

Subject: Fw: Maintain 23 Assembly District
From: Christiane Clark [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:12:09 -0700 (PDT)
To: [REDACTED]

--- On Thu, 7/21/11, Christiane Clark [REDACTED] wrote:

From: Christiane Clark <christ[REDACTED]>
Subject: Maintain 23 Assembly District
To: [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2011, 10:11 AM

My name is Christiane Clark. I am a long time resident of California, and an active member of my community.

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community.

Your actions to divide our community into three Assembly and Senate districts will completely dilute our voice at the state level and divide our community of interest.

I would like to recommend to the Commission that they maintain the 23rd Assembly District as is or with only minor adjustments. The district is reasonably compact. I would also urge that the 28th Assembly District be maintained as it is also reasonably compact. The last decade we have elected Assembly Members in these districts that have served our community very well and given us important leadership at the state level.

I would then recommend that the 23rd and 28th Assembly Districts should be nested together to form a Senate District that combines communities of interest in Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Benito Counties. I recommend this because there are common similarities in these districts that form an effective community of interest. The income and poverty levels are similar, the educational needs are similar, there are cultural similarities, and the employment needs are similar. There is also a transportation corridor that runs through the center of these two districts.

In closing, I would like to remind you that 90 percent of state population growth since 2000 was from Latinos, yet the number of districts where a Latino has a good chance of being elected remains the same or may even go down. I urge the Commission to please fix this before the final maps are approved on August 15. You must also correct the East San Jose split in the final preparation of maps. As the San Jose Mercury News points out "East San Jose is heavily Latino and its fragmentation clearly splits a "community of interest" as defined by law". Finally, We will not stand idly by and allow this commission to disenfranchise and intentionally discriminate against California Latinos.

Dear [REDACTED]

My name is Ramon Martinez a resident of San Jose, a lifelong resident of California, and an active member of my community.

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community. We have worked long and hard to make San Jose and Santa Clara County a community that provides an equitable "level playing field" for working class people of all backgrounds and to have our voices heard locally, regionally and at the statewide level.

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I would like to recommend to the Commission that they maintain the 23rd Assembly District as is or with only minor adjustments. I would also urge that the 28th Assembly District be maintained as it is also reasonably compact. The last decade we have elected Assembly Members in these districts that have served our community very well and given us important leadership at the state level. Our local community advocates have worked long and hard to have our political voices heard and your current recommendations are taking us backward, not forward from our current status.

I would then recommend that the 23rd and 28th Assembly Districts should be nested together to form a Senate District that combines communities of interest in Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Benito Counties. I recommend this because there are common similarities in these districts that form an effective community of interest. The income and poverty levels are similar, the educational needs are similar, there are cultural similarities, and the employment needs are similar. There is also a transportation corridor that runs through the center of these two districts. Progressive worker families are the key attributes of these combined areas

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You must also correct the East San Jose split in the final preparation of maps. As the San Jose Mercury News points out "East San Jose is heavily Latino and its fragmentation clearly splits a "community of interest" as defined by law". Finally, We have worked too long to achieve our current level of equitable political and social representation and will not stand idly by and allow this commission to disenfranchise and intentionally discriminate against California Latinos.

Sincerely,

Christiane Clark

**[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95127**

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Wendy Underhill <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:36:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wendy Underhill <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Evergreen-San Jose

Message Body:

I do not understand why the currently proposed maps include the area of San Jose south of The Villages Parkway and east of San Felipe in the MLPTS district, rather than the SANJO district.

The neighborhoods affected have more interests in common with the immediate vicinity than with the area in the northern end of MLPTS. Concerns such as the vibrancy of downtown San Jose, traffic along the 101 corridor south of 280/680, and light rail along the Capitol Expressway are significant concerns of the neighborhoods at the southwestern edge of MLPTS. These are not relevant to the cities of Milpitas, Fremont or Newark, and a representative from the northern end of the proposed district would provide inadequate representation for our neighborhoods. I respectfully request that you move the southeastern boundary of SANJO to include the area south of The Villages Parkway and directly east of San Felipe by following the ridgeline down to Metcalf Road.

Thanks for your time.

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Subject: Fw: PLEASE READ...URGENT!

From: yvette valenzuela <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 09:18:10 -0700 (PDT)

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

My name is Yvette Valenzuela. I am a long time resident of California, and an active member of my community.

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community.

Your actions to divide our community into three Assembly and Senate like to remind you that 90 percent of state population growth since 2000 was from Latinos, yet the number of districts where a Latino has a good chance of being elected remains the same or may even go down. I urge the Commission to please fix this before the final maps are approved on August 15. You must also correct the East San Jose split in the final preparation of maps. As the San Jose Mercury News points out "East San Jose is heavily Latino and its fragmentation clearly splits a "community of interest" as defined by law". Finally, We will not stand idly by and allow this commission to disenfranchise and intentionally discriminate against California Latinos.

**[REDACTED]
San Jose ca 95122**

Subject: Don't split East San Jose

From: Camille Coto <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2011 10:12:46 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

July 20, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commission Members:

I am a long time resident of San Jose, and an active member of various organizations in my community. I would like to urge the commission to make sure it maintains our community of interest in the North Highlands area of San Jose.

Our neighborhood of single family homes in the San Jose hills have a strong connection and co-dependent relationship with Santa Clara County, the east side schools and the city of San Jose. Our community has no connection to Alameda County.

Please make the boundaries for our Senate and Assembly districts begin at Penitencia Creek and go to Noble Lane and then Orchard Lane then up the hill through Suncrest Drive and up Perie Lane and into the empty county hillside. In this way it will maintain our hill area neighborhood homes, our Water Treatment Plant, our Alum Rock Park, our East Side School District central office and light rail and bus stops as a cohesive community of interest.

Please don't split up East San Jose and divide our North Highland neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Camille Coto

Subject: [TheMeadowlands] Redistricting

From: Syed Hussain <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 08:38:38 -0700 (PDT)

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

I just looked at the proposed redistricting map on the web at: <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011>

*This redistricting proposal seems very crude and poorly thought out at least until someone gives us an explanation. It is surprising to see this proposal to include *the neighborhoods of The Villages, Meadowlands, and California Oaks in the Milpitas district. There is nothing in common for these neighborhoods with milpitas district. We use the Evergreen neighborhood for all our needs and political interests.**

Please consider getting needed population from neighborhoods that have more in common with the North San Jose - Fremont/Milpitas, or the rural ranch country. It looks like there could be a chunk of territory from the Fremont, Union City area that could be added if it is necessary to gain required population. That area is more homogeneous to the Milpitas, North San Jose sections.

