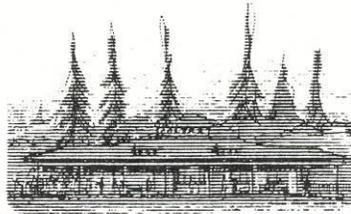


Colfax, CA 95713



CITY OF COLFAX

Mayor Ken Delfino * Colfax, CA 95713-1690 *

June 24, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Committee
Chairman Peter Yao
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Yao,

I understand that the chair positions rotate, but you since you will be in that position for the June 28th meeting, I have chosen to address this to you. I introduced myself briefly to you after the Auburn meeting—I was on crutches.

I was speaker # 53 or 54 after the break. At that time, I addressed you and your colleagues as an individual citizen. I do so today as well and I do not speak for my council colleagues.

After consideration of the lines that came out in Round One and in discussion with other citizens in my town, I have come to the conclusion that the City of Colfax should be included in the same district as similar smaller cities like Grass Valley and Nevada City. Downtown –to-downtown between our cities is only 12-20 minutes (sans snow)!

Our high schools are rivals (Bear River in Grass Valley) and we are also connected with other smaller communities through SEDCorp (Sierra Economic Development Corporation). Some of those communities are Grass Valley, Nevada City, Downieville, Sierraville and Loyalton to the north; South Lake Tahoe and Truckee to the east; Placerville to the south and Auburn, Loomis, Penn Valley, and Rocklin to the west.

All of the above-mentioned communities are rural or rural/suburban and this is a major area where our similarities lie. We want to be in a district where the voice of our approximately 1,800 citizens has as much impact as other cities close to our size.

I thank you for your considerations and for your and your colleagues' dedication to this important process in our state's history.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Ken Delfino

Kenneth A. Delfino
Mayor

CC: Commissioner Stanley Forbes