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Subject:Public Comment: 8 - Solano

Date:Fri, 10 Jun 2011 03:26:13 +0000

From:donfeiner <[REDACTED]>

To:[REDACTED]

From: donfeiner <[REDACTED]>
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

As a retired Director of Mental Health who lives in Napa County, I was and am aware of the tremendous overlap of services of these Counties

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Tom Wilson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 10:59:20 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am writing this to request that your Commission take a second look at the proposed boundaries for the U.S. Congressional District that includes Napa County. The proposed boundaries isolate Napa County from its neighbors with similar interests—agricultural and commercial—and link them to counties to our east which, because of climate and geography have little in common with Napa. In many instances Napa's interests and theirs would be in conflict thus neutralizing our representative's ability to fairly represent his/her district. And, the proposed boundaries put the city of American Canyon in another district. American Canyon, now the fastest growing city in Napa County, long suffered from a feeling of isolation from the rest of the County. In recent years that feeling has been all but eliminated through effective cooperative efforts between American Canyon and the rest of the County. I hope that you can redraw the proposed district boundaries to minimize the problems I have mentioned above.

Thanks,

Tom Wilson

[REDACTED]
Napa, CA 94558

Dear Sirs and Madams, Please keep our district as it is. We are coastal counties with vast wine growing regions. We have much in common. The new lines make no sense. It splits too many counties in sections and puts Napa County in with counties we don't have much in common. Plus splitting American Canyon off from the county it is in will alienate them from the rest of the county. How will our representative represent us well if we have a conglomerate of interests and nobody will get full attention to problems. It is a shotgun approach that just doesn't make sense to me. Sincerely, Sid and Al Robles

Hello,

Don Dickenson shared a map, and asked for your comment.

[Proposed "North Bay" Congressional District](#)

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Subject: Region 8 - Marin/Sonoma/Napa Counties

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 17:28:12 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Proposed North Coast Congressional District

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This district respects the testimony that the north coast counties remain in a single district along the Highway 101 Corridor and not be connected to the Central Valley. It also includes Lake County where there was testimony that they were more connected to the counties to the West rather than those to the East.

NO cities are divided in this proposal and only the largest county (by population), Sonoma, is divided. Most importantly this avoids putting Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park into a Congressional District that extends across the Central Valley and includes Glenn, Colusa, Sutter and part of Yolo Counties. It also EXCLUDES the entire Petaluma River and Sonoma Creek basins that drain to the bay and are included in my proposed "North Bay" Congressional District.

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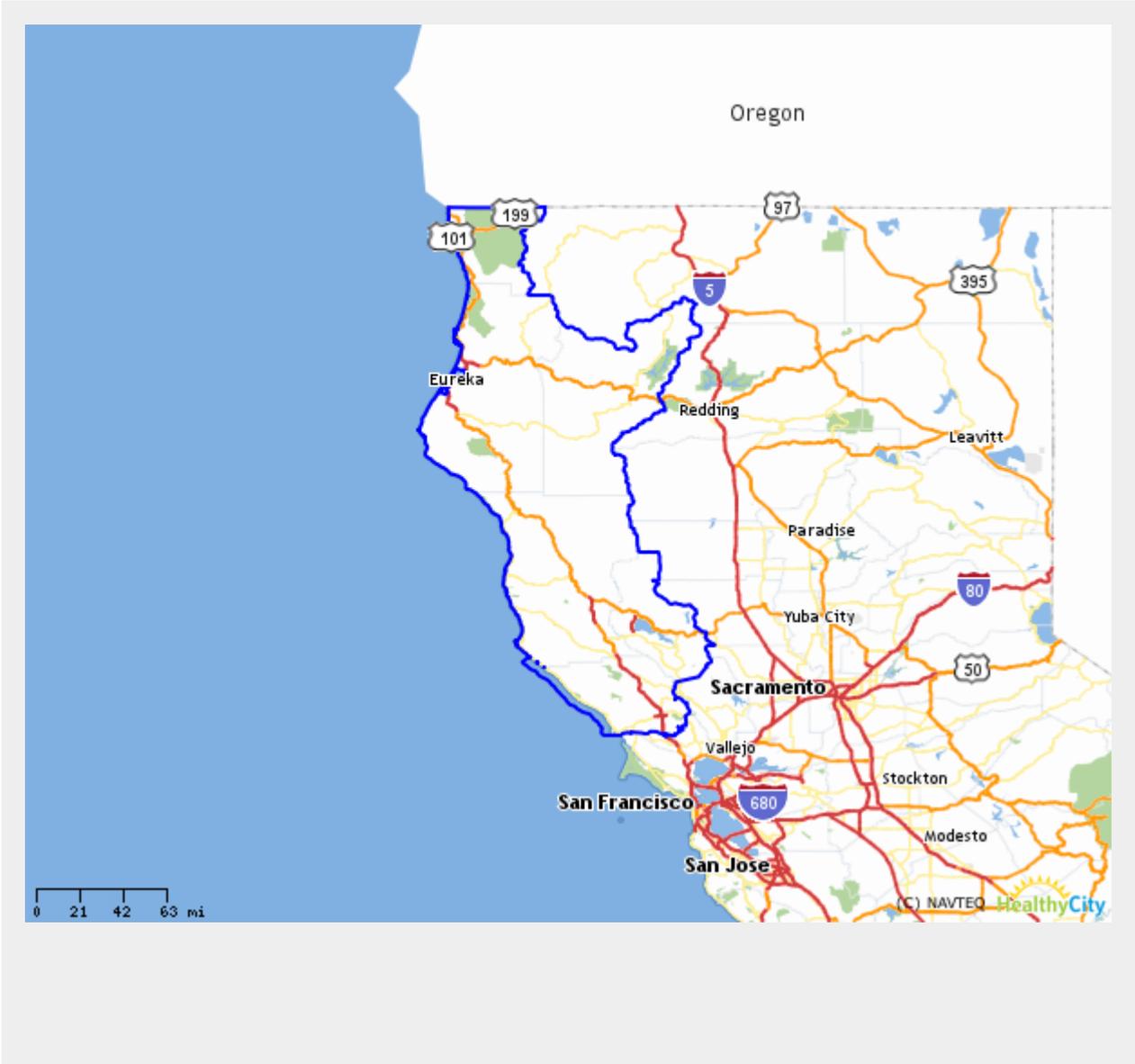
Don Dickenson – [REDACTED]

[June 7, 2011]

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Redistricting Data

In two or three sentences, explain how you want your audience to interpret this data. You can remove any individual chart if need be.

