

Region #8: Alameda



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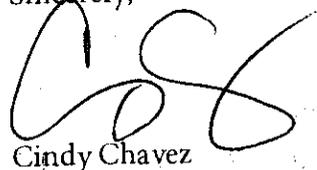
Dear Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, I am writing to express our strong support for maintaining the wholeness of the Silicon Valley community of interest in the redistricting process. Geographically, the core of Silicon Valley comprises the boundary of Santa Clara County and areas to the north in San Mateo County. This region appears to hold a population equivalent to three congressional districts.

The Labor Council represents one hundred unions and over 100,000 union members, and works to improve the lives of all working families in Santa Clara and San Benito counties. The Silicon Valley is a unique community of interest embodied by the cutting edge innovations of our workforce, the diversity of our residents, and strength of our regional economy. Historically, economically and culturally it encompasses Santa Clara County and moves north into San Mateo County. It is important to the working families we represent that this community of interest have a voice and representation in government.

We respectfully request that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission preserve the wholeness of the Silicon Valley in its final district maps.

Sincerely,



Cindy Chavez
Executive Officer

SAN JOSE, CA 95125

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May 21,11

Dear Commissioners;

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and hope that my opinions will have value when you are considering the redistricting process.

I am a retired teacher and housewife and have resided as a homeowner in Alamo, CA. for 40 years.

Alamo, Danville and San Ramon Valley are my community of interest. We share like views on development, open space and recreation, safety, schools and family values, and are deeply protective of our beautiful Mt. Diablo.

I am still angry about the "gerrymandering monster" that was foisted on us by the politicians. It neutralized my vote.

I remember studying this subject in high school in 1946 and even then "gerrymandering" was described as an evil that undermines democracy and is anti-American. This monster is a means of stuffing the ballot box and is in fact illegal.

Please keep our community unified so that our representatives can work for us as a whole community. I voted for propositions 11/20 and hope you will respect the wishes of the voters. Race and ethnicity are not a good criteria. We share the same schools, environment and community facilities.

Please be fair and keep our community unified.

Respectfully,

Barbara Meitree

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Alamo CA 94507

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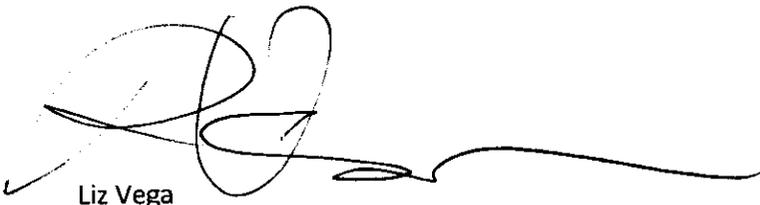
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Liz Vega

Former NUMMI/UAW/OPEIU member 7 YEARS

5-31-2011

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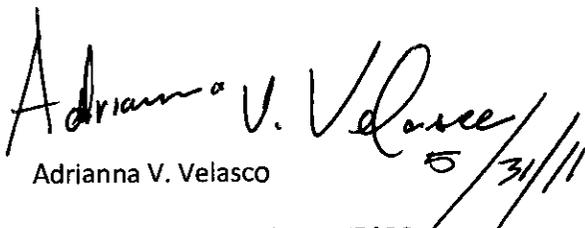
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Adrianna V. Velasco
Former OPEIU member 4 YEARS
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Esther Parra

