

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Anuradha Bommaji <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:24:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Anuradha Bommaji <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting of Meadowlands community in SanJose

Message Body:

I do not understand why the currently proposed maps include the area of SanJose 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 SanJose, traffic along the 101 corridor south of 280/680, 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: Marilyn Leonard <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:14:52 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marilyn Leonard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Evergreen Redistricting

Message Body:

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Please do not split our community into two parts. Evergreen needs to remain an intact, unified community.

Thanks for your consideration.

Marilyn

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Subject: Redistricting lines in San Jose

From: Anna Harshbarger <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 22:26:46 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

We are very concerned about the proposed redistricting line for the 23rd district in San Jose. Please reconsider the socioeconomic ramifications of such a change to the district lines. Thank you so much.
Anna and Steve Harshbarger

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: thomas r huff <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 04:43:19 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: thomas r huff <[REDACTED]>

Subject: san jose evergreen area redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commisioner,

I live in California Oak Creek neighborhood. I am strongly opposed to combining us with Fremont and Milpitas. I'm deeply involved in Evergreen and will be using all of my considerable contacts to oppose this.

Thomas Huff

President. Evergreen United Education Foundation

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Harey & Rosalee Wolfe <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 06:04:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Harey & Rosalee Wolfe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-districting

Message Body:

State and federal electoral boundaries should NOT split communities like the Villages, the Meadowlands and California Oaks from the rest of Evergreen!

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Subject: SUPPORTING YOUR MAP FOR SANJO DATED 7/18/11

From: Elias Chamorro <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:55:25 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Hello Commissioners: I have attended several of your hearing held in the Bay Area. I want to thank you for your hard work and for your efforts in trying to draw the lines objectively and standing strong against the people who may have unproductive political motives. With that goal in mind, I want to strong encourage to support your maps that was presented on 7/18/11 and particularly as it relates to the SANJO area.

Please do not reduce any more the Latino population in this region. In the hearings held in San Jose and other near locations, you have heard very clearly and you have been presented with a very fair and compromised boundary for his region. I truly appreciate your support with this request. Sincerely, Elías Chamorro.

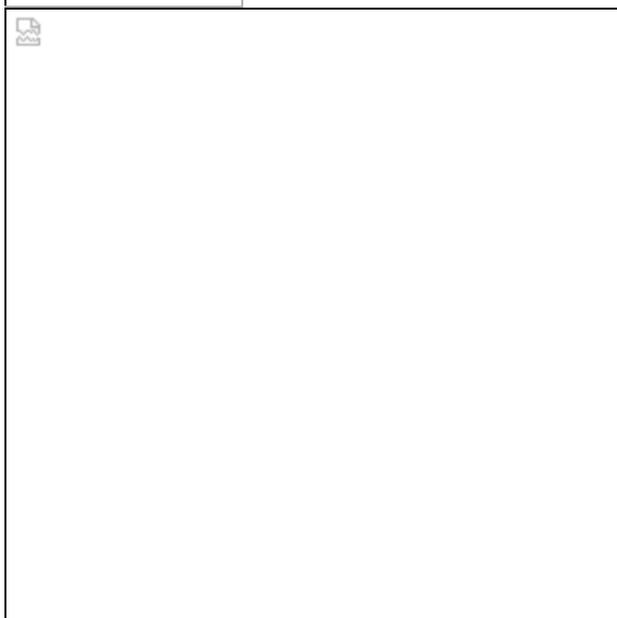
Eliás Chamorro
Teacher/Administrator -Retired

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95120

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fax

Actions speak louder than words."

It does not take a rocket scientist to make an excuse for anything ."



Subject: Santa Clara County Congressional District Proposal

From: Bea Pangilinan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:01:31 -0700 (PDT)

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

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Beatrice Pangilinan and I am a resident of Sunnyvale, California. I support the Santa Clara County Congressional District Proposal that was submitted by CAPAFR. This is the only district map in which Cupertino, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale are kept together in one district. Please consider keeping these three cities together.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Pangilinan

Subject: REQUEST FOR PROPOSED DIST. MAP CLARIFICATION—CONCERN FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA.

