

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Tulare

From: Isabel Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Isabel Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Disapproval of Tulare County Asm Map

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Visalia, raised in Cutler and now live in Fresno. I have been a high school teacher for under 15 years and lived in Tulare County for 18 years.

My concerns are as follows:

1. My extended family still living in the Cutler-Orosi and Dinuba area and I, in the city of Fresno, used to belong to one single Assembly District, currently the 31st AD. We are now being divided into two districts. I disapprove of that.
2. In the Tulare County map, the Commission is lumping inland communities of the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) with mountain communities of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Latinos are the fastest growing population in the state and the Central Valley is the fastest growing region of the state. By lumping inland SJV communities, which are heavily Latino/a, with mountain communities, which are heavily White, our ability to elect Assembly, Senate and Congressional candidates of our choice is hindered. In other words, our votes would be gerrymandered.

Prominent Latino groups, such as MALDEF and NALEO, have called on the Commission to draw another Latino-effective seat in the Central Valley, given our factual growth in the last decade. We believe that this can be achieved in Tulare County. Out of 58 counties in the state, Tulare County has the 2nd highest percentage of Latinos. Specifically, the percentage of Latinos in Tulare County is 60.6%, second only to Imperial County at 80.4% Latino. Granted, not all Latino/as in Tulare County are of citizen voting age. However, we feel that if inland communities in Tulare County were joined with inland communities of Fresno County and/or Kings County and Kern County, another Latino-effective Assembly district can be achieved.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Isabel Aranzazu, B.A. Fresno State

My mother, below, who does not have email or internet access wishes to sign on to this letter as well.

Francisca Garcia, Cutler, Retired Senior 80 years old, Resident of Tulare County for 45 years.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Vianey Nunez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 2:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission:

Of the various Senate and Congressional maps we've seen proposed in the months of June and July, be them proposed by the Commission or another party, the best maps for Tulare County thus far have been the MALDEF Senate and Congressional map proposed on June 28th. Here, inland Tulare County communities are pooled with inland communities from adjoining counties. This general concept is in synch with the public comment we provided earlier this morning, which was to pool SJV inland communities together, regardless of county placement, before lumping inland communities with mountain communities. The latter would hinder our opportunity to select a candidate of choice. Thus, we support the MALDEF Senate and Congressional maps submitted on June 28th. We do have one request, and that is to please ensure that residence 42398 Road 152, Orosi, CA 93647 is included in these maps.

The below community members jointly submit this comment. Not all of them have email accounts.

Thank You,

Vianey Nunez, B.A., Fresno State, Residence: Orosi, CA [REDACTED]

Maybeth Campo, Residence: Orosi, CA [REDACTED]

Yerenice Aranzazu, Residence: Reedley, CA [REDACTED]

Enrique Ivan Nunez, B.A. UC Davis, Residence: Orosi, CA [REDACTED]

Oralia Macias, Residence: Orosi, CA [REDACTED]

Angelina Aranzazu, Residence: Cutler, CA [REDACTED]

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Frances Rodriguez, Residence: Farmersville, CA [REDACTED]

Marible Macias, Orosi, CA

Jr. Macias, Orosi, CA

Maria Isable Macias, Orosi, CA

Andres Aranzazu, Orosi, CA

Enrique Aranzazu, Orosi, CA

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Francisca Garcia, Cutler, CA

Francisca Valero, Orosi, CA

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Lupe Nunez, Orosi, CA

Enrique Nunez, Orosi, CA

Cristian Nunez, Orosi, CA

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Tulare

From: Enrique Ivan Nunez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:35 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Enrique Ivan Nunez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Disapproval of Tulare County Visualization

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Visalia, raised in Cutler and now live in Orosi. I work as a high school teacher.

This is the second time I write in disapproval of the proposed Assembly map for Tulare County. In June, I added myself onto a letter my sister wrote in opposition to the first draft. I write again in disapproval of the second draft map/visualization.

My concerns remain the same: you are lumping inland communities of the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) with mountain communities of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Latinos are the fastest growing population in the state and the Central Valley is the fastest growing region of the state. By lumping inland SJV communities, which are heavily Latino/a, with mountain communities, which are heavily White, our ability to elect Assembly, Senate and Congressional candidates of our choice is hindered. In other words, our votes are being gerrymandered.

