

Subject: Redistricting

From: Rosemary Corbin [REDACTED]

Date: 6/25/2011 8:30 AM

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: Tom Butt [REDACTED] Gayle McLaughlin [REDACTED], Bill Lindsay
[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I am very concerned that your proposed Congressional Districts for Richmond will be very detrimental to our city. You are proposing to to lump most of Richmond in the same district as Oakland. We suffered under that senario in the 1980s, and it really hurt Richmond. The situation would be worse now. The reason is that Richmond and Oakland have the same demographics and compete for the same funds. Oakland always wins when they share the same advocate. At least in the 1980s Richmond had a population under 100,000, so there were times when Oakland and Richmond did not compete, but now that we are both in the 100,000 - 500,000 category your proposal will doom Richmond. Please reconsider, and allow us to be represented in Congress by a different person than Oakland.

Thank you,
Rosemary M. Corbin
Former Mayor of Richmond

Subject: Don't split Fremont

From: "Kristin G" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/25/2011 7:13 AM

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Keep Fremont in ONE congressional district (Alameda)

Kristin Goldthorpe
Fremont, CA

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: "Roberto 'Rob' Grau" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/25/2011 3:23 PM

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Roberto 'Rob' Grau [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting Maps & Redistricting Commission

Message Body:

I have viewed your maps and attended your presentations and viewed your draft, I must say that I am a bit confused about your intent. Is the intent not to keep communities, cities and counties and unincorporated areas contiguous? Or are we trying to re-draw districts to overcome the current budget impasse in Sacramento (with the Commission's Aid). Let's face it folks California is screwed fiscally and demographically, we are a broken broke welfare state, that owes much money, sadly this was once the fifth largest economy in the world, when I arrived in the sixties, but due to complete control of the legislature by one group, and it seem like you favor our continued decline with your maps....yes let us over regulate, drive out business, bring in more illegals to our state and destroy more farming communities in the name of liberal compassion, which is nothing more than confusion and destruction. I think personally many of you are very liberal at heart and until we are all dr!

owning, will you begin to see your mistakes, or maybe you just don't care, or the koolaid you drank was strong and in the name of good intentions, without looking at the real results you have created.

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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?"

Thank you,

Roberto A. Grau
Alameda, California

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: Roberto Grau <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 3:28 PM

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Roberto Grau <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Maps

Message Body:

There is a word for what you should be doing and that civic duty, but there is also a word for the outcome and that is: Gerrymandering....

And with Jerry in Sacramento you seem to be carrying his water:

“In the process of setting electoral districts, Gerrymandering is a practice that attempts to establish a political advantage for a particular party or group by manipulating geographic boundaries to create partisan, incumbent-protected districts. The word gerrymander (originally written Gerry-mander) was used for the first time in the Boston Gazette newspaper on March 26, 1812. The word was created in reaction to a redrawing of Massachusetts state senate election districts under the then governor Elbridge Gerry (pronounced /'geri/; 1744-1814). In 1812, Governor Gerry signed a bill that redistricted Massachusetts to benefit his Democratic-Republican Party. When mapped, one of the contorted districts in the Boston area was said to resemble the shape of a salamander”

If you can sleep at night after being so partial, may I say, that the soon to be (because he has yet to resign) Congressman Weiner of New York also slept well, 'til he was caught exposing his

YOu will merely show generations to come how partial you were and that it did not matter to you as long as you got your way....

Roberto 'Rob Grau

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Subject: please don't dvide Richmond

From: Ran Bush [REDACTED]

Date: 6/25/2011 9:45 AM

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To whom it may concern; I agree with Mayor McLaughlin, please don't divide Richmond into two districts.

Ran Bush

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