

Subject: San Diego needs it's own BOE Representative

From: Balfour Alan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:47:49 -0700

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sent via e-mail: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

From: Alan Balfour

Date: 19 Jul 11

RE: State Board of Equalization Districts

I would like to see fair representation of area by representatives from our area. San Diego is a unique and progressive area and those who represent us should live and know us in this area.

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I urge you to consider supporting the 1st draft maps.

Alan Balfour

Subject: State Board of Equalization Districts

From: "Dick Ahlborn" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:19:51 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: E. R. Ahlborn, CAPT, USN(Ret)

Date: 19 JUL 11

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I urge you to consider supporting the 1st draft maps.

Sincerely,

Dick Ahlborn
CAPT, USN(Ret)
President
Synapse International, Inc.

Subject: State Board of Equalization Districts

From: Paul Webster <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:53:26 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sent via e-mail

From: Paul Webster, Vice President, Public Policy

Date: 7/19/2011

RE: State Board of Equalization Districts

I am writing to provide public comment regarding the redistricting process as it pertains to the State Board of Equalization Districts. It has come to my attention that a preliminary map removes the San Diego region from its traditional SBoE district that included San Diego County with Orange County. Please consider the establishment of a Southern California District similar to the existing Region 3, uniting San Diego, Orange, Riverside counties, in lieu of the present map of a vertical district ranging from the Oregon border to the Mexican border. The following justifications apply:

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To facilitate this request, adjustments could be made to the newly Los Angles District, removing

Orange County and extending the LA district further North in LA County and/or East to encompass the East Los Angeles Region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Webster
Vice President, Public Policy
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce



Sent from my iPhone

Subject: BOE Redistricting - San Diego Input

From: Tony Krvaric <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:46:52 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Encl. PDF version of below letter

DATE: July 19, 2011

TO: Citizen Redistricting Commission

RE: Board of Equalization District Lines

The Citizen Redistricting Commission (CRC) was charged with establishing new district lines that are built around communities of interest and keeping them whole where possible.

The CRC established new district lines in its 1st draft of maps for the Board of Equalization (BOE) that clearly achieved this directive.

San Diego has a unique land of Asian, Latino and minority business communities more closely aligned with that of Orange County, not Central and Northern California. While any business can appeal to any BOE office, it is essential that the BOE staff serving a geographic region identify with that region's unique ethnic mix. That's why we believe we would be better served in a seat that includes Orange County rather than Central or Northern California communities.

For San Diego County to be included with a district that runs from the Mexico border to the Oregon border including rural communities that have different priorities and environmental needs simply means we will be drowned out. Our economic engine will suffer and our needs will go unmet. San Diego County's business model is more closely aligned with Orange County's, therefore, if drawn into a district running to the State of Oregon, we believe our business community will be drowned out and unrepresented.

San Diego and Orange County have traditionally been together in the same BOE seat. Because of that, our small business owners and others who are serviced by the Board of Equalization have become accustomed to the staff in this district's office and likewise the staff has become accustomed to our region's unique business needs. For example, when we talk about San Diego County and coastal environmental needs the staff understands that. To remove this staff and its knowledge and turn it over to a staff representing Redding would be detrimental to our communities, businesses, environmental needs and unique quality of life.

Clearly, the 1st draft of new district lines established for the Board of Equalization protect the Voting Rights Act, keep communities of interest whole including minorities, businesses and the environment, and provide competitive districts that will ensure fair representation for the entire electorate.

I urge you to consider supporting the 1st draft Board of Equalization maps.

Sincerely,

Tony Krvaric

President & CEO

Krvaric Capital

[REDACTED]

San Diego, CA 92127

Tel: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Subject: Citizens Redistricting Commission Letter.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Standard

From: Bridget O'Neil <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 13:54:04 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]> "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Please see the attached letter. Thank you for your time.