Population

Total Population: 702,940

Universe: Total Population

Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census

Data Year: 2010

Data Level: Census Block

Total Population

702,940

Citizen Voting Age Population



Universe: Total Population

Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley

Data Year: 2010

Data Level: Census Block

Citizen Voting Age Population

482,608

Ethnicity / Race

20.69% Hispanic or Latino

68.93% White alone

1.41% Black or African American alone

3.12% Asian

2.73% Some Other Race

3.12% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population

Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census

Data Year: 2010

Data Level: Census Block

Hispanic or Latino

20.69%

145,445

White alone

68.93%

484,537

Black or African American alone

1.41%

9,906

Asian

3.12%

21,960

Some Other Race

2.73%

19,181

Two or More Races

3.12%

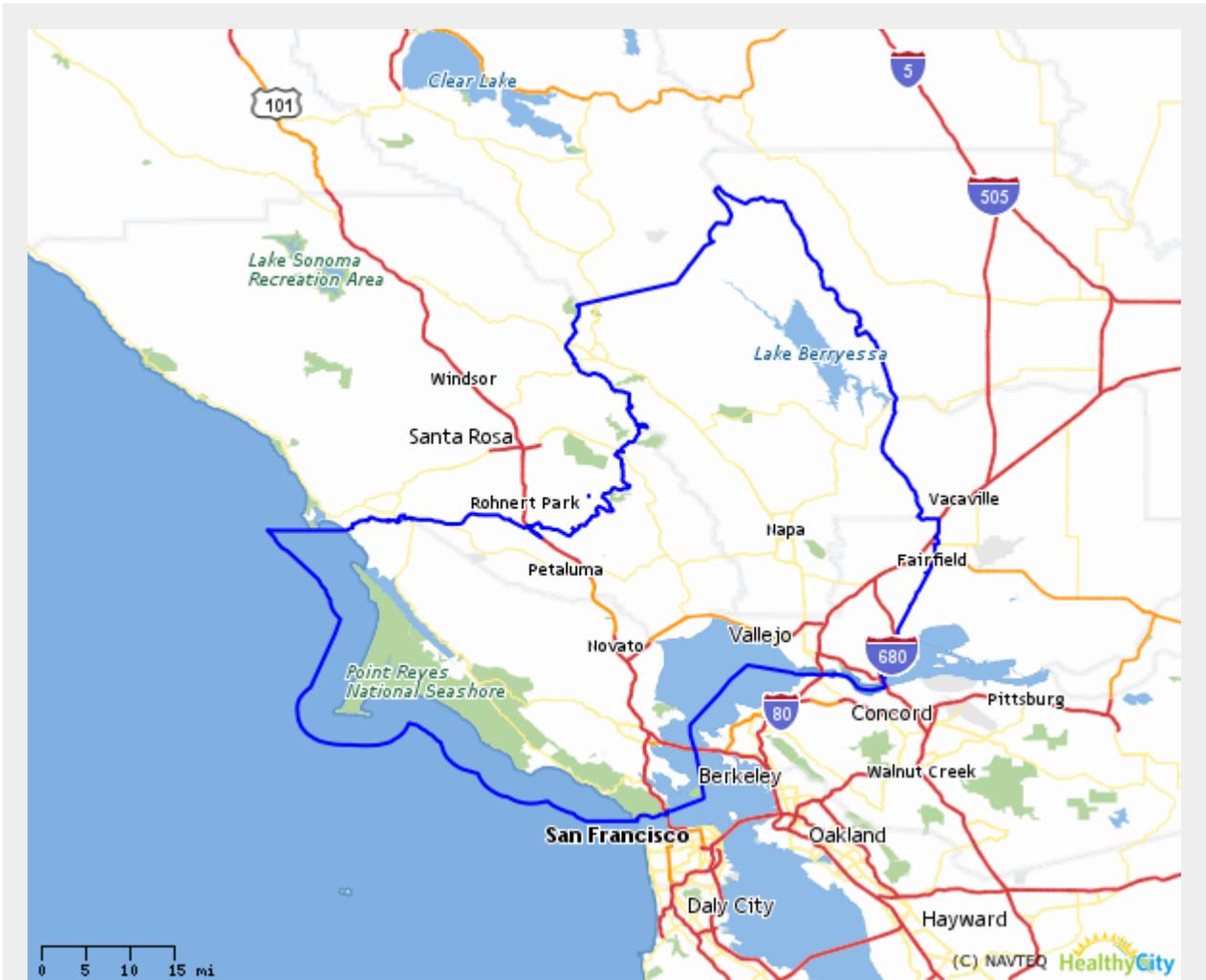
21,911

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Don Dickenson - [REDACTED]

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Population

Total Population: 702,824

Universe: Total Population

Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census

Data Year: 2010

Data Level: Census Block

Total Population

702,824

Citizen Voting Age Population

CVAP
463,392

Universe: Total Population

Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley

Data Year: 2010

Data Level: Census Block

Citizen Voting Age Population

463,392

Ethnicity / Race

21.78% Hispanic or Latino

58.24% White alone

6.26% Black or African American alone

9.81% Asian

0.60% Some Other Race

3.31% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population

Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census

Data Year: 2010

Data Level: Census Block

Hispanic or Latino

21.78%

153,043

White alone

58.24%

409,343

Black or African American alone

6.26%

43,999

Asian

9.81%

68,981

Some Other Race

0.60%

4,222

Two or More Races

3.31%

23,236

Subject: Redistricting of Napa County

From: Stephanie Dyer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 19:46:12 +0000

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

The proposal to move Napa from a district composed of wine country counties (Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake counties) to one composed of Central Valley counties would have the effect of politically disenfranchising the majority of county voters. Napa is demographically much more like its wine country neighbors than these Central Valley counties. This is reflected in its votes in favor of controversial social issues such as gay marriage and marijuana legalization, both of which were overwhelmingly defeated in Central Valley counties. The proposed change makes no political sense and does not serve the interest of Napa county citizens. It may even encourage some of those citizens to relocate to other Bay Area counties where they can elect political representatives who reflect their values and interests, instead of Central Valley interests. This, in turn, could have a disastrous effect on Napa County economy, particularly wine and food tourism.

