beach are big tourist attractions. They are home to high-end retail and restaurants. Some of the most expensive real estate faces their waters. In fact, Coronado was ranked the top 2 of 10 best beaches in the United States.

In stark contrast, Imperial Beach is often closed by the Department of Environmental Health due to high sewage contamination rates. About 20 million gallons of raw sewage flow from Tijuana, Mexico. Chula Vista's coastline has no residential zones. The few restaurants along the shoreline close their establishments every couple of years due to lack of customers. Chula Vista's bay front, for example, just closed its biggest polluter, an old power plant responsible for emitting noxious fumes and killing water life.

National City's bay front is primarily industrial. It serves as a military port with ship building and heavy equipment cargo. Similarly, Barrio Logan is home to the shipbuilding industry. Although it is adjacent to Coronado, it is divided by Interstate 5, and suffers from high contamination rates. Housing near its waterfront is the most affordable in the County. It is mostly rental housing serving residents with 30-60% of the average median income. The average house sells for \$1 million in the northern cities.


Conclusion

It would be highly discriminatory to allow the draft Senatorial map to remain unchanged. There is time and opportunity to completely avoid the retrogressive effect this voting district will have on Latino and poorer communities. The Northern and Southern cities are not communities of interest. In fact, their interests could not be more different. This draft map would completely disenfranchise a community that needs and has the right to have a voice on the state level.

We respectfully urge you to change the draft Senatorial map to exclude all of the northern cities mentioned above and include East Chula Vista as well as the Imperial County.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Israel Adato  
President of the Board

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**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support - San Diego

**From:** "Encabo, Arnel" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 8:27 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

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Sincerely,

Arnel Encabo

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support - San Diego

**From:** "Riego, Reynaldo" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 8:42 AM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Reynaldo Riego

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support - San Diego

**From:** "Sam Besa" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 4:21 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,  
Sam Besa



**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** Charmaine <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 12:15 PM

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

Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

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Sincerely,

Charmaine Jamias

Sent from my iPad

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/28/2011 6:15 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

June 28, 2011

Dear Commissioners of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I support the Commission's first draft Assembly and Senate maps as this would keep the API communities of interest together. Healthy living communities are those that provide the growth and nourishment of various cultures. Our diversity is what makes this country stand above all.

I request this Commission follow the response Senate and Assembly maps to be submitted by CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting). CAPAFR's response maps demonstrate a redistricting plan that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act and unites communities of interest in San Diego County is easily achieved.

Sincerely,

*Maria Lourdes F. Reyes, MD, MPH*

[REDACTED]  
La Jolla, CA 92038

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** matt hooper <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 9:23 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Matt Hooper

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** Christopher Hooper <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 10:08 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Christopher Hooper

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** Vince Vasquez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 11:15 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Vince Vasquez

[REDACTED]  
San Diego, CA 92127

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** Beverly Pestano-Magtanong <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 11:38 AM

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

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Sincerely,

Beverly Pestano-Magtanong

**Subject:** Asian Pacific Islander

**From:** Herminia Moscoso <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 9:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

support keeping Asian Pacific Islander communities of interest in San Diego County together based on similar socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, religious, and/or language access needs and interests as advocated by SCAPAL (Southwest Center For Asian Pacific American Law) and CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans For Fair Redistricting).

I support the requests made by the following speakers who testified on June 20, 2011 about the Commission's first draft Assembly and Senate maps:

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I request this Commission follow the response Senate and Assembly maps to be submitted by CAPAFR so that your redistricting maps respect communities of interest and do not unfairly dilute the voting strength of our API community.

Felizardo C. Moscoso  
Herminia Moscoso

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**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** Marcel Ocampo <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 12:26 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Marcel Ocampo



**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

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**Date:** 6/28/2011 2:22 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Erlinda D. Parnsoonthorn

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** Thea QT <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 2:30 PM

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

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Sincerely,  
Thea

Thea Quiray Tagle  
PhD Candidate, Dept. of Ethnic Studies  
University of California, San Diego

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality." -- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**Subject:** Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

**From:** Myrna Fariñas Reyes [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/28/2011 3:17 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

***Myrna TF Reyes, CDPE***

***ShortSale Facilitator/Notary Public***

***Dream Big -- Lead by Example and Inspire True Commitment***

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**From:** Arnold Alagar <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 4:25 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Arnold Alagar