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Enrique Ivan Nunez
B.A., UC Davis
Teaching Credential, Fresno State

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Cristian Nunez, Orosi, Automotive Technicican/Factory Worker, Resident of Tulare County for 25 years.

Fabian Aranzazu, Tulare, State Corrections Officer-- resident of Tulare County for 28 years.

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Subject: Tulare County: Disapproval of Assembly Map

From: Vianey Nunez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Maybeth Campo <[REDACTED]>

Yerenice Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Oralia Macias <[REDACTED]>

Angelina Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Margarita Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Isabel Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Fabrisio Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Enrique Ivan Nunez <[REDACTED]>

Francisca Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Astrid Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

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Thank you for your consideration.
--Y. Vianey Nunez

Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Tulare

From: Yerenice Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:33 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Yerenice Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Disapproval of Tulare County map

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Visalia, raised in Cutler and Oroshi, and now live in Reedley, located in Fresno County.

My concerns are as follows:

1. I live in Reedley and with the proposed assembly map, I would be divided from my extended family living in Cutler and Oroshi--whereas in the current assembly district, we are all together under AD 31 map. I would respectfully like to request to be added to the Tulare County Map so that I can be in the same assembly map as my extended family living in Cutler and Oroshi. It makes sense to have inland communities together regardless of county lines, instead of putting inland communities together with mountain communities. This brings me to my second concern.
2. In the Tulare County map, the Commission is lumping inland communities of the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) with mountain communities of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Latinos are the fastest growing population in the state and the Central Valley is the fastest growing region of the state. By lumping inland SJV communities, which are heavily Latino/a, with mountain communities, which are heavily White, our ability to elect Assembly, Senate and Congressional candidates of our choice is hindered. In other words, our votes may be gerrymandered.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yerenice Aranzazu, Reedley, CA

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Tulare

From: Fabrisio Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:45 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Fabrisio Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Disapproval of Tulare County Visualization

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Visalia, raised in Cutler, and now live in Visalia. I have lived in Tulare County for 31 years.

My concern is as follows:

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Fabrisio Rodriguez, Visalia, CA

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Tulare

From: Frances Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:40 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Frances Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Diapproval of Tulare County visualization

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Visalia, raised in Cutler, and now live in Farmersville. I have lived in Tulare County for 39 years.

My concern is as follows:

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Frances Rodriguez, Farmersville, CA

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Tulare

From: Oralia Macias <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Oralia Macias <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Disapproval of Asm Map for Tulare County

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Visalia, raised in Cutler and now live in Orosi. I am an administrative assistant in a medial office and have lived in Tulare County for 28 years.

My concerns are as follows: you are lumping inland communities of the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) with mountain communities of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Latinos are the fastest growing population in the state and the Central Valley is the fastest growing region of the state. By lumping inland SJV communities, which are heavily Latino/a, with mountain communities, which are heavily White, our ability to elect Assembly, Senate and Congressional candidates of our choice is hindered. In other words, our votes are being gerrymandered.

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Oralia Macias

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Maria Isabel Macias, Orosi, B.A., Fresno State, Resident of Tulare County for 31 years.

Jr. Macias, Orosi, Agricultural Foreman, Resident of Tulare County for 24 years.

Maribel Macias, Orosi, Retail Worker, Resident of Tulare County for 27 years.

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Subject: Unity Map: Best map for Tulare County

From: Vianey Nunez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 1:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Frances Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Yerenice Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Maybeth Campo <[REDACTED]>

Margarita Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Oralia Macias <[REDACTED]>

Ivan Nunez <[REDACTED]>

Angelina

Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission:

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From: Maybeth Campo <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:25 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Maybeth Campo <[REDACTED]>

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Message Body:

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Enrique Aranzazu Garcia, Church Pastor, Resident of Tulare County for 48 years.

Andres Aranzazu, Student, Fresno State, Resident of Tulare County for 25 years.

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From: Angelina Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Angelina Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Disapproval of Tulare County Map

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Visalia, raised in Cutler and have lived in Cutler and Dinuba all my life.

