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To: Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

On behalf of the Galt City Council, I respectfully submit this letter in order to convey important information to the Commission regarding the proposed redistricting boundaries. The City has carefully reviewed the proposed boundaries and the criteria used by the Commission in determining these boundaries. In most instances, the City believes that the new boundaries are consistent with the established criteria. However, the City is concerned that the proposed boundaries do not respect the Galt area community of interest.

The Galt community is more than just the City proper or even its sphere of influence. The Galt community is made up of all of the rural communities surrounding the City. The City believes that the boundary that best reflects the Galt community of interest is the area included within the Galt High School District boundary. This same boundary is shared by other important Galt organizations such as the Galt District Chamber of Commerce and the Galt Area Historical Society. Each of these organizations recognizes that Galt is much more than those areas found within the City limits. The people that live in these rural areas attend Galt schools, shop in Galt, go to church in Galt and consider Galt their home. Separating these areas from the City of Galt would make it more difficult for the Galt community to receive fair and equal representation.

There are many examples of Galt's shared community extending beyond the proposed district boundaries. The City has partnered with the Galt Area Historical Society and Sacramento County to restore McFarland Ranch, the original home of Galt's founder, John McFarland. The restoration is well underway, but state and federal funding continues to be sought to complete the restoration project. Under the proposed boundaries, McFarland Ranch and the City of Galt would be in separate Congressional, Assembly, and Senate districts. Similarly, City of Galt owns property designated for a future regional park on Hauschildt Rd, north of Twin Cities that would be in a separate district from the City. Both of these areas, however, are included within the Galt High School District boundaries.

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The City of Galt feels so strongly that these rural areas reflect the true community of interest for Galt that the City allows individuals residing within the High School District boundaries to serve on City Commissions and Committees.

Enclosed with this letter is a map showing the boundaries of the Galt High School District. For the Congressional district, the proposed boundary should be extended further west past Interstate 5. The Senate and Assembly district boundaries should be extended further north, east, and west as shown on the map. The population in these rural areas is insignificant and so these changes should have very little impact on meeting any of the other criteria considered by the Commission.

We urge the Commission to revise the Galt district boundaries to reflect the true community of interest for the City of Galt and surrounding areas. Thank you for considering our request.

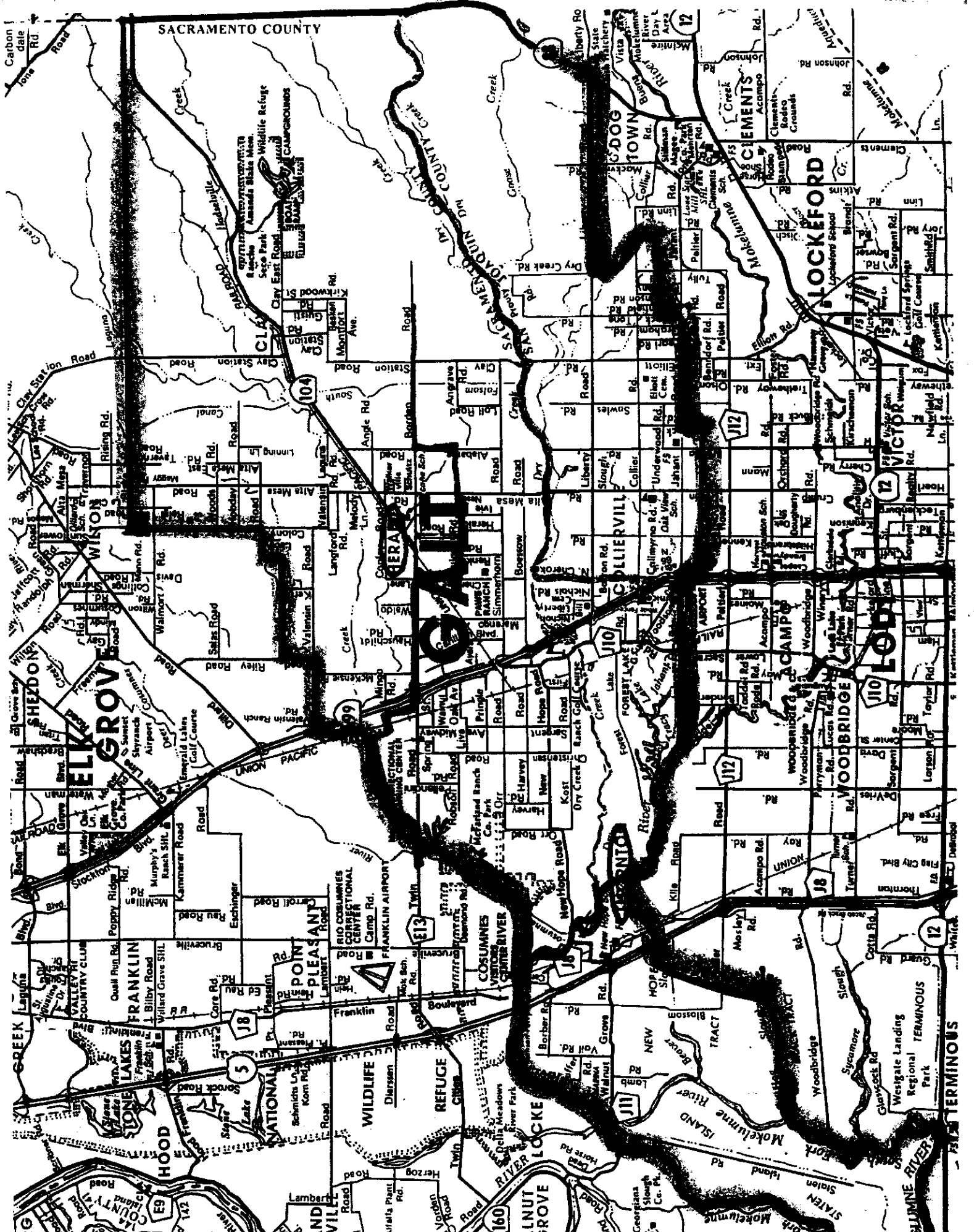
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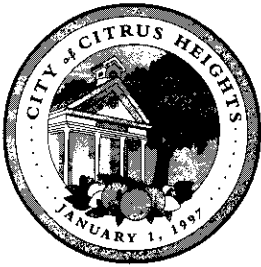
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Barbara Payne
Mayor