Please do not split us off from our area of common interests. We will protest any changes to our neighborhood redistricting.

Respectfully,

Syed Hussain

[REDACTED]
San Jose, Ca 95135

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Carrie Campbell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:14:42 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carrie Campbell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Evergreen boundary

Message Body:

I do not understand why the currently proposed maps include the area of San Jose south of The Villages Parkway and east of San Felipe in the MLPTS district, rather than the SANJO district. The neighborhoods affected have more interests in common with the immediate vicinity than with the area in the northern end of MLPTS. Concerns such as the vibrancy of downtown San Jose, traffic along the 101 corridor south of 280/680, and light rail along the Capitol Expressway are significant concerns of the neighborhoods at the southwestern edge of MLPTS. These are not relevant to the cities of Milpitas, Fremont or Newark, and a representative from the northern end of the proposed district would provide inadequate representation for our neighborhoods. I respectfully request that you move the southeastern boundary of SANJO to include the area south of The Villages Parkway and directly east of San Felipe by following the ridgeline down to Metcalf Road.

Thanks for your time.

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Subject: Resend BAYMEC Letter 7-21-2011 - Re State Senate and Assembly maps for N. CA - July 16 and July 18

From: "Dennis W. Chiu" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 12:24:19 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Unfortunately, there was an error in the last transmission because pdf file was not optimized. The attached copy is optimized.

Thank you,
Dennis Chiu
Representing BAYMEC

Dennis W. Chiu, Esq.
Attorney-At-law

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July 21, 2011

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS & EMAIL [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: San Jose Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT)
Community Written Public Comment on the Proposed July 18,
2011 Senate & Assembly District Maps for Northern
California.**

Dear Commissioners:

The Citizens Redistricting Commission has recognized the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community as a "Community of Interest", but it is still splitting that community up in San Jose, California.

The working maps released July 18, 2011 for the FRESNO/SJOSE State Senate Districts and the new working maps released July 16 and July 18, 2011 for the SANJO/SILIV Assembly Districts are moving in the direction of *discrimination* against the LGBT community, and the Commission needs to be aware of this.

We sincerely hope this division of the LGBT community in San Jose is corrected, and the disenfranchisement of a protected class of citizens is stopped.

EQUAL PROTECTION

This is an issue of equal protection under the law for the San Jose LGBT community. We are a small population that faces discrimination, bullying, intolerance and hate, where astonishingly the courts have held that in the realm of legislation and public initiatives that the LGBT minority must convince the straight majority to preserve its civil rights.

Unless the San Jose LGBT Community of Interest is kept together in one State Assembly District and one State Senate District, it will be disempowered. No other Community of Interest in San Jose with its gigantic Hispanic/Latino, white and Asian Pacific Islander populations are placed in such a severe underdog position. The fight for LGBT civil rights is the single most important and historically significant fight of this time, and how the Citizens Redistricting Commission will be remembered is up to you.

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[REDACTED] San Jose, CA 95150-6296 • [REDACTED]

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On behalf of the LGBT community in San Jose, BAYMEC respectfully requests a shift in the proposed SJOSE State Senate District lines and the SANJO Assembly District lines to protect the San Jose LGBT Community of Interest. (Note: The blue areas in all diagrams below are LGBT areas previously identified by Equality California with Redistricting Partners, utilizing methodology reviewed by the Williams Institute and university researchers from USC and CSU.)

Protection of San Jose LGBT Community in State Senate District Maps

The proposed State Senate Districts split the San Jose LGBT community in to two in an abuse of discretion. BAYMEC proposes that the entire San Jose LGBT community be kept in the SJOSE State Senate District by shifting the proposed border near Highway 101 and CA 87 northwest to the intersection of Highway 101 and Lafayette Street. (See Diagram 1 below.)

