

REGION 9: SAN JOAQUIN

June 17, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814
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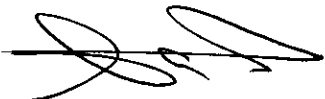
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Keeping Lodi in an Assembly and Senate District with the balance of San Joaquin County would preserve the city and county boundaries and give those in Lodi an effective political voice. If population requirements compel the Commission to split a San 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,



Stephen A. Jarrett

[REDACTED]
Lodi, Ca.
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CITY OF ESCALON

June 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]
Sacramento CA 95814

Subject: Support that San Joaquin County be “kept whole” when redrawing boundaries for California Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts and US Congressional districts.

Commissioners:

The United States Constitution requires that political boundaries be redrawn every 10 years after the decennial census is completed. The guiding principle of one person-one vote is the foundation of our democratic system of government.

The 14th Amendment to the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 “prohibits any procedure which would result in the denial or abridgement of the voting rights of any racial or language minority.”

There are also court rulings that have noted that the geography of cities must be respected to the greatest extent possible, and that districts must be contiguous.

In 1991, San Joaquin County was recognized as a single political entity and included the vast majority of one state Senate District, which had two Assembly Districts “nested” within the Senate District. In addition, it primarily housed one U.S. Congressional district. This ensured that the County’s interests and needs were well represented in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

After the 2000 census, San Joaquin County included portions of three Assembly districts, two Senate districts and two Congressional districts. There was not a single district whose boundary was entirely within San Joaquin County. By the end of the decade, none of our representatives even lived in San Joaquin County.

In 2008, Prop 11 established an Independent Citizens Redistricting Committee which is made up of California residents to configure State Assembly and Senate districts.

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Public Works Department [REDACTED]

In 2010, Proposition 20 was approved which granted the Citizens Redistricting Committee the authority to configure Congressional District lines as well.

The Escalon City Council believes that the residents of Escalon and San Joaquin County would be better served by having less representation but more tightly drawn districts where the vast majority, if not all, of the constituents live in San Joaquin County.

The City of Escalon respectfully requests the San Joaquin County be "kept whole" when redrawing boundaries for California Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts and U.S. Congressional districts. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danny Fox
Mayor

Cc: Escalon City Council

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Bob Slayback

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Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I work with the grape growers of the Lodi District and am a resident of Acampo. I have seen the 1st draft maps; I respect your efforts, but unfortunately the redistricting as presented is a severe disservice to the residents as a whole and to the grape growers in particular. The Bay Area communities are physically, economically and culturally too far distant and have very little in common with Lodi District. It is significantly more appropriate and important to maintain Lodi, Woodbridge, Thornton, Acampo and Galt with their neighbors in San Joaquin County.

Because of similar interests and concerns, city and county boundaries should be more strictly maintained in establishing new districts for the State Assembly and Senate. It is more practical and efficient 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.

Since 2001 San Joaquin County has been irrationally divided between four Assembly Districts; with the Senate Districts not much better. Keeping Lodi in an Assembly and Senate District with the balance of San Joaquin County would preserve the city and county boundaries and provide 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, the evidence is compelling that Tracy 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.

To summarize, it is only appropriate and logical 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,

Paul S. Verdegaal

and Acampo Resident

cc:

Lodi Chamber of Commerce
Ken Vogel, San Joaquin County Supervisor
Allyson Huber, State Assembly District 10
Tom Berryhill, State Senate District 14

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Ron McGuire
Lodi, CA