

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Ann-Catrin Van <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 22:32:07 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ann-Catrin Van <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I am concerned about spiting Yolo county into 3 different parts as this makes it difficult to decide and handle county actions. I do not think I have much in common with Elk Grove and do not want to become a subdivision of Sacramento. Thank you for your attention. Ann-Catrin Van.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Lizabeth King <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 23:25:04 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lizabeth King <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Yolo whole

Message Body:

I was too late to add my name to the letter from many in Yolo County, sent via Saving California Communities. The proposed redistricting dissects our county, which is pretty homogeneous, and parcels us out to be minorities in irrelevant larger cities. Please keep Yolo County whole so we can continue to be a small town and agriculture focused district.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Zelma June Forbes <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 28 Jun 2011 05:16:08 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Zelma June Forbes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Assembly District 8

Message Body:

If redistricting is intended to preserve communities of interest, the draft plan utterly fails Yolo County.

As California Assembly District 8 is constituted before redistricting, we are a united community of interest. Afterward, responsibility for representing us would be fractured out among nine different electeds. We aren't suburbs of Sacramento, Redding or Stockton, and we deserve representation for our united voice.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Don Palm <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 15:53:35 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Don Palm <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Regional identity

**Message Body:**

Dear Commission Members,

Let me begin by saying that I am personally very impressed and pleased with the results of the new maps. My wife and I recently moved to the outskirts of Winters and these maps make much more sense for our area.

I work, volunteer and have many close connections in Yolo county, though, and the maps create puzzles and problems for that area.

Yolo county is a small population with some shared problems and a record of cooperation across party and ideological lines. If you cut through a county of 200,000, you quickly sap their ability to work together and find effective representation. Any subset of that county will be a minority in the districts drawn on these maps.

This is especially important with regard to water. Woodland and Davis have cooperated impressively to improve regional water and waste water systems. Please do what you can to preserve their good work and that community of interest.

A fairly simple fix is possible for both the assembly and senate districts: draw Davis into the districts with Woodland and much of Yolo, remove Lodi and Galt as a counter balance.

This is a complex game of dominoes. Once you move one line a series of new decisions arise, and I appreciate the problems you face. This problem for Yolo county is especially acute, however, and I hope you can find a solution quickly.

Thank you for your time and thought.

Sincerely,  
Don Palm

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**Subject:** Amending Proposed East Contra Costa Assembly District

**From:** Landon Scarlett <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 20:51:58 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** Landon Scarlett <[REDACTED]>

I wish to recommend amending the proposed East Contra Costa Assembly District.

I'm Landon Scarlett, a member of the Davis community. I describe where I live as suburban Davis. I was surprised to find that the proposals for redistricting have lumped Davis in with the city of Sacramento. Why on earth would this happen?! Davis is a determinedly independent, slow-growth small city, fiercely protective of the prime farmland that surrounds it, with a first class agricultural university at its core. As such, it fits perfectly into the fabric of Yolo County, both the unincorporated areas and its interesting small cities, as described in the award winning Master Plan for the County that was adopted in 2009 after many years of conversation between the County Planning Office and the County's citizens. The County is of a fabric, with a character and goals worth preserving and promoting. These goals are predominantly agricultural. To split Davis off from the rest of Yolo County and lump its representation with a large, government-centric city with it's own particular urban issues is not a good fit. Keep the Yolo County Community of Interest whole.

I realize that Yolo County by itself does not have sufficient population to make a District. When one looks at Solano and Yolo Counties, their character is virtually identical. Both have large tracts of prime farmland (generating a robust agricultural economy), broken up by small cities. Combined, these two counties would make the East Contra Costa Assembly District a logical, coherent whole. Please amend the proposed East Contra Costa Assembly District to join these counties, with their like interests.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of California's future.