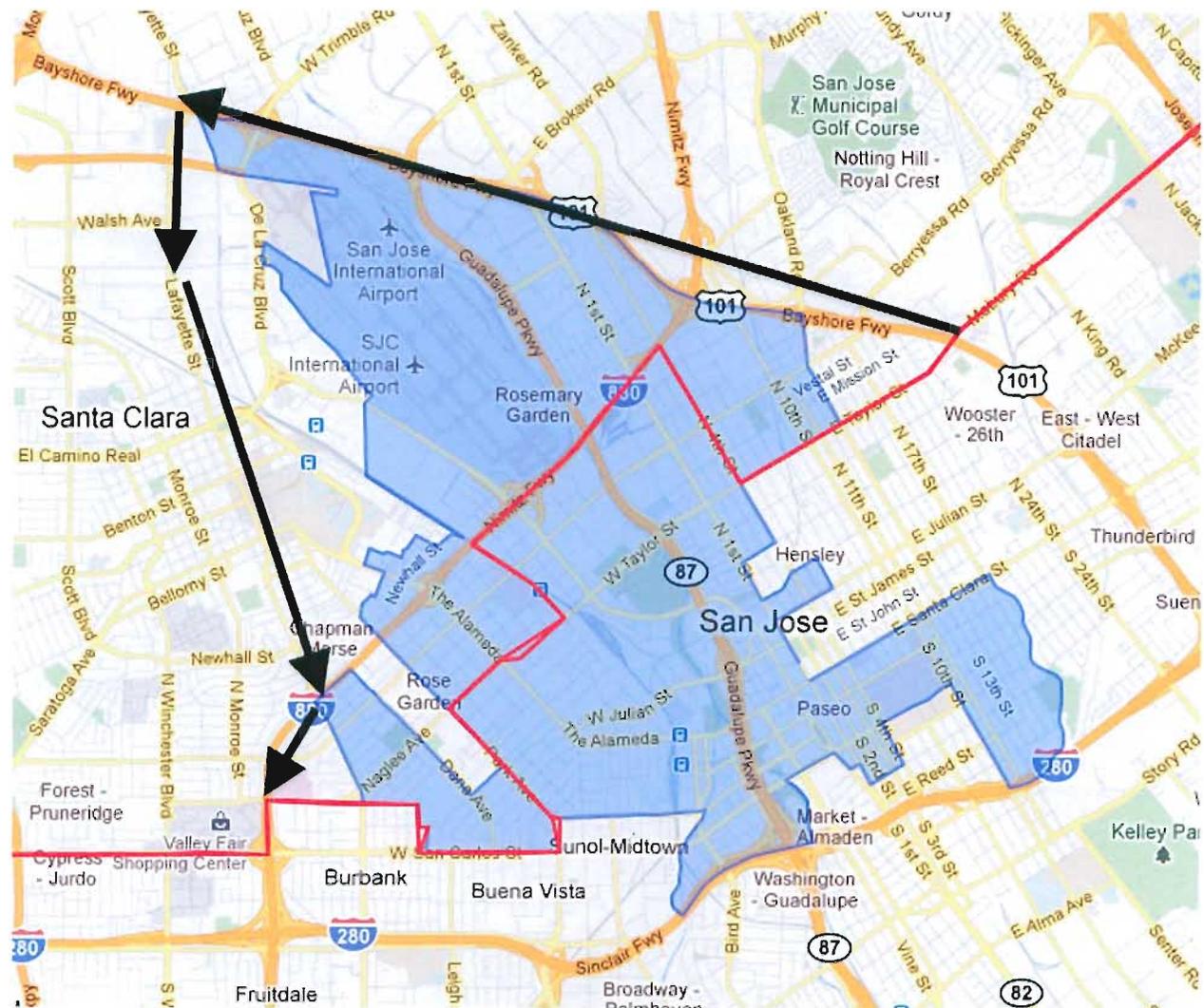


Diagram 1

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Protection of San Jose LGBT Community in State Assembly District Maps

BAYMEC's position remains the same as in its letter dated July 17, 2011. To correct the disenfranchised Newhall-Sherwood and Rosegarden communities, BAYMEC requests that the northwestern boundary of the SANJO Assembly District shift southwest to include the major corner of W. San Carlos Street and N. Bascom Avenue. (See Diagram 2A below.)

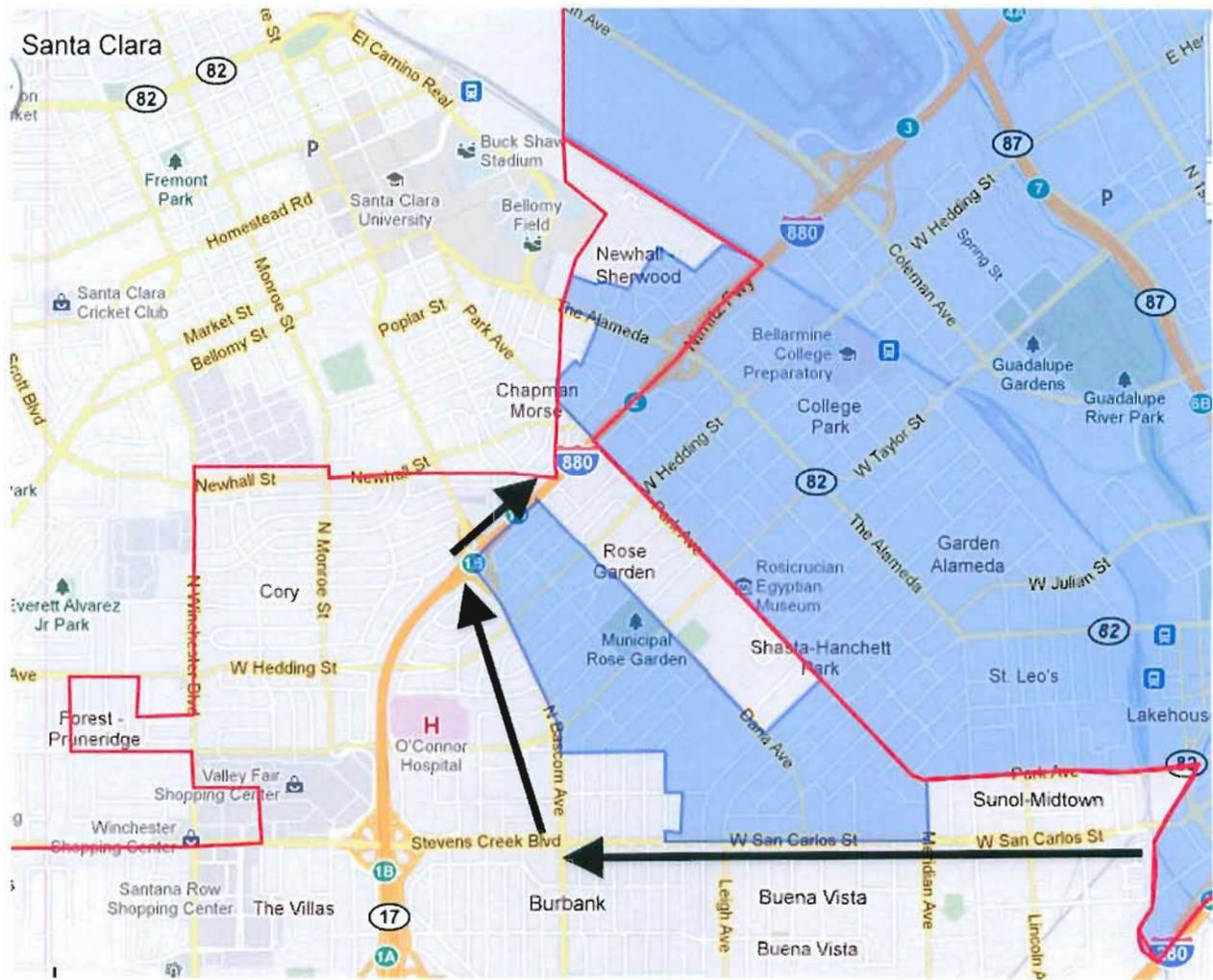


Diagram 2A

In the alternative, BAYMEC proposes a simpler line change for the proposed SANJO Assembly District. The southwestern boundary for the proposed SANJO Assembly District could follow W. San Carlos Street / Stevens Creek Blvd to the Valley Fair Shopping Center. (See Diagram 2B on the next page.)

