

Subject: Congressional District 13

From: Catherine Kavasch <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 4 Jun 2011 17:24:47 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I am writing to you as a resident of CD13 for as long as I can remember. I spent my childhood in Newark and college and post college years in Hayward and most recently in San Leandro then San Lorenzo for the past 17 years. I feel this enables me to speak to you with knowledge of the area and the community's understanding of natural boundaries and alliances. I feel that correct districting is critical to encouraging and facilitating citizen involvement in elections and addressing issues that affect specific communities.

I urge that the Commission respect our rights and keep the [TriCities](#) together. I hope the commissioners are not listening to special interest groups in creating these maps, instead of the actual testimony of citizens who live in these neighborhoods. Almost no resident in Fremont would identify with San Jose. They are and always will be part of the Tri-cities and should have Congressional representation reflect that.

I am also concerned that moving Fremont violates the [Voting Rights Act](#). Our Congressional district is the most diverse in the state. Taking Fremont away undermines that diversity, and particularly disadvantages the South Asian community.

Legal action will be taken, if necessary, to keep Fremont in the district with Hayward, [Newark](#), and Union City. We are proud to have a congressional district that has been together for nearly 40 years, and was drawn by court lines and the Columbia study.

I urge the Commissioners to keep Fremont as part of the I-880 corridor district. Not doing so is making a mockery of the line-drawing process.

This cannot stand.

Sincerely,
Catherine Kavasch

Dear Commission,

We are very concerned by the handouts lumping Fremont in with [San Jose](#) in a Congressional district. This is in blatant disregard for the numerous testimonials at the citizen commission, explicitly stating that we want Fremont, Newark, and Union City --the [Tri Cities](#) to be united. The starting map shows no regard for this citizen input or understanding of our area. It also crosses county lines by lumping Fremont ([Alameda County](#)) in with San Jose (Santa Clara County).

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Sincerely,

Subject: Redefining Congressional districts

From: RAM MALIK <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 4 Jun 2011 12:55:04 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

Lumping Fremont in with San Jose in a Congressional district is not logical geographically as well as considering the diversity of its residents and it is objectionable to me. This seems to be a blatant disregard for the numerous testimonials at the citizen commission, explicitly stating that we want Fremont, Newark, and Union City --the Tri Cities to be united. This action shows no regard for this citizen input or understanding of our area. It crosses county lines by lumping Fremont (Alameda County) in with San Jose (Santa Clara County). I wonder what is the need of this kind of action other than serve the individual need of a few politicians. Almost no resident in Fremont would identify with San Jose. We are and always will be part of the Tri-cities and should have Congressional representation reflect that. We urge that the Commission respect our rights and keep the TriCities together.

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Sincerely,
Ram Malik

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Norman Howell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 4 Jun 2011 12:04:00 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Fremont citizens have no commonality with Santa Clara County. All our information, government agencies go north to Oakland our county seat. We would be nothing more than an orphan attached to Santa Clara County. That is not a community of interest especially in governmental matters. It would be a gerrymander of the first order.

Sincerely

Norman Howell

[REDACTED]
Fremont, CA. 94539

ps. It is even a different area code

Sent from my iPad