From: "Thomas, Kimberly" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:39:54 +0000

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

CC: "Dile, Melissa Stevenson" <[REDACTED]> "Brewer, Lorrie" <[REDACTED]> "Quinn, Jannie" <[REDACTED]> "Woodhouse, Kevin" <[REDACTED]> "Sarmiento, Ligia" <[REDACTED]> "Rich, Dan" <[REDACTED]>

**Sent via Email to: [REDACTED] on 7/22/11*

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commissioners:

Though we understand the maps are works in progress and many factors are still being considered, after an administrative-level review of the July 15, 2011 draft map, the updated redistricting lines are a potential concern for the City of Mountain View. Mountain View staff seeks clarification, recognizing that the maps are complex visualizations.

According to what we are able to determine from the maps on the website, it appears the new lines will divide representation for Moffett Federal Airfield and the NASA Ames Research Center into two separate Districts. Moffett Federal Airfield and the NASA Ames Research Center are on contiguous land in Mountain View's Sphere of Influence. It appears that one of the proposed Districts would capture a small part of the San Francisco Peninsula land at Moffett, and then go far out over San Francisco Bay to the East Bay/Milpitas/Fremont area. It appears this could create a District that does not maintain a contiguous connection to the Peninsula. (Please see map image for "Norcal-Cong.—Mountain View, CA) below as captured from your website).

We understand that the Commission will consider refinements to map visualizations today and Saturday (July 22 and 23, 2011) at your meetings, and those changes might be made before the final maps are released July 29, 2011.

We would appreciate your clarification for the proposed District/Congressional Representation of Moffett Federal Airfield and the NASA Ames Research Center by a reply to this message, or by calling me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Once the final maps are released, the City will make further comments during the public review period (until August 15, 2011).

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Thomas
Assistant to the City Manager
City of Mountain View
[REDACTED]
Mountain View, California 94039-7540
E-Mail: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Sean <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:21:44 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sean <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clara Belongs with Silicon Valley

Message Body:

As a resident of Santa Clara, please do not lump Santa Clara in with Fremont.

I feel the Santa Clara belongs with the rest of Silicon Valley.

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Subject: Support for CAPAFR Congressional Districts for Santa Clara County

From: Michael Chang <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:35:52 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Jackie Murahashi <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

The Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI) support the Congressional district proposal for Santa Clara County which was submitted today by CAPAFR. This is the only district map in which Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale are kept together in one district. In addition, Little Saigon is kept whole together with the Evergreen neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Chang, Ph.D
Executive Director, Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute

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REGION 7: SANTA CLARA

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Per _____
July 21, 2011

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS & EMAIL (votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
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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Lesbian, Gay,
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Transgender
Rights in the
South Bay*

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San Jose, CA 95150-6296 •

Letter to Citizens Redistricting Commission
Re: San Jose LGBT Community Written Public Comment
July 20, 2011
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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.)