Citizens Redistricting Commission Letter.pdf

TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sent via e-mail: [REDACTED]

FROM: Stanley W. Gardner

DATE: July 19, 2011

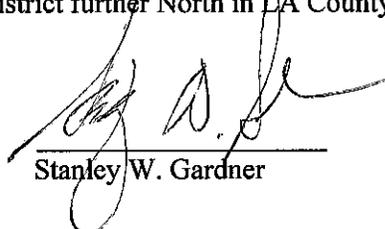
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David R. Tice


Stanley W. Gardner


Michael Fujimoto

Subject: Citizens Redistricting for Southern California

From: "Lorna Pannell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:26:22 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

Wayne & Lorna Pannell

[REDACTED]
Carlsbad CA 92011

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sent via e-mail: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

From: Wayne & Lorna Pannell

Date: July 19, 2011

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Wayne & Lorna Pannell

Subject: Letter regarding State Board of Equalization Districts

From: David Fahrion <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:02:07 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]> "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

CC: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]> Dean Ruffridge <[REDACTED]>

David E. Fahrion
President
Solid Waste Management Division
CR&R Waste & Recycling Services
Direct: [REDACTED]
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To: Citizens Redistricting Commission
Sent via e-mail: [REDACTED]
From: Dean Ruffridge, Senior Vice-President
Date: July 19, 2011

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Subject: North/South Central San Diego City

From: Valerie Sanfilippo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:43:11 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

LEG - TO STATE REDISTRICT COMMISSION, [REDACTED]

RE: 2nd REDRAFT MAP

From: Valerie Sanfilippo, member, Foundation for Change, 60-participant meeting to advance progressive districts in San Diego; resident, Linda Vista/Clairemont (Neighborhood Council).

Re U.S. Rep. (700K) - I object to your putting Linda Vista, a low-income community of San Diego City, with more conservative Eastern San Diego cities of La Mesa and El Cajon and Eastern Chula Vista city.

-I support changing this map for US Rep to include North Central San Diego City Districts:

3 - Hillcrest, North Park - 152,208.

4 - Southeast - 152,932.

5 - University City, Mira Mesa - 166,681.

6 - Clairemont, Kearny Mesa (Linda Vista) - 156, 331.

7 - TierraSanta, San Carlos - 147, 348.

8 - Logan Heights, San Ysidro - 161,075.

Total Population - 783,643.

Re State Senator (900K), I object to your putting Linda Vista, low-income San Diego City, with upper-income North and South Coastal County areas.

-I support changing this map for State Senate district to include Central San Diego City districts:

District 2, Pacific Beach-Point Loma - 165,578.

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8 - Logan Heights, San Ysidro - 161,075.

Total Population: 949,221.

Re State Assembly (500K), I object to your putting Linda Vista, low-income San Diego City, with upper-income North Coastal County areas.

-I support changing this map for State Assembly district to include North Central San Diego City districts:

District 2, Pacific Beach-Point Loma - 165,578.

5 - University City, Mira Mesa - 166,681.

6 - Clairemont, Kearny Mesa (Linda Vista) - 156, 331.

7 - TierraSanta, San Carlos - 147, 348.

Total Population: 456,990 _____. - check total, this total may be off a little.

Please make districts that respect the City boundaries, and do not follow the map on the City of San Diego website which chops up the Central San Diego City region into N,W,E,S police districts, this is not representative of Central San Diego's cohesiveness. Thank you.

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Regards, Val Sanfilippo,
Seiu, Sierra, Moveon.

Subject: RE: STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DISTS

From: "Sandra Fox" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:02:00 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

TO: CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMM.

As a taxpayer residing in San Diego County, I am somewhat incredulous to learn that you are proposing a redistricting plan that apparently sees counties such as San Diego and Orange to have a commonality with counties so far north that they reach the Oregon border - melding high population, highly urban counties with northern areas that have more bears and vineyards (and pot plants) than people. What is your basis in logic?

Southern California counties are much alike and share the same problems - northern counties, even the few high-population ones, are palpably different. I know. I grew up in San Francisco.