**Subject:** Reconsider Assembly & Senate Redistricting Maps

**From:** Fred Gallardo <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 11:26 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Re: Statement of Support – San Diego

Dear Commissioners of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I would like to express my support for the following speakers who testified on June 20, 2011 about the Commission's first draft Assembly and Senate maps, as well as their requests to this Commission to keep Asian Pacific Islander/Filipino-American communities of interest together:

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Sincerely,

Fred Gallardo

Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego County, Inc.  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting Map

**From:** Glenn Barroga <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 4:16 PM

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

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Sincerely,

Glenn L. Barroga

[REDACTED]

San Diego, California

92131-1506

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**Subject:** REDISTRICTING

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 6/28/2011 2:11 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED]

**TO: Commissioners of the Citizens Redistricting Commission**

**FROM: Vina M. Phelps, Valencia Park Neighborhood**

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Very truly yours

VINA M. PHELPS

[REDACTED]

San Diego, CA 92114

cc: Hard copy to be sent to Hon. Ron Roberts, Board of Supervisors, County of San Diego

**Subject:**

**From:** "MABPA" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 1:15 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154A  
Sacramento CA 95814  
[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

As a long time resident of South San Diego County, as are a majority of the members of the Mexican American Business and Professional Association (MABPA), we urge you to redraw the lines for the state Senate district in San Diego County which encompasses the coastal areas of Solana Beach to Imperial Beach near the San Ysidro border. MABPA is known for encouraging civic engagement and participation. The map as currently drafted would have a retrogressive effect on the South San Diego electorate and prevent residents from electing a candidate of their choice and, therefore, would not be represented as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1985.

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We respectfully urge you to change the draft Senatorial map. The United Latinos Vote and Maldef maps make much more sense in terms of the Senate District boundaries and we support for them as an alternative solution.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Josie L. Calderon-Scott  
President  
Mexican American Business & Professional Association

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**From:** Ofelia Rayos <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 12:21 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Re: Statement of Support - San Diego

I support keeping Asian Pacific Islander communities of interest in San Diego County together based on similar socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, religious, and/or language access needs and interests as advocated by SCAPAL (Southwest Center For Asian Pacific American Law) and CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans For Fair Redistricting).

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I request this Commission follow the response Senate and Assembly maps to be submitted by CAPAFR so that your redistricting maps respect communities of interest and do not unfairly dilute the voting strength of our API community.

**Subject:** CAPAFR letter of support

**From:** Salvador Flor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 4:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners for Citizens Redistricting,

I attended the May 14th, 2011 hearing in San Diego and previously submitted a email statement on my support of the Asian Pacific Islander community to redraw districts lines that better reflect the voting strenth of the API community. I have reviewed the some of the statements of the June 20th speakers on behalf of the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting and the corresponding maps and concur with them the need to maintain voter strenths.

Please give the local Filipino and Asian Pacific Islander communitis an equal chance for representation and voice. This would increase the voter participation of our community and give each a chance to understand the American voting system and the democratic process.

Salvaddor B. Flor

**Subject:** In support of the CAPAFR position

**From:** Christopher Arcitio <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 10:21 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

Hi my name is Christopher Arcitio and I am a fourth year Political Science and Sociology major at the University of San Diego. I am from the Filipino Ugnayan Student Organization (FUSO).

I think it is important to maintain an API voting block within a district where a concentration of API resident because the voice of this community must continue to be heard and represented.

As a resident who has been both born and raised in the San Diego I feel it is important to keep an API voting block because the importance of community is SO significant in the Asian/ Pacific Islander culture. If we are able to create a community to which we can go to for various needs then we can start to develop a voice and feel that our voice is important. If we are divided, we won't feel like our voice even matters.

Living in San Diego all my life, I know that living around people that look like me and that I can relate to made me feel like as a community we can reunite and make a difference. Even as an individual now, having a Filipino community that I can rely back on within a district to which our votes count allows me to feel like I can make a difference.

Knowing that there is a community I can tap in to and community events to which I feel welcome to attend has inspired me to take a leadership role in my local filipino club at USD.