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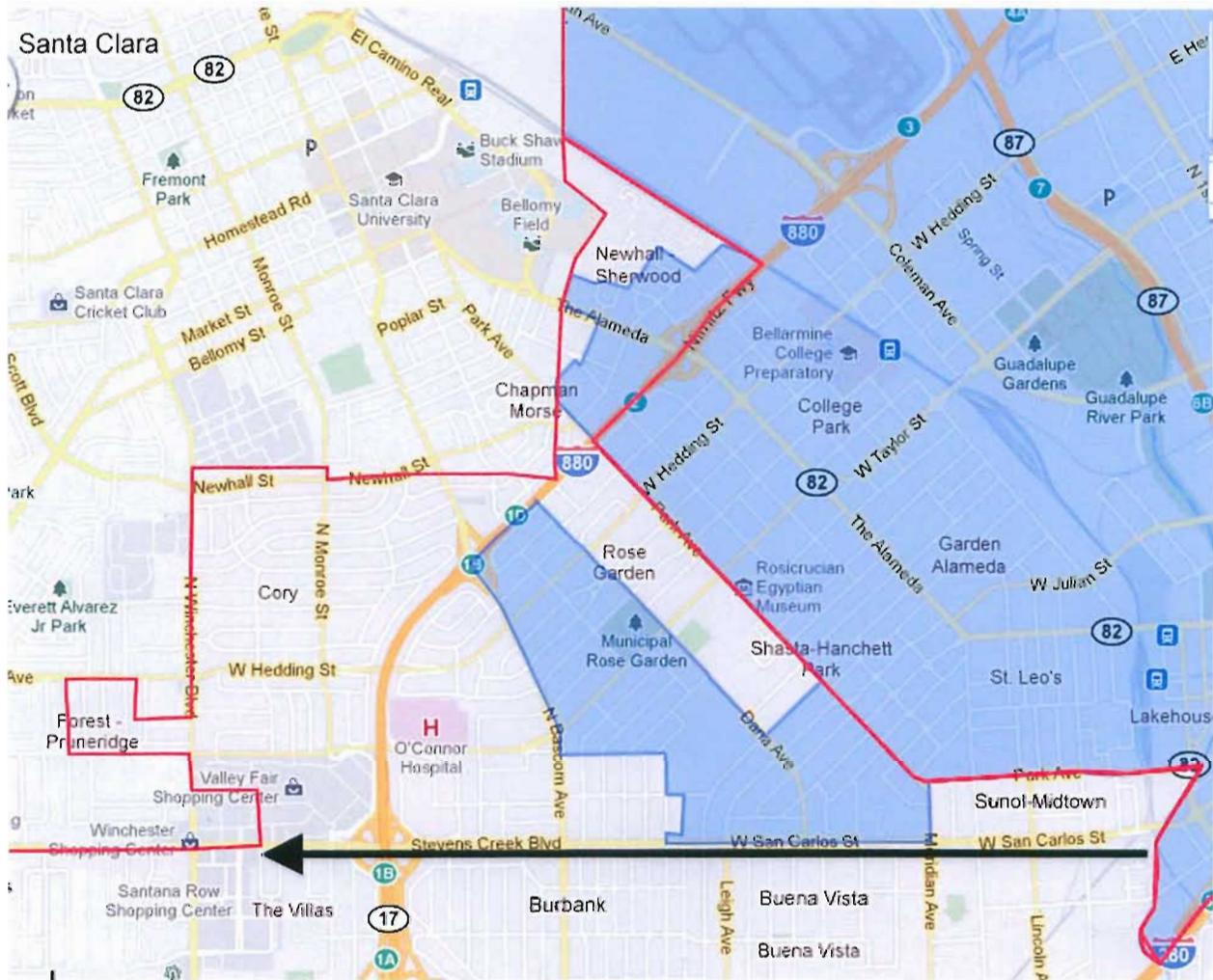


Diagram 2B

SUMMARY

We hope the Commission will understand the gravity of our situation, and how the San Jose LGBT Community is in danger. Without keeping the LGBT high concentrations areas in one political district, its voice will be diluted or deemed politically insignificant. Please enact our proposals above. Thank you for all of the work you have done thus far, and for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Thanh Ngo, President
BAYMEC

cc: Dennis W. Chiu, Esq.
Equality California

Subject: URGENT - Redistricting

From: Rudy Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:03:31 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I want to express my support and encourage you to adopt the updated Senate plan proposed by MALDEF on June 28th as the best option for the Central Valley and Central Coast. This option was developed and updated after hearing community testimony from Salinas and East San Jose. MALDEF did an excellent job of respecting our community of interest in this region. They also addressed and answered the Section 5 vs Section 2 questions while at the same time creating additional Latino opportunity districts. Please keep in mind, that ninety per cent of the population growth in California was created by the Latino community. MALDEF in creating additional Latino opportunity districts respects and responds to this fact.

In their June 28 update, the SD SJMONT pairs the East San Jose area with the eastern Monterey County district while avoiding crossing the mountains into the Central Valley and generating numbers that do not retrogress Monterey County.

This configuration respects testimony that MALDEF heard from community residents of the area and it further responds to the requests from Central Coast residents that they not cross into the mountains.

MALDEF's updated SD FRESMERC of June 28 also pairs western Fresno County with Madera City, Merced County, and western Stanislaus County. They avoid crossing the mountains into the Central Coast or San Jose and generate numbers that do not retrogress Merced County. Their configuration also creates a more reasonable Central Valley district, and avoids the need to sent Merced County into Stockton and also avoids crossing mountains as Merced and Fresno residents requested. It also creates space to maintain a Section2/Section5 Senate District for Kings County/Bakersfield.

Please consider the recommendations made by MALDEF for these Senate districts. They listened to our opinions and suggestions and responded positively and effectively to our recommendations.

Regards,

Rudy J. Rodriguez
California Resident
[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting proposal

From: Marie T Ortiz [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:54:17 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Involved Evergreen <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*I just had an opportunity to look at the proposed redistricting map on the web at:
<http://swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011>*

Like my neighbors, it is beyond my understanding how the neighborhoods of The Villages, Meadowlands, and California Oaks could ever be included in the Milpitas district. We have next o nothing in common with the Milpitas, Fremont or North San Jose neighborhoods. We consider ourselves part of the Evergreen community that includes the Estates, Silver Creek Country Club and the shopping area of White and Aborn.

This is where our political interests lie. this is the area where we attend church and where our children attend school. This is where we shop, have our businesses, and play. It contains the roads that we utilize daily - and personally (although I'm sure it's true of most others), we have very little contact with the area shown in the Milpitas district. It appears a political move to garner additional revenues and / or votes or revenues to an area we do not have any commonality with.

Please consider getting needed population from neighborhoods that have more in common with the North San Jose - Fremont/Milpitas, or the rural ranch country. It looks like there could be a chunk of territory from the Fremont, Union City area that could be added if it is necessary to gain required population. That area is more homogeneous to the Milpitas, North San Jose sections.

Please do not split us off from our area of common interests.

Marie (Ree) T Theriault-Ortiz

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Virginia Waite <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:25:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Virginia Waite <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed SANJO/MLPTS Assembly Borders

Message Body:

I do not understand why the area of San Jose south of The Villages Parkway and east of San Felipe are in the proposed MLPTS assembly district rather than the proposed SANJO district. The neighborhoods in the questioned area consider themselves part of the Evergreen community, and have virtually no contact nor common local interests with Milpitas, Fremont or North San Jose. Nor do we identify with the rural ranch country to the east and south.