And by the time one reaches the coastal north, (may I say the High Timbers?) you are in a highly agricultural, and rural environment; what have they in common with ANY county in the southern part of the state? And yet you apparently think they would work as a political geographic entity, EASILY REPRESENTED? WELL REPRESENTED? Perhaps Smokey the Bear with a Ph.D in business? Would that be the ideal profile of the Candidate of The Future?

Anyone who lives in Southern California - and can read a map - can see the obvious linkage of SD, Orange, and Riverside counties. What you are proposing is just as big a mess as the 'fix-is-in' status the legislators enacted years ago.

Please reconsider some sanity here...devoid of politics and political correctness.

Sandra Fox
Fallbrook (SD County)

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting Approval

From: Helen Ofield <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:27:56 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We previously wrote to you with our thanks for the first draft map and want to again thank you for your recent July 13 drawings for the CSAND Senate and LMSAND Assembly maps. You continue to keep our beloved community of Lemon Grove intact and are connecting us to our sister communities, La Mesa and southeastern San Diego, as well as Spring Valley under the CSAND map.

We have close historical ties and many common economic and social interests with these communities and appreciate retaining their link. In the 19th century, all four areas were one under the Santiago Argüello Rancho before being subdivided into the communities we know today. We thank you for keeping these historical roots in mind as you worked through the thicket of redistricting.

I have been the Filmmaker in Residence at San Diego State University since 1989 and have produced many films about the region. Helen is president of the Lemon Grove Historical Society and founder of the Parsonage Museum and H. Lee House Cultural Center. We have lived in Lemon Grove since 1982 and raised our children here. Our concern for Lemon Grove and its residents and institutions runs deep, as it does for adjacent communities.

We encourage you to retain the July 13 CSAND Senate and LMSAND Assembly maps you have drawn -- good job!

Jack and Helen Ofield

Subject: Redistricting maps-San Diego

From: Bergen Tomlinson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:51:09 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To the State Redistricting Commissioners -

I wanted to write to you to thank you for your latest work on the redistricting maps for the San Diego region. They are smart, connect the right communities and like people, and I hope that partisan political interests do not tear apart the hard work you have done when you are so close to finalizing the maps.

I live in the City of La Mesa and for years we have been drawn in districts with east county cities. Your maps like CSAND Senate map now connect us to the west which is wholly more appropriate. I am a member of the LGBT community and spend most of my time between home and neighborhoods around Balboa Park. There are more openly LGBT residents in La Mesa and the College Area than many realize, particularly young couples and families, and as a whole we relate much more to these parts of the City of San Diego and NOT to the east county. In fact, the recent census showed that LGBT individuals are not as concentrated in one urban core anymore, so connecting a lot of us under one district like CSAND means a lot. Please retain CSAND as you have drawn it (the July 14th visualization) for the final map.

Thank you!

Bergen Tomlinson

[REDACTED]

La Mesa, CA 91942

Subject: Redistricting

From: Pam Holmberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:33:55 -0700 (PDT)

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Honorable Commissioners:

I am very happy with the "CSAND" Senate map and "CHNCS" Congressional map you drew on July 13th. As a resident of La Mesa, and a member of the LGBT community, I would be thrilled to be connected under one district to San Diego neighborhoods like Hillcrest, North Park, and others in the mid city. Your maps perfectly achieve that.

The I-8 corridor connects us and I spend a lot of time between these two areas, as do many of my neighbors. In La Mesa, we relate much more strongly to the west than we do to East County cities like Lakeside or Santee. I understand that Assembly districts are smaller so while it may not be possible to connect these same communities, I am happy to be connected to the San Diego State college area and Lemon Grove like you drew for the "LMSAND" map, and not to the east county.

Thank you for your hard work. These are good maps. Please keep the CSAND Senate and the CHNCS Congress maps like those you drew on July 13.

Sincerely,

Pamela Holmberg

[REDACTED]

La Mesa, CA 91942