Stephanie Dyer
Professor, Sonoma State University, and Napa County resident

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Redistricting

From: Steven&Sandra Booth <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 12:54:58 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Commission,

Having followed a little bit about the redistricting of Napa County, I would like to say it would be better to put Napa County with like areas that share commonality. For sure American Canyon, that has been working so hard at it, should be a part of Napa County's district as should Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. By mixing it up with very dissimilar counties like Glen, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter with vastly different representational needs, the most recent redistricting plan I've seen is not a good solution.

Sincerely,

Sandra Booth
Juniper Booth Studio
[REDACTED]
Napa, CA 94581

Subject: Tragic Redistricting Proposal

From: Don Huffman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 11:36:19 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

It is with a genuine sense of urgency that you reconsider your initial redistricting map as it relates to the people of Napa County. It may look small and insignificant to you because our population base is small, but it is imperative that Napa County be folded back into the North Coast District.

Your new map excludes Napa County from the region most similar, and congruent with the people of Napa County. The entire Napa County, with its' close relationship to Sonoma County and the North Coast, is most similar to these neighbors in culture, climate, and topography. You can NOT exclude us from those neighbors. We cannot exist exclusively with just the Central Valley interests. There is absolutely nothing similar, at all, to that with Glen, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter counties - not in temperature, not in land-use, not in agricultural initiatives, not in traffic patterns, not in water use, not in history, not in population, not in tourism issues, not even in the standards held for environmental issues. Napa County needs to be pulled immediately from this proposed map and placed back into the North Coast Region. This proposed map will cause great havoc to the wine industry and the people of Napa County. Look at the capita per acre of land, you'll quickly see we have one of the most valuable regions in the state. The wine industry values the North Coast and it's effect on our economy more than any other outside influence.

It would be tragic to loose all of the equity we have built over the decades with these regional partners and our elected officials.

Please change the map!

Don J Huffman

[REDACTED]

Napa, CA 94558

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re-Districting of Napa County

From: Rinconlupe <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 22:04:36 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

This email is to express my dissatisfaction with the current draft plan to redistrict Napa County with Glenn, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter Counties. Napa's shared communities of interest are Lake Mendocino, Sonoma and to a lesser extent Yolo and Solano. These are the main counties of the premium wine industry. Much of our economy depend on wine, tourism and hospitality. Napa County has [less](#) in common with counties in Sacramento Valley, namely Glenn, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter. I agree with others that it makes much more sense to include Napa in a Congressional district with a Lake-Mendocino-Sonoma wine-tourism-coastal district than with northern Sacramento Valley. Also, American Canyon should be included in Napa County's district. It too has a shared identity with Napa County, and leaving it out of our district would be a tremendous loss to Napa County.

Lupe Rincon
[REDACTED]

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Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 10:59:20 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Thanks,

Tom Wilson

[REDACTED]
Napa, CA 94558

Subject: Unique Interest grouping

From: "Pete Downs" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 07 Jun 2011 13:29:00 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I am employed by Jackson Family Wines (Kendall-Jackson). Our vineyards and winery started over 25 years ago in Lake county and now includes holdings in Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma counties. I feel very strongly that these four counties should all be included in the same Congressional district because they represent a very important and highly visible part of the California grape and wine industry.

One of the guidelines for the Congressional redistricting is to find communities of unique interest.

The "wine country" that includes Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties satisfies that requirement. Those of us that live and work in these four counties are bound together by all the issues that arise out of the production of grapes and wine; land use, preservation of farmland, taxation and succession planning for agriculture for future generations among others.

The sparse population in Lake and Mendocino counties argue for the inclusion of the entire area of those counties to be in the district of like interest of viticulture. Napa and Sonoma counties, known worldwide for their grapes and wines is obvious for inclusion in this grouping.

If we look at population density for the proposed district, in addition to Napa, Sonoma (the northern portion to include about 240,000 people), Lake and Mendocino counties we should capture the coastal counties of Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity that is adjacent to Humboldt. This should yield the required population of about 703,000 people for a complete district. The southern half of Sonoma county would fit nicely with Marin and either a portion of San Francisco or Contra Costa to make up another district.

E. B. "Pete" Downs

Subject: Re-districtng

From: Rchuck711 <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 14:13:37 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I want to express my strong objections to the redistricting plan to separate Napa County from Sonoma and Mendecino

It is logical in that we have the same interests and concerns.

**Regards,
Charles R. Rivas
A very concerned citizen**

Subject: redistricting Napa County

From: Tom Timar <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 10:30:54 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I write to urge you to reconsider the current redistricting map, which would place Napa County in a district with Solano, Yuba, etc. Napa County has little or no common interest with those counties, while it has considerable interest and affinity with Sonoma, Mendocino, and perhaps Lake counties. These counties have a common agricultural base, a common cultural base, and are historically connected to one another.

Thomas B. Timar
Professor, Education Policy
Director, Center for Applied Policy in Education
School of Education
University of California, Davis
Office phone: [REDACTED]
Mobile phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: Napa Redistricting

From: "James Raymond" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 08 Jun 2011 19:45:07 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

My name is James Raymond, Executive Director for Napa Valley TV. We provide the services for the City of American Canyon's government meeting and have spent several years building American Canyon's inclusion into Napa County's area residents. Their residents have been involved in the creation and distribution of our programming and help to create a unique experience for other Napa Valley TV individuals.

In addition, the City of American Canyon has done a lot over the years to include themselves in the economy related matters of Napa County. Much of our economy depends on wine, tourism, and hospitality. Leaving American Canyon out of the Napa County district is destructive to the great work the City of American Canyon has been doing to create a shared identity with the rest of the county.

Our main shared communities of interest are Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma and to a lesser extent Yolo and Solano. These are the main counties of the premium wine industry and our economy depends on this.

Napa has MUCH LESS in common with the inclusion of the proposed counties in the redistricting plan.

Please reconsider the redistricting as it is currently being proposed as it is destructive to American Canyon and Napa County.

Sincerely,

-James Raymond
[REDACTED]

Subject: Please keep Napa in a district with Mendocino County!!