Evergreen is our community of interest, yet your proposal breaks us out of that. We share their concerns about traffic on Highway 101 south of 280/680, the Evergreen School district, local retail establishments and the like.

I ask that you please move the southeastern border of SANJO to include the neighborhoods south of The Villages Parkway and east of San Felipe Road.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Pierluigi Oliverio <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 05:19:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Pierluigi Oliverio <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Assembly & Senate districts

Message Body:

Thanks for all the hard work and putting up with all the grief. The lines you have drawn so far make more sense than the lines of the past. Your almost done. Good luck.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Wendy Underhill <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:36:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wendy Underhill <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Evergreen-San Jose

Message Body:

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The neighborhoods affected have more interests in common with the immediate vicinity than with the area in the northern end of MLPTS. Concerns such as the vibrancy of downtown San Jose, traffic along the 101 corridor south of 280/680, and light rail along the Capitol Expressway are significant concerns of the neighborhoods at the southwestern edge of MLPTS. These are not relevant to the cities of Milpitas, Fremont or Newark, and a representative from the northern end of the proposed district would provide inadequate representation for our neighborhoods. I respectfully request that you move the southeastern boundary of SANJO to include the area south of The Villages Parkway and directly east of San Felipe by following the ridgeline down to Metcalf Road.

Thanks for your time.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Mark Marley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:26:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Marley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: MLPTS assembly boundaries

Message Body:

There are several neighborhoods in south east San Jose that lie south of Villages Parkway and east of San Felipe. These have all been placed into the MLPTS assembly district.

This really makes no sense as these neighborhoods (including the Meadowlands where I live) are really part of the Evergreen area of south east San Jose. We shop, send our kids to school, work and live with our neighbors west of San Felipe and north of Villages Parkway. We have zero contact with the Milpitas area.

The eastern boundary of the proposed SANJO district should be moved to the ridgeline east of these neighborhoods and the southern boundary should be the San Jose city limits which is roughly at Homestead Way.

Thank you for the chance to provide input.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Luiza Carneiro-Occin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:14:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Luiza Carneiro-Occin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

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Thanks for your time.

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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Numbering of Districts

From: James Wright <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 17:11:32 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners,

I believe that all the new districts (assembly, senate, congressional, and BOE) must be numbered from north to south and east to west in a zig-zag fashion. That means that each next district number (five) is physically in contact with the prior district (four).

There should be NO regard for prior district numbers occupying any part of the same geography.

Who will sit each seat is for later determination by the respective bodies.

Thanks,

Jim Wright

a voter from San Jose

Subject: Proposed Changes for the State Assembly Visualizations for Santa Clara County by CAPAFR Santa Clara

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:18:39 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

CAPAFR Santa Clara does not agree with the Citizens Redistricting Commission latest boundaries for Santa Clara County State assembly districts, and submits the attached pdf and powerpoint with our proposed changes.

Your July 16th and 19th visualizations do not have Cupertino, Mountain View, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale in one assembly district. In addition, Cupertino, Fremont, the City of Santa Clara, and the San Jose neighborhoods of Evergreen and Rose Garden are all divided into two assembly districts.

We request the following changes to the July 19 visualizations for Santa Clara County assembly districts:

1) To make the Evergreen community of San Jose whole in the San Jose assembly district, we ask that the San Jose city portion of census tract 5033.32, census block 3060 of census tract 5033.30, and census blocks 1295 and 1296 of census tract 5135 be transferred from the Milpitas assembly district to the San Jose assembly district. In addition we ask that San Jose census block 1273 of census tract 5135 be added to the San Jose assembly district.

2) We request that the Rose Garden neighborhood of San Jose be made whole in the Silicon Valley assembly district by transferring census tract 5004 from the San Jose assembly district.

3) The City of Santa Clara can be made whole in the Milpitas assembly district by transferring census tract 5051 from the San Jose assembly district to the Milpitas assembly district.

For population balance and compactness the portion of census tract 5052.03 which is in the Silicon Valley assembly district could be transferred to the Milpitas assembly district. If the Milpitas assembly district needs additional population, census tract 5058 and/or the portion of census tract 5059 in the Silicon Valley district could be added.

4) CAPAFR Santa Clara County requests the following population transfers between the San Jose and Silicon Valley assembly districts:

a) From the San Jose assembly district to the Silicon Valley assembly district:

- Census tract 5004 (see above)

- Census tract 5006 (this census tract is next to the Rose Garden neighborhood)

- San Jose Willow Glen neighborhood area census tract 5024 (San Jose assembly district's portion)

- San Jose Willow Glen neighborhood area census tract 5025 (San Jose assembly district's portion)

b) From the Silicon Valley assembly district to the San Jose assembly district:

- Census blocks 1000-1008 and 3000 of census tract 5018. Altogether these census blocks have a 72.5% Latino population.

- Census tract 5031.08, a Hispanic plurality census tract

5) We ask that the commission review and implement these boundary adjustments for South San Jose:

a) Transfer census tracts 5120.22 and 5120.23 from the West Monterey assembly district to the San Jose assembly district.

For population balance, transfer census tracts 5120.05 (San Jose assembly district's portion) and 5120.25 from the San Jose assembly district to the Silicon Valley assembly district.

For population balance transfer census tracts 5119.05, 5119.09 (Silicon Valley assembly district's portion), and/or 5119.10 from the Silicon Valley assembly district to the West Monterey assembly district. If the West Monterey assembly district needs additional population, census tracts 5119.13 and/or 5119.14 could be transferred from the Silicon Valley assembly district.

If the San Jose assembly district needs additional population, census tract 5036.01 (Milpitas assembly district's portion) could be added.

Census tracts 5037.08, 5037.09, and 5038.04 are in the Milpitas assembly district. Since Fremont is not whole in the Milpitas assembly district, these Asian majority census tracts should remain in the Milpitas assembly district.

