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REGION 9: YOLO

California Citizen's Redistricting Commission

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To: Members of the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission

Yolo County was founded in 1850 as one of the original California counties. The County has 1,021 square miles within its boundaries and is home to over 200,000 people. There are four distinct cities within Yolo County, each with their own unique character and all nested within a rich agricultural environment.

The Yolo County School Boards Association is comprised of members of the governing boards of the school districts and community colleges in Yolo County (listed below), and the Yolo County Board of Education.

- Davis Joint Unified School District
- Esparto Unified School District
- Washington Unified School District
- Winters Joint Unified School District
- Woodland Joint Unified School District
- Los Rios Community College
- Yuba Community College

Our mission is to raise awareness of the issues affecting public education and to provide opportunities for Yolo County school board members to learn from one another and collaborate on issues of shared interest.

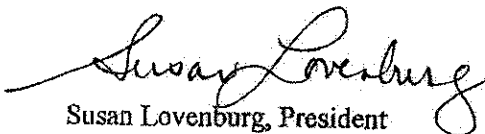
In recent years, the Association has organized public forums on Proposition 98, the impact of class sized reduction, school finance reform, and career technical education. With the University of California, Davis School of Education we co-hosted a forum in which candidates for the office of California Superintendent of Public Instruction responded to issues raised by students of Yolo County schools. We annually host the Yolo County Excellence in Education Awards recognizing success in our schools.

The superintendents of Yolo County school districts and the County Office of Education meet on a regular basis to discuss issues of common interest, including county-wide delivery of services for students with special needs. Currently the superintendents are exploring opportunities for shared delivery of additional services.

These activities, like the activities of countless other multi-jurisdictional and cross-sector Yolo organizations, forge a common identity for the county.

We respectfully urge the Commission to revise currently proposed maps to reflect the community of interest that has existed in Yolo County since 1850 and which remains today.

Sincerely,



Susan Lovenburg, President
Yolo County School Boards Association