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### **Specific Recommendations**

Keeping Yolo County whole is a simple process:

- 1) Remove the northern portion of Yolo County from the Yuba District and put it in East Contra Costa
- 2) Remove all portions of Yolo County from the West Sacramento District and put them in East Contra Costa
- 3) Remove all portions of Sacramento County and San Joaquin County from the East Contra Costa District and put them in either South Sacramento/Elk Grove, or Stockton (pending input from the Galt and Lodi citizens)

- 4) Move selected South Sacramento Zip Codes (Census Tracts) from the South Sacramento/Elk Grove District to West Sacramento

Collectively these steps will produce four Assembly Districts that meet your targets.

**Subject:** Public testimony submission

**From:** 1mmama <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 10:51:44 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hello -

I am writing to express dissatisfaction with the 1st Draft maps as they affect my community of Yolo County.

I am a relatively new California resident (20 months). Before choosing to buy a home in and move to Davis, I researched and thought a lot about the area. I wanted to be near family in Davis, but for a while I considered Winters and Woodland as potential home communities. In the end, I found the right home in Davis and yet when I do venture out for shopping or pleasure, my trips take me north to Woodland or west to Winters and the Lake Berryessa area beyond. Sacramento is a very nice city, but I'm not a "big city" person and West Sacramento is as far as I usually get.

I have troubling concern that the 1st draft maps, if adopted, would put me in a untenable position with representation for what I have carved out as "my" community. Specifically, I would find myself in a State Assembly District and a U.S. Senate District that excluded the areas I visit to the north and west. Who am I going to talk to for representation? I wouldn't expect a representative to invest time in a matter outside his/her district, nor would I expect a lot of attention from someone outside my voting area.

From my review of the 1st Draft maps, the dicing of Yolo County has gone too far. Please reconsider the effect on those of us within Yolo County who feel the agri-based, rural/small city mixture of the county is a good fit and please redraft the maps with an eye to leaving us in a more cohesive and effective community.

Thank you,  
Faye Ashley

[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA.

**Subject:** Suggestion for proposed district map

**From:** "Kathy Barnes" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 13:21:28 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As a resident of Davis, I suggest that your first draft be redrawn to reunite Yolo County for Assembly, State and Congressional districts.

Yolo County, as a whole, is a community of interest and has a long history of economic, social, and agricultural cooperation. The boundaries as drawn in the first draft for Senate and State Assembly split Yolo County and join Davis with Sacramento. In my opinion, Davis is not a suburb of Sacramento and should not be lumped as such.

Thank you for your time,

Kathy Barnes

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Hannah Stein <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 14:15:09 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

Because we were away from home we could not add our signatures to the letter sent by Don Saylor, et al, regarding redistricting. Please consider our opinion in favor of keeping Yolo county intact as a district, for the reasons stated in the abovementioned letter.

Thank you,

Sherman Stein

Hannah Stein

[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA 95616

June 28, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioners,

*"Between the river and the range is Yolo. This is not only a poetical but is a geographical fact, as the county's eastern line is the Rio Sacramento and its western wall is a chain of the coastal mountains; between is a great plain of wonderful fertility, and that is the topic and scene of this work."*

*From "A History of Yolo County", by Tom Gregory, 1913*

Yolo County is a community like many others, but our pride and focus in two key areas sets us apart. The first is our dedication to the preservation of ag land and open space. More so than any of the surrounding counties, Yolo County has retained its value of preserving and protecting our agricultural and environmental heritages. All one need do is look around and see our values in practice: small, sustainable cities surrounded by acres and acres of productive and prosperous farm land. We celebrate deep roots in good soil.

The second is the extraordinary degree of cooperation we enjoy with one another. The communities that comprise Yolo County - be they the four small cities or the numerous towns and smaller centers of population - all share a history of working together to resolve problems.

Be it water or bike paths, transportation corridors or air quality, we work very hard to cooperate and to emerge with practical and positive solutions to our problems. We place a high value on collaboration and cooperation. It is, in a very real sense, who we are.

This may be reflective of our scale. For the most part we are simply too small to launch major initiatives on our own; instead we place a premium on efficiency and effectiveness. We look for ways to share resources and to make prudent investments and to practice the art of being a good neighbor. These are increasingly unique qualities in modern times and they set us apart.

