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Palo Alto's new Congressional district looks like it is gerrymandered, with central Menlo Park plucked out of the area and put with San Mateo northward. This appears to favor keeping Anna Eshoo in place so as not to make her compete with Jackie Speier. The commission stated they would not take into account the incumbents' locations.

Why not keep Menlo Park attached to Palo Alto and put Atherton in with San Mateo? That would keep the land area contiguous and avoid a finger of Menlo Park gerrymandered out.