

**Subject:** Keep our senate district

**From:** "Joanne Peterson" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 14:05:10 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission

It turns out that because our senate district 11 is an odd-numbered district, the district may be subject to something called a "deferral" which would leave most of Contra Costa County without a Senator duly elected by the voters of this district for two years! We need our senator. It would be devastating to Contra Costa County to be without a Senator that we have elected for those two years.

In Solidarity

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**Subject:** Richmond-Oakland

**From:** "Sasha L. Robinson" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 22:48:22 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Greetings:

I'm writing to thank you for the thoughtfulness that went into the Bay Area's Draft 1 Maps. I also wanted to weigh in as someone who has been a longtime resident and worker in the East Bay. While you may experience some criticism for the current Congressional configuration, you should be aware that this is based almost exclusively on efforts by Mr. Miller and his supporters to maintain the current district. This is very short-sighted, as the new maps will be in place for 10 years - long outlasting his projected legacy! Furthermore it is downright illegal for you to consider perspectives from parties or candidates, which means you can likely dismiss a few of the latest comments from Richmond...

Over the last 10 years, I've seen the East Bay change significantly - economically, demographically, etc. There are clearer ties between Richmond and Oakland than with our neighbors to the North or East in Contra Costa County. Richmond tends to be a politically more open-minded city, one that brings quite a bit of synergy with Oakland and where having joint representation may enable our entire subregion to coordinate efforts and resources - across ports, the green economy, environmental issues, education reform, etc. Please continue to stay the course and know that you will never make everyone happy, but you should focus on treating us all fairly as you have done to date.

I would also like to encourage you to consider doing what it takes to keep the Tri-City area together. This is another key East Bay Community of Interest, and one that may be worth the sacrifice of crossing the Golden Gate Bridge in another Bay Area district. I would in fact be supportive of this move even if it did impact Richmond and Oakland's districts in some way.

Regards,  
S.L. Robinson

**Subject:** Redistricting :Assigned Numbers Could Do Harm

**From:** Cheryll Grover <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 19:50:09 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To the Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

As constituents of the draft Senate district EALAM, we are calling upon you to assign an odd number to our district as you go through the process of numbering the districts. The majority of our district is now in Senate District 7.

It is an odd-numbered district, and we are due to elect our next Senator in 2012. If you choose to make our Senate district an even-numbered district there will be no election for State Senator until 2014. Thus, our current Senator will need to step down leaving us with NO legitimately elected representation in the State Senate for two years.

It would be unacceptable to disenfranchise the residents of Contra Costa County in this manner. The activity of voting for our representation did not come with notification that such vote would be invalidated through a loop hole or other action in governing, at a point in time insufficient for a legal term.

With the State's economy, and Contra Costa County's economy, still in trouble and the county's unemployment rate still above 10%, the working people of Contra Costa County cannot be left without representation in the state Senate. Employers and employees alike have a need for representation from a State Senator duly elected by the people of the district. State funding for education, transportation, health and human services, parks and recreation, water resources and a host of other services are critical for the district. We need a Senator elected by us to represent us to ensure we receive our fair share of state resources and jobs, and to continue persuing a brighter future for all of us.

We strongly urge you to retain our district as an odd-numbered district so that the voters of Contra Costa counties are not disenfranchised.

Sincerely,

Cheryll Grover

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**Subject:** Keep Mark DeSaulnier

**From:** Neil Janes <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jun 2011 16:36:28 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

It would be devastating to Contra Costa county to be without a Senator that we have elected for those two years. Please do not leave most of Contra Costa without a Senator duly elected by the voters of this district for two years.

Thank you,

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