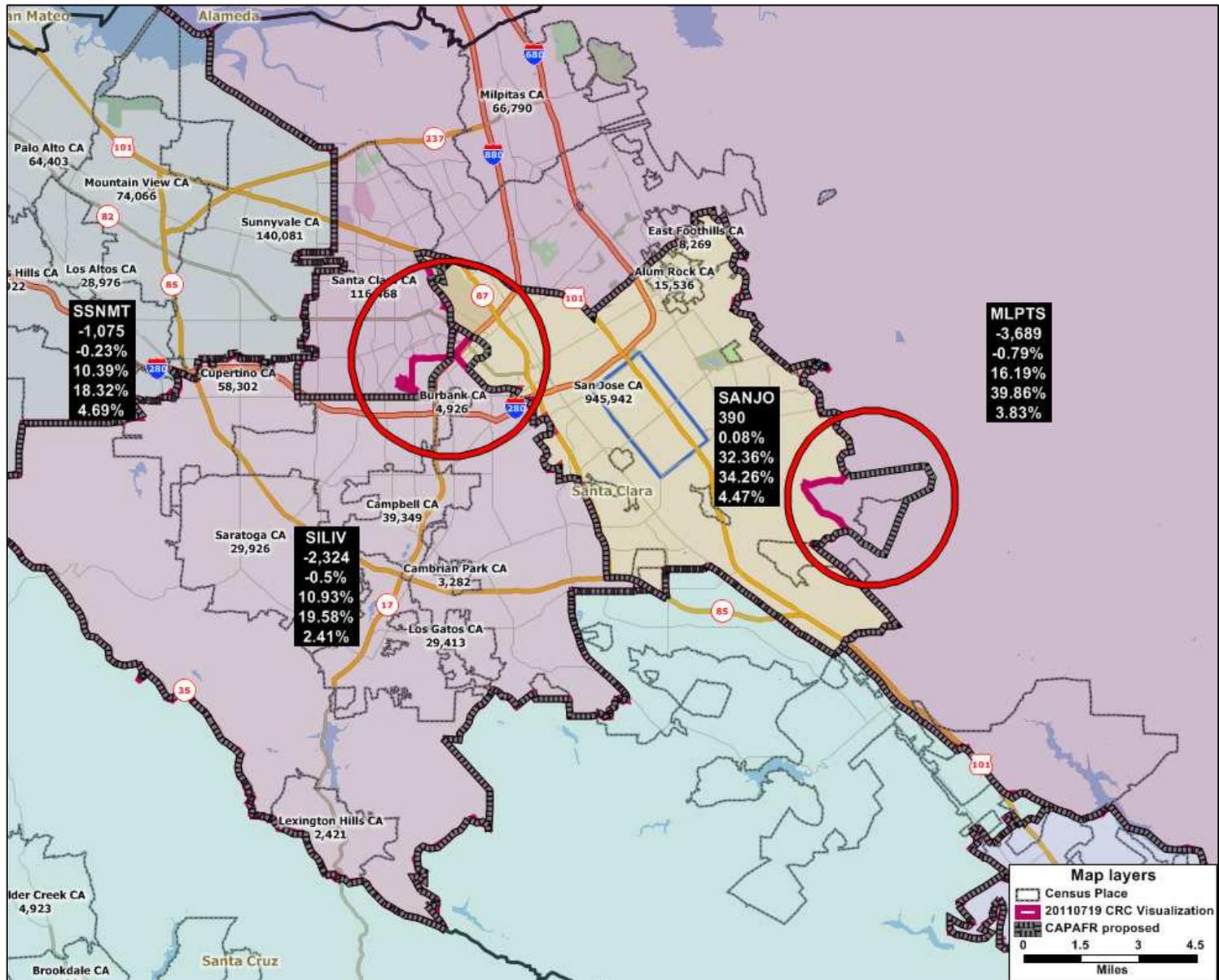
Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Maruhashi
Staff Attorney
Asian Law Alliance

