

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Stanislaus

From: Jeanne Endsley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:15:26 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeanne Endsley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Turlock's representation is not correct

Message Body:

Under the current visualization, Turlock is included in a district which stretches from Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County to Death Valley in Southern California. The district does not have flatland AG interests, has no ties to the Highway 99 corridor, has a radically different economy, has health care concerns that are totally foreign to those faced by the people who live in Turlock.

Please move Turlock into Merced County where we will be represented by other agriculturally based economies.

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Stanislaus

From: Lazar Piro <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:31:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lazar Piro <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Turlock

Message Body:

This is our concern about redistricting Turlock. We are absolutely against the idea. Everybody and all the people in the central valley knows that Turlock has much in common with those communitites including common economic conerns, Highway 99 transportation issues, farm workers/labor issues, fears of water shortage, and a significant Spanish speaking population.

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Subject: Redistricting Senate Map

From: "Sharon Silva" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:34:43 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To The Redistricting Committee:

The Turlock Chamber is very concerned in the lines that have been drawn for our Senate District. We have been to Stockton to testify and have written you in the beginning of this process, but we cannot just sit here and let this happen to our community:

Turlock is a city that has an agriculturally based economy. Thus, it belongs with other communities that have AG based economies.

- The Merced Senate district includes communities in Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno San Benito and Monterey Counties that all have AG based economies.

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- It would make more sense to include Turlock (population 68,549) with the Merced seat and have the Merced seat shed some population in the Fresno area near Fowler and Kingsburg. Both these cities and the population in that area are south of the city of Fresno and far more connected to that city than to the communities in the Merced seat.
- You could make these changes and both seats would be improved.

Thanks

Sharon R. Silva

President/CEO

Turlock Chamber of Commerce

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Subject: California State Senate Map - Turlock

From: Paul Porter <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 14:25:53 -0700

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

Please see the below reasons why the current California Senate Map needs to be reconfigured to allow Turlock to be included with other Central Valley agricultural based counties and not with the current configuration which blends agricultural, suburban, and mountain regions.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thanks,

PAUL PORTER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
WINTON-IRELAND, STROM & GREEN
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Merced

From: Hugo D Molina <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:54:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Hugo D Molina <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Add Turlock too !!

Message Body:

Hi, I am Hugo Molina, a Planning Commissioner from the City of Ceres. Thank you for putting Ceres more in a Central Valley seat by eliminating San Jose from our district. You clearly understood that we in Ceres had little in common with the San Jose region. One additional suggestion I would urge the committee to make it to improve the Merced seat by adding our neighbor Turlock too. It makes little sense for our neighboring Highway 99 communities to be in different districts. Our cities collaborate actively on our regional infrastructure needs and we are united by our commerce along the hwy 99 corridor. To carve out Turlock from its neighbors to the north and south along hwy 99 makes little sense.

Thank you,

Hugo Molina
City of Ceres, Planning Commissioner

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From: John Lazar <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:15:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Lazar <[REDACTED]>

Subject: State Senate District

Message Body:

Please do not imposed the recommended State Senate District for the City of Turlock. I serve as the city's mayor and we have more commonality with Merced County than Death Valley in So. California or Rancho Cordova. You will be doing our city a huge disservice by placing our city in a bastard district!

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From: Ed Felt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:20:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ed Felt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Legislative Districts

Message Body:

I encourage you to continue to place the City of Turlock and the surrounding area into the Merced Senate District. Our region will be better respresented and served by elected legislators who can focus and act upon our region's unique socio-economic issues. As an educator, the region's simliar challenges can be better addressed by a more regional representatives. Thank you. Ed Felt- Deputy Superintendent, Turlock USD

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From: Yubert Envia <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 18:54:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Yubert Envia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Current State Senate map

Message Body:

The current State Senate map is not good for Turlock. Turlock is a city that has an agriculturally based economy. Thus, it belongs with other communities that have AG based economies. It makes more sense for Turlock to be included with the Merced Senate district which includes communities in Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, San Benito and Monterey counties.

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From: Marty Jakosa <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:26:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marty Jakosa <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Stanislaus

From: Bob Schmidt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:49:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bob Schmidt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Message Body:

I live in Turlock. Please consider combining Turlock with other agricultural communities such as Merced who have common interest like ag, health issues etc. It doesn't make sense to combine us with mountain communities.

we appreciate all your efforts and look forward to your decision.

Thank you

Bob Schmidt

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Stanislaus

From: Tinna Savini <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 20:14:09 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tinna Savini <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I am writing today to express my concern over for the changes in redistricting (proposed) for State Senate Representation for my town Turlock. Turlock is still a relatively small town with an agriculturally based economy and I feel very strongly that our representation should be grouped with other Agricultural communities who share common concern and challenges.

As to planning for economic, labor, community concerns and so on, including us in the Merced Senate district makes more sense than if we are linked to areas like foothill communities such as Calaveras and Mariposa who have very different economic bases, geography, and community concerns.

Please Put Turlock in a district that of like Agricultural Based communitites, like that of Merced.

Thank you Tinna Savini

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From: Kathy Halsey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 21:02:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Halsey <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Turlock in wrong Senate district

Message Body:

I was SHOCKED this morning when I looked at the Commission's current Visualizations and saw Turlock had been placed into a senate district that has such uncommon interests, and unbelievably excludes the agricultural lands of the Central Valley. Turlock is an Ag based community with little, if anything in common with the desert land of Death Valley; the foothill communities of Sonora, Angels Camp and Mariposa; the high desert of Bishop; the Stanislaus National Forest; Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings National Parks; and the Sacramento-bedroom community of Rancho Cordova.

On the Commission's website it states that according to the California Constitution, the definition of a "community of interest" is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. For the Commission to comply with the California Constitution and provide Turlock with fair representation, Turlock must be moved into a senate district with like interests. The Merced Senate district includes communities in Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno San Benito and Monterey Counties that all have Ag based economies, and Turlock has much in common with these communities including: economic concerns, highway 99 transportation issues, farm labor issues, fears of water shortages, and a significant Spanish speaking population. Turlock is far more connected to the Merced area than other areas currently included in that proposed district that fall far south of Merced. I respectfully request the Commission reconsider the placement of Turlock and ensure that it is moved back into a Central Valley senate district such as Merced.

Respectfully yours,
Kathy Halsey

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