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*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: June 25, 2011 in San Jose, CA*

I have lived in San Jose for 25 years and have worked in the Silicon Valley region in multiple cities. I am a member of OCA-SV (Organization of Chinese Americans, Silicon Valley Chapter).

In reviewing the draft maps, I would like to make the following comments:

- Thank you for unifying the **Berryessa area**, which was previously split into multiple areas which diluted a community of interest
- I am concerned about the **Evergreen area**, which is now split into multiple areas which dilutes a community of interest
- I would like to encourage the commission to put **Santa Clara County Cities** into a Santa Clara County District, currently Santa Clara and Cupertino are in a different district than Sunnyvale and Mountain View, all of whom are Santa Clara County cities with many of the same interests

As the lines are drawn, I would also like the commission to consider the following:

- Lines should help to keep school districts and cities as a whole as much as possible
- Often communities are split by manmade boundaries i.e. Railroad Tracks, Highways, Freeways, etc. which changes the interests and concerns of different groups

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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June 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
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Re: First Draft District Maps – Support for City of Santa Clara’s Placement in a Single Legislative District within Santa Clara County

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Santa Clara is in support of the new district boundaries as shown on the draft maps released on June 10, 2011, placing the City of Santa Clara in a single legislative district within Santa Clara County. For the past ten years, the City has been separated into two districts, with boundary lines bisecting long-established parts of the City. For example, the area in Santa Clara known as the “Old Quad,” a cohesive neighborhood located in the part of the City covered in the first survey of the Town of Santa Clara made in 1866, was split and placed in two different legislative districts. El Camino Real, which travels the width of the City and is home to many of the City’s retail businesses, is crossed in four different locations by seemingly arbitrary district boundary lines. Santa Clara is known as “The Mission City” and carries this designation because of its origins in Mission Santa Clara; however, 20% of the City is not located in the same district as the mission.

Santa Clara is primarily served by a single school district, has its own electric and water utilities serving the entire City, a city-wide Chamber of Commerce serving the business community, and a full contingent of excellent City services for all of our residents, regardless of where they are located in the community. It makes sense for the City, its residents, and its businesses, to be united in a single legislative district as well.

The California Constitution mandates that the geographic integrity of any city, county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible, and that to the extent practicable, and where this does not conflict with the criteria above, districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness. The first draft district maps achieve these requirements with respect to the City of Santa Clara.

The City is on record in support of Santa Clara being placed in a single legislative district, making our community essentially whole in its legislative representation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Jamie L. Matthews
Mayor

Jennifer Sparacino
City Manager

cc: Santa Clara City Council

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Subject: redistricting of District 23

From: carol martin <[REDACTED]>

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My stance is to keep **Assembly District 23, as whole as possible**. It keeps a community of interest, east and central San Jose together.

The current proposed districts will divide the community and will not give our community a **quality voice** at the state and federal level.

Carol Martin
of District 23