

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: Aref Aziz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 23:01:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Aref Aziz <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Proposal by Tri-Cities

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for taking the time to hear the concerns of the people of the Tri-Cities today.

In the proceedings, the commission legitimately asked what we recommend to make sure the Tri City stays together in a Congressional District. As we testified, maintaining the Tri-Cities in a Congressional seat anchored in an Alameda County district is our highest priority.

The district should include San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, Castro Valley, Hayward, Newark, Union City, and Fremont. This district would maintain the integrity of the Tri-Cities and stay within county lines.

Another alternative option would be to include Milpitas, the city immediately adjacent to Fremont. While Milpitas is firmly rooted in Santa Clara County institutions, it is currently a part of the 20th Assembly District and grouped in with Fremont Newark and Union City. Fremont and Milpitas are also interconnected economically. This similarity fades deeper into Santa Clara County past Milpitas.

As the testimony made clear, it makes no sense to group Fremont with East San Jose and in a Santa Clara County District. You can push the San Jose district further South and East to make up for population, as the Columbia University map recommends.

An I-880 North to South District starting from San Lorenzo is compact, elegant, and possible, while keeping communities of interest together. It will meet with great approval from almost all the citizens affected. This is what the Columbia University map, more or less, proposes which looks at all the California Congressional maps objectively. Here is an attachment. <http://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/CA-06-Marin-to-Contra-Costa Page 2.jpg>

Once again, thank you for your time and willingness to listen to the people of the Tri-Cities.

Sincerely,

Aref Aziz

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From: Bill Spicer <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 21:03:52 +0000

To: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

From: Bill Spicer <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>
Subject: Fremont Redistricting.

Message Body:

I really like that we are part of San Jose district with Zoe Lofgren.

There is some Easterners (Indians) that is trying to turn this into racial issue.

Please do not let them.

Fremont people have more in common with Milpitas and San Jose then Oakland and San Leandro.

I have talked to a lot of people who are happy with your proposal.

Best Regards Bill Spicer

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From: Sharon Cornu-Toney <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 20:09:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sharon Cornu-Toney <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Fremont split in Congressional map

Message Body:

Dear Commission: Thank you for the work that you are doing - and for coming to Oakland on May 21 for a hearing. As someone who sat through all 96 speakers, I was surprised to see the draft map that splits the City of Fremont into two Congressional districts. It has been my pleasure to work with many community leaders across Alameda County, and to see firsthand just how closely connected Fremont is. Dividing Fremont from the rest of Alameda County disenfranchises an important and growing Asian community and penalizes Alameda County's second largest city. That's why at least two dozen of the speakers who appeared at the Oakland hearing on May 21 urged you to keep South County whole -- Fremont, Union City, Newark and Hayward together. I respectfully request that you review the testimony before you and re-consider the decision to split Fremont. It will set the East Bay economy back by dividing this important city and its growing infrastructure from the rest of Alameda County.

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