

Subject: new maps for Sacramento

From: "Kate Lenox" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 12:35 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I'm a resident of Sacramento currently living the 9th AD. I object to the city of Sacramento being divided up into three different assembly districts. My neighborhood has been cut in two. Surely a city represents a community of interest that ought to be kept together, not lumped with other regions and areas. I see no purpose in dividing up a city just to create competitive races. Especially given the fact that the commission has succeeded in creating only one more competitive district in the state than currently exists. The result still looks like gerrymandering to me. Do not approve these proposed maps.

Kate Lenox

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Sacramento 95819

Testimony for the California Redistricting Commission

Lauren Hammond, former Councilmember, City of Sacramento

Presented by Helen Hewitt, former District Director, Sacramento City Council District 5

June 28, 2011

State Capitol, Room 4203

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

I came before this commission in February to explain the gerrymander attempts made in the Sacramento districts over the last three decades. In the 1981, 1991 and 2001 Assembly and Senate proposals the South Sacramento neighborhoods of Meadowview, Parkway and North Laguna were placed in bay area and central valley districts. After public testimony at the legislative hearings those neighborhoods were returned to Sacramento districts. I was assured by the Commission that I would not have to worry about that again. Imagine my surprise when the draft revealed that the City of Sacramento was dissected and most of the southern neighborhoods were placed in an assembly district with Elk Grove. The difference this time is the neighborhoods are at least in the same county.

I have studied the Commission's draft of the Sac Elk Grove (SACEG) district. Oak Park the first suburb of Sacramento has been split. Actually you divided my old council district in half. Oak Park is a unique neighborhood with wonderful multi-cultural people and businesses. Its diversity is what makes it so special. The majority of its population is people of color. These ethnic group members' interests and lives would be compromised by putting them in an area where they have nothing in common with Davis and West Sacramento residents. It is important to keep the integrity and communities of interest together.

I am not opposed to the draft district but a more equitable distribution would be to include all of census tracts 18 and 27 (east of Hwy 99) into this new South Sac assembly district. This can be done by extending the northeast boundary from Broadway to Highway 50 and west to Highway 99. This would make Oak Park whole and move 4,376 people or .01% from the West Sac (WSAC) district. Alternatively, the commission could consider moving the split in census tract 18 north from Broadway to Y Street keeping the redevelopment zone in one district. With that said, I believe this offers the first chance in forty years to elect someone from South Sacramento. Since the 1975 death of Assembly Member Ed Z'berg no one south of Sutterville Road has been elected to the Ninth Assembly district. This could bring a different perspective to the state Assembly.

For the record the City of Sacramento was deemed the most diverse and integrated city in the United States after the 2000 census. When analyzing the current districts with those proposed, the WSAC and SACEG district lose the diversity we celebrate. With Sacramento's current population of 466,488 the optimum population for an Assembly district already exists. It seems as though Sacramento is always sacrificed for the Bay Area which now includes Fairfield and Vallejo. And, because of that configuration and the lack of testimony from Sacramento residents this commission divided the city and county of Sacramento in each redistricting plan.

In the WSAC district you have combined cities that are often in competition with one another. State and federal transportation dollars, economic development and housing are just a few of our differences. Other than local sports teams we have little in common. What kind of sense does it make for representative government? If redistricting were only intended to represent equal populations of people, it would present no problem. The central question is how to equitably represent different communities of interest - with emphasis on representation? This plan presents the specter of a district at war with itself, which can present no adequate representation for the people.

The changes suggested in SACEG and WSAC will require adjustments in population in the latter district. I suggest the Commission look at adding the communities of North Highlands and Foothill Farms to WSAC.

I know the Commission can do better and implore you to do so.



Colonial Manor Neighborhood Association

Sacramento, CA 95820

June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

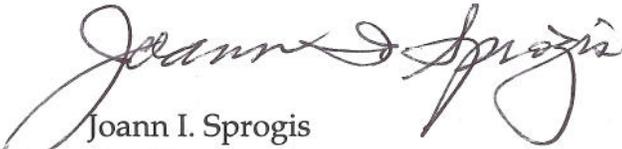
Thank you for your work constructing new district lines for the State Assembly and Senate to accommodate the changes in California's population as documented in the 2010 Census.

Residents of the Colonial Manor neighborhood of Sacramento are surprised that your draft map shows us and our immediate vicinity separated from large segments of Sacramento and joined instead with areas to the east of us. We are situated fully within the City limits, we do consider ourselves a vital part of Sacramento, and our lives are very strongly affected by decisions made in other parts of the City, whereas our interaction with Californians to the east of us is substantially less.

However, we are aware of times in the past when the whole of Sacramento has been separated into multiple legislative districts, and we have noticed that on your map Sacramento is at least not alone among metropolitan areas thus divided.

We ask only that you carefully review the communities of interest in our urban and suburban areas, and if any flexibility remains after you meet the many requirements constraining you, please rejoin our neighborhood to those nearby neighborhoods with whose citizens we have much in common when choosing our State Legislators.

Sincerely,


Joann I. Sprogis
President

Subject: Redistricting Draft Maps

From: "Rick Bettis " <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 7:38 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Mmembers,

As a Charter and active member of Common Casue and a Board Member for a local League of Women Voters Chapter I was a very supportive of Proposition 11. This included spending many hours gathering signatures for the Initiative.

However, from the perspective of a longtime Sacramento Community Activist I must express my dissatisfaction with the Draft Maps as they effect the Sacramento Assembly and State Senate District. They appear not to adequately respect the local goverment boundaries and communities of interest.

The combining of SACramento and Yolo County Assembly and Senate Districts does not repect important local goverment boundaries and could result in the loss of two members of the Assembly and one Senator wwho very effectively represent the interest of their communities.

The inclusion of portions of the City of Sacramento in the El Dorado Assembly District also does not respect communities of interest. The City of Sacramento areas are cuturally and socio-economically very different than those in El dorado County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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June 27, 2011

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Subject: Importance of a Single Congressional District for the City of Sacramento

Dear Commissioners:

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide comments concerning the importance of the City of Sacramento being represented by a single Congressional District.

As the CEO of Sutter Health, Sacramento's largest private employer, I recognize the critical importance of having a single voice represent our community's interest in Washington, DC. Many of our patients and our employees currently live and are served by federal programs and services in the City of Sacramento. Our city faces many challenges, including ensuring adequate funding for health care, flood-protection for our community, transportation improvements, and housing needs that will best be served by having a single voice championing our concerns in Washington, DC. As the capitol of California, I believe the City of Sacramento deserves to be represented by a single congressional district in our nation's capitol.

I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to ensuring fair and balanced representation for California. I applaud your efforts, including the current map that designates Sacramento in one congressional district, and implore you to maintain that designation going forward.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments and for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Patrick E. Fry
President and CEO

Subject: Fair Oaks representation

From: Thomas J Zlotkowski <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 12:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

For years, Fair Oaks has enjoyed excellent local representation in both the State Assembly and Senate. Fair Oaks residents, including myself for past 17 years, have had opportunities to provide input to Fair Oaks lawmakers who were familiar with issues germane to Sacramento County and the local community. It is baffling to me how our proposed new district centered around Roseville and Placer County provides Fair Oaks anything close to the opportunities we once had. Instead, Fair Oaks will likely become just a supporting appendage for Placer County issues. My strong belief is that Fair Oaks, as well as the rest of northeastern Sacramento County, should be represented by a district where our votes/opinions will continue to provide a meaningful influence on our local community needs. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Tom Zlotkowski
Fair Oaks, Ca.