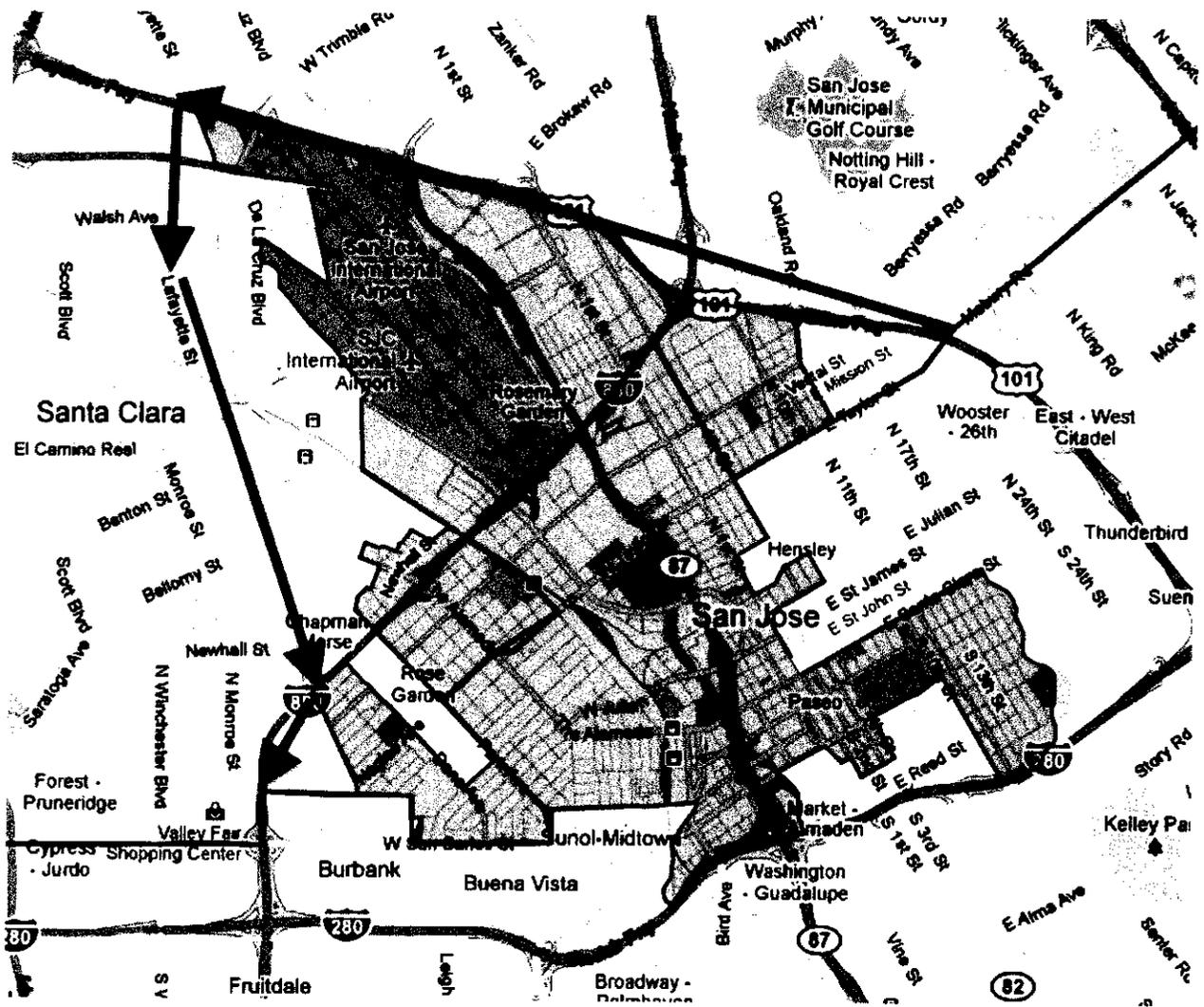


Diagram 1

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.)

