

Subject: Redistricting Concerns - Lodi, CA

From: Eric Daegling <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 08:47:27 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

I have considerable concerns over proposed redistricting boundaries that would place Lodi in districts that include several north bay counties. Lodi has more in common with the northern San Joaquin Valley in terms of agriculture, business climate and population demographics than North Bay counties. The Lodi Unified School District includes a large portion of North Stockton. Our wine region is also distinct and separate from Napa – Sonoma. It would make more sense to include Tracy with adjacent bay area counties than to place Lodi with North Bay counties.

Lodi will lose important representation if the maps are redrawn as proposed. Please give consideration to placing Lodi in the San Joaquin Valley for California Senate/Assembly Districts.

Thank you.

Eric Daegling

Subject: LODI HAS A VOICE !!!!

From: "Betty Winn " [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 23:10:44 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

I am a resident of Lodi. I have seen the 1st 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.

BETTY ROBINSON-WINN

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Scott Dasko <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 10:13:52 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Bob Johnson [REDACTED]

Committee Members,

As you continue to work towards a reasonable solution to the current difficult situation, please consider deeply the culture, concerns and needs of our central valley communities as being separate and distinct from those of the Bay Area communities to the west. I am not alone in feeling a high level of frustration living in a predominantly liberal State, but living in communities that are predominantly conservative. If we are mixed into one district that reaches far into the bay area, as far as Santa Rosa, it would be certain that the majority of voters in the central valley would further feel disenfranchised from the system.

The communities in the north bay are geographically isolated from those of the central valley, which has, and will continue to keep these communities separate and distinct from each other. This separation exists, and is evident in the following examples:

Economic-

There is much more interaction and communication between the central valley communities than there is between us and the communities of the north bay area. I know of no businesses that are in both Lodi and Santa Rosa, but I do know many businesses that are in Lodi, Stockton, Modesto and as far as Fresno.

Healthcare-

My previous employer, Kaiser Permanente has the central valley service area (from Lodi to Fresno) separated from the service area in the central valley to the north Elk Grove to Roseville. And neither of these Kaiser service areas are comingled with the services areas representing any bay area communities.

The healthcare engineering society I belong to has a region that includes many central valley communities, but none from the bay area- they have their own.

Agricultural-

Outside of the wine industry I know of no farming businesses that work land in the north bay area as well as the central valley, but know of many that work land up and down the central valley.

Social-

My Rotary club is in a district that reaches down into the central valley and into the foothills, but not into the bay area.

Ecology-

Our surface and ground water and air quality issues are almost completely distinct from those of the north bay. There are a myriad of other examples that show how distinct and separate, economically, politically and socially we are from the communities of the bay area.

Politically-

North bay area is generally much more liberal and vote democrat, while the central valley is much more conservative and vote republican.

I understand that your task is difficult to complete, impossible if the goal is to please all; but it would be a mistake and do a great disservice to mandate a single representation for two so distinctly different areas.

Respectfully yours,

Scott Dasko, Architect,
Sr. Project Manager for Lodi Memorial Hospital
[REDACTED]
Acampo, CA 95220

cc: Bob Johnson, Mayor, City of Lodi

Subject: Redistricting maps

From: NORTON SHELBY <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 18:52:25 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Lodi California. I just want it to be known that the first draft of the redistricting maps are NO good for Lodi or it's citizens. We are located in the central valley, not the Bay area. Please pay more attention to what you are doing!

Shelby Norton-Moran

Subject: Redistricting In San Joaquin County

From: Nancy L Cochran <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 14:37:57 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Our county Board of Supervisors wisely agreed on a resolution to keep San Joaquin County intact in reestablishing Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional geographic representation. The gerrymandering manipulation must come to an end. The voters of San Joaquin County are entitled to be represented on the issues that affect us. Our population in several cities has grown and cities like Manteca need to be in one district, not split in half. Lodi is an integral part of our economy, as well as other county-defined issues and it makes no reasonable sense to break Lodi away from our county.

Our Congressional district should be our county, not Fresno or Merced Counties. San Joaquin County needs to be its own Congressional District. The surrounding counties can redistrict much more sensibly in their areas too if we are a county-defined congressional district.

Thank you in advance for a wise longterm decision.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Cochran

[REDACTED]
Stockton, CA 95206

Alex Aliferis



Lodi,CA 95240

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,'

My name is Alex Aliferis. I'm a resident of Lodi,CA.

