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**Citizens Redistricting Commission
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**RE: RECOMMENDATION TO KEEP THE GREATER AMERICAN CANYON AREA* WITHIN
CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL, STATE SENATE AND STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS AS
MAPPED**

The appointed California Citizen's Redistricting Commission has provided to the public on June 10, 2011 initial draft maps proposing new 2012 district boundaries for the United States Congress, the California State Senate and the California State Assembly. For all three local districts represented the greater American Canyon area has been removed from proper contiguous alignments within Napa County boundary lines and lumped into three other unmatched district formations.

It is the stated position adopted by the representative governing bodies of the County of Napa and of the City of American Canyon that American Canyon be wholly contained within Napa County boundary lines as currently drawn for all three districts in 2012. We concur with this position. Being elected representatives to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, we would like to express our support as individuals for keeping the greater American Canyon area aligned with the rest of Napa County.

Since incorporation only a decade ago, American Canyon has worked long and hard to forge a regional identity based in part as a gateway to Napa. The position of American Canyon has become better aligned therefore with the rest of Napa County residents for reasons already outlined by the Board of Supervisors and City Council. Similar county connected agricultural, cultural, commercial and transportation interests of American Canyon residents will remain better served as represented in the current Congressional and State legislative districts well past 2012. They should not be expected to compete with a wider array of divergent interests from other communities south or much farther to the east or west for scarcer public services funding. Uninterrupted representation by Congressman Thompson, State Senator Evans and Assemblyman Allen can ensure this.

The greater American Canyon area is also an important geographical component of the Napa River watershed. For purposes of extensive local projects now undertaken (often matched substantially with federal and State funding) for flood control, wetlands restoration, habitat protection, natural resources mapping and educational interpretation this area remains uniquely tied to the rest of Napa County environments upstream.

The Napa County Regional Park & Open Space District (which shares the same represented boundaries as the County of Napa) has worked closely with all American Canyon representatives to fund, design and build regional trails and supporting recreational amenities within the area. This is a set of working relationships worth continuation for multi-phased recreational projects to better serve American Canyon and Napa valley residents alike.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tony Norris, Vice President of the Board of Directors

* Greater American Canyon area; all of the City of American Canyon and adjacent unincorporated areas of Napa County bounded by the Napa County line to the west, south and east as well as Highway 12 generally to the north.