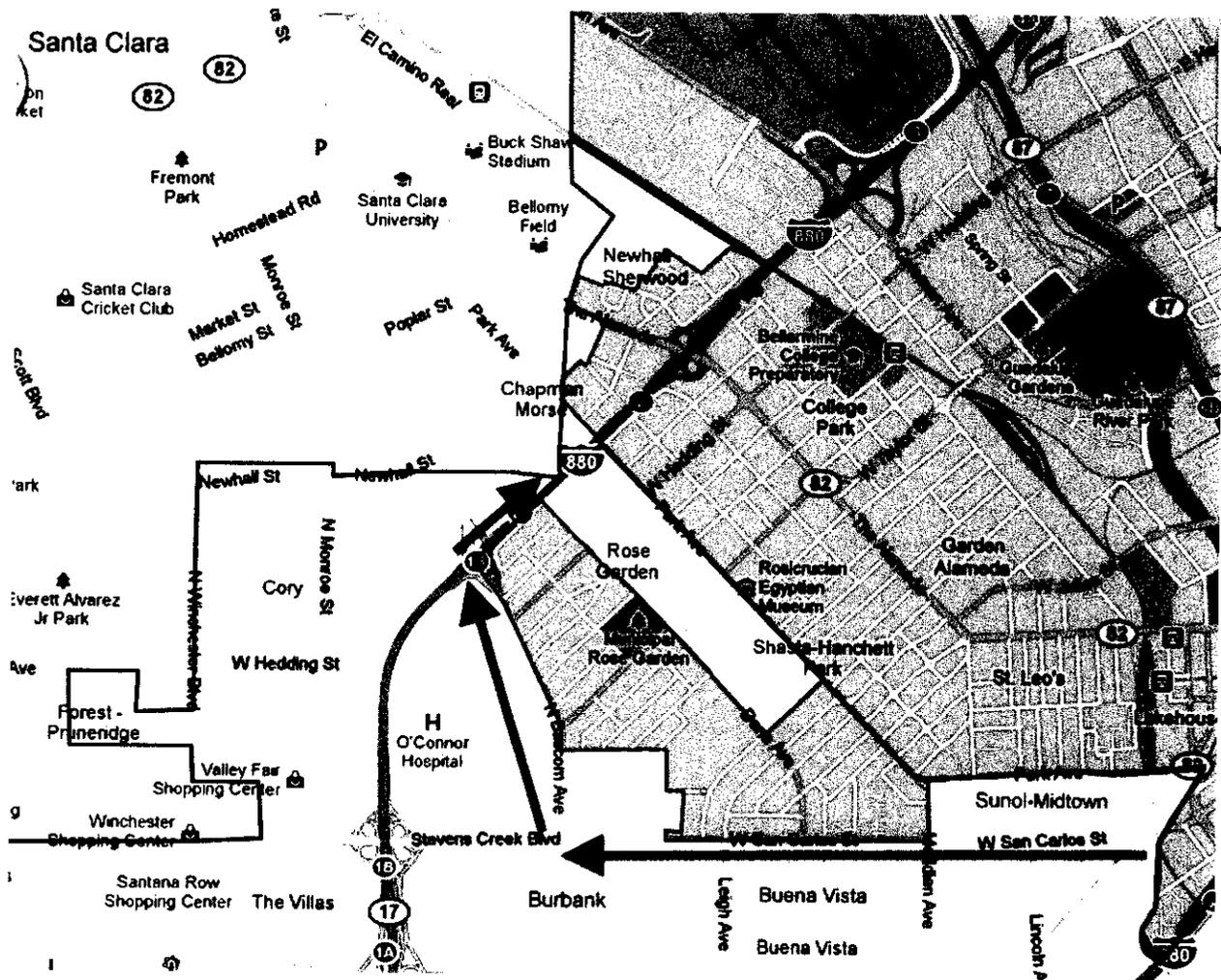


Diagram 2A

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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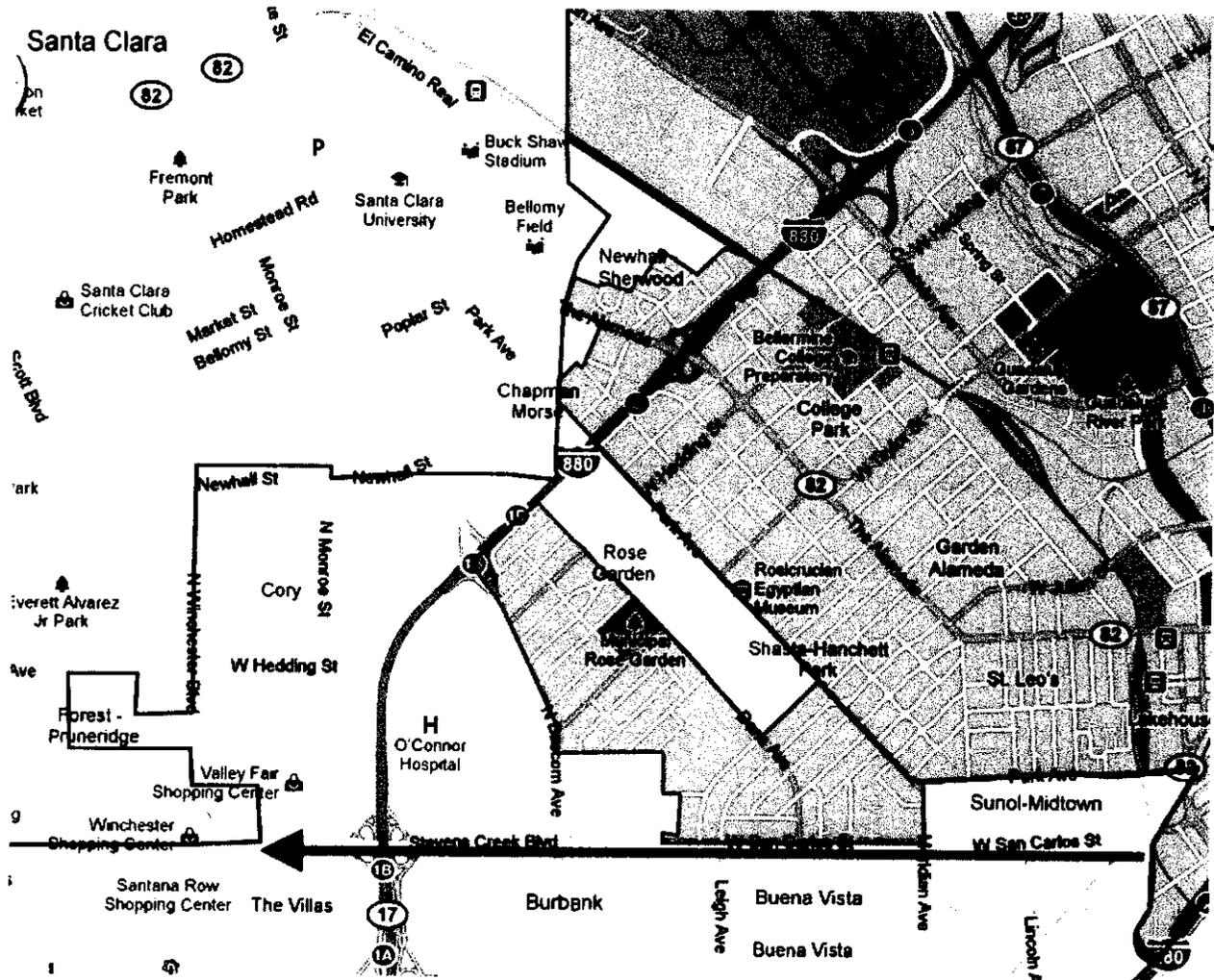