5-31-11

Esther Parra

Former NUMMI - UAW member 25 YEARS

Newark ca, Resident

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Marcella Velasco

Former OPEIU Nummi member 3 YEARS

5-31-11

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Michele Vallejo

Former NUMMI/UAW OPEIU member 12YEARS

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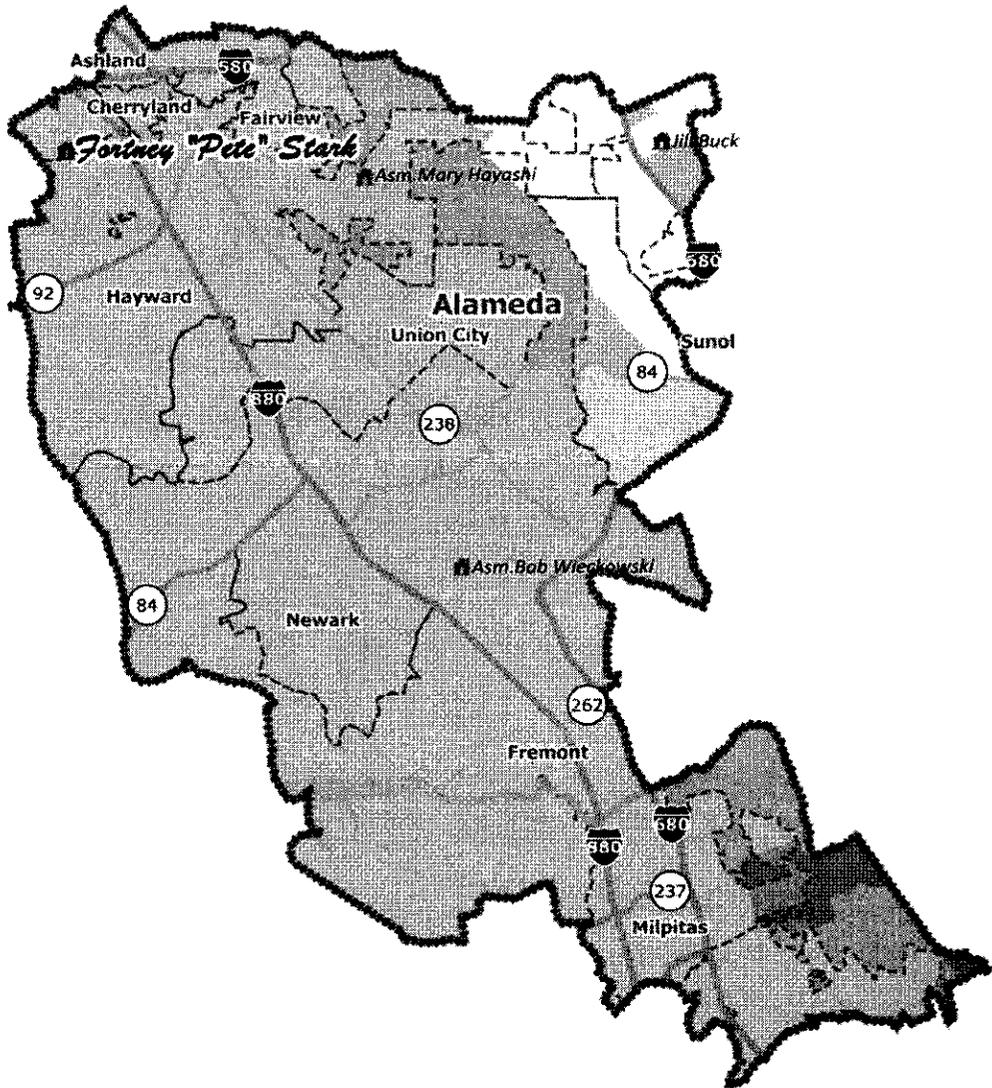

Alejandra Reyes 5/31/11

Former Nummi- OPEIU – UAW member 6 YEARS

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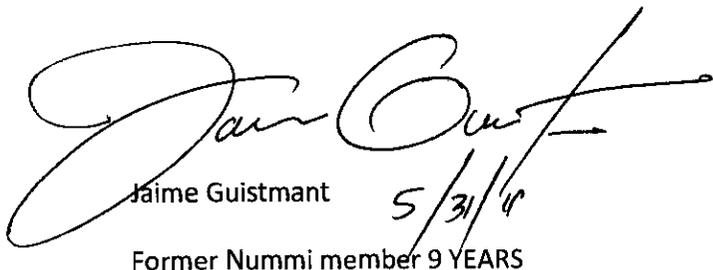
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Former Nummi member 9 YEARS