From: Donna R Altes <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 17:30:44 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please, please, please, consider the following points when deciding on redistricting:

-Napa's shared communities of interest are Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma and to a lesser extent Yolo and Solano.

-These are the main counties of the premium wine industry. Our economies depend on wine, tourism and hospitality.

-Napa County has absolutely nothing in common with counties in Sacramento Valley, namely Glenn, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter.

-Not only do these counties share no common interests but are diametrically opposed on most issues.

-It makes much more sense to include Napa in a Congressional district with a Lake-Mendocino-Sonoma wine-tourism-coastal district than with northern Sacramento Valley.

-We understand that the commission has to split many jurisdictions for population considerations, but leaving American Canyon out of Napa County's district is destructive to the great work the City of American Canyon has been doing to create a shared identity with the rest of the county.

Thank you so much for reading this and considering keeping Napa in a district with Lake and Mendocino Counties...

Sincerely,

Donna R. Altes

A Napa County resident and teacher

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Napa

From: Mark Eggan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 18:24:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Eggan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't ReZone American Canyon

Message Body:

Eleven years ago when I left the private sector in search of employment in the public sector, I found a wonderfully small little community in American Canyon. The bastard stepchild of Napa County, so to speak. I thought it would be a perfect place to live as I had just started with the County of Napa and feel that the best place to live would be in the newest incorporated part of the County, American Canyon. This community was tight-knit and very humble to be in Napa County now (now being over 11 years ago).

Current possible rezoning plans want to place American Canyon back into Vallejo (Solano County). There really must be some other solutions to this.

The City of American Canyon has been contracting with the County of Napa Sheriff Department for Law Enforcement services and acting as the City of American Canyon Police Department. This would mean an immediate end to this contract and I feel all the outreach that the Napa County Sheriff department folks have done in American Canyon and at our new High School would go away and the City of Vallejo or Solano County would place American Canyon on a backburner as the County has had financial issues for quite some time. Investing in a newly (re)incorporated city would be disaster for the current 'regime'.

To add, I have been voting in Napa County for years. I have embedded myself into the politics of this my County, my home.

Please keep everything the same as it is.

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Subject: Redistricting map draft - First Congressional District - American Canyon

From: "Karath, Michael" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 13:01:07 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members:

Please find attached to this email a copy of Napa County Supervisor Keith Caldwell's letter concerning the boundary lines of the First Congressional District in the Commission's draft "visualized boundary" map - and specifically, the Commission's severing of the City of American Canyon from the County of Napa.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter.

Regards,

Michael Karath
Staff Assistant BOS
Napa County
Office: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Napa County Supervisor Keith Caldwell - American Canyon redistricting.pdf



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

Office of Supervisor Keith Caldwell
District 5

[REDACTED]
Napa, CA 94559

June 8, 2011

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

Re: 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT – THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON MUST REMAIN INTACT WITH ALL OF NAPA COUNTY

Dear Commission Members:

I strongly urge you to reconsider severing the city of American Canyon from the 1st Congressional District. The Commission's "visualized boundary" would weaken the ties I and many others have fought very hard for to build for decades between American Canyon and the rest of Napa County.

I was raised in American Canyon and worked for 30 years for the American Canyon Fire Department – the last 17 years as Fire Chief. In 2008, I was elected to the Board of Supervisors with a major goal of improving the relations between the city of American Canyon and the County and raising the visibility and influence of American Canyon as an equal partner in Napa County affairs.

There is history that Commission Members need to know before driving a wedge between the City and County and risk undoing many years of work to bring the two jurisdictions together.

In 1992, American Canyon incorporated as a city. The break from the County was largely precipitated by the County using the area for years as a repository to satisfy its low-income housing state mandate with seemingly little regard for the future and well-being of its residents. A deep distrust and anger between the residents and County grew out of this situation and existed for years after the break, until several years ago when both the City and County began to reach out and seek compromise on issues that mutually benefited both jurisdictions. In 2009, the City and County finally resolved a decades old dispute and reached an agreement to settle a border dispute that would allow American Canyon to develop a city center and allow the County to preserve open space. More agreements have followed, such as road improvements to better transport wines grown and bottled in the rest of Napa County to the integral warehouses in American Canyon, where they are then transported throughout the world. American Canyon has become a critical part of Napa's supply chain. Its economic interests are intermingled, as are its social and governmental interests.

The Commission Members must also understand that the City of American Canyon has been battling since its birth in 1992 to forge an identity as part of Napa County. Our Congressman, Mike Thompson,

fought for a decade on behalf of the American Canyon's 16,000 residents to get the U.S Postal Service to issue the City its own zip code. American Canyon had been lumped in with Vallejo's zip code for years. Last year, Congressman Thompson fought a successful two-year battle with the U.S. Postal Service, which threatened to close the city's tiny post office. This is a city that has fought hard for any all recognition it now enjoys. It is just now blossoming and becoming an equal partner with the other jurisdictions in Napa County.

In closing, I cannot stress enough the importance of Commission Members understanding the history of Napa County before cutting off an integral piece and lumping it with another Congressional district. I again strongly urge the Commission Members to reconsider its "visualized boundaries" and keep the City of American Canyon and the rest of Napa County as one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Caldwell", written in a cursive style.

Keith Caldwell
Napa County Board of Supervisors
District 5

Subject: Napa Valley Vintners

From: "Anne Steinhauer" <[redacted]>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 14:53:40 -0700

To: <[redacted]>

To whom it may concern,

The Napa Valley Vintners is the non-profit trade association representing 400 member wineries in Napa County. The Napa Valley wine industry has an economic impact of \$11 billion a year, which is 34% of the overall \$42.4 billion a year from the California wine industry.

On March 16, the NVV submitted letters on redistricting (attached) which were not taken into consideration considering the currently released maps.

The NVV strongly suggest that the redistricting commission scrap the current maps.

Napa County needs to be in one continuous district. American Canyon is a part of Napa County and needs to continue to be so.

Napa County also needs to be connected with the other wine growing regions in Northern California, including Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake County. The wine industry perfectly matches the criteria in the Legal Handbook for the Citizens Redistricting Commission for drawing of district lines focuses on geographical compact and continuous areas that include agricultural communities of interest.

Therefore the NVV strongly recommends that the current maps be redraw to reflect continuity in Napa County and that the district include the north coast wine growing regions in Northern California.

