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# Region #9: San Joaquin

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Re: San Joaquin County and its state Senate, Assembly and Congressional Districts

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Our government is based on fair and effective representation. Necessary steps to assure that fairness and effectiveness include the census every 10 years and the redrawing of political district lines afterward. But beyond the stale numbers of the census, the people of these districts must share common interests, issues and struggles. That is why it is very important that you seriously consider: 1) making San Joaquin County a Congressional District on its own; 2) the county should have an entire Assembly District within its borders and there should be no more than two Assembly Districts in the county; and 3) we should be in one state Senate District.

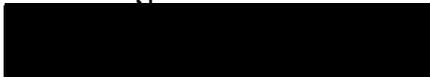
The 2001 redistricting process left San Joaquin County with two Congressional representatives, two state senators and four Assembly members. That is eight elected officials. None of them live in San Joaquin County and half of them do not live in counties that are adjacent to San Joaquin County. That is not fair and effective representation.

Those districts stretch to Davis and El Dorado Hills, the East Bay and Silicon Valley, the Sierra Nevada, and down to Fresno. How can politicians who do not live in San Joaquin County and live so far from us know what we want and need? What do we have in common with a UC Davis professor, a Silicon Valley computer engineer, a Mother Lode innkeeper, or a Fresno office worker? Or, more importantly, what do those people have in common with a Lodi winemaker or a Stockton asparagus grower or a teacher in Manteca?

All we want is to know that our elected officials have an idea of our problems and of our wants and needs. It would go a long way to achieve fair and effective representation if you made San Joaquin County a Congressional District on its own; gave the county an entire Assembly District, but not more than two in the country; and that the county be in a single Senate District. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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It seems natural that people in a political district should be included with other people of similar interests and concerns, and that city and county boundaries should be used as much as possible when establishing those political districts. It also seems natural that San Joaquin County should be a Congressional District on its own. The county should have a state Senate District and an entire state Assembly District, but not more than two such districts within the county.

San Joaquin County ended up being in two Congressional Districts, two state Senate Districts and four Assembly Districts following the 2001 redistricting. That just seems like too many political districts for a county with so many people living here. It just seems that none of those elected officials will care enough about our needs and wants.

Keeping San Joaquin County as a Congressional District on its own would preserve the city and county boundaries. Californians from nearby communities should be included in the new San Joaquin County districts whenever possible, rather than splintering the communities and setting up remote "outposts" within far-flung districts. And district boundaries should not bypass nearby areas in favor of overreaching to gather population from distant communities. That is what happened with the 2001 redistricting and look at the mess we are in now.

So, I think it is only natural that San Joaquin County be made a Congressional District on its own; that we have one state Senate District; and that we have an entire Assembly District, but not more than two Assembly Districts in the county. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Re: Political districts in San Joaquin County

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Every decade the census tells us how many of us there are in this country, where we live and all sorts of other demographic information. Some communities grow. Others do not. It seems only natural that based on those numbers alone that San Joaquin County should be made a Congressional District on its own, that we be placed in one Senate District, and that the county have an entire Assembly District of its own and not more than two Assembly Districts.

Redistricting in 2001 left us with two Congressional representatives, two state senators, and four Assembly members representing San Joaquin County. That makes eight state and federal elected officials that must be contacted for state or federal action on issues of local interest. That does not seem fair, efficient or right.

The "ideal" population for a Congressional District is 702,905, for an Assembly District it's 465,674 residents, and 931,348 for a state Senate District. Here in San Joaquin County there were 685,306 people at the time of the 2010 U.S. Census, which is 121,708 more than were in the county at the previous census. That is only a 21.6 percent growth over 10 years. I write "only" because one city in San Joaquin County experienced a 36 percent population growth rate over the decade, another 41 percent, one 46 percent, and another saw nearly 73 percent growth in population over the decade. That means the county at this very moment may be at the population threshold already. And if not, only a few people from just outside the county could be included to hit the "ideal" population requirement for a Congressional District. San Joaquin County and the cities in the county have grown up and it is time for residents here to receive fair, efficient and effective representation.

Just by the numbers alone, it seems fitting that San Joaquin County be made a Congressional District on its own. And have a full Assembly District - with no more than two Assembly Districts - and be included in a single Senate District. Thank you for your time.

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