Like everywhere, our communities are changing rapidly. There is a growing recognition of the need for clean and sustainable economic development. There is increased awareness of need to partner on public works projects - be it the development of more sources of water, or bike paths between population centers, or a need to locate more ag processing facilities where they will be able to better service county ag interests.

We value where we live. We work here, start businesses and raise our children here. We make our homes here, creating neighborhoods where people know and care about one another. We have our challenges and resolve to meet them head on.

We work together to prepare for our future. We take pride in municipal teamwork. We partner on water and tourism and infrastructure and law enforcement issues and fire safety and emergency services and parkland and road maintenance and air

quality and flood control, and the list goes on. Our partnerships work because we share similar values and a common connection to the land.

We are ever mindful to increase and improve the quality of our partnerships, to celebrate and to value cooperation and collaboration. Our willingness to discuss and work on new models of service delivery sets us apart. These traditions and practices and policies exist because we are truly interwoven, interconnected and inter-related.

Clearly, we constitute *"a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests and which should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation."* -- Section(2(d)(4) of Article XXI of the California Constitution

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. As one of California's original counties, we respectfully request of the Commission that you honor our way of life and established practices of cooperation and collaboration by re-uniting our county.

Thank you.

*Residents of Yolo County:*

- Christine K. Adams,
- Jan Agee,
- Sheila Allen,
- Ruth Asmundson,
- Michael Bartolic,
- Sue Barton,
- Janet Berry,
- Giacomo Bonanno,
- Shivan Bonanno,
- Ray Borton,
- Verena Borton,
- Carol Bourne,
- Richard Bourne,
- Bob Bowen,
- Dan Braunstein,
- Millie Braunstein,
- Ann Brice,
- Deborah Brittan,
- Ida Bryan,
- David Burmester,
- Libby Burmester,
- Davis Campbell,
- Jean Canary,
- Ellen Coppock,
- Christina Craig-Veit,
- Jane Deamer,
- Lynn DeLapp,
- Charles Derby,
- Marian Derby,
- Denise Dickson,

Delaine Eastin, [REDACTED]  
Glen Erickson, [REDACTED]  
Vahid Farahyar, [REDACTED]  
Tim Fenton, [REDACTED]  
Lis Fleming, [REDACTED]  
Jim Frame, [REDACTED]  
Lucas Frerichs, [REDACTED]  
Laurie Friedman, [REDACTED]  
Leanne Friedman, [REDACTED]  
Kari Fry, [REDACTED]  
Wayne Ginsburg, [REDACTED]  
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Jim Grieshop, [REDACTED]  
Pat Grieshop, [REDACTED]  
Jan Jursnich, [REDACTED]  
Anne Hawke, [REDACTED]  
Michael Hulsizer, [REDACTED]  
Patrica Hutchinson, [REDACTED]  
Hiram Jackson, [REDACTED]  
Carl Jorgensen, [REDACTED]  
Mary Anne Kirsch, [REDACTED]  
Michael Koltnow, [REDACTED]  
Marica Kreith, [REDACTED]  
Charlotte Krovoza, [REDACTED]  
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Richard Livingston, [REDACTED]  
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C. Jane McKendry, [REDACTED]  
Besty Marchand, [REDACTED]  
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Kathy Marr, [REDACTED]  
Jim Mayer, [REDACTED]  
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Jenny Melton, [REDACTED]  
Kingsley Melton, [REDACTED]  
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Karen Mo, [REDACTED]  
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Juelie Roggli, [REDACTED]  
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Al Sokolow, [REDACTED]  
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Walter Swain, [REDACTED]  
Brian Sway, [REDACTED]  
Helen Thomson, [REDACTED]  
Elise Tidrick, [REDACTED]  
Gene Trapp, [REDACTED]  
Jo Ellen Trapp, [REDACTED]  
Eric Vink, [REDACTED]  
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Ken Wagstaff, [REDACTED]  
Sandy Weiss, [REDACTED]  
Terry Whittier, [REDACTED]  
Matthew Williams, Jr., [REDACTED]  
Merline Williams, [REDACTED]  
Dan Wolk, [REDACTED]  
Francesca Wright, [REDACTED]  
Carri Cummings Ziegler, [REDACTED]

**Helen M. Thomson**

**Davis, CA 95616**

June 26, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Yolo County communities of interest; Senate district numbering**

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to comment on your first drafts of maps for Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts as they apply to Yolo County.