I'm disappointed at the first map drafts. I disagree keeping Lodi with Napa in a Assembly district. Lodi has no affiliations with Napa County. Our representation lies in San Joaquin County.

I urge to put Lodi into a San Joaquin County only Assembly and State Senate district.

I urge San Joaquin County to be one congressional district which includes Lodi,Stockton,Thornton, Tracy, Ripon, Manteca, Escalon, plus one small size community such as Brentwood. We have unique needs and require representation for agriculture issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alex Aliferis

Subject: The Stockton Finger

From: NORMA GATES <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 15:55:36 -0700 (PDT)

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Senate Redistricting

From: mikelynychconsulting <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 17:26:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Mixing San Joaquin Valley, coast in state districts a grave mistake

By Mike Lynch

In 2005, the Modesto-based Great Valley Center asked the San Joaquin Valley congressional delegation to direct the Congressional Research Service to conduct a formal study of the economic and social indicators of the region.

The study concluded that our eight-county region was "one of the most economically depressed regions of the United States." In fact, in 2000, the San Joaquin valley had "substantially higher poverty rates than the rest of the country and California." We were even more impoverished than Appalachia.

The San Joaquin Valley is also one of the fastest growing, most diverse, and most environmentally and economically challenged parts of California and the nation.

The eight counties of the valley — Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Merced, Madera, Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Kings — constitute one air quality control district, and we fail to meet air quality standards. That is why our schools have asthma warning days.

Too often, the San Joaquin Valley has been considered the "crazy aunt in the attic" who did not meet the state's Bay Area-LA-Hollywood image.

State policy reflected that bias. When California adopted tougher rules on pollution from automobiles, Bay Area cars were exempt, even though the emissions of those cars blew into the valley and became the valley's problem. Bay Area businesses are held to less stringent and less costly air quality standards than those required in the valley, making job development easier over there, and once again leaving us with the job of cleaning up the mess.

Clearly, the valley needs elected representatives who can stand up for us.

That is why the valley embraced the notion of an independent commission to draw the new state legislative apportionment lines. At a minimum, we figured the valley would have representation that would match its numbers and its unique circumstances.

Instead, in its state Senate map, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission proposes to rip the heart out of the San Joaquin Valley by merging all of Merced County and half of Stanislaus with areas on other side of the coastal range.

Merced and Stanislaus counties have more in common with Sacramento and

Riverside counties than with Santa Clara and Monterey counties.

Even the agricultural industry is different on the two sides of this thrown-together district. Air quality issues are different; transportation issues are different; produce moves to market on entirely different routes. The interests of one side will often be in conflict with those of the other, making the senator's job almost impossible to perform.

Only one major road links the two halves of this district. If it were to be blocked for any period of time, it would be easier for the people of Merced and Stanislaus to get to Los Angeles than to the other half of their Senate district to see their representative.

The numbers don't lie. By any measure — economics, agriculture, diversity, health, air quality, educational opportunity and environment — Merced and Stanislaus counties should be in San Joaquin Valley districts. Santa Clara, Monterey and San Benito counties are not part of the San Joaquin Valley.

It is almost as if the commission waited to do the valley last, so that it could be configured in ways to resolve problems elsewhere.

In fact, on the commission's Web site, the Central Coast is listed as part of the Central Valley. With all due respect to the commission, the Central Coast is not part of the Central Valley.

The commission has a tough job, but there is an easy fix: Keep the heart and soul of the San Joaquin Valley in valley districts. Merced and Stanislaus County should not be in a senate district that includes Monterey and Santa Clara counties. The mountains of the coastal range are a barrier in more ways than just topography.

Let the valley be the valley.

Subject: Taxation without Representation!

From: Tony & Penny Goehring <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 22:28:01 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are residents of Lodi, Ca, a community within San Joaquin County, and have been for nearly 67 years now. As such, we have always considered ourselves residents of San Joaquin County and, as a matter of fact. our high school participated in the once recognized "San Joaquin County Athletic Conference".

We were absolutely appalled when we heard that we would be affected by a redistricting change that would include our community of 64,000 people with those areas of the north and east Bay areas whose populations, I might add. are not even comparable to ours. Moreover, their economic and political interests have been diametrically contradictory to those of San Joaquin County for many years.

