

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: "Donald E. Wilson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 9:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Dividing communities of interest in north Sacramento County

Message Body:

I am writing to prevail upon the commission to reverse its complete gerrymander of north Sacramento County. What has been done in north Sacramento County is exactly what the people voted to stop.

The north Sacramento County communities that share government with Placer County are gerrymandered into a Congressional district with Solano and Contra Costa Counties. Other north Sacramento County communities that have nothing to do with Placer County are gerrymandered in with that county to help assure that an El Dorado County Assemblywoman, who would not otherwise get re-elected, has some more marginal parts of Sacramento County drawn into her El Dorado County district.

Specifics-

ANTELOPE - The community of Antelope is divided between two Placer County School Districts - Center and Roseville. Antelope is covered mostly by the Sunrise Park District from Citrus Heights. However Antelope has been gerrymandered into a Congressional District with Vallejo and Pinole and an Assembly district with the Yolo County communities of Davis and West Sacramento.

CITRUS HEIGHTS - In spite of being connected to Antelope and sharing a park district, Citrus Heights is gerrymandered into the El Dorado County district drawn to save the incumbent.

ELVERTA - A rural community made up of horse property that according to the Post Office crosses the Placer County line. Yet in spite of being a rural community that spans into Placer County, Elverta is also gerrymandered in with the bankrupted urban city of Vallejo and the university town of Davis.

FOLSOM - This community has been drawn out of Sacramento County into a Placer County district made safe for one party.

NORTH HIGHLANDS- This community has shared much with Antelope, Elverta, and Rio Linda as they are the communities that served the old McClellan Air Force Base. North Highlands was the lone suburban area at the time. A small corner of Antelope is still part of the North Highlands Park District from those days. They share a library as well. North Highlands has also been gerrymandered in with Vallejo and Davis.

RIO LINDA - This community is horse property like Elverta. Most people refer to Rio Linda/Elverta when speaking. It has already been established that Elverta crosses the Placer County line. There is also a corner of Rio Linda in the Center Unified School District - a school district in Placer County. Yet this rural community of horse property that shares far more with the horse properties of western Placer County is gerrymandered in with the bankrupted urban center of Vallejo two counties away and Contra Costa County three counties away.

These communities do share school districts, park districts, chambers of commerce, and rotary clubs. However they do not share media markets, mass transit systems, local governments, or anything that can remotely be considered a community of interest with Yolo, Solano, or Contra Costa Counties. It is urban versus suburban/rural, San Francisco Bay Area versus Sacramento Valley, and elites versus working class.

If any Sacramento communities belong with Placer County, they are Antelope, Elverta, and Rio Linda, which share governmental entities or geographical territory with that county. Because of the community of interest that these areas share with North Highlands even North Highlands should be in a Placer County district if the commission refuses to completely reverse the north county gerrymander.

Folsom definitely belongs in a Sacramento County based district regardless of the fortunes of an El Dorado County incumbent. El Dorado Hills belongs in an El Dorado County Assembly District. If that were done, then the legitimate communities of interest - Antelope, Citrus Heights, Elverta, North Highlands, and Rio Linda would properly be put in the same Assembly District whether based in Sacramento or Placer County.

Respectfully,

Donald E. Wilson
Trustee, Center Joint Unified School District

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/25/2011 5:39 PM

To: [REDACTED]

I'm definitely opposed to separating Elmhurst from Sacramento. Having lived here for more than 64 years, I feel we have nothing in common with the outlying areas. Please keep Elmhurst in the district with the rest of Sacramento city.

Margaret Sigler

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Catherine Vade Bon Coeur <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/25/2011 10:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Catherine Vade Bon Coeur <[REDACTED]>

Subject: separating Elmhurst from our mother

Message Body:

I recently heard about your plan to separate my little community of Elmhurst from our mother, the City of Sacramento, and instead put us in with the foothill communities of El Dorado Hills, Roseville, and others. I am begging you not to separate us from The city. We are part of the city. We live in the city. We identify with the city. We shop in the city. My city councilperson is my neighbor. We have nothing in common with the foothill communities. It would be so very sad, and then we would have no representation because the representative for us would be the representative for the foothills where we never go except to go through there to go skiing or something. It breaks my heart to think of being separated from MidTown and the 40s and the rest of East Sac, of which we are a part. We are only approximately 850 residences here. We would have no voice any longer in anything that happens to us because our interests and the interests of the foothill communities are s!

o different. They are not better interests or worse interests; they just are not the same interests.

The Elmhurst neighborhood is one of the older city "neighborhoods" deeply rooted within the city of Sacramento and shares part of a long history stitched together well before the suburbs developed and rural communities grew up and spread out around this county. Suburban residents refer to these old Sacramento neighborhoods as "downtown." Historically they've often expressed fear of coming into the area - out of ignorance to be sure - but reflecting an attitude not of shared interest but more of "other." Imagine a real town hall in this scenario.

Since its inception in the early 1900s Elmhurst identity has become more specific yet more inclusive in character and more integral to its city identity. Like many old city neighborhoods - it more closely identifies with the more cosmopolitan, more mobile metropolitan city interests and needs of today while nurturing partnerships with other older neighborhoods - supporting each other's farmer's markets, art galleries, bookstores, restaurants, theaters, schools, libraries and other businesses. What used to be a less integrated but very connected, larger geographic and cultural area once referred to as Oak Park-Elmhurst, from which neighborhood little league boundaries and school districts were once "born and raised" with the California State Fair at it's center - has flourished, deeply rooted in the city, alongside other older, second blooming neighborhoods - more distinct now but even more closely interrelated as part of this city, with common interest and cause perhaps gre!

ater than ever.

Would city and county pragmatic interests - codes, policies, transportation and energy resources, funding and tax base issues - be a source of more conflict and confusion rather than unity of purpose in such a newly drawn but not rationally thought out map?

Please consider changing the boundry for us here in Elmhurst and let us be joined with that with which we identify and not with the good people of the foothill communities who don't come here and don't understand us as we do not know or understand them. I am begging you.

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