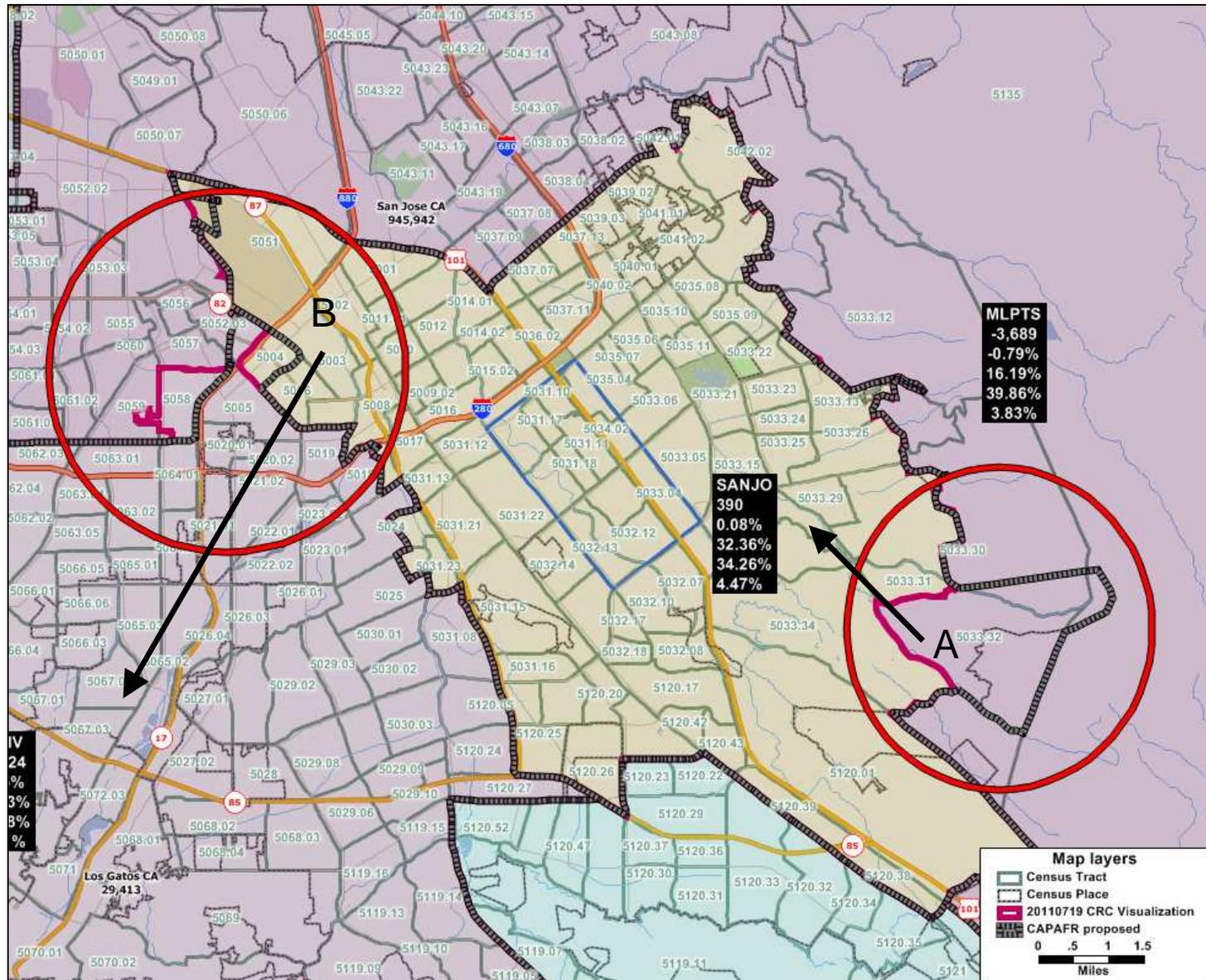
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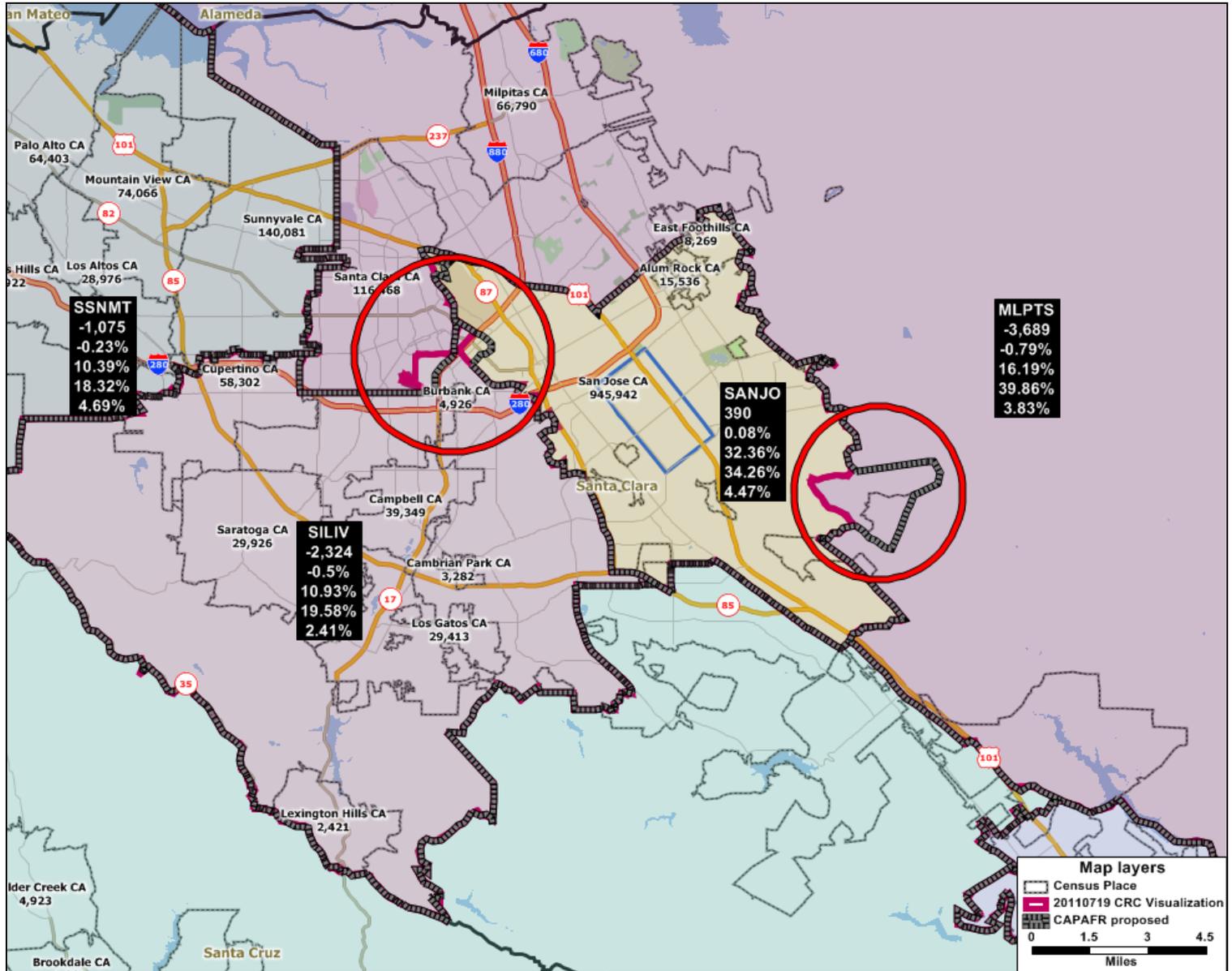
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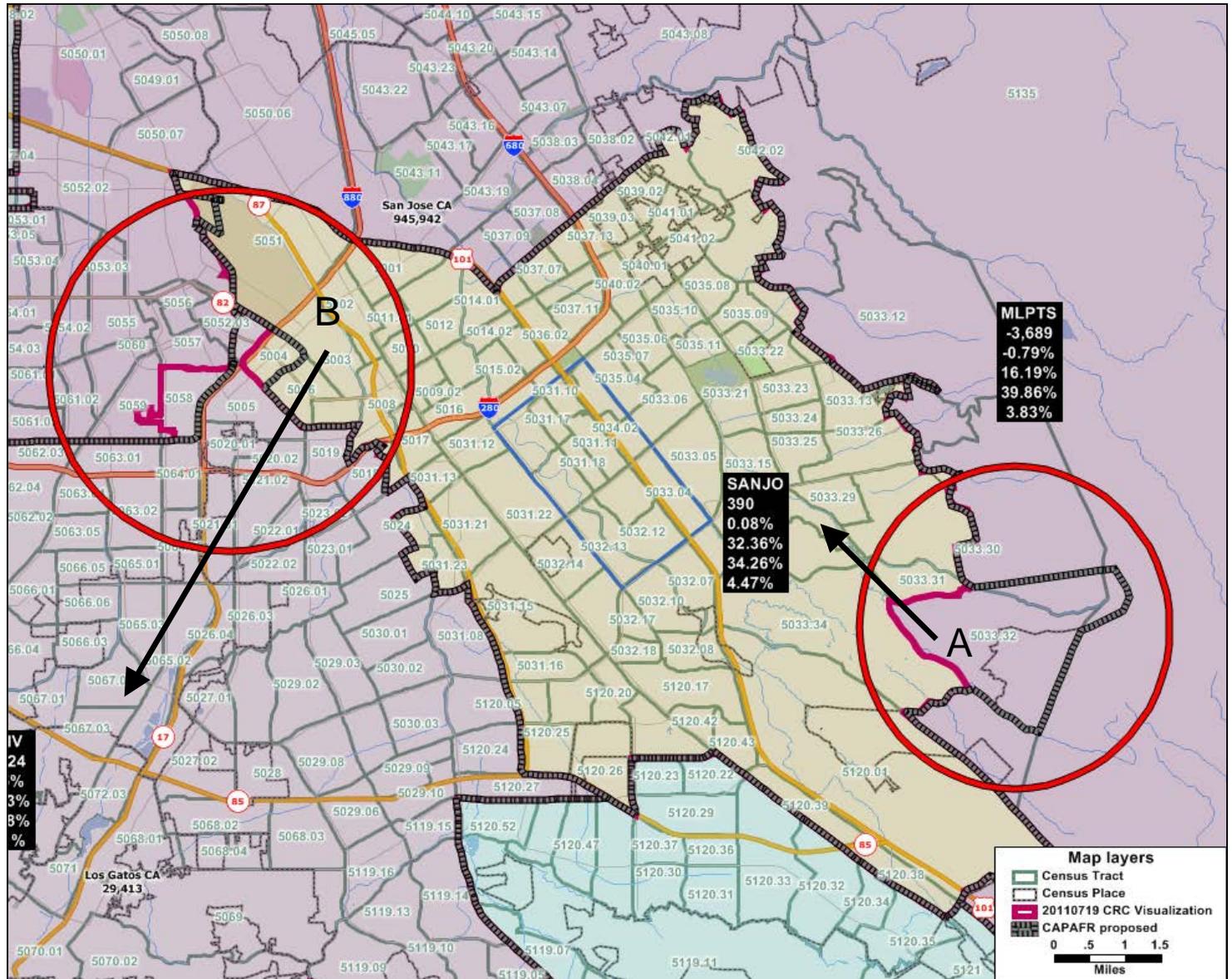
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Subject: NO redistricting Meadowlands neighborhood