As such, we want to express our objection to the proposed redistricting, and respectively request that Lodi, Ca be kept in a district that will now and in the future be represented politically by those whose visions and political policies are in the best interest of Valley communities of which we are a part.

As a side note, quite frankly, we're getting sick and tired of having to cave to the biased political orientation of liberals who are in control of our modern day politics; and we want to protest unequivocally to the proposed redistricting proposal. Logically, we would expect to see representation reflecting those areas from which the candidate resides and conscientiously represents.

Sincerely,

Tony and Penny Goehring

[REDACTED]
Lodi, CA 94242

Phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: re: California map redistrict

From: "barbara updegraff" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 19:59:11 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

The redistrict map which you have worked on will not be right for Lodi. We do not want to be included with the SanFrancisco and bay areas and we would not be represented fairly.

Subject: San Joaquin County:

From: Gladys Ikeda <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 13:09:40 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners:

You have an unenviable task to create new legislative and congressional districts. Pleasing everyone will be impossible, yet you must at least attempt to overcome some of the "sins" of the past when San Joaquin County was carved up for political purposes.

The main population centers of the county should remain intact and together as they have interdependent interests. For instance, moving Lodi outside of any district that includes Stockton is ludicrous in that our spheres of influence converge and Lodi school district overlaps Stockton's city limits. What affects one city economically impacts the other. Much the same argument applies also to the city of Manteca, particularly, as well as Tracy. There are agricultural economics and water interests in common.

Do not make San Joaquin County a stepchild in Congressional and legislative districts. Keep our county whole.

Gladys Ikeda
Stockton resident 95212

Subject: San Joaquin County

From: "Charles Starr" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 20:42:16 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners

We strongly oppose the splitting of north San Joaquin County, and particularly the City of Lodi as shown on the maps most recently presented. North San Joaquin County should remain one unit in the Assembly, the Senate and the Congress. We further oppose having the Delta split between districts. The Delta should be in one district.
Charlie and Mamie Starr

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - San Joaquin

From: Kathy Piazza <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 20:48:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Piazza <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

The city of Lodi should not be moved as is stated in the current redistricting plan. If we remain within the existing drawn districts our voice will basically be silenced. Lodi shares school districts, transportation, infrastructure, farming. and so much more with our neighbors. All of Lodi's zip codes deserve to be kept together and a part of San Joaquin County or at least with San Joaquin Valley! Please reconsider.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - San Joaquin

From: Alex Alvarez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 03:11:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alex Alvarez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners

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Please reconfigure the congressional districts so that Tracy is included with Stockton, Lodi, and the rest of San Joaquin County.

Tracy has much more in common with Stockton than with Modesto. As someone who works in banking, I can tell you that Tracy and Stockton have a wide range of economic and professional connections. My clients have business in both Tracy and Stockton. In fact, the bank where I work in Tracy reports up through our branch in Stockton. As another example, Tracy, Stockton and Lodi are all part of the San Joaquin County Enterprise Zone, which provides certain tax incentives to local businesses.

Tracy and Modesto don't share these kinds of connections. People in Tracy follow the news in Stockton, not Modesto. High schools in Tracy play sports against schools in Stockton, not Modesto. There isn't even a direct route to drive between Tracy and Modesto, let alone any shared economic or professional interests.

We all know that San Joaquin County was gerrymandered in 2001. The effect of that gerrymander is that my Congressman currently lives in the Bay Area, which is a vastly different community than San Joaquin County. The outcome will be equally absurd if you put Tracy in a district with Modesto; my Congressman will live in Modesto and have very few connections with Tracy.

The bottom line is that people in Tracy won't have a voice unless they are included in the same district as Stockton, Lodi, and greater San Joaquin County. For the sake of people in Tracy, please consider including Tracy in the San Joaquin County district.

Sincerely,

Alex Alvarez
Tracy, California

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - San Joaquin

From: Nidia Goncalves <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 16:07:40 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nidia Goncalves <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Tracy districting lines

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I want to ask you to please include Tracy in the same congressional district with Stockton, rather than a district with Modesto. Tracy and Stockton have much more in common than Tracy and Modesto. Like many people, I live in Tracy but work in Stockton. The same can't be said about Modesto - Stanislaus County is really a separate community from San Joaquin County, and the congressional districts should reflect that fact.

