

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Patrice Young <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 6:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patrice Young <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Richmond Redistricting

Message Body:

I support Richmond Mayor Gail McLaughlin in her request that Richmond remains in a single district when the district lines are redrawn. It is important for the welfare of its citizens that the State recognizes the human and social impacts of redistricting along with the political ones.

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From: Susan Pomeroy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 2:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan Pomeroy <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Please ensure that our city of Richmond falls into one district. Many people are working very hard to create a safe community in Richmond... and we need to all be in the same district for that to happen. Please don't induce artificially imposed political borders that cut across communities and neighborhoods even more than the racial and economic divides already here.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Jon Johnsen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 11:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jon Johnsen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Dividing Richmond between Districts

Message Body:

Richmond has been trying hard, with some success over the past several years, to revitalize itself.

Splitting Richmond between legislative districts may have negative effects on these ongoing efforts.

Please try to keep all of Richmond in single legislative districts.

Thank you.

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Subject: City of Oakley redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/26/2011 11:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

June 26, 2011

To the *Citizens Redistricting Committee*

I am writing to address the disservice to residents of the city of Oakley in eastern Contra Costa County that would befall us if the first draft map of redistricting boundaries for our Assembly and Senate districts were to be enacted. I urge the Commission to consider the common bonds, mutual development and everyday interaction that have united the cities of Oakley, Brentwood and Antioch and to provide us with unified representation in your final redistricting map.

I have lived in the city of Oakley for 22 years and witnessed a phenomenal change in growth, land usage, and urban development. Although this corridor of three cities was once known primarily considered an agricultural region, it has evolved into an urban community. Cropland continues to decline every year (more than 20% since 1990) and the population in Oakley has increased 38% since 2000. We no longer have any dairies in Oakley. Such grazing land is now zoned for housing.

Growth alone should define us as an urban region that belongs in the urban county of Contra Costa. Together, Oakley (35,432), Brentwood (51,481) and Antioch (102,372) have a population of 189,285 within a 10-mile radius.

The recently built and soon to be expanded Highway 4 bypass that flows from Antioch to Oakley to Brentwood has further linked all three cities. These cities are so intertwined with common borders that residents, let alone tourists, are not always sure which city they are in. We share many traits and enjoy many local events that bond us – the Oakley Almond Festival, the Brentwood Cornfest and the County Fair in Antioch.

Together, we have Assembly and Senate representation that understand our needs and aspirations. If Oakley were to be carved out and given to another county, conflicting political interests are sure to result with the likelihood of Oakley's future diminished or derailed.

I ask the Commission to reconsider the redistricting lines of Oakley and keep our Assembly and Senate representation in Contra Costa County. We have worked long and hard to become what we are today. We look to our neighboring cities as two adjoining friends who have linked with us as a triumvirate seeking to improve our quality of life and control our destiny.

Thank you for reading my response and to carefully consider the future of Oakley's representation in your very important final district maps and report.

Richard W. Ahern

Oakley

Subject: Redistricting of 7th Congressional District

From: Margaret Jordan <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 12:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members,

Richmond is a very diverse city. The ethnic and racial make-up of our population is shifting. The slogan of many of us who are actively involved in moving Richmond forward is "One Richmond".

I am dismayed to see that the proposed redistricting would split Richmond into two congressional districts. While the representatives might think that they would represent their parts of our population fully, this doesn't make a lot of sense. Requests of our representatives from our city government are based on what we believe is best for all of Richmond, not part of Richmond. We should be able to be in communication with one representatives regarding the needs of our city.

I urge you to reconsider this redistricting plan to make sure that all of Richmond is represented by one congressperson.

Thank you,

Margaret Jordan

Richmond Progressive Alliance

"A Better Richmond is Possible"

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: David Cole <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 11:58 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Cole <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Richmond

Message Body:

The City of Richmond is relatively sprawling geographically and extremely diverse by socio-economic and demographic measures. Nevertheless, the residents are bound together by the common interests that a municipality governs. I believe the division of Richmond's representation undermines the strengths of this community, which faces many challenges and places it a disadvantage in regard to more homogenous communities. As an example, our local school district would be divided between two congressional representatives. This dilutes rather than strengthens the longstanding efforts within the community to create a unified identity and voice.

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From: Elizabeth Summer <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 10:42 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Summer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The whole idea was to draw lines that kept like communities together. We wanted to get away from what was done before which included combing suburban and rural communities. Dividing lines should be natural as much as possible including the East Bay Hills, city limits and county lines. Putting Fremont in with San Ramon, etc., makes no sense if natural boundaries are to be followed. Please listen to all points of view and not those who favor more weird district boundaries. Been there, done that. It is time for a change.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Theresa de Valence <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 2:02 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Theresa de Valence <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please don't divide Richmond

Message Body:

Please don't divide Richmond into multiple areas.

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Subject: Comment on redistricting

From: Claire-Elizabeth DeSophia <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 10:47 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am a resident of Point Richmond, and am writing to protest the splitting of the City of Richmond into 2 congressional districts. It makes no sense to cut our City in two; please do not do this.

And we are and have been part of Contra Costa County; our interests lie in congressional representation of our entire city and our entire county.

I also protest the loss of our duly elected congressman George Miller; I hope these changes will not take effect until we can vote for our congressional representatives.

Thank you!

Claire~Elizabeth DeSophia

[REDACTED]
Pt Richmond CA 94801

[REDACTED]

Subject: Richmond redistricting

From: "R. Palmer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 10:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Richmond should stay as it is, part of the Contra Costa County congressional district. To combine all or part of Richmond with the Oakland district would weaken our position in Congress.

Such a change at a time of great economic strife throughout the country would be disastrous for Richmond.

Barbara Lee clearly has enough to handle in Oakland without taking on Richmond's problems. And the problems are many.

It would be a natural tendency to allow Richmond to take 2nd place to Oakland's needs.

Richmond as part of the Contra Costa County district deserves and needs the direct representation it now enjoys and benefits from.

Thank you-

Ron Palmer
Richmond, CA

Subject: City of Richmond Redistricting

From: maggi clowrey <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/26/2011 8:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I AM OPPOSED TO THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND.

MARGARET M. CLOWREY

Richmond Resident

Subject: Richmond's new Congressional District

From: George Martin [REDACTED]

Date: 6/26/2011 5:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I like the job you folks did with most of the redistricting, but cutting Richmond out of George Miller's Congressional district should be repaired in Draft No. 2. The long coastside industrial zone that stretches from Richmond to Martinez makes for a district with lots of common interest. The previous district was not gerrymandered, and splitting Richmond will cut its political influence.

Regards,

George Martin

[REDACTED]
Richmond CA 94801

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