From: Sivanny Korm <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:42:55 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

I just had an opportunity to look at the proposed redistricting map on the web at:
<http://swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011>

It is beyond my comprehension why the neighborhoods of The Villages, Meadowlands, and California Oaks are included in the Milpitas district. We have next o nothing in common with the Milpitas, Fremont or North San Jose neighborhoods. Nor do we identify with the rural ranch country to the east and south. We consider ourselves part of the Evergreen community that includes the Estates, Silver Creek Country Club and the shopping area of White and Aborn.

This is where our political interests lie. this is the area where we attend church and where our children attend school. It contains the roads that we utilize daily - We have very little contact with the area shown in the Milpitas district. It seems to be a crude gerrymander to perhaps pull in some residences to equalize the population of the Milpitas District.

Please consider getting needed population from neighborhoods that have more in common with the North San Jose - Fremont/Milpitas, or the rural ranch country. It looks like there could be a chunk of territory from the Fremont, Union City area that could be added if it is necessary to gain required population. That area is more homogeneous to the Milpitas, North San Jose sections.

Please do not split us off from our area of common interests.

Best Regards,
Sivanny Korm

Subject: Fwd: PLEASE READ...URGENT!

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 07:03:20 -0700

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

My name is . I am a long time resident of California,

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community.

Your actions to divide our community into three Assembly and Senate districts will completely dilute our voice at the state level and divide our community of interest.

I would like to recommend to the Commission that they maintain the 23rd Assembly District as is or with only minor adjustments. The district is reasonably compact. I would also urge that the 28th Assembly District be maintained as it is also reasonably compact. The last decade we have elected Assembly Members in these districts that have served our community very well and given us important leadership at the state level.

I would then recommend that the 23rd and 28th Assembly Districts should be nested together to form a Senate District that combines communities of interest in Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Benito Counties. I recommend this because there are common similarities in these districts that form an effective community of interest. The income and poverty levels are similar, the educational needs are similar, there are cultural similarities, and the employment needs are similar. There is also a transportation corridor that runs through the center of these two districts.

In closing, I would like to remind you that 90 percent of state population growth since 2000 was from Latinos, yet the number of districts where a Latino has a good chance of being elected remains the same or may even go down. I urge the Commission to please fix this before the final maps are approved on August 15. You must also correct the East San Jose split in the final preparation of maps. As the San Jose Mercury News points out "East San Jose is heavily Latino and its fragmentation clearly

splits a "community of interest" as defined by law". Finally, We will not stand idly by and allow this commission to disenfranchise and intentionally discriminate against California Latinos.

Dear [REDACTED]

My name is Ramon Martinez a resident of San Jose, a lifelong resident of California, and an active member of my community.

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th and your recent "visualizations" that discriminate against our Latino community. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose.

Our community has historically been disenfranchised, and only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community. We have worked long and hard to make San Jose and Santa Clara County a community that provides an equitable "level playing field" for working class people of all backgrounds and to have our voices heard locally, regionally and at the statewide level.

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We have worked too long to achieve our current level of equitable political and social representation and will not stand idly by and allow this commission to disenfranchise and intentionally discriminate against California Latinos.**

Sincerely,

Ramon J. Martinez

[REDACTED]

San Jose, CA 95127

[REDACTED]

Subject: Dissatisfaction with the San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps

From: Victor Garza <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:01:27 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

My name is Victor G. Garza. I am a long time resident of San Jose, California, and an active member of my community.

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Thank you for your time,

Victor G. Garza, Ed. D
[REDACTED]

San Jose, CA 95111

Subject: No redistricting for OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

From: Starr Tiano <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2011 10:52:34 -0700 (PDT)

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

I understand redistricting is being considered for my neighborhood in South San Jose (The Meadowlands, just south of the Villages.)

The currently proposed redistricting maps places The Meadowlands in the MLPTS district, which includes Milpitas, parts of Fremont and Newark, part of East San Jose and the East Foothills, The Villages, The Meadowlands and California Oaks. You can see the proposed boundaries at <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/gis/gis2011/>. Neighborhoods sharing our common interests, most of Evergreen, such as The Estates, Hillstone, Silver Creek Valley Country Club, are in the proposed SANJO district.

The interests of our neighborhood are much better aligned with our neighbors...The Estates, Hillstone, Bel Air Estates, Silver Creek Country. All of these are within a mile of our home. To be realigned with Milpitas, Fremont and Newark does not serve our needs and the concerns are quite different (and many miles from our home).

Please keep The Meadowlands in the proposed SANJO district.

Thank you for reconsidering the proposed redistricting boundaries.

Starr Tiano

[REDACTED]
San Jose CA 95135