The map that you are proposing would separate Tracy and Mountain House, which doesn't make sense. For example, the Tracy Press newspaper serves both Tracy and Mountain House. Your proposed map also would cut through the middle of Tracy Unified School District. Mountain House is served by two high schools that are both located in Tracy. And some of the elementary schools in Tracy serve students who live all the way up the west edge of San Joaquin County.

In the 1990s, Tracy was included in a congressional district with all the major communities of San Joaquin County -- Lodi, Stockton, Lathrop, Manteca - as well as Galt and other communities in southern Sacramento County. I think that is a much more logical way to draw districts than your current proposal, which would put Tracy in a district with very different communities in Stanislaus County.

If you leave Tracy in a district with Modesto, we won't have the ability to choose our own congressman. The election will be dominated by Modesto issues, and Tracy will be ignored by the candidates. Putting Tracy in a district with Stockton makes much more sense.

Sincerely,

Nidia Goncalves

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Subject: Lodi Redistricts

From: DEBRA WILSON <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 15:46:48 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

These new districts will not work for Lodi, we have been extricated from the valley and in this first draft mapping we will lose our state political voice and ability for local representation. It's not right to put Lodi which is in the valley in a Bay Area district.

Debra Wilson

Subject: Lodi Problem

From: greg clark <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 15:28:06 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wow; talk about mis-information. A logical way to group areas for representation would be to place cities in the same general geographic area with similarly sized cities and common economic interests. Members of the California assembly represent approximately 375,000 citizens (30,000,000 divided by 80). The cities named here are within a general range of the size of Lodi except for Winters at 7,000 and Santa Rosa at 167,000 (2010 census). They also, in general, have common economic bases. Of the cities listed, 4 are larger than Lodi and 4 are smaller. The fact is Lodi is right in the middle.

Would Lodi be represented better if their 62,000 residents (2010 census information) were grouped with Stockton, Galt, Linden and Manteca? Stockton, an urban area, would obviously maintain the clout in that grouping.

The reality that Lodi is politically a very conservative city does not entitle it to an exclusive representative that supports a very narrow perspective. The Gerrymandering that has produced representatives like Larry Bowler and Alan Nakanishi among others is exactly why the redistricting responsibility was taken away from the legislature. How did you vote on that proposition and what were your expectations?

From: Debra Whittaker <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 17:23:01 -0700 (PDT)
To: [REDACTED]

Please reconsider the extrication of Lodi, California from the political valley map. As the world producer of zinfandel grapes and the largest wine grape producer in the United States. We have provided honest, ethically sound, and responsible representation! Lodi has been instrumental in representation and needs to remain a wise and well-informed political voice in the valley. Take another look at the re-mapping.

Robert & Debra Whittaker
Lodi, California

Subject: Calif Citizens Redistricting Commission - a Plea

From: Nancy Slatten <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 12:12:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

June 27, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]

Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: (916) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Re: San Joaquin County's State Senate, Assembly and Congressional Districts

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Once again San Joaquin County is being torn into pieces! Lodi, in the heart of San Joaquin County is grouped with Antioch and Napa! Why? Manteca, Tracy and Ripon are being sent to Stanislaus and Merced Counties! Why? It is time our county was allowed representation by people who are interested in our unique demographics and cultures. PLEASE RECONSIDER OUR CITIZENS WISHES. We have not had a local representative who lives in our county since Mike Machado was termed out.. The county representation in recent years has been dismal at best. Please let us have a representative who lives and breathes San Joaquin County!

I am addressing the Commission because I do NOT want to be in a Congressional District that goes all the way to Merced or Fresno counties. Residents of San Joaquin County of whatever nationality or culture should be in a district with other members of San Joaquin County. It is more important to me to be in a district with my neighbors here in San Joaquin County, than to be grouped with citizens two counties away.

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 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.

In 2001 San Joaquin County was irrationally divided between two Congressional Districts, with a "finger" that tears the county and the City of Stockton apart. Right now, San Joaquin County residents are either in a district with people from Merced and Fresno counties, or in a district with people in the Bay Area. 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 San Joaquin County as a Congressional District on its own would preserve the city and county boundaries and give our residents an effective political voice.

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,

/s/ Nancy Slatten

Nancy Slatten
Stockton, CA 95215