

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - San Mateo

From: Rose Jacobs Gibson [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 03:34:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: 'Numbering of San Mateo/North Santa Clara Senate seat

Message Body:

June 24, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am a resident of East Palo Alto, a former city council member of that city, and a current member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing the fourth district, which includes the cities of East Palo Alto, Redwood City, and Menlo Park. I will be termed out of my seat on the Board of Supervisors next year and have no intention of running for higher office at this time. I have two concerns regarding the draft maps currently under consideration.

My first concern is that if the San Mateo County/Northern Santa Clara County Senate seat is given an even number, my constituents in the cities of San Carlos, Redwood City, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto will be without representation in the state Senate for two years. For many years I have worked to increase the level of civic engagement in East Palo Alto, a city whose ethnic composition is more than 90% Latino, African American, and Asian American. I believe leaving this city and its neighbors without full representation in the state legislature for two years would harm these efforts and send the wrong message to the community. I would like to request that these areas remain in an odd-numbered Senate district.

My second concern regards the draft configuration of the San Mateo County congressional maps. Under the current draft configuration, the city of Menlo Park is divided among two Congressional districts with the eastern portion of the city in the northern congressional district and the western portion in the southern congressional district. Again, I believe that dividing this community in two sends the wrong message to its residents. I ask that the Redistricting Commission respect city boundaries and place the entire City of Menlo Park within one district.

As a member of the County's committee charged with reconfiguring our Supervisorial districts, I appreciate the difficulties inherent to the task before you. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for taking these comments into careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Rose Jacobs Gibson

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From: John Feldis [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 06:44:40 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Group Menlo Park with its neighbors

Message Body:

Group Menlo Park with its neighbors. Menlo Park lies mostly between Atherton and Palo Alto. Please out Menlo Park in the same district, Right now it looks like a carve-out.

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