

Subject: A Citizen's Disagreement With Your Public Statements

From: [REDACTED] (Harold Baran)

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 17:13:00 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Honorable Committee Members: The news media has been reporting that, in drawing up the new boundaries, you have been primarily concerned with minority group representation. That issue is settled law, and I am aware that you must comply with the relevant civil rights statutes. That said, I wish to remind you that the protection of minorities was never mentioned in the ballot proposition whose passage brought your committee into existence. Your task was to eliminate gerrymandering; to make districts geographically more rational. We were no longer to have districts that looked like eels, barbells or starfish. To continue to gerrymander, even in the interest of a good cause, is to ignore the will of the electorate. California already has many good politicians of minority ethnicity. Californians already understand, by and large, that our minority populations are themselves politically and philosophically diverse. For example: a Latino may or may not be best represented by a Latino politician; it depends on many factors. Please do not be swayed by so called minority leaders and organizations; some are well intended, but all too often, such leaders simply want to build a political machine. Just give us boundaries that, as much as possible, follow rational community boundaries, and let the chips fall where they may. Good Luck. --Harold Baran, Rowland Heights 91748

Subject: Scott Valley

From: "Sherry Glendenning" [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 20:12:27 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

HOWDY,

This is wrong what you are trying to do.

This is AMERICA, we get a vote.

5th generation Scott Valley.

Sherry Glendenning

[REDACTED]
Greenview, CA 96037

Subject: Redistricting

From: Colman deKay [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 17:02:38 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

June 24, 2011

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have reviewed the current draft district maps proposed by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and as a member of a Latino American family, I have to say I am bothered by the borders as they are currently drawn. These lines disenfranchise people of color and dilute the Latino representation in our communities.

I know how important it is to have proportional representation for our community and, after looking at the draft district lines drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Committee, I can see that they do not allow our community to have the voice that it deserves in government. I support the maps proposed by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance at the June 17 Redistricting Hearing in Whittier, as these maps reflect a fair, equitable and diverse representation of our communities of interest.

The most recent census reports the Latino population in California is the fastest growing and largest population in the State. With standing like that, I would think that we'd have district lines drawn to accommodate our needs and interests, but where there could be five districts with more than 50 percent of the voting population consisting of Latino voters, the districts are currently drawn to only create three. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance maps create these two additional Section 2 districts and more accurately reflect our community's interests.

The failure by the Commission to create these two additional majority/minority Latino Citizen Voting Age Population districts shows a violation of Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Again, the Commission's current draft maps are an affront to Latinos and Asians, as they have reduced our representation. It will be much more difficult to have cohesive representation in Sacramento or Washington, DC when our elected officials are not primarily concerned with our community's needs.

I hope that the Redistricting Commission recognizes their mistake before moving forward with their second draft maps.

Sincerely,

Colman deKay

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90068



Casey, Molly <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: Public Comment: 9 - Mendocino

Voter <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Mon, Jun 27, 2011 at 3:26 PM

Region 9 - Mendocino
June 24

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Mendocino
Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 17:59:34 +0000
From: Pam Brown, MFT <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

From: Pam Brown, MFT <[REDACTED]>
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I am adding my enthusiastic support for the redistricting that is being proposed. We residents of the north coast should be able to voice our concerns together for our coastlines, our rivers and our forests. Thank you.

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