

Subject: Redistricting

From: David Risard <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:48:11 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Committee:

I am writing to express my support of realigning voter districts in the central Sierra that as proposed would include El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties. I believe that these counties have common interests that should be represented together and override the disadvantage of extra miles and travel time required for our prospective elected Representatives.

It appears that constituents' interests and needs are being appropriately considered over travel convenience when considering the district boundaries.

Yours sincerely,
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Subject: Comments On Committee's Proposal For Foothills/MotherLode

From: Domenic Torchia <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 17:23:54 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Committee Folks-

Upon careful review of the maps I have received for the Sierra Nevada Foothills/Mother Lode, I am in agreement with what you have done.

For once, it looks like we will be able to elect "one of our own." Having any "Valley voters" in our AD, State Senate, and CD only takes what little influence we might have away from us. Anyone living below 1000' ASL is in a different world and should not be allowed to have control over our legislative needs. Their needs are entirely different than ours.

So leave Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, and Tuolumne Counties in their own districts. Throwing in Mono and even Mariposa would be brilliant too. But do not put us in with Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin. Mariposa- I think most of their population is at the southwestern end so I will not comment on them.

Again, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado and Tuolumne are a "family unit" and if this is what you were striving for, you have it with that combo. We have unique needs that are actually diametrically opposed to those below us-eg. giving "a flatlander" undue influence over our water resources. The way it is now, we have no voice in what is done with our natural resources. Someone in the Valley needs our water, our representative in the legislature-from the Valley-works for them, not us.

I understand the deadline for comment is this Friday. I will urge others in the Foothills/Mother Lode District to send their comments to you.

Thank you for your work.

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