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Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The proposed plan will leave me, a resident of the Treasure Island Development Area without a local representative who would be aware and knowledgeable about our situation. It is a very complex plan that both of our State Senators have been working on for years. To suddenly deny us of equal representation would be an extreme injustice. I urge you to review your redistricting plans and keep in mind the decades of work that has gone on to create this incredible San Francisco community on Treasure Island. We deserve a local voice and adequate representation.

Regards,
Mark Dunlop

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Re: Redistricting – South San Francisco Communities of Interest

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of South San Francisco ("City"), I want to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Commission's issuance of the First Draft Maps for the Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts ("1st Draft Maps").

Currently, the City of South San Francisco is entirely within a single Assembly (19th Assembly District) and Senate (8th Senate District) district, which encompasses the vast majority of the communities in Northern and Central San Mateo County. However, the 1st Draft Maps issued this month propose to split South San Francisco into two separate Assembly districts as well as two separate Senate districts, between San Mateo County districts and San Francisco County districts.

We believe that the entirety of South San Francisco should be placed in a single Assembly District and a single Senate District that is placed with the Northern and Central San Mateo County cities. As you are aware, Article XXI recognizes the importance of maintaining the geographic integrity of cities, explaining that "a community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation." (Cal. Const. Article XXI, Section 2(d)(4).) Dividing South San Francisco, as proposed in the 1st Draft Maps, will not only marginalize our representation for South San Francisco's residents, it will not comply with Section 2 of Article XXI of the California Constitution, to use a mapping process that respects 'communities of interest' when drawing Assembly and Senate District boundaries.

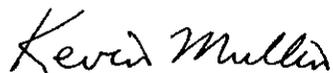
South San Francisco is a distinct 'community of interest,' in and of itself. South San Francisco shares a number of social and economic interests, including but not limited to, a citywide

school district (South San Francisco Unified School District) and an extensive and vibrant citywide public parks and recreation department, which enhances the City's community cohesiveness. Additionally, South San Francisco is a part of a larger community of interest, which is San Mateo County. San Mateo County provides numerous countywide services, which plays a critical role in shaping the quality of life for those cities, South San Francisco included. These services include transportation services (SamTrans), animal care and control (Peninsula SPCA), the court system and the criminal justice system, environmental compliance (for example: countywide NPDES permit), just to name a few. Effective Assembly and Senate representation is critical to ensuring that countywide services adequately serve its residents. San Mateo County shares additional similarities, such as geography and communication methods (the San Mateo Daily Journal). Although South San Francisco is close to the City and County of San Francisco, its relationship and interaction with San Francisco is characterized in the same manner as other San Mateo County cities, not with the City of San Francisco itself.

If the current boundaries reflected in the 1st Draft Maps remain unchanged, it would negatively impact the city of South San Francisco. It would interfere with the City's ability to advance its interests in a cohesive and efficient manner and the City of South San Francisco would be faced with the challenge of coordinating the efforts of two Assembly and two Senate Members who would likely have competing interests with the other communities that they represent. This would cause a wide range of impacts, including, but not limited to: securing funding for freeways and road improvements, ensuring that transportation services are provided efficiently, maintaining an efficient operation of the criminal justice system, and influencing County supervisors.

Accordingly, any redistricting effort should continue to keep South San Francisco within a single Assembly and Senate district, rather than dividing the City between two districts. Furthermore, the majority of each district should be populated by San Mateo County cities. We believe this can be achieved and still satisfy the higher priority criteria established by Section 2 of Article XXI of the California Constitution. Thank you for considering our input and please contact my office if you desire any further information.

Very truly yours,



Kevin Mullin
Mayor, City of South San Francisco

cc: City Council
Barry M. Nagel, City Manager