Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: Ward Belding <

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 04:25:58 +0000

To:

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Subject: Generally Favorable Evaluation of First Draft

Message Body:

I'm not writing with any specific comments, but just to say that my first impression of the realigned districts in our area (all four levels) is generally very favorable. The community of interest concept seems to have been applied reasonably, within the constraints of the Census block groups.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: Bette Peters <

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 19:09:02 +0000

To:

From: Bette Peters ≤

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep All of San Leandro in One district. thank you. Bette Peters

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: Nicky Neau <

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 05:21:58 +0000

To:

From: Nicky Neau <

Subject: First CD Draft Fails

Message Body:

I live in Livermore. Now it is in CD10 surrounded by CD11. This Gerrymandering prevented Livermore citizens from being active in their own CD, and I felt estranged from my Congressman.

I testified at the Oakland May 21 hearing. The predominant testimony from those in the Livermore/Pleasanton/Dublin/San Ramon/Danville area was to keep the TRI-VALLEY area as a community of interest even though it crossed county lines. This area is geographically compact; it is a transportation corridor with many common concerns.

During the three hours that I attended the hearing, most people from the "Tri-Valley Area" testified to keep it together, not to cross the hills either to the east or to the west. Castro Valley was as far west, and Livermore/Discovery Bay was as far east.

Instead, the best I can see from this poor CD first draft map, is that Livermore is connected to Hayward, and the 680 corridor is divided from the 580 corridor.

This is unacceptable. People from the above communities mix freely for shopping and social interaction.

Please consider the Columbia Law School Redistricting Project map for our area <u>that I included with my testimony</u>.

It is called CD11; it is compact, includes the cities I listed, and is politically balanced.

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