Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

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Executive Director, California
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Eve Bukowski, CA Director
TechNet
Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz
From: Marilyn Rigler <marilynrigler@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 23:22:42 +0000
To: redistricting@california.ca.us

From: Marilyn Rigler <marilynrigler@gmail.com>
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:
Please reconsider the split in Santa Cruz County.
SC county with a population of less than 60,000 is the smallest city in the state to be divided into 2 districts. There is no difference in demographics, income or even voting patterns between the East and West sides. This could cause a ripple effect in other districts. Thank you, Marilyn Rigler

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz
From: Cherie Mietz <cherie.mietz@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 22:01:36 +0000
To: public.comment@crc.leg.state.ca.us

From: Cherie Mietz <cherie.mietz@gmail.com>
Subject: split congressional district

Message Body:
I am opposed to the splitting of Santa Cruz into 2 congressional districts. Residents benefit from a single, strong voice in their government and I see no good reason to divide them. We are a homogeneous group and should not be set up to pit one against the other. I feel very strongly about this! Thank you.
Cherie Mietz
Santa Cruz, CA

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: Howard Schneider <hsnider@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 19:57:06 +0000

Subject: Division of Santa Cruz

Message Body:
Please don't divide the city of Santa Cruz because it is one community of interest.

Thank you.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz
From: Mary Flodin <mflodin@email.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 16:20:26 +0000
To: 

From: Mary Flodin <mflodin@email.com>
Subject: NO Redistricting for SANTA CRUZ

Message Body:
DO NOT SPLIT SANTA CRUZ! This is just another assault against the people. Divide and conquer. WE WILL RESIST!!! DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!!!

BAD BAD IDEA! Do NOT split the City of Santa Cruz into 2 congressional districts. This would hurt our community. Is that your intention? DON'T DO IT!

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz
From: Melanie Premo <mprene@sanmail.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 15:29:30 +0000
To: 

From: Melanie Premo <mprene@sanmail.com>
Subject: Potential Santa Cruz split

Message Body:
The city of Santa Cruz has been dominating the entire county politically for far too long. With a heavy student (transient) population, this has resulted in too much short-term thinking.

Please split the city. It will allow the rest of the county a much needed voice in Congress, which it has been deprived of for far too long.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz
From: Ross Clark <...>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 13:55:21 +0000
To: ...

From: Ross Clark <...>
Subject: Re districting Santa Cruz

Message Body:
Please keep Santa Cruz whole. We are an active political community that should be allowed to be represented as a community.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 7 - San Benito
From: velma <velma@att.net>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 21:14:23 +0000
To:                                           

From: velma <velma@att.net>
Subject: splitting santa cruz

Message Body:
do it, Santa cruz will be fine! do what is fair for all not just a few people with self-interest.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Silicon Valley Leadership Group 7.8.2011 Letter to Redistricting Commission
From: Brian Brennan
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 14:30:13 -0700
To: [Redacted]
CC: Kirk Everett, gkay, Dennis Cima

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Please find attached to this message a letter from Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Carl Guardino regarding the boundaries of the San Jose (SANJO) Congressional district.

Thank you for considering our position. Please let me know if you have any questions.

With best regards,

Brian Brennan

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Brian Brennan
Senior Director – Member Services
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, which represents 340 companies and 250,000 employees, I want to commend the Commission for its continued work to redraw California’s legislative districts.

The Leadership Group has twice had the privilege of providing input to the Commission, and has conveyed our view that Santa Clara County and southern San Mateo County constitute the heart of Silicon Valley and that these county boundaries should be reflected in Congressional lines.

That’s why we were gratified when we examined the 07 05 11 Congressional Visualization for San Jose (SANJO). To date, this map represents the best attempt at keeping the Silicon Valley economic community of interest whole.

We understand that, in the wake of the July 7th meeting, the Commission may be moving away from this approach and reconsidering an earlier version in which the northern San Jose congressional district spans Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. In our view, this approach does not reflect the economic community that is Silicon Valley.

Therefore, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group urges the commission to return to its previous approach, contained within the 07 05 visualization. This will ensure that the economic engine that is Silicon Valley has a strong voice in Congress.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Carl Guardino
President & CEO

CG: bb
I would like to submit this map for consideration by the committee for keeping congressional districts in Santa Clara County and keeping a significant Latino presence. I mentioned this when the committee was in San Jose last month. See attached PDF.

Chris Arriola

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La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County