

Subject: Re: AD visualizations

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 2 Jun 2011 00:53:30 +0000

To: "Lois Murdock" <[REDACTED]> "CA Citizens Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

Lois,

From the standpoint it's connected via the Benicia Bridge and I-680 and makes much more sense from a transportation corridor than putting Brentwood, Discovery Bay and Byron in with Solano, which has no connection.

Martinez is right across the Carquinez Strait from Benicia.

I don't like having Antioch lumped in with Pittsburg, Bay Point and Concord, either. But it does make sense from a geographic and Highway 4 corridor standpoint.

Allen

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To: [REDACTED] CA Citizens Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

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A few more other things in response to your email.

1. Our AD plan that we submitted to the Commission and Chris Bowman presented, puts Martinez in a district with Concord, Pleasant Hill and Pacheco, as well as Pittsburg, Bay Point and West County. It does not cross the river into Solano County. That's what we're supporting
2. If the Commission insists on putting part of Contra Costa County in with Solano County, it would make the most sense to do so along the I-80 corridor from Vallejo to Richmond.

Either way, it makes no sense to gerrymeander a Solano County district around most of East Contra Costa to pick up portion that are only connected by the river and roads that don't connect to other parts of that district.

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