

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - San Benito

From: Beverly Miller <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 1:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Assembly District 28

Message Body:

Your redrawn district lines subtracted Gilroy from Dist. 28 and added Watsonville. This is not a good change. I have many friends and business associates who live in Gilroy. Gilroy is Hollister's, and San Juan Bautista's shopping, entertainment, and arts destination; I shop often in Gilroy. I also work often there. I go to Gilroy 20 times more often (at least) than Watsonville. Geographically, it is more convenient and safer to travel to Gilroy. It is also "on the way" to many other destination cities (San Jose and metroplex, and San Francisco). Please rethink this decision. It does not make sense, according to your own stated considerations.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: San Jose Districts: Keep Downtown San Jose Whole!

From: Terry Christensen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 12:54 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Please do NOT split up San Jose's Latino Eastside into multiple districts OR separate the Eastside from Downtown San Jose. These areas have been part of the same districts for decades and share a strong community of interest with many community organizations that cross the boundaries of the districts as currently drawn. Both the Eastside and Downtown areas have Latino majorities which should be kept unified and kept in tact.

Downtown San Jose is bounded by Highways 87, 880 and 101 to the west, north and east. The best southern boundary is Keyes Street/Story Road, although Interstate 280 is sometimes seen as the boundary.

Downtown San Jose should be kept with other parts of San Jose, especially the Eastside, and Downtown should NOT be made part of a district that would be dominated by Hayward, Fremont, and Southern Alameda County, with which Downtown shares no sense of community and has no connections. This would result in UNDERrepresentation of Latinos and a substantial low income community.

Downtown San Jose should be kept unified with San Jose's Eastside, as bounded by Mabury or McKee Roads on the north, Tully on the south, and the foothills to the east.

These two areas have a strong affinity and a tradition of community organizations working together. It's crucial to keep them together to assure fair representation for the residents of this area.

The first draft maps for assembly, senate and congress would result in WORSE representation for Downtown and Eastside San Jose.

Thank you for your work on redistricting, on the openness of the process and on your willingness to consider changes to the first draft.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Do not split Sunnyvale and Santa Clara apart.

From: Connie Sam <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 6:33 PM

To: [REDACTED]

My name is Concordia Sam

I am a resident of Mountain View, California.

I request that you reconsider your proposed boundaries for Assembly Districts SSNMT and SILIV. Please do not split Sunnyvale from Santa Clara to join a separate district SSNMT. Sunnyvale and even Mountain view have closer ties with Santa Clara and Cupertino than with Half Moon Bay. Many Filipino electronics industry workers had settled here since the early days of Intel, National Semiconductors, Lockheed Martin, etc. Many Filipinos established their roots in this area when they migrated from the Philippines and others states, like Hawaii. We need one assembly leadership who can represent us and address our needs as one community.

I support the proposal from CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian and Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting).

Sincerely,
Concordia Sam