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Melanie Smith 5-31-11

Former Nummi member 25YEARS

Fremont ca, resident

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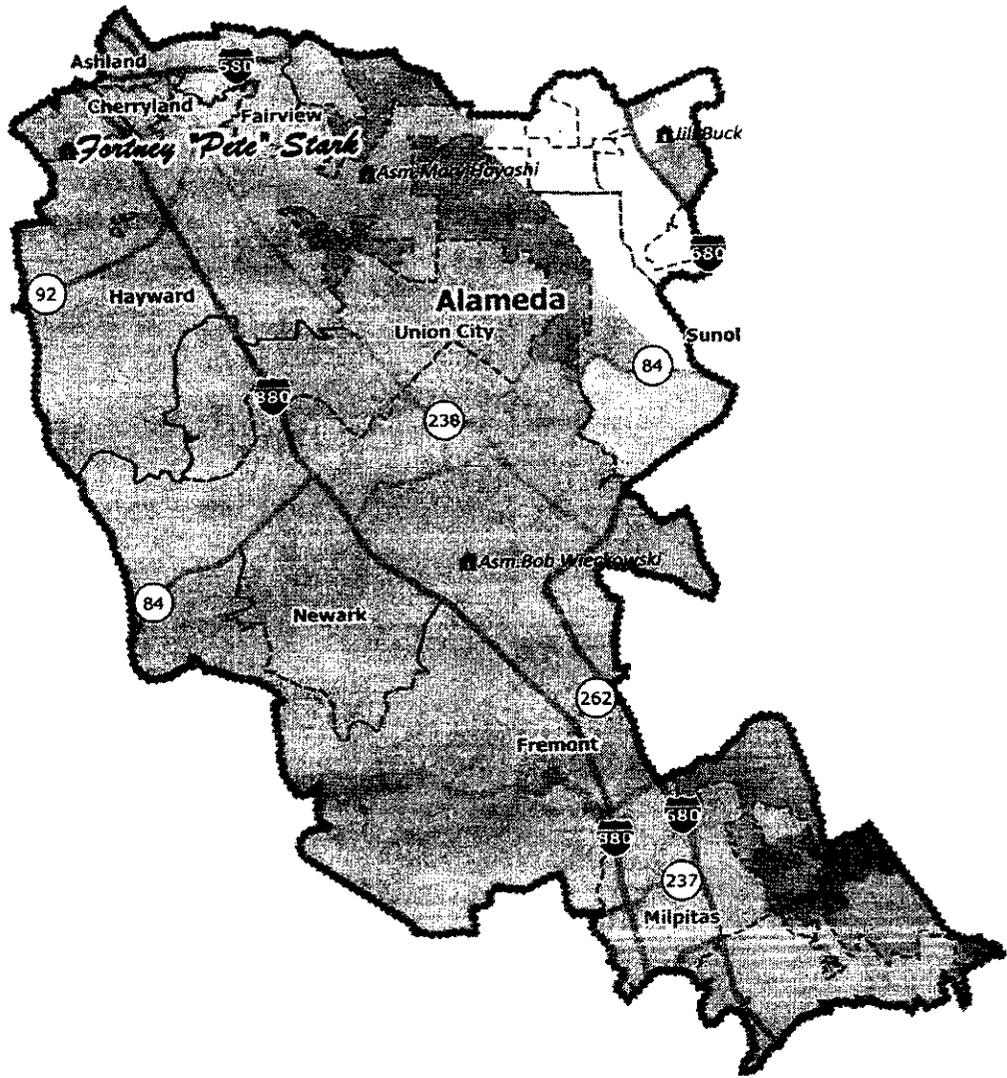
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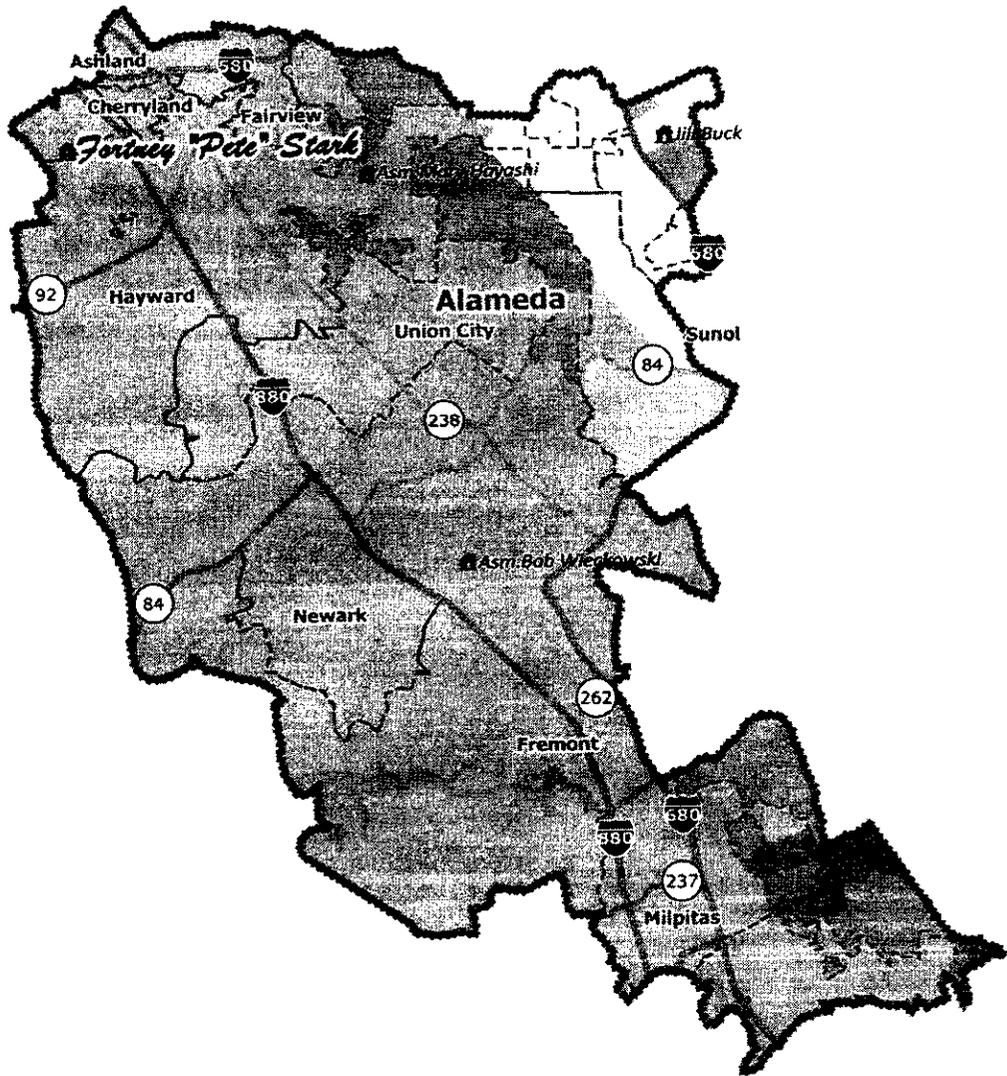
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Former NUMMI-UAW member 24 YEARS