I first want to commend the Commission for your volunteer service on this historic effort to create a truly independent citizen-based process for redistricting, an effort I strongly supported for many years prior to its adoption by the voters. I also want to assure you that my comments are made from the perspective of someone who is retired from elective office with no intention of running again, having served 36 years representing communities in Yolo and Solano Counties including the Board of the Davis Joint Unified School District, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, and the State Assembly.

I want to briefly make three points:

**1. Yolo County is a closely knit community of interest wholly by itself.**

I was astonished to see in your first draft that Yolo County was divided three-ways in each of the three plans. This makes absolutely no sense to me, as Yolo County has only a population of 200,000 people, far less than the limits of an Assembly District. The maps in our region look more like the gerrymandered maps elsewhere in the state that this commission was created not to repeat. It appears that little or no consideration was given to the close relationship the people in Yolo County, especially Davis, Woodland and Winters, share with each other in virtually everything we do: culturally, socially, economically, environmentally, and politically. I concur completely with the letters submitted to you by the Board of Supervisors and Saving California Communities (which I co-signed) which go into greater detail on this point. I also urge you to consider the editorial from the Davis Enterprise (June 26, 2011) that makes this point eloquently.

**2. Yolo County communities are more closely aligned with communities along the I-80 corridor in Solano County than they are with Sacramento or San Joaquin counties east of the Sacramento River.**

When making your revisions, after you reunite the communities of Yolo County to the greatest extent feasible, your next priority should be to connect our Yolo communities with our closest neighbors with whom we share the most. I can tell you from my service in the Assembly, representing all of Yolo County and most of Solano County (not Vallejo), that these cities, towns and rural residents along the I-80 corridor share a great deal in common, including our emphasis on agricultural land preservation, transportation issues, health care delivery, water supply, air quality and other economic development issues - more so than we do with Sacramento County, or counties to the north or San Joaquin. (West Sacramento might be the sole rational exception, due to its adjacency to downtown Sacramento, but only if absolutely necessary.) Further beyond, for the larger Senate and Congressional districts, I recommend Napa County as our sister in many ways, sharing watersheds, the wine industry, a strong connection with UCD Davis, as well as the Mondavi Performing Arts Center, and the Mondavi Food and Wine institute, both brought to us through generous gifts from the Napa family of the same name.

**3. Yolo County should remain in an odd-numbered Senate district.**

The subject and impacts of Senate district numbering are obscure to most but critically important to the people of Yolo County. I can tell you as someone who lived in Yolo County during all three of the last redistricting efforts that the back and forth ping-pong of renumbering of our Senate district from even to odd (1981), back to even (1991), and back to odd (2001), has resulted in Yolo County voters delaying their right to select their own Senator for two years, three times in the last 30 years. I am confident no other community, city, or county in the state has suffered this same pattern of deferral. While I understand a certain amount of deferral is unavoidable in any redistricting plan for Senate districts, I suggest that Yolo County voters should be top on your list NOT be deferred once again. I recommend that whatever Senate district includes the greatest number of Yolo County resident should be assigned an odd number so we can retain our place in participating in a regularly schedule Senate election in 2012.

In conclusion, I want to applaud your service thus far, recognizing you are doing your best in the time allotted, and also recognizing your work product will improve after you have the benefit of hearing from the public at the other end of your map drawing pens.

