

Subject: San Diego County

From: "Lou Bone" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 14:56:03 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

These drawings are really gerrymandered, worse than last time. I have worked on district drawings for SCAG before and this is not done properly.

Lou Bone

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for Draft Assembly and Senate Districts Affecting Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 16 Jun 2011 20:30:21 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs:

The attached pdf letter offers detailed support for your draft proposed three Assembly Districts and two Senate Districts affecting Alameda and Contra Costa counties. You have done an excellent job in the proposal, and I urge your support without revision for these five districts.

As an additional comment, the other Bay Area Assembly and Senate districts appear to have been put together with similar thought and attention to grouping areas with similar socio-economic characteristics and outlooks, and full consideration of geographic boundaries such as the Bay and the Golden Gate.

Sincerely,

Bob McCleary

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
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Transmitted by email

RE: Support for the Commission's Redistricting Plans Affecting Contra Costa and Alameda Counties

Dear Sirs and Madams:

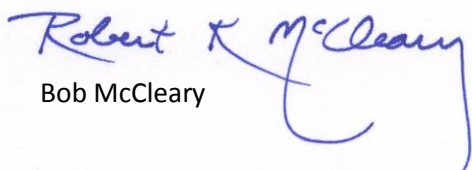
As a citizen of Orinda, I have carefully reviewed the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's draft maps for the California Assembly and Senate districts. As a former staff to the Office of the Legislative Analyst, and one who has dealt with the Legislature for many years, I am well aware of the extensive gerrymandering that has created unusual and inconsistent California Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts over the past 20 or more years. I applaud the Commission's proposal to group areas with common interests, character, outlook and proximity in formulating your draft boundaries.

I strongly support the proposed boundaries as you have drafted them for the "EALAMEDA," "PITT-ANTIOCH" and "WEST CONTRA COSTA" Assembly districts, as well as for the "EALAWCONTRA" and "OAK-RICH" Senate districts.

- **EALAMEDA**. Grouping Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga (Lamorinda), Danville, San Ramon, and the Tri-Valley portion of Alameda County together in the same Assembly District makes imminent sense, and reflect the past 20 years of collaboration between the Tri-Valley area of Alameda with the Danville and San Ramon areas of Contra Costa on issues of land use and transportation, and the participation of Lamorinda in those planning efforts on occasion. Walnut Creek is a natural fit for that collaboration as well, with the I-680/24 interchange and a major economic presence, particularly with respect to Danville, San Ramon, and Lamorinda.
- **PITTSBURG-ANTIOCH**. Linking East and North-Central Contra Costa with most of Eastern Contra Costa to form the district makes sense as well, linking the older, waterfront communities of Martinez, Concord, Pittsburg and Antioch with adjacent inland cities of Pleasant Hill, Clayton and Brentwood. *(It is unfortunate that the District does not include Oakley, but it appears to be a result of the population constraint in creating each district.)*
- **EALAWCONTRA Senate district**. Combining these two proposed Assembly Districts into one Senate district is a natural fit for communities of interest with similar socio-economic characteristics and issues of mutual interest.
- **WEST CONTRA COSTA**. Grouping the cities – El Cerrito, Richmond, Hercules, Pinole, and San Pablo – and unincorporated areas of West Contra Costa – including El Sobrante and Crockett – is a very good fit with Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville. These bayside cities have a more urban and older character than the communities to the east of the East Bay Hills, and have worked together over the past 10 years on the I-80 and San Pablo Avenue corridors. They are a "natural" fit in many respects, including general outlook and ethnic diversity.

Your draft congressional districts also are an improvement over the current structure. While I would like to see a closer match to the above assembly and senate districts, I recognize the challenges posed in doing so, and in concept support your approach.

Sincerely,



Bob McCleary

Subject: Re: ACT

From: MARIE SALANDRA <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:46:49 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

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From: MARIE SALANDRA <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, June 16, 2011 3:43:35 PM

Subject: ACT

I want the communities left as is. They are working well together.

Helen Salandra

the next election, in this case the June 2012 primary.

The court master plans would be in effect for the 2012 election. If the voters approve the referred Commission plans in June 2012, they would go into effect for 2014 and later elections. If the voters reject the Commission plans, the court masters plans would be used for the coming decade.

How likely are we to see a referendum against the Commission's handiwork? That of course depends entirely on the final maps they adopt on August 15. The Commission's draft maps have elicited some unhappiness among Latino groups and some Republicans, especially in the congressional delegation. The unhappiness does not appear at this point to arise to the level of a referendum, and how the Commission plans evolve over the next weeks is unknown.

But the law clearly lays out a process and a calendar that could easily lead to a referendum being filed against any of the plans, a stay being imposed on the plans, and a court master appointed to take over the job for the 2012 election. Any party can, of course, file a lawsuit against any Commission plans, but lawsuits can take years. The use of this expanded referendum power is quick and effective, just one whack of an executioner's axe.

