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**To:**[REDACTED]

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Subject: my district

Message Body:  
Dear Commissioners:

My name is Traci Reilly. I am writing to support fair and competitive districts that fully comply with Proposition 11 with district geography criteria of natural geographical boundaries such as mountain ranges, bodies of water, of equal population and that comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act. I want my district lines to maintain district contiguity, and compactness by keeping cities, communities and neighborhoods intact as much as possible.

I strongly oppose the current district that I have were I am represented by someone from the Berkeley/Oakland area. The communities on the eastern side of the Caldecott Tunnel should be represented by someone that shares similar topography and issues. The hills and tunnel are a natural barrier that separate us.

The western side of the Caldecott Tunnel is more urban, and has different issues with regards to water, transportation, housing, etc.

Lafayette and its neighbors Orinda and Moraga have more in common with Walnut Creek then we do with Berkeley/Oakland.

It is my hope that districts are drawn to meet the needs of the residents and not to appease the lobbying groups that are shouting the loudest to keep certain political strongholds in power.

Lets stop the gerrymandering. Please draw boundaries that make sense for the residents.

Sincerely,  
Traci Reilly

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