Sincerely,



Helen M. Thomson

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Richard Reed <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 20:16:57 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Richard Reed <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Yolo County Whole

Message Body:

o Someone on the commission apparently thinks that Davis, in Yolo County, is a suburb of Sacramento.

o I can tell you flatly that is not the case.

o While we are separated from Sacramento by the Yolo Bypass, it could as well be the Pacific Ocean.

o We are as different from Sacramento - city and county - as night and day.

o Yolo County is tied together as a tight-knit community of interest, that has brought small towns and cities, farms and UC Davis together in partnership to create and preserve a thriving and innovative agricultural paradise.

o Our city taxpayers have even taxed themselves to help build water infrastructure for our farmers.

o We have diversity of people within our county that shares a common goal that benefits the larger region, and to split it among nine districts with no commonality would be a travesty.

o Knowing that shifting lines has a ripple effect, we understand that the Lodi-Galt region is in a similar predicament and that the map can be adjusted to help both our areas without causing harm to other regions.

o Please keep Yolo County whole.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Sandra Westfall [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 22:33:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sandra Westfall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: County Redistricting

Message Body:

I am very concerned about the proposed redistricting of Yolo County. Davis is not a bedroom community for Sacramento. With natural boundaries, longstanding agricultural history and concern, it does not make sense to tear apart the representation that we currently have. Those who wish to bring us into the urban fold are off the mark in terms of citizen interests. Please reconsider your treatment of Davis in your next draft.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Diane Parro <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 21:25:43 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Diane Parro <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please revise and Keep Yolo County Whole

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the time and effort you have spent in preparation of the first draft maps. I wish I had many positive comments but am in fact writing to you because of my disappointment of the treatment of my community and a very profound sense of concern and anxiety over our future if your actions are approved without revision. The specific areas of my concern AD East Contra Costa, AD West Sacramento, AD Yuba, SD North Bay East Contra Costa, SD Sacramento City, SD Yuba, CD Yolo Sonoma Napa, CD Sacramento City, CD Yuba.

I am the Deputy to Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor. This is giving me the opportunity to do a considerable amount of research on the topic and has informed my opinion. The comments I am submitting are on behalf of myself and my family as citizens of Yolo County and do not represent the views of the Supervisor.

I believe that Yolo County is very united in many ways and should remain complete for the purpose of our representation. In professional and volunteers efforts I have been involved with groups such as Yolo County Visitors Bureau, Yolo Land Trust, Yolo Arts!, First 5 Yolo, CASA of Yolo County, and others. One of the reasons we form such tight bonds and collaborate so closely is the fact that we have a history of working together and we are like-minded. We often partner with groups in Solano County but not in Sacramento. There is a very strong sense that our interests are overshadowed by the size of the communities to the East as well as a different type of lifestyle. As a resident of Davis, one of the urban parts of Yolo County, I honestly dread heading in to Sacramento because it has the feel of a big city.

I do not believe that it will be of any benefit to my family to be represented in the CA Assembly, CA Senate or Congress by someone unable to speak for Yolo County as a whole.

Specific Requests -

State Assembly and Senate - Keep Davis and West Sacramento with the rest of the county. Do not give representation of the Yolo Basin to a representative that does not also represent the population of the county.

Congress - Do not separate the northern part of Yolo County that has the natural habitats and important natural resources from the part of the county that has the population.

As Always,  
Diane Parro

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Millie Braunstein <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 13:46:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Millie Braunstein <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Problems of Dividing Yolo County into Three Districts

Message Body:

Yolo County Residents are a cohesive group with common interests and needs. The budget of the County is heavily dependent on decisions made in Sacramento and Washington. Health and social service for residents are being drastically cut. As an activist concerned about the welfare of the all residents in the county, I am concerned that communication with Senators, Assemblymembers, and Congressmen will be next to impossible. Under the current plan, the county will be represented by nine legislators. It will be difficult for them to understand the complexities of the county to truly represent their district. We can best work with the legislators when the County is in one district. The current proposal puts sections in the county into regions that have few common interests and needs.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