c: Galt City Council
Elizabeth Aguire, City Clerk
Jason Behrmann, City Manager





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June 27, 2011

VIA U.S. MAIL

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Re: Redistricting – Citrus Heights

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

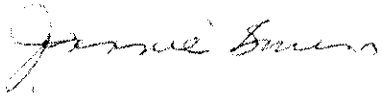
On behalf of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, I want to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Commission's efforts to redraw state Congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts.

Currently, Citrus Heights is entirely within a single Assembly and Senate District. Including Citrus Heights in Assembly and Senate districts as a whole, rather than dividing the City between districts, is important to ensuring that the residents of Citrus Heights are adequately represented in the Legislature and this principle is essential to ensuring compliance with Proposition 20. Proposition 20, amended Section 2 of Article XXI of the California Constitution, to use a mapping process to respect "communities of interest" when drawing Assembly and Senate District boundaries. Specifically, Proposition 20 recognized that importance of the geographic integrity of cities, explaining that "a community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation." (Cal. Const. Article XXI, Section 2(d)(4).) We believe that the current draft maps do not accomplish the constitutional mandate to preserve communities of interest, and thereby the draft maps do not provide Citrus Heights with effective and fair representation.

Residents of Citrus Heights have many common interests; dividing the City will deprive residents of effective representation in the Legislature because no member will be obligated to answer to the residents of the City as a unit. Furthermore, dividing the City will interfere with the intent of Proposition 20 and the City's ability to advance its interests in a cohesive and efficient manner because the City would be faced with the challenge of coordinating the efforts of two Assembly or Senate Members who may have competing interests in the other communities they represent. Accordingly, any redistricting effort should continue to keep Citrus Heights within a single Assembly and Senate district, rather than dividing the City between Assembly and/or Senate districts.

Thank you for considering our input and please do not hesitate to contact me or Henry Tingle, our City Manager, if you desire any further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeannie Bruins".

Jeannie Bruins
Mayor, City of Citrus Heights

cc: City Council
Henry Tingle, City Manager
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**NANCY
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PRESIDENT

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Californian Citizens Redistricting Commission:

RIAN TROTH
TREASURER

The McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association appreciates and supports the efforts of the California Citizens Redistrict Commission (CCRC) regarding drawing sensible, balanced and impartial legislative boundary line.

DEANE DANA
SECRETARY

However, we have concerns regarding the Eastern Portion of the City of Sacramento which includes our neighborhood. The east sacramento neighborhood has several blocks in the eastern assembly district and some are in the western assembly district. We would like to see our neighborhood unified. The new lines divide our neighborhood through the Streets that are the 40's. A slight change south of Folsom and 65th Street could permit all of East Sac and River Park to be in one Assembly and Senate District.

Please reconsider this legislative boundary line for our neighborhood. It is critical that we are tied to adjacent neighborhoods that have similar interests and issues.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cornelius
President
McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association
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