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Tony Quinn

New E-Mail: [REDACTED]

New Home Page:
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Subject: Public Comment--CA Citizens Redistricting Commission--Release of Draft District Maps

From: Gregory Hunter <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 13:31:10 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Honorable Commissioners:

I thoroughly reviewed the recently released preliminary district maps of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. In your June 9, 2011 e-mail to me you asserted the imminent released maps would be "...based on balancing the needs of all Californians. These preliminary maps restore integrity to California's Constitutional mandate to redistrict to ensure fair representation. Where possible, the Commission worked to keep communities whole to maximize their voices under these proposed districts..." In addition, you asserted that "...(t)hese maps have three advantages over existing districts: 1) Districts are drawn without regard to political incumbents and partisan considerations. 2) Districts reflect geographic and common sense boundaries. 3) The districts balance the needs of different communities of interest across California..."

I am a former CA elected official, i.e., I served 2 4-year terms as a City of St. Helena Councilmember, and I have lived in Napa County for over half a century now. In my opinion the CA CRC's draft maps for districts encompassing Napa County are simply atrocious. One need not even have the talents of Mandrake the Magician to solve at least one glaring problem, i.e, indefensible removal of American Canyon from the rest of Napa County in its Congressional District. Were pins simply thrown at a dartboard of California? All staff responsible for this travesty should be fired ASAP.

All 14 Commissioners should be embarrassed of their first product and need to act quickly to restore the justly shaken confidence of the general populace, including those of us who worked so hard for and voted to pass Proposition 9 in 2008 and companion Proposition 20 in 2010, before voters throw their hands in the air in disgust and lose faith in what is becoming yet another bloated bureaucracy failing to respond to the public's will.

Please timely act to avoid making a complete mockery out of the duly expressed wishes of us CA voters who are desirous of competitive electoral districts. I do fully anticipate the next draft maps will not be another laughingstock and will result in a CA electorate hungry and eager to vote.

Sincerely,

Gregory Lane Hunter

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Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 16 Jun 2011 11:39:48 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

NO DIVISION PLEASE

Subject: Commendations on the new redistricting

From: "Karen Robinson-Stark" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 16 Jun 2011 08:45:14 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hi. I am in a congressional district that will fare just as well with the new district proposed as far as I'm concerned. However, I believe, though I won't be tested on that belief, that I would support even a district that did not appear to favor my views. My CA assembly district does seem undetermined, however, but I am not worried. I support redistricting for the greater good of the citizenry, which means we need to become acquainted with each other's perspectives and seek compromise where those differ significantly. I refuse to play NIMBY with a process that has been the very best plan for redistricting since ever!

Karen Robinson-Stark

[REDACTED]
Burbank, CA 91506

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Subject: June 10 district plans

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 00:43:38 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

AUTOMATIC ANTI-Democracy indirect minority rule with ALL single member district systems.

$1/2 \text{ votes} \times 1/2 \text{ districts} = 1/4 \text{ control.}$

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Save REAL Democracy - Ask for details.

Thank you for coming to Fresno tonight -(Thursday)- and seeking local input - from all parties- !!

Unfortunately, many of our local federal and state elected officials fail to realize the new districting applies to them also, not just to the coast!

They may have their local/loud proponets, but there are many of us locally that have different views which are never addressed!

-We have been gerrymandered for years! Hopefully, you can provide us with some balance finally -(fairly drawn districts!!)

-Please give us a voice!!

RE: COMMENTS of Fresno Bee Opinion –Preliminary District Lines–

Yes, things are definitely changing with the initial redistricting proposals by the new Citizens Redistrict Commission.

Now if we could get certain local elected officials to understand the need in fair redistricting -(the end of gerrymandering)- ,

Example: Per Rep. Dennis Nunes, "... ***but will the people know who their representatives are?***" (with the changes proposed)

Sorry Mr. Nunes, it's about if you know the people -all the people- you represent--(as in representing all their concerns, not just your partisan interest of the selected moneyed few!)-

Question:

With a **majority of Hispanic** people in Tulare County and a growing majority elsewhere in the Valley, why does Rep Nunes and other elected officials still fail to address issues and critical concerns of with this growing constituency?

Yes, things are definitely changing!

Dale Stewart --

It's a bit confusing, but I have to trust that the ultimate goal here is to make each district more competitive and less assured that any one party will always control that district. That's a good thing, right? Add to that, open primaries and we should see a big change in the kind of a candidate that gets elected. I'm hoping for more statesmen who serve the public's interest not the party they belong to. I'd like to see a bunch who can vote liberal on one issue and conservative on another, if their conscience so dictates, without fear of being voted out merely for defying the party line.

Read more: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/06/10/2422723/editorial-preliminary-district.html#ixzz1P1TV0flw>

Subject: redistricting

From: "Michelle Mitchell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 11:47:09 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Thank you, beyond words, to the redistricting commission who fairly carved up our voting district! Those of us in Claremont have been non-represented for decades. Dreier has been nothing but a barnacle for far too long. With well over 100,000 more registered Republican's in our district than Democrat's we didn't have a chance for change, until now. This is long overdue.

The vote I now cast may actually count thanks to you!

Sincerely,

Michelle Mitchell