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Subject:Unreasonable Boundaries for Draft#1 Congressional District

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Dear Commissioners,

I live in Pleasanton and I would like to request that you reconsider the boundaries of Draft #1 for the congressional district that lumps the three cities in our valley (Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore) in with cities in the East Bay (Hayward, Union City, San Leandro).

This district makes little sense as it lumps two culturally dissimilar groups which are separated by a sizable range of hills.

The cities in our valley are much more closely associated with those in the northern portion of our tri-valley (San Ramon, Danville, Walnut Creek) than they are to the East Bay.

I noticed that the Draft #1 State senate districts did make this more reasonable grouping. I would request that you reevaluate the affected districts and draw the boundaries in a manner that shows more consistency.

The population size of the State senate districts are similar to the congressional districts, so I would expect that the most straight forward redistricting would also look similar.

Thank you for your efforts at arriving at fair and reasonable districts for our state, and for considering my concerns.

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