Diagram 2B

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

Thanh Ngo, President
BAYMEC

cc: Dennis W. Chiu, Esq.
Equality California

Subject: feedback on Congressional district proposal

From: Anne Im <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 00:50:03 +0000

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

Dear Commissioners:

I support the Congressional district proposal for Santa Clara County which was submitted today by CAPAFR. This is the only district map in which Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale are kept together in one district. In addition, Little Saigon is kept whole together with the Evergreen neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration and for hearing the concerns of the API community.

Sincerely,
Anne Im

Anne Im
Director of Community Programs & Advocacy
Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)

[REDACTED]

San Jose, CA 95128

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July 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to Additional Changes to the July 10, 2011 Assembly District Map

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Santa Clara is strongly opposed to the major revisions to the July 10, 2011 Assembly District Map originally supported by the City.

In the few days since that time, with limited ability to comment, assembly district lines have been severely altered twice. This rushed action by the Commission has resulted in the City of Santa Clara - from which the County is named - essentially being pulled out of Santa Clara County and removed from what is considered the Silicon Valley Assembly District and included in the Alameda County District.

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For these reasons, the decisions for the recent changes appear to be ill-conceived from a representational standpoint.

While we certainly understand the challenge of accommodating the many and varied COIs throughout the state, we firmly believe that these changes are egregious, unnecessary and detrimental to our city. It separates a large portion of our residential community and pulls the industrial area out of Silicon Valley.

As we have previously stated: The California Constitution mandates that the geographic integrity of any city, county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible, and that to the extent practicable, and where this does not conflict with the criteria above, districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness.

Neither the Silicon Valley COI nor the City of Santa Clara's geographic boundaries have been preserved in the most recent map visualizations, and we strongly encourage the Commission to rectify this in the next visualizations.

Mayor and Council Offices

Santa Clara, CA 95050



Citizens Redistricting Commission

July 22, 2011

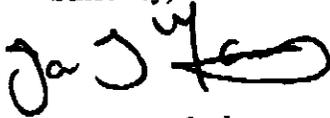
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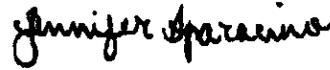
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the redistricting process.

Sincerely,



Jamie L. Matthews
Mayor



Jennifer Sparacino
City Manager

cc: Santa Clara City Council

Subject: Congressional District Proposal from CAPAFR

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 23:05:18 +0000 (UTC)

To: [REDACTED]

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Respectfully submitted,
Edwin Torralba
San Jose, CA

Subject: City of Santa Clara Opposition Letter 7-22-11

From: Daniel Beerman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 10:43:39 -0700

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

Please note the attached letter in opposition to the most recent Assembly district Maps.

Dan Beerman
Public Communications Manager
City of Santa Clara
WK [REDACTED]
CL [REDACTED]

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FAX [redacted]
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Sincerely,



Jamie L. Matthews
Mayor



Jennifer Sparacino
City Manager

cc: Santa Clara City Council

Subject: CAