

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: Julie Sontag [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 21:38:03 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Julie Sontag [REDACTED]

Subject: Please keep Yolo County whole!

Message Body:

Dear Citizens' Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for all of your efforts to try to create sensible political boundaries here in California. I know it's not easy.

I was unhappy to read in the Davis Enterprise that Yolo County is proposed to be carved up, with at least part of the rationale being that Davis is really a suburb of Sacramento, and presumably West Sacramento as well.

I beg to differ. I've spent most of the last 25 years in Davis and have always noticed that many of us here do NOT see ourselves as Sacramentans. In fact, I know many people who, like myself, never describe Davis as being near Sacramento. Instead we say that it's "about an hour east of the Bay Area." Really. I'm not alone in this.

Yolo County needs to remain a unified political entity. We've done a pretty good job of preserving farmland and not allowing suburban and exurban development to creep into the countryside, thus eroding the viability of farming. This would be much more difficult were we carved up.

Please, keep Yolo County whole!

Thank you,

Julie Sontag
Davis, Yolo County

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Comment on draft maps from Woodland, Yolo County

From: Carol Souza Cole <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 13:29:47 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear California Citizen's Redistricting Commission members,

Thank you for serving the people of California with your work on the commission.

As a resident of Woodland, Yolo County, and as a two-term trustee on the Woodland Joint Unified School Board, I am compelled to comment on your draft district maps.

Yolo County is unique in its civic and political diversity, long-time values of preserving farmland, and county-wide collaboration on issues important to our 200,000+ residents. To divide Yolo County politically with these proposed maps would result in a serious (and I assume unintended) consequence. The result, if these draft maps are adopted, would be fractured representation for our county, and the start of fractures in our county-wide efforts to serve all of our county's residents.

As a resident of Woodland, I find it deeply concerning that our city would be lumped with the almost entire north state, and the I-80 corridor communities west of here, but not with Davis and West Sacramento, both on the I-80 corridor. The Woodland Joint Unified School District works together with all of the school districts in Yolo County on the SELPA (Special Education Local Planning Agency), the Yolo County School Boards Association, and other projects of county-wide interest. To divide our state and congressional representation among existing collaboratives would be unproductive for Woodlanders and Yoloans.

We work hard to work together here, and these proposed political representation boundaries would undue much of this hard work - work that has been ongoing for decades.

I respectfully request that you honor our way of life and established practices of cooperation and collaboration by re-uniting our county. We ask that you respect our traditions and our history of putting agrarian principles into practice. Those shared principles have guided and shaped so much of our planning and way of life here.

Please place the county seat of Woodland back into a district with Davis, Winters, and West Sacramento, and keep Yolo County united.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Carol Souza Cole

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Woodland CA 95695



Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: Michael Koltnow [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 17:55:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michael Koltnow [REDACTED]

Subject: Keep Yolo County Intact

Message Body:

I grew up in Philadelphia, down the road from New York City. I enjoyed visiting New York City, and then returning home. Now I live in Davis, down the road from Sacramento. I visit Sacramento even more often than I visited NYC, but then I return to my home in Davis. My son's school and activities are in Davis. I adopted my adorable dog through the SPCA in Woodland. I served on a jury at the County Courthouse in Woodland. Regrettably, my marriage was dissolved by court order in Woodland. I care passionately about the vitality of downtown Davis, relations between UC Davis and the City of Davis, the quality and future of water in Davis and Woodland. I cherish Yolo County's commitment to open space and ag land preservation. I love shopping at the Davis Farmers Market and having the chance to talk with local and county officeholders there, as well as people trying to earn my support. I would not expect or want to meet Sacramento officeholders at the Davis Farmers Market. I could not care less about funding for the Sacramento Arena, other than to root for Sacramento citizens not to be bamboozled.

It strikes me as bizarre to draw an assembly district that includes Woodland with Galt and Lodi, but does not include Woodland with Davis. It is bizarre to divide the citizens of Yolo County among nine different representatives at the three levels under consideration. Please keep Yolo County intact.

Thank you.

Michael Koltnow
Davis, California
6/24/11

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: redistricting Yolo Co

From: "Pam Helm" [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2011 18:10:12 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Please do not redistrict Yolo Co. Yolo County is in fact a community of interest in terms of the economy and the many multi-jurisdictional collaborations. It does not make sense to me as a citizen of Yolo County to have us divided up.

Pamela F. Helm

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