Thank you!

Anne Steinhauer, Community Relations Manager
Napa Valley Vintners

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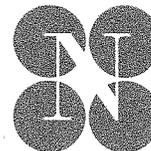
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 Description:
<http://www.napa>

What are you doing the first weekend in June? Join us for Auction Napa Valley, June 2-5, 2011, where wine lover and winemaker meet for four days of all the best Napa Valley has to offer. The NVV's annual community fundraiser benefits health, youth development and housing non-profits. [Click here](#) for more information or to purchase tickets..

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napa valley vintners

March 16, 2011

Commissioner Jodie Filkins Webber
Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Filkins Webber,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the re-drawing of district lines in California. The Napa Valley Vintners (NVV) is a non-profit trade association representing 400 member wineries located in Napa County and of which our members contributes 34% towards the state-wide economic wine industry impact of \$42.4 billion annually.

The NVV was interested to see the criteria in the Legal Handbook for the Citizens Redistricting Commission for drawing of district lines focuses on geographical compact and continuous areas that include agricultural communities of interest.

The NVV appreciates this distinction and recommends that the northern California wine industry in the counties of Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma and Yolo be considered by the Citizens Redistricting Commission to be geographically continuous, compact and an agricultural community of interest and be incorporated into one Congressional district. All five counties are actively engaged in agriculture, grape growing and wine making. The citizens live in similar rural agricultural areas, share common social and economic interests, and many of the same standards of living such as common transportation facilities, work opportunities, and access to the same media outlets as relevant to the election process and therefore would be better served by not being drawn in the same district as an urban area.

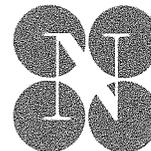
Therefore the NVV appreciates the Citizen Redistricting Commissions consideration of including Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma and Yolo Counties in one Congressional District.

Thank you for your service and consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Heitz Myers
President, Napa Valley Vintners Board of Directors

cc: Lake County Winegrape Growers
Mendocino Winegrape and Wine Commission
Napa Valley Grapegrowers
Napa County Farm Bureau
Sonoma County Winegrape Commission
Winegrowers of Napa County
Yolo County Visitors Bureau



napa valley vintners

March 16, 2011

Commissioner Vincent Barabba
Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Barabba,

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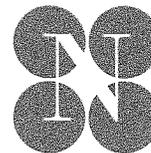
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March 16, 2011

Commissioner Cynthia Dai
Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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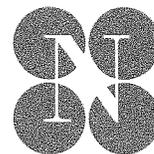
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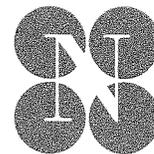
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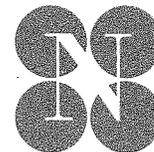
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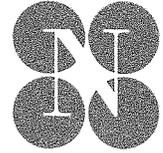
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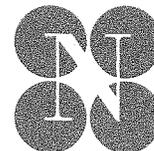
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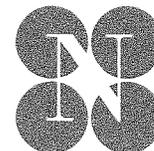
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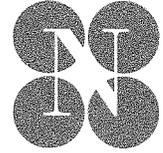
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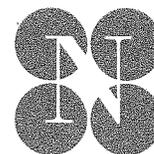
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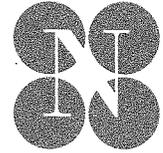
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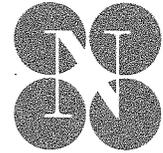
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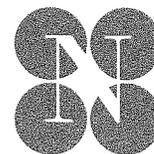
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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Napa

From: Jose Hernandez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 16:52:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jose Hernandez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Napa County

Message Body:

Committee members:

I have worked and lived in Sonoma & Napa county the past 25 years in education within the high school, 4 year college and now at the Napa Valley College (community college level). I have also been an involved citizen within 501 non profits. That said, I believe your recent decision to eliminate American Canyon in the southern area of Napa County is erroneous and will have a great impact upon the established links of parents, social and economic development. American Canyon is steeped into the socio-economic, educational sphere of Napa County. This will create chaos within our unified school district, and hamper those areas already mentioned . Please reconsider this redistricting decision. Note that there are strong historical ties between Napa, Sonoma and the common land, work, trades of agriculture & tourism. To eliminate American Canyon the southern portion of Napa County will have a dramatic impact upon those living in American Canyon and the rest of our county. Thank you!

In advance for your time, work and re consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Napa

From: Roque A Arevalo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 18:07:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Roque A Arevalo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Drafts of distric map

Message Body:

I do not agree with the draft that has been presented, it does not make any sense to include Napa with northern Sacramento counties that have nothing in common with Napa. Napa residents will not accept this proposal.

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Subject: Napa Re-districting

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 19:31:16 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

As a 25 year resident of Napa I oppose Napa being clumped with Glenn, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter counties

Napa's shared communities of interest are Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma and to a lesser extent Yolo and Solano.

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Wayne Ryan

www.winecountrystatemanagement.com

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Subject: redistricting lines

From: Cynthia Ripley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 10:24:58 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Jim Scoggin <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs:

I am a resident of Napa and I wish to comment on the draft redraw. Our district has been well served by our representative who has mastered our economic issues. It is important that he be able to focus legislative energies on his districts needs. The proposed district does not permit this. Please consider the following:

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- We understand that the commission has to split many jurisdictions for population considerations, but leaving American Canyon out of Napa County's district is destructive to the great work the City of American Canyon has been doing to create a shared identity with the rest of the county.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Cynthia Ripley

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Cynthia Ripley, Architect and Planner

[REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Redraw may toss American Canyon in with Solano County

From: Honeylou Tiongson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 19:05:05 -0400

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

To whom it may concern,

This is a very concerning issue regarding district line for American Canyon. I just don't speak for myself but we want American Canyon to stay in Napa County. Our community made a lot of progress and people support what's best for the whole neighborhood and we want to stay in the same district like before. Why break something that's not broken.

Thank you.