My concern is as follows:

In the Tulare County map, the Commission is lumping inland communities of the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) with mountain communities of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Latinos are the fastest growing population in the state and the Central Valley is the fastest growing region of the state. By lumping inland SJV communities, which are heavily Latino/a, with mountain communities, which are heavily White, our ability to elect Assembly, Senate and Congressional candidates of our choice is hindered. In other words, our votes could be gerrymandered.

The Commission should draw another Latino-effective seat in the Central Valley, given our factual growth in the last decade. We believe that this can be achieved in Tulare County. Out of 58 counties in the state, Tulare County has the 2nd highest percentage of Latinos. Specifically, the percentage of Latinos in Tulare County is 60.6%, second only to Imperial County at 80.4% Latino. Granted, not all Latino/as in Tulare County are of citizen voting age. However, we feel that if inland communities in Tulare County were joined with inland communities of Fresno County and/or Kings County and Kern County, another Latino-effective Assembly district can be achieved.

For example, the communities of Selma, Parlier, Reedley and Orange Cove, all in Fresno County and near the Tulare County border, can be joined with inland Tulare County communities. The Latino-effective Fresno district can be compensated for that loss by including the inland community of Madera and surrounding communities in the Fresno map. By the way, I am also in disapproval of the Commission drawing the inland SJV community of Madera into the foothill and mountain map- just like they did with Tulare County inland communities. Thus, in more than one instance, the Redistricting Commission can be gerrymandering heavily-Latino inland communities of the SJV.

The issues these inland communities have in common, regardless of the counties in which they may be, include a heavy Latino population, immigration, agriculture, a valley geography, pesticide pollution, poor air quality and low educational attainment. I strongly believe that these are communities of interest that should not be divided.

As a solution to the currently proposed map for Tulare County, I propose pooling inland communities of Tulare County with inland communities of Fresno County, Kings County, and/or Kern County. In Tulare County, the line that should divide the western inland communities from the eastern mountain communities should be State Highway 65, where the communities of Richgrove, Ducor, Terra Bella and Porterville should be included in the Tulare County map. The dividing line should follow Highway 190 to include East Porterville and Springville. The map should not include communities east of Springville or east of County Highway J37.

Thank you for your consideration.

Angelina Aranzazu

My sister, below, who does not have an email account, wishes to sign on to this letter as well.

Leticia Aranzazu Garcia, Factory Worker, Resident of Tulare County for 44 years.

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Subject: Public Comment: 6 - Tulare

From: Margarita Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:22 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Margarita Aranzazu <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Concern with Tulare Assembly Map

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I was born in Tulare, raised in Cutler as a farmworker and now live in Orosi as real estate agent and foster parent. I have lived in Tulare County all my life, for 49 years.

This is the second time I write in disapproval of the proposed Assembly map for Tulare County. In June, I added myself onto a letter my daughter wrote in opposition to the first draft. I write again in disapproval of the second draft map.

My concerns remain the same: you are lumping inland communities of the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) with mountain communities of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Latinos are the fastest growing population in the state and the Central Valley is the fastest growing region of the state. By lumping inland SJV communities, which are heavily Latino/a, with mountain communities, which are heavily White, our ability to elect Assembly, Senate and Congressional candidates of our choice is hindered. In other words, our votes are being gerrymandered.

Prominent Latino groups, such as MALDEF and NALEO, have called on you to draw another Latino-effective seat in the Central Valley, given our factual growth in the last decade. We believe that this can be achieved in Tulare County. Out of 58 counties in the state, Tulare County has the 2nd highest percentage of Latinos. Specifically, the percentage of Latinos in Tulare County is 60.6%, second only to Imperial County at 80.4% Latino. Granted, not all Latino/as in Tulare County are of citizen voting age. However, we feel that if inland communities in Tulare County were joined with inland communities of Fresno County and/or Kings County and Kern County, another Latino-effective Assembly district can be achieved.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Relatives who do not have email and/or internet access and who elected to sign on to this letter are:

Enrique Nunez, Orosi, Construction Worker, Resident of Tulare County for 42 years.

Francisca Valero, Orosi, Retired 85 year old Senior-- resident of Tulare County for 40 years.

Estela Nunez, Orosi, Ag-worker, Resident of Tulare County for 42 years.

Lupe Nunez, Orosi, Domestic Worker, Resident of Tulare County for 40 years.

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