**From:** Richard Harris <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 23:38:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Richard Harris <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Yolo Whole -- Assembly District

Message Body:

I write as an individual but I serve as the President of the Davis Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees. I suggest the Commission change the Assembly District maps by switching the Galt/Lodi area out of the ECC map into the proposed Sacramento area district that now contains Davis. This Davis for Lodi switch will keep intact the historical Yolo interests of Davis and Woodland. Reason #1: the University of California Davis (UCD) is an economic and social hub of many communities in Yolo and Solano County. People work at UCD and live in Solano County or Woodland. We see it in our school district with a high percentage of our junior teachers and classified staff living outside of Davis in Dixon, Vacaville or Woodland. UCD is the hub of our community of interests. Reason #2: Vacaville has become a large employer of Davis residents with the growth of Genentech and other high tech companies. That city is also the primary shopping destination for Davis residents because !

many Davis people will not travel to Sacramento the area because the traffic on Interstate 80, the primary link over the causeway is stop and go most weekends. Reason #3: switching Lodi and Galt back into their Sacramento/San Joaquin communities makes sense. They have much more in common with those areas than with western Solano County. The Commission got it right in many areas of the state. In Yolo County all it will take is the Davis/Lodi switch and many communities of interest will be served. Thank You.

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**DUANE CHAMBERLAIN**  
Supervisor, Fifth District  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Woodland, CA 95695-3448

Office  
Fax

June 27, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154A  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the changes proposed to Yolo County's three levels of representation (Assembly, Senate, and Congress), in the first draft map recently released by California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC). Yolo County as a whole is a community of interest.

Founded in 1850, Yolo County was one of the original counties of California. Today, we total 200,000 people, or half of an assembly district, and have more in common with each other than residents of other areas. Some of us work in other areas and we are a part of a larger region, but our community of interest, our home, is Yolo County.

If approved, this first draft map will undoubtedly disenfranchise Yolo County by dividing up our community interest. The proposed new lines fail to recognize our unique position within the Sacramento area, the Delta and the I-80 corridor. This map would divide our county into three separate districts for all three levels of representation. Such a change will diminish our ability to preserve our values as a rural community.

Yolo County has taken a leadership role through structured urban development, the preservation of our agricultural heritage, and an assertive stewardship of the Delta resource. Our smart growth approach in the Yolo County General Plan has preserved our community's values and provided a blueprint for other communities throughout the state.

A closer examination of the character and interests of the residents of Yolo County would result in awareness of the unique commonalities and shared interests between Yolo County communities. I urge the Commission to revise District boundaries to accurately reflect the community of interest that has existed in Yolo County since 1850 and which remains so today.

Sincerely,

Duane Chamberlain  
Fifth District Supervisor

**Subject:** Comment about Davis redistricting

**From:** Laurie Friedman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 17:58:21 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Firstly, let me say that I strongly supported the Citizen's Redistricting Commission, and felt that it was a good idea to take it out of the hands of politicians who have clear conflicts of interest. However, I was a bit surprised and concerned when I saw the draft redistricting maps for Davis and Yolo County.

I have lived in Davis for over 30 years, and feel that we have always had a strong connection to nearby towns in Yolo Country, such as Winters and Woodland. I have read about the justification for separation, saying that Davis is more urban and connected to Sacramento, but I strongly disagree. Granted, we are a University town, but have a long agricultural history, and historically and emotionally feel a stronger connection to local communities. Also, many decisions are made County-wide by our County Supervisors, and I think it would complicate those decisions to have different state and federal representatives.

I have heard that the Redistricting Commission is responsive to local citizens, and would strongly urge reconsideration of the Yolo County lines. Sincerely, Laurie Friedman Davis, CA

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "E. Epstein" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 27 Jun 2011 13:51:17 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

Yolo County is a unified rural-urban community. It should be retained as a whole unit in the redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Emanuel and Peggy Epstein

[REDACTED]  
Davis, CA 95616-3630

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