Honeylou Madayag

Subject: Re: Districting Maps Released June 10, 2011

From: Louis Flores <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 09 Jun 2011 19:22:25 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

My name is Louis Flores and I reside in Napa, CA. and have lived there since 1961. I am 80 years old and retired. I have a bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, I was employed by the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at the University from 1958 to 1970 when I left to attend Hastings Law School in 1971. I had my law office in Napa since 1976 to 2005 when I retired. Also I was in a partnership ownership of a restaurant in Napa from 1972 until 1987 where i was the manager and was at the restaurant usually five days or more per week. As part of my law business I appeared in the Superior Courts of Napa County, Solano County, Sonoma County, and Lake County. I was one of the founders of non profit California Human Development Corporation, originally North Bay Human Development Corporation (which has operated job training and housing programs for farm workers and other rural poor to this date), in 1967 and was first a board member of that group and then its corporate attorney until my retirement. The operational area of this group was from the bay area north to the Oregon border. In 1989 I worked for a law office in Marysville, CA. until 1995 (My own law was minimally staffed and operated during this time). During those six years, I would travel to Marysville on Monday morning and return to Napa either on Thursday or Friday at the end of the business day. During that work I appeared in courts of Sutter and Yuba Counties. My activities over the past fifty years in all of the above mentioned activities has give me a great deal of information of the "community interests" of all of these places, particularly in Napa County where I reside and Yuba and Sutter counties where I partially resided during the time period above mentioned. The only similarity between Napa County and Sutter and Yuba counties is that both can be called "agricultural areas." Other than that there is no other similarity between the two areas. The agricultural preserve of Napa County has led to an economy based on the production of wine which has led to world re-known vacation stop for tourists coupled with culinary excellence. This type of economy is duplicated in North Coast area and nothing similar exists in the north central valley area. Thus the "community interests" should be preserved in the North Coast ares as well as the "community interests" of the North Central valley. The "community interests" of the North Coast are easily depicted in a California's Wine growing regions map published by the San Francisco Chronicle in 2009. Your staff can obtain a copy of that map form http://imgs.sfgate.com/c/pictures/2009/08/30/wi_special_section_map.jpg and I suggest that this map be added to the information you review in making you decision. I further suggest that you review the districting maps released and make the appropriate changes. Thank you, Louis Flores.

Subject: Redistricting as applies to Napa

From: "Bruce D. Ketron" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 09:10:35 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

The draft map divides Napa county inappropriately as follows:

1. American Canyon is an integral part of Napa in community ties, lifestyle and employment. Many, such as children whose parents live in Napa, who previously lived and now work in the Napa Valley reside in American Canyon because of cost but still retain their ties. In fact, the Mare Island work force was a driving force of Napa. As a trustee of the Napa Valley Community College I know that a very large portion of our students are from Napa (and Vallejo). This provides some reason to have Vallejo in same district as Napa County but the overlapping county activities support the same governmental representatives.

2. Napa County shares the social and economic base with Sonoma (and Mendocino) counties as premium wine with resulting tourism is the largest part of the economy with extensive economic ties including work agreements, common management, associations and activities. This has resulted in social and cultural connections that are far greater and unlike the connections with counties in the Sacramento valley. Among other things, I have a law office in Santa Rosa where I have practiced since 1973 and have my primary law office now in Napa where I have been since following my candidacy for assembly in the 8th Assembly District in 1988. During that campaign I became aware of the overlap between Napa and Sonoma especially the towns of Sonoma and Napa as well as the flow between Calistoga in Northern Napa County which is closer in contact with Santa Rosa than Calistoga is to City of Napa. Calistoga is 20 minutes from shopping, medical and services in Santa Rosa and about 45 minutes to Napa. My Santa Rosa office had employees in Calistoga. My current Napa office has an employee who resides in Petaluma (Sonoma County).

Bruce D. Ketron [REDACTED] Fax [REDACTED] (Santa Rosa [REDACTED])
Mailing Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Napa, CA 94559

Subject: Redistricting lines

From: "Kaye Hall" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 19:24:04 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I have lived in, worked and voted in Napa County for over fifty years. I am dismayed to learn that your redistricting group is considering splitting Napa County up--American Canyon is a vital part of our county, has been exemplary in its development and become our second largest city. Its contributions to our wine industries is invaluable.

It also makes no sense to split Napa County off from the other wine growing regions such as Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin. Our interests for tourism and wine growing we share. Napa has little in common with Yolo, Calusa and other regions you have proposed to attach us to. We identify with the northbay region, and share our common cultural and social endeavors there--not the Sacramento region which is very different.

Even the geography is important. The Napa River and valley have many environmental issues in common with Sonoma, Marin, and Mendocino counties. The interior valley of California has different issues.

Please reconsider and keep Napa County intact and included in the wine country growing region. We need public officials who can concentrate on our economic, cultural and social needs rather than having to divide their attention to areas that have different interests and needs.

Sincerely,
Clarence J. Hall

[REDACTED]
Napa, CA 94558

[REDACTED]

Subject: Napa County congressional district placement

From: Mike Weinberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 18:44:11 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to comment on the draft map the commission is considering for Napa County's congressional district placement. I object to Napa County being split into two congressional districts. Napa County shares no community of interest with Sacramento Valley Counties.

Instead, Napa County should remain whole and be included in the same congressional district as Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties. These four counties have a strong community of interest in tourism and the premium wine industry. Napa County should remain whole because the entire county is involved in the premium wine and tourism industry, a commonality not shared with any other counties other than Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Mike Weinberg
Napa, CA

Subject: Districiting by common sense

From: EDMUND HOLMES <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 18:37:45 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]



Dear Sirs:

June 9, 2011

Napa's shared communities of interest are Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma and to a lesser extent Yolo and Solano.
-These are the main counties of the premium wine industry. Our economies depend on wine, tourism and hospitality.
-Napa County has absolutely nothing in common with counties in Sacramento Valley, namely Glenn, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter.
-Not only do these counties share no common interests but are diametrically opposed on most issues.
-It makes much more sense to include Napa in a Congressional district with a Lake-Mendocino-Sonoma wine-tourism-coastal district than with northern Sacramento Valley.
-We understand that the commission has to split many jurisdictions for population considerations, but leaving American Canyon out of Napa County's district is destructive to the great work the City of American Canyon has been doing to create a shared identity with the rest of the county.

