

**Subject:** FW: Comments On Committee's Proposal For Foothills/MotherLode

**From:** "Tillman Sherman" [REDACTED]

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I concur with Mr. Torchia's comments below.

Tillman Sherman  
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**From:** Domenic Torchia [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2011 5:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Comments On Committee's Proposal For Foothills/MotherLode

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.

Domenic Torchia



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Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing from Sonora, CA to tell you that you've done a great job so far.

The first draft makes so much more sense than our current districts, and it will help our area have a voice at the State level. I've often wondered why we were pooled together with the valley, who has a very different culture as well as different interests. In addition, as the record will show, the valley often drown out our voters, suppressing the already small voice we have.

I am Chair-elect for our our County Chamber of Commerce, and I feel these districts will better represent both the county of Tuolumne as well as our neighboring counties. Timber, water and minerals are a common interest among the areas you're suggesting we join. From my opinion, this will enhance our representation, and allow our legislators to focus on the needs of our demographic. You may hear some opposition from some of the agencies and citizens from our county, and I urge you to take them with a grain of salt. It is of my opinion that they are only trying to protect our current legislators, who will be out of a job, and that they're overlooking the reality that these lines will help our citizens. As unfortunate as it may be that our current legislators will be affected, we must do what is right for our citizens first.

In closing, what you've done makes perfect sense. You can ask any of my fellow Tuolumne county residents and they'll agree that along the highway 49 corridor, we always feel close to home. The towns are similar, the resources are identical, and the people might as well be related.

Good luck in the work to come, if anything you could extend slightly more south in the Sierra Nevada mountain range, but as is I would consider this a great success.

Keep up the good work,

**Chris Caldwell**  
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**Subject:** redistricting proposal

**From:** "Kay Bargmann" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 09:27:22 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To the California Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for your extraordinary efforts in creating a proposal for redistricting California. We particularly appreciate the separation of the foothill areas from the valley counties. We have unique issues here. For example, our water concerns are often in conflict with the demands of the valley. Also, funding for forest fire fighting is very important here at our elevations. Finally, education funding is very, very poor here, and unemployment rates are high. We need representatives that will specifically champion our most important issues.

Sincerely,

John & Karen Bargmann  
Sonora, CA