

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Solano

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Date: Sat, 11 Jun 2011 01:30:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Northern California Congressional Lines

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners --

While I think the commission did an admirable job in much of the Bay Area and Central Valley, I have to take serious issue with the proposal for the configuration of the districts named "Yolo-Salano-Napa" and "Yuba".

As someone who has lived in both the Bay Area and Davis, I can say with certainty that the only reason to draw these two districts this way is to make both seats Bay Area dominated and preserve George Miller and Mike Thompson in different districts. What a gerrymander!

There is just no good reason for this. Any reasonable person would draw one district combining the Central Valley counties with eastern Solano in one Central Valley dominated district and the other with Napa, Sonoma and western Solano in a Bay Area district. This could be easily done without affecting any other districts and it would give the Central Valley the additional seat it deserves instead of giving the Bay Area an additional seat it doesn't.

I thought the commission was supposed to be nonpartisan or bipartisan or something, but this is just a blatant gerrymander designed to preserve two powerful, Democrat incumbents.

Regards,
Alan Philp

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Solano

From: Dorothy Steel <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Congressional and state legislative maps

Message Body:

I am not sure how the boundary for the congressional districts compare or even what area is covered. Can more detailed maps be made available so people can determine the boundaries and how the redistricting process will affect one's representation.

Is Lungren's district changed. What about Garamendi?

I discovered the same problem with the local state maps. I am concerned with Solano county and Napa being in the same district. There is a mountain range with no easy way to access roads inside the area. I can see the ridge that divides Solano and Napa Counties from my backyard, but to get there would take at least an hour and even more when there is traffic.

Thank you for your assistance.

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