-Chris

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**Christopher Arcitio**

4thYear Political Science & Sociology Major

University of San Diego '12

Filipino Ugnayan Student Organization (FUSO) Community Liaison

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Latinos Redistricting Concerns

**From:** Erik Castellanos <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 2:37 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to urge that you create maps that will provide all Californians with the opportunity for representation including Latinos. As a proud Californian, born and raised in San Diego, I am concerned the proposed new districts will not provide Californians true representation.

The first draft maps released on June 10 by California's Citizens Redistricting Commission would severely diminish opportunities for future Latino political progress in the state.

During the last decade, California's Latino population accounted for 90% of the state's growth. The Commission's maps fail to reflect that growth by not creating fair opportunities for increased Latino representation.

California's maps must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. Under state law, strict adherence to the VRA is the second highest priority that the Commission must apply when drawing the state's new districts.

The Commission's First Draft Maps do not provide sufficient opportunities for fair Latino representation as required by the VRA. The Commission must ensure that it addresses this issue when it revises its draft maps.

An article published in today's San Diego Union Tribune points to the significant growth of the Latino population not only in the U. S, but in particular, California. According to the article, the Hispanic population in San Diego grew from 27% to 32% in the past decade and making the Hispanic population in San Diego one of the largest in the entire country.

Furthermore, the Commission's maps do not provide sufficient opportunities for fair Latino representation as required by the the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process.

The community urges the Commission to enhance opportunities for fair Latino representation to ensure compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act.

The following is input about new proposed districts at the State Assembly level.

The Commission "LMSAND" district should expand to include the regions East of the 805 Freeway, including East Paradise Hills, East National City and East Chula Vista. These communities have common social and economic characteristic with the rest of the "LMSAND" district.

Additionally, Logan Heights (Barrio Logan) should be kept whole and added to Commission district "SSAND"; this includes the areas north and south of Coronado Bridge all the way to the Bay.

The Commission district "SSAND" should not include East Chula Vista because the 805 Freeway is a dividing line for communities. East of the 805 Freeway contains newer communities characterized by recent development while west of the 805 Freeway are older neighborhoods. The two regions have different social and economic characteristics.

Keep historic Latino neighborhoods together such as Logan Heights and Sherman Heights.

With regard to districts in the State Senate the commission would be wise to consider the following input:

The community would like the Commission to create a Latino effective district

There is a Latino community of interest from Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos and Escondido along Interstate 78. The community would like the Commission to keep these areas together because of their common social and economic characteristics.

Currently, these communities are divided as was pointed out by an analysis by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials between two districts, "SANOC" and "NESAN". These communities of interest run east to west along Interstate 78.

The Commission should remove Orange County from district "SANOC" and expand the district east toward Interstate 15 to include Temecula and Murrieta.

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With regard to districts at the Congressional level, I provide the following input:

Currently, there are seven congressional districts where Latinos can effectively elect the candidates of our choice. The Commission's plan fails to

create any additional Latino effective districts, and could reduce the current number. One of the arguably effective districts in the Commission's map includes a large population of African Americans, which unnecessarily wages Latinos and African Americans against each other, two underrepresented groups that have worked for decades to earn fair political representation for their respective communities.

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If population is needed for "CSTSN", the community prefers to extend into Riverside County to capture Murrieta and Temecula, which share social and economic characteristics with the San Diego communities of district "CSTSN".

Again, I hope you will create maps that will provide Latinos in the State of California fair and effective representation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erik Castellanos



**Subject:** Opposition to Current Iteration of State Senate Redistricting Map

**From:** "Jason M-B Wells" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 4:13 PM

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

The San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you to redraw the lines for the state Senate district in San Diego County – currently drafted to force together the coastal areas of Solana Beach to Imperial Beach near the San Ysidro border. This map would have a retrogressive effect at best, and prejudicial effect at worst, on the South San Diego electorate. The residents would be prevented from electing a candidate of their choice and, therefore, would not be represented as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1985.

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We respectfully urge you to change the draft Senatorial map to exclude all of the northern cities mentioned above and include East Chula Vista as well as the Imperial County.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Israel Adato  
President of the Board

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**Subject:** Rancho Santa Fe Redistricting -- oppose!

**From:** Gigi Fenley <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/28/2011 8:05 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Rancho Santa Fe does not have any common interests as the coastal communities that the redistricting proposes. We are an inland unincorporated community with interests in citrus groves and horses.

As a 27 year resident of Rancho Santa Fe I oppose this proposal.