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June 17, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 1<sup>st</sup> draft maps  
San Joaquin County's State Senate and Assembly Districts

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of Lodi. I have seen the 1<sup>st</sup> draft maps and Lodi will not have any effective representation if these maps are adopted. I am addressing the Commission because I do NOT want to be in a Senate or Assembly District that includes Yolo, Napa, Marin, and Solano counties. Those are far distant communities that have nothing in common with Lodi. It is important to me to be in a district with my neighbors here in San Joaquin County.

**It was my understanding that the purpose of reconfiguring the districts was to allow citizens with similar interests to be represented together rather than have a gerrymandered district. The proposed districts are worse than the current configuration.**

It is natural that people in a 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 districts. It also seems natural that San Joaquin County should have a state Senate District and an entire state Assembly District, but not more than two such districts within the county.

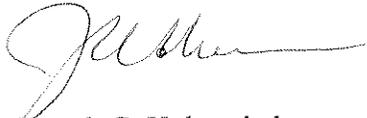
In 2001 San Joaquin County was irrationally divided between four Assembly Districts that tears the county apart. The Senate Districts are not much better. That has been terrible and as a result I do not have any effective representation in Congress. Don't do that to us again!

Keeping Lodi in an Assembly and Senate District with the balance of San Joaquin County would preserve the city and county boundaries and give those in Lodi an effective political voice. If population requirements compel the Commission to split a San Joaquin County city off to be joined with other counties, it should be Tracy, as it has much more in common with

the Bay Area than Lodi does with Davis or Santa Rosa. There are many commuters in Tracy who travel to the Bay Area for work. I'm sure there is no one in Lodi who commutes to Santa Rosa for work.

So, I think it is only natural that the City of Lodi and San Joaquin County be kept in a single 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hohenrieder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**Subject:** Redistricting San Joaquin County

**From:** "Inn at Locke House" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 18:18:24 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

*Please note that I have sent the same letter as an attachment. In case attachments are not opened.....*

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To: Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission

I am a resident and small business owner who lives and works in Lockeford, an unincorporated town, seven miles from Lodi in the San Joaquin County. The proposed redistricting plan will give me no voice and no effective representation in the State Senate and Assembly.

Through my business I purchase, as much as possible, products grown and manufactured in the San Joaquin County communities around Stockton, Lodi and Lockeford/Clements. As a bed and breakfast owner-innkeeper, I send my clients to Lodi and Stockton to enjoy, participate and shop: concerts, restaurants, Farmers Markets, County Fair, Lodi Grape Festival, Delta Sandhill Crane Festival, University of Pacific and San Joaquin Delta College, Haggin Museum, Bob Hope Fox Theater, Hutchins Street Square, Stockton Arena, Lodi Parachute Center, etc.

Through my business, I draw visitors to the area because it offers them opportunity to explore: the Gateway to the Sierra foothills, Delta, Lodi Wine Appellation, Mokelumne River, Gold Country, etc. It is easy for me to "market" all of San Joaquin County because I live here and know the people, the social environment, the natural and cultural options, and particularly the economic and educational achievements and needs of this area.

To place Lodi and Lockeford in the same district as Yolo, Napa, Marin and Solano counties does not make sense on many levels. Did the commission take notice of the geographical delineations used by the media in reporting the weather and area news?

Did the commission take notice of the geographical delineations used by various state agencies in promoting agriculture, manufacturing, commerce, housing, recreation, economic development, and cultural heritage in the state? If they had, they would have proposed keeping the San Joaquin County – the northern section of the great central valley – as a unique entity.

Take another look at all the factors that make up communities, including their spheres of influence. Should a division of the county be needed, then consider placing Tracy in the Bay area because of the high number of residents who commute there for work.

Upon closer consideration, you will see that Lodi - and Lockeford/Clements with all other small unincorporated communities between and around Stockton and Lodi - should be kept in a single Senate District and should compose an entire Assembly District (but not more than two) in the county.

Sincerely,

Lani Eklund  
Proprietor-Innkeeper, The Inn at Locke House  
Former teacher, Lodi Unified School District (at schools in Stockton and Lodi)

Chair of the Lockeford Municipal Advisory Council