=Edmund Holmes

Subject: Napa County Redistricting

From: "Carol Lilleberg" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 00:09:20 -0700

To: "Redistricting Committee" <[REDACTED]>

Your pre-draft redistrict for Napa County as described in the Napa Valley Register shocked and horrified me. I thought a nonpartisan committee would be wonderful, and would study the counties and areas and their most related interests. Instead you have separated us from our best companions and mixed us with counties diametrically opposed to us on many issues. It feels like gerrymandering!

Our economic premium wine industry counties are Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, and possibly Yolo and Solano. We depend on wine, tourism, and hospitality.

Instead, you have lumped us with Glenn, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter counties of the Sacramento with whom we share no economic interests, commonality or bonds.

We asked to keep our entire county in the same district, but you have chopped off our southern city, American Canyon which shares government services, sheriff, and social services with the rest of Napa County. It is separate from Solano County.

Please reconsider the wine country counties as a unit: Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake for sure, and Yolo and Solano if possible. We have had effective representation in Washington that suits the great majority of the population.

Subject: Napa County Redistricting

From: Alex Pader <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 13:38:54 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Hello,

As a resident of Napa County I am deeply concerned with the proposed changes to my congressional district for the following reasons:

-Napa's shared communities of interest are Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma and to a lesser extent Yolo and Solano.

-These are the main counties of the premium wine industry. Our economies depend on wine, tourism and hospitality.

-Napa County has absolutely nothing in common with counties in Sacramento Valley, namely Glenn, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter.

-Not only do these counties share no common interests but are diametrically opposed on most issues.

-It makes much more sense to include Napa in a Congressional district with a Lake-Mendocino-Sonoma wine-tourism-coastal district than with northern Sacramento Valley.

-We understand that the commission has to split many jurisdictions for population considerations, but leaving American Canyon out of Napa County's district is destructive to the great work the City of American Canyon has been doing to create a shared identity with the rest of the county.

Sincerely,

Alex

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Alex Pader,

President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges

[REDACTED], Sacramento, CA 95811

[REDACTED]

Subject: Napa County

From: Sid Robles <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 12:35:00 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs and Madams, Please keep the wine producing counties together. Napa County has many things in common with the coastal counties we are currently in. To put us with the many other counties in your proposal makes no sense. We will be at a disadvantage to have our representative be able to take care of our needs. The area will be so diverse it will be impossible to represent accurately our situations in the wine producing counties. Please don't remove American Canyon from the Napa district. It will remove them from the needs of our county of which they are a part. Currently we have excellent representation and I always feel we are being listened to have our counties needs listened to and acted on when needed. Sincerely, Sid and Al Robles

Subject: Comments Regarding Redistricting: Napa County and American Canyon

From: Matt Pope [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 18:43:00 -0500

To: [REDACTED]

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

June 8, 2011

Dear Members of the Commission:

As an appointed public official I understand the commitment that your service on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission entails and I appreciate your willingness to perform this vital task for our state.

I can also appreciate the difficulty in arriving at decisions that will satisfy all stakeholders and the pressure that such decisions can entail. The vast and diverse factors that must be considered often make it impossible to give all parties everything that they are seeking.

At the same time, I also know how valuable public commentary can be when a deliberative body is seeking to make the best decisions possible; indeed I have found that testimony from members of the public who live in the affected areas can often provide key insights that change a vote or craft a much more informed and effective final recommendation.

It is in that spirit that I write to you today to emphatically urge you to reconsider the tentative proposals to alter the current district composure of Napa County. For one, I am deeply concerned about the proposal to separate Napa County from Congressional representation alongside other wine producing, agricultural and tourism and hospitality based counties such as Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino and to place it instead into a district including Sacramento Valley counties that have equally important economic and political needs as Napa, but few common interests.

As an example, Napa County is currently in the process of generating a Climate Action Plan as per compliance with California state law. One of the first issues that Napa County planning staff had to contend with was that the agriculture industry standards for greenhouse gas emissions that the plan's consultant sought to apply would be highly inaccurate and ineffective if implemented in Napa County. The consultant's agricultural industry standards were developed to address the type of large-scale agri-business operations more familiar to California's Central Valley region. These standards did not accurately reflect Napa County's smaller scale, and often "by-hand" agricultural practices.

Napa County is also a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and is regarded as one of the nine Bay Area Counties- again indicating its long tradition of common interests with coastal regions.

Significant for trade and tourism, the name "Napa" is readily identified all over the world as a premium California wine producing region. Our current Congressman, Mike Thompson, is from Napa County and is a founder of the Congressional Wine Caucus that protects the interests of many Northern California wineries that are often small family-owned businesses.

For these reasons, it would seem to be a great disservice to the Northern California wine producing regions

and the agricultural and open space resources that they protect, as well as the billions of dollars and thousands of jobs they contribute to California's economy, to break Napa County away from the rest of the region.

As a resident of the City of American Canyon I would also urge you to not remove our city from the same district as the rest of Napa County. While I understand that population growth does factor heavily into your decision, the numbers alone do not reveal the important space that American Canyon has come to occupy in the economic and political landscape of Napa County.

This year, the supervisor representing South Napa County and American Canyon is the vice-chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors as well as the chair of the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency. For 2011, the current president of the Napa Valley College Board of Trustees, the current president of the Napa Valley Unified School District and the current chair of the Napa County Planning Commission and Airport Land Use Commission are all American Canyon residents. Before he was elected, the last posting of the current Sheriff of Napa County was as the chief of police for American Canyon.

The American Canyon Chamber of Commerce has adopted the slogans "Gateway to the Napa Valley" and, more recently: "American Canyon: Where your Napa Valley Experience Begins!" These slogans reflect American Canyon's enthusiastic participation in the Napa Valley community. The presence of four new hotels in or just north of American Canyon that have been constructed since the last census period, and the decision of American Canyon last year to join with all the other incorporated cities in Napa County to approve the Napa tourism business improvement district (TBID) is a tangible statement of the valuable space that American Canyon fulfills for the Napa tourism economy. The construction of a 650,000 square foot LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified warehouse and distribution center operated by Jackson Family Wines in American Canyon speaks directly to our city's important role in the wine industry. American Canyon was chosen as the site for this landmark wine distribution facility because of our unique proximity to the wine region, as well as to major freeways, rail service and air and seaports. Renowned winemakers including Grgich Hills Estate and the Hess Collection operate productive vineyards in American Canyon.

