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

Dear Members of the California Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the entire Newark City Council to provide you with our comments regarding the recently released redistricting maps. We would like to thank the Commission for the work that you have completed to date and for giving us the opportunity to provide our comments and suggestions. Your work is of vital importance to the future of our community and the State.

First of all, we appreciate that the Commission kept the City of Newark whole in each of the proposed districts. We believe this is of paramount importance in Newark being fairly represented. We must however, express our concern with the shift of Newark in the proposed congressional district from its historical association with cities in central Alameda County to a greater association with San Jose. The members of the Newark City Council urge the Redistricting Commission to consider revising the proposed congressional district map to retain the historical and important connection among the cities in Central Alameda County especially those in the Tri-Cities (Fremont, Newark, Union City). We strongly believe that the common interests, shared geography, and ongoing partnerships among our communities should be taken into consideration in determining congressional representation. Revising the district lines in this way would also provide a better balance with the rest of Alameda County cities.

Thank you again for providing the City of Newark with an opportunity to provide the Redistricting Commission with our comments. We appreciate your efforts in creating fair and balanced representation for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Smith".

DAVID W. SMITH
Mayor