

Subject: redistricting and deferring my county

From: Patrick Jensen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 17:45:30 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Hello,

I am a resident of Contra costa County. Mark Desaulnier is my elected official for my district. It has come to my attention that there is the potential for my district to be unrepresented when Mark's term is up in 2012 if my district does not retain it's odd number. I do not want this to happen. I want to have the opportunity to vote for representation in Sacramento in the next election, and if my district does not retain it's odd number this potential could become a reality. It would be truly unacceptable to me to have my county deferred for two years, this is a county of hard working, blue collar workers that deserve to be heard in the state capitol. I feel it is imparitive that I have the ability to exercise my right to vote for representation in this upcoming election. Please keep the district that I am in odd numbered so that this won't happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I hope that you will keep this fact in mind for Contra Costa County when you come to your final plan.

Sincerely,

Patrick Jensen

[REDACTED]
Oakley, Ca 94561

Comments on Congressional district

I am Michael Coan and live in El Cerrito, Contra Costa County.

The proposed congressional district for El Cerrito preserves the previous boundary in that El Cerrito and Kensington are in the same district and the East County cities of Walnut Creek, Orinda, etc. This does not make sense. El Cerrito and Kensington are more urban, East Bay cities, and have much more in common with Berkeley, Albany, and north Oakland.

I would propose adding the northern section of Contra Costa (Pinole, Hercules, Crockett) to the remainder of the east county, and allowing El Cerrito and Kensington to be part of the Berkeley-Albany district.

Michael Coan



El Cerrito

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Tiffany" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 19:31:40 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express my EXTREME dismay with the current draft of the redistricting map that includes Lodi as part of East Contra Costa and other East Bay cities. Further, I am perplexed as to what logic was used to make this determination. I am not only a resident of San Joaquin County, I am also a business owner. My business generates millions in revenue per year, employs many, and pays a preponderance of local, county, state, and federal taxes as well as an abundance of regulatory "fees." My business, my employees, and my household use local infrastructure and local services. However, with the new redistricting proposal, we will be lumped in with cities and counties that have nothing in common with Lodi. I understand there are population concerns, but the Central Valley is a complete and separate entity from Santa Rosa, Napa, and Marin. I grew up in Sunnyvale and can tell you that the Bay Area has very little in common with the Central Valley. We need representation that can represent us! In the new proposal, Lodi will be but a small voice among the Big City Bay Area interests. Please reconsider this atrocious mistake and keep Lodi in an Assembly and Senate district with our county.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Gomes
President/CEO
Classic Design Floor to Ceiling
Lodi, CA

Subject: comment

From: Susie Davis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 08:04:47 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing regarding the new legislative map shifts Richmond out of the district held by Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez, who has represented the city since 1975, and into the Oakland-based district of Rep. Barbara Lee. I strongly feel that it just doesn't make sense to me to split Richmond in half, and it appears to be contrary to Criteria 4 of the Commission's prioritized criteria found in the California Constitution: "Respect cities, counties, communities of interest and neighborhoods to the extent possible without violating the requirements of the preceding criteria."

Thank you,

Susie Davis

[REDACTED]
Richmond, Ca

Subject: Split of East San Jose

From: Trey Wafer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 21:19:50 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I am unable to attend the commission hearing on Saturday, so I am writing this email.

I would urge the parties involved in redistricting to reconsider the lines drawn in the drafts of voting maps that impact District 23 in East San Jose. The dilution of voters' voice caused by fragmenting the district into three parts will create a situation where San Jose is significantly under represented at the state and national levels.

Sincerely,
William Wafer
San Jose, CA 95127

Subject: Richmond,Ca.

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 13:45:18 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern

Don't make any changes to the Contra Costa County, we are living in Contra Costa County because we select to. We do not approve of a change to Oakland,Berkeley, which is Alameda County.
Thank you.

Pat Lewandowski

[REDACTED]
Richmond,Ca 94804

Subject: SPLITTING CITIES BETWEEN 2 CONG DISTRICTS

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 17:28:06 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I submit that it is not wise to split a city between two congressional districts. As I understand it, you would split the City of Richmond between the current 7th and 9th Congressional districts. Such a split would require our City Council to have to deal with two congresspersons who might well not have the interests of the City as a whole. In fact the 9th district center is Oakland which has a port; and Richmond which also has a port--conflicting interests. Take another look at your work and see what can be done to deliver the City of Richmond into one whole congressional district. Thank you for your consideration. Cynthia Vogel, Richmond, CA

Subject: Geographic integrity of Richmond, California is compromised

From: Tyler Hester <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 08:02:50 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I am writing because I am concerned that the geographic integrity of Richmond, California is severely compromised in the draft of maps that were proposed. I am concerned that, if the proposed changes go through, the residents of Richmond will not be able to speak with one voice to their congressional representatives, but instead will be split up between two different representatives. While it appears as if a community of interest was respected in the creation of this map, it is my belief that the lines of a city ought to, when appropriate, trump the lines of a community of interest. In this instance, it seems clear to me that the City of Richmond needs to remain united on the map so that the attention of our legislators can remain undivided with regards to our needs and concerns.

Thank you,
Tyler Hester

Richmond resident

Good afternoon. My name is Evan Ayers, Elections Services Specialist/Supervisor for the Contra Costa County Elections Office. Upon reviewing the 1st Draft Lines that were released earlier this month, our Mapping and Precincting Section discovered a few opportunities existed regarding Communities of Interest in Contra Costa County. I am submitting several solutions to Assembly, Senatorial and Congressional lines. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Evan Ayers
Elections Services Specialist/Supervisor
Contra Costa County
Direct Line - [REDACTED]

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Subject: new redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 21:55:16 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

I am writing to say that I feel cities should not be separated for representation, particularly for congressional districts. I live in Richmond and our city is divided into 2 districts-this doesn't make sense. The representatives can't represent diverse areas-please leave me in District 7, with George Miller.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Catherine Burkhart

[REDACTED] Richmond

Subject: Objection to redistricting proposal: District 7/9

From: "susy friedman" [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 11:53:21 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I currently live in Richmond, which is part of the 7th Congressional District. The redistricting proposal shows that the redrawing of the area in which I live would become part of the 9th District. I am strongly against this new dividing line for a couple of reasons. First, the 7th District is currently made up of more similar demographics. The needs, financial and sociological are better met this way -- there is more understanding of the problems and more equality in finding solutions. To redistrict into a rather oddly conformed body makes no sense, connecting the western edge of the 7th by a narrow neck and putting it into the 9th. The grouping would combine very disparate cities.

Also, we in the 7th are very pleased with our current Congressman, George Miller, who we have supported and re-elected repeatedly. We would be very angry at losing his representation in the House.

Please do not cut up the 7th in the manner on the proposal.

Thank you,

Susy Friedman
Richmond, CA 94801