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Subject:Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

Date:Thu, 2 Jun 2011 04:40:40 +0000

From:Traci Reilly <[REDACTED]>

To:[REDACTED]

From: Traci Reilly <[REDACTED]>
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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Subject: Q2 - EAST ALAMEDA COUNTY AND 'EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

From: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 1 Jun 2011 17:51:56 -0700

To: "'CA Citizens Redistricting Commission'" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission:

I just took a look at the Bay Area Assembly District lines (Q2) with some friends WHO HAVE LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR YEARS. This is what we agreed on.

1. Eastern Contra Costa County is poorly designed. Whoever make this map does not know the area. . Antioch, Brentwood, Discovery Bay and Oakley should be together because they are physically and residents in those cities feel part of that larger community – not as shown on your “map” which gerrymanders parts of this area into a district with Solano county, and parts of Sacramento and Yolo. It does not seem to make much sense. You can't go to Sacramento from any of the East Contra Costa cities without driving through an another district – WHICH IS GERRYMANDERING – THE REASON YOUR COMMISSION WAS VOTED ON IN THE FIRST PLACE – TO END “GERRYMANDERING’ WHICH TAKES AWAY THE VOTING POWER OF MANY TO GIVE IT TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS – INTERESTED SOLELY IN THEIR OWN PRIORITIES.

It would make more sense to put Martinez, Pacheco, Vine Hill, Mountain View and a portion of Concord in the same district as Solano County, instead, since Solano County and North-Central Contra Costa County are connected by the Benicia Bridge and I-680 - which is a major transportation corridor for Solano County commuters.

Please put Brentwood, Byron and Discovery Bay and the rest of Eastern Contra Costa County back together with Antioch, Oakley, and even Bethel Island and nearby towns. The Mt. Diablo foothills and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers are the natural boundaries in this area.

2. But the design for Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek with the San Ramon Valley (Alamo, Diablo, Danville, Blackhawk, San Ramon, Camino Tassajara and Eastern Alameda County is good! We all liked it except for the fact that part of Walnut Creek was split off.

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

Pat Ferguson

Subject: California Redistricting Commission

From: Ruth Friedrichs <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 1 Jun 2011 15:48:01 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Contra Costa County, and I am writing to urge your support of all of the Bay Area Maps submitted on May 24, 2011 by the California Conservative Action Group and the California Citizens Redistricting Task Force.

I support a fair and competitive Congressional District comprised of Lamorinda, Walnut Creek, Oakley, Antioch, Clayton, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, the San Ramon Valley, and the Tri-Valley (Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore).

Thank you,

Ruth Friedrichs