Partisanship

-  Over 20 pt Republican
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-  up to 10 pt Rep Lean
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-  +10 - 20 pt Democratic
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| Field | Value |
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| District | 14 |
| Population | 702,905 |
| Deviation | 0 |
| % Deviation | 0% |
| Hispanic Origin | 177,899 |
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| B_LAT_CVAP | 70,682 |
| % B_LAT_CVAP | 18% |
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Region # 8: Alameda

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Richard J. Flores 5-31-11

Former NUMMI-UAW member 21 YEARS

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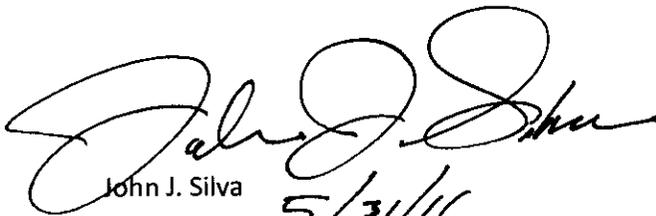
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5/31/11

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Walnut Creek, CA 94595-2203

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May 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Redistricting.

Dear Citizens' Redistricting Commission:

My name is Carol M. Hehmeyer. I have testified before the Commission before and am following your hearings on the web. My group of citizens in Contra Costa County wants our communities kept together. I am writing to urge your support of **all of the Bay Area Maps** being submitted by the **California Conservative Action Group**.

I 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.

Here are my positions on the recent testimony:

1. I strongly oppose the Sierra Club Bay Area plan that violates the Voting Rights Act **and** gerrymanders the TriValley.

2. I agree with the Sierra Club plan ONLY on the one point, **not to cross the Bay and Golden Gate Bridges.**

3. I reject the San Joaquin County Citizens for Constitutional Redistricting plan; they carve up the TriValley to create a San Joaquin district favorable to a tiny fraction of our Bay Area population.

4. I reject the Latino Policy Forum maps; they create an absurd district that jumps over the water to connect Marin, half of San Francisco and West Oakland in violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

5. I strongly oppose the California Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan and insist that districts not jump across the East Bay hills, because the communities from San Leandro to Milpitas have little in common with the Tri-Valley, and everything in common with each other. The commission got overwhelming testimony in the Oakland input hearings to this effect, both from Tri-Valley and from Oakland, San Leandro, Milpitas, Richmond, El Cerrito etc. to the effect, "Keep the Berkeley Oakland Hills as a natural geographic barrier between urban, ethnic, diverse communities west of the hills and suburban bedroom and office park communities east of the hills."

6. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) gerrymander of Union City, an overwhelmingly Asian and Latino city along the East Bay shoreline that CIJEE links with the Tri-Valley communities such as San Ramon and Livermore. Union City is linked to its neighbors in Fremont and Newark by ethnicity, job patterns, and I-880. It has no connection whatsoever to Danville! Additionally, there was very clear testimony at the Oakland input hearing from community groups centered around the auto industry who did NOT want to be connected to Tri-Valley.

7. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan forcing communities of Lamorinda and Pleasant Hill into a district with Berkeley, as was done in 1981, and is being resurrected by CIJEE. The Berkeley-Oakland area is different in every demographic respect from the suburban communities on the other side of the mountains.

8. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan gerrymandering that put the mid-Peninsula area around Palo Alto with the city of Santa Cruz - a city on the other side of a mountain range, in a different county, and on the ocean.

9. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan which splits the Latino community in San Jose into two Assembly districts, although it should be kept together in one district.

10. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan for Marin. Any AD based in Marin should expand north along Hwy 101, to reach people who work in Marin. It should not be gerrymandered far east to Benicia, which it has nothing in common with.

11. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan which merges North Bay districts with SF districts. We insist that the North Bay districts be kept separate from the SF districts.

12. I reject the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting CAPAFR plan. Specifically but not limited to joining Fremont with The TriValley: the City of Pleasanton.

13. I reject the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) plan for violations of the Voter Rights Act and abusive gerrymandering. So ridiculous that one commissioner spoke out during MALDEF's presentation on 5/26 in Northridge stating **“Why so many Gerrymander Fingers?”**

Your Commission has an historic task. You must try to carry it out with integrity. You must also act to ensure that you are **perceived** as operating with integrity and honesty. You are currently failing in that you are perceived as being virulently left-wing.

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Carol M. Hehmeyer
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One of your members has confessed on video, at a hearing, to have been a former member of MALDEF **and to have been an attorney for them.** This, among other things in her background, entirely disqualify her to sit on the Commission altogether. **Maria Blanco must be removed from the Commission immediately. She is not impartial.**

I also note that the only attorney from Gibson, Dunn that is testifying today is Brown, with whom Maria Blanco has worked. Brown is an avid Democrat. The lawfirm itself has contributed millions to the Democrat party. What is going on? There was to be a Republican attorney from Gibson Dunn in the hearings too.

I doubt very much that you are receiving valid, objective, and complete legal advice!

Please take care to fulfill your historic mandate in a **lawful and impartial manner.**

Yours very truly,



Carol M. Hehmeyer
Attorney at Law
Contra Costa County



Region 8: Alameda

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7
LIVERMORE, CA 94551-9486

JUN 08 2011

May 26, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

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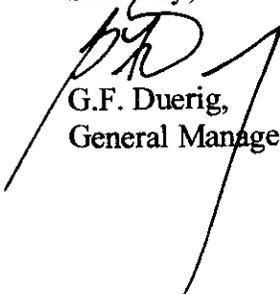
The purpose of this letter is to offer comments on redistricting. Zone 7 Water Agency serves potable wholesale water to the Cities of Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton in Alameda County as well as the Dougherty Valley portion of the City of San Ramon in Contra Costa County. In addition, Zone 7 provides agricultural water and flood control services to Eastern Alameda County. This area is commonly referred to as the Tri-Valley.

We are writing to add our request to that of the cities we serve—keeping these Tri-Valley communities within one congressional, state senatorial and assembly district has strong advantages. The Tri-Valley area certainly meets the established criteria to be considered a community of interest. The current districting has our communities “represented” by two members of Congress, three state Senators and three members of the state Assembly. To discuss issues of concern to Zone 7 and our customers in the Tri-Valley area, we have to meet with each representative. We have found the Tri-Valley area to be so divided that our issues have been consistently overshadowed by having the majority of voters located outside of our area. To continue our effective partnership in this region, we need state and federal elected officials who share our focus on the Tri-Valley.

The Tri-Valley cities, counties and special districts have built a remarkable record of cooperation over the years and could well serve as a model for similar areas throughout the state. Zone 7 participates as appropriate in these public collaborations.

Zone 7 recognizes the challenging job that the commission faces and believes that this area meets the community of interest criteria. Zone 7 respectfully requests that the Tri-Valley be kept intact in terms of representation at the state and national levels. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Sincerely,


G.F. Duerig,
General Manager