

REGION 9: SAN JOAQUIN

June 21, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]

Sacramento, CA 95814
[REDACTED]

Re: San Joaquin County's State Senate and Assembly Districts (1st draft maps)

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As a resident of Lodi and a winegrape grower in the Lodi region, I am concerned with the State Senate and Assembly Districts as outlined in the first draft maps. I am concerned that I will not have effective representation if the first draft maps are adopted.

Lodi area winegrape growers are the backbone of the Lodi community. We feel that it is important that our elected officials represent this community as a whole. I am not only a grape grower in Lodi, I am part of a greater agricultural community that includes my neighbors in Victor, Lockeford, Clements, Acampo and the rest of San Joaquin County. As shown in the first draft maps, I will be in an Assembly District that does not represent my neighbors, but distant communities such as Vacaville, Dixon, and Woodland; my State Senate District would be shared with those in Solano County, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol.

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. Since 2001, San Joaquin County has been divided between four Assembly Districts and multiple Senate Districts. Of our current State Legislators, not one is from San Joaquin County. I feel that because of this, I do not have effective representation.

Keeping Lodi and its surrounding communities in an Assembly and Senate District with the balance of San Joaquin County would preserve the city and county boundaries, give those in Lodi an effective political voice, and would keep our agricultural community whole. If population requirements compel the Commission to join Lodi with communities of another county, I feel that the cities and communities of Southern Sacramento County would have much more in common with the residents of Lodi. We already share the same winegrape pricing District, Crush District 11 which includes southern Sacramento County and northern San Joaquin County.

Agriculture is the leading industry in San Joaquin County with over \$2 billion in gross value. In 2009, winegrapes were the leading agricultural product with a value of \$284,981,000, many of those being grown in the Lodi area. A 2009 Economic Impact Report found that the full economic impact of the wine and vineyard sector and allied industries in the Lodi area is \$5 billion. The Lodi winegrape industry provides jobs, tourism, tax revenue, and charitable contributions to this community.

Please consider these concerns and the desire for effective representation in the Lodi area.

Sincerely,



Anthony Teresi
Anthony Teresi Farms LP
[REDACTED]

Lodi, CA 95241

RECEIVED
JUN 29 2011
BY: 