According to a 2006 survey conducted by the Napa Valley Vintners, residents of American Canyon were shown to be among the most interested in learning about and participating in wine industry events, activities and education programs indicating that the growth in American Canyon has consisted of people very interested in developing a community bond with the greater Napa Valley.

American Canyon is an active and growing member of Napa Valley and the city's future development shows all the signs of continuing to build upon its location in Napa County and its shared interests with the wine, agriculture and tourism sectors. Changing American Canyon's Congressional representation to another district would reflect outdated thinking about the region that fails to take into account the will and the hard work of both American Canyon and the greater Napa County community.

In summary I believe the most logical course of action is to keep Napa County in a Congressional district with other coastal wine producing regions, and to keep American Canyon in the same district as the rest of Napa County.

Thank you for your service and consideration, and please let me know if I can ever provide any additional information to you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew Pope

Chairman, Napa County Conservation, Planning and Development Commission*

Chairman, Napa County Airport Land Use Commission*

Resident, American Canyon, CA

** - titles included for identification purposes only*

Subject: against the current visualization maps

From: Zita Latona <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 11:27:15 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of American Canyon, I am interested in keeping American Canyon and the rest of Napa County in the same congressional district. I would like to keep the premium wine industry together. I oppose the current visualization maps.

Zita Latona

City of American Canyon

Office of the City Clerk



June 8, 2011

SENT VIA EMAIL votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

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

RE: CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON RESOLUTION #2011-36 PROTESTING THE VISUALIZATION MAPS OF THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PLACING THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON IN A DIFFERENT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT THAT ALL OTHER NAPA COUNTY CITIES/TOWN

Dear Commission Members:

At their regular Council meeting of June 7, 2011, the City Council of the City of American Canyon considered the attached resolution. The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote of the City Council. We ask that you consider our request when making decisions and make this document part of the Public Comment record.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Barr, CMC
City Clerk

C: Mayor and Council
Rich Ramirez, City Manager

RESOLUTION #2011-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON
PROTESTING THE "VISUALIZATION" MAPS OF THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION PLACING THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON IN A DIFFERENT
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT THAN ALL OTHER NAPA COUNTY CITIES**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Voters FIRST Act (Act), after a lengthy, non-partisan selection process the California State Auditor randomly selected the first eight members from a qualified pool to join the first Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) on November 18, 2010 with the final six members selected and approved on December 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, the Commission released its first visualization maps of the proposed districts; and

WHEREAS, these visualizations show the City of American Canyon being separated from all other cities in Napa County and placed in a different Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, the City of American Canyon has been part of Napa County and Congressional District 1 since its incorporation in 1992; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of our congressional representatives and County officials, the City has spent an extensive amount of time and resources to establish its identity in Napa County and to separate itself from the City of Vallejo by obtaining its own post office and zip code; and

WHEREAS, this separation of the City of American Canyon would cause confusion on the part of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of American Canyon strongly encourages the Commission to keep County and regional areas together and consider the common industries served and related business infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of American Canyon strongly opposes the proposal of being placed in a different Congressional District than the other cities/town in Napa County and urges the Commission to keep Napa County whole and within the same district; and

WHEREAS, American Canyon businesses play a vital role to the premium wine industries of Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma, and Napa Counties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires Council Member Belia Bennett to represent and speak on behalf of City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON, that the City Council of the City of American Canyon strongly opposes the proposal of being placed in a different Congressional District than all other cities/town in Napa County and urges the Commission to keep Napa County whole and within the same Congressional District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council Member Belia Bennett be authorized to represent and speak on behalf of the City of American Canyon.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 7th day of June 2011, by the following vote:

Mayor Garcia:	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Bennett:	<u>yes</u>
Council Member Bennett:	<u>yes</u>
Council Member Coffey:	<u>yes</u>
Council Member Joseph:	<u>yes</u>

Leon Garcia
Leon Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:
Rebekah Barr
Rebekah Barr, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
William D. Ross
William D. Ross, City Attorney



NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

CALIFORNIA 94559

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April 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the 1,000 members of Napa County Farm Bureau, we offer our sincere appreciation for your efforts to redefine the Congressional, Legislative and Board of Equalization districts within California. It is an important task which should result in citizens having a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable.

As you make your recommendations, we urge you to recognize the “community of interest” of the agricultural counties of Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino and Yolo counties. We share common economic and social interests, as well as geographic proximity.

Therefore, we urge the Commission to retain the current congressional boundary for our region to facilitate rational and efficient representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your careful consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lincoln', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Lincoln
President

Subject: Congressional District mapping

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 00:57:22 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that a somewhat odd redistricting is being considered, one which would place Napa County in a Congressional district with Sutter, Glenn, Yuba, and Colusa Counties. As a Napa County homeowner and small businessperson, I would much prefer for my Congressional representatives to be selected by voters from counties that have similar interests to those of Napa County, perhaps Sonoma County, Mendocino County, even Lake County. It is hard for me to see many common interests between Napa County and counties in the Sacramento Valley. Please consider rectifying this issue in the final mapping.

Sincerely,

Leslie Wood
Saint Helena, California

Subject: Districiting by common sense

From: "Edmund" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 18:40:08 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs:

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-Edmund Holmes

Subject: American Canyon/Napa county redistricting

From: Joy Hilton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 15:49:29 -0700

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

It feels as if the Redistricting Commission knows nothing about American Canyon's longstanding effort to be recognized as part of Napa County and to distinguish itself from Vallejo. By only looking to the numbers, the **redistricting commission has split American Canyon from the rest of Napa County in so far as the congressional district is concerned.** We need to keep the county intact and keep American Canyon tied to the premium wine producing region. Please keep Napa County together.

Thank you,

Joy Hilton

American Canyon resident

Subject: Keep American Canyon as part of Napa.

From: mimie matel <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 17:49:15 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

We moved to American Canyon because of the Napa Valley school district. Now, that this might change, we as a family are afraid of the consequences of redistricting. American Canyon have fought hard to differentiate from Solano County. We need to continue fighting to make things right and keep Napa county the same.

Subject: Keep Napa with Premium Wine

From: "Greg Weinerth" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2011 20:29:46 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Keep Napa with Sonoma, Mendocino and other premium wine counties.
Not with rice farmers.
We don't mix.

Best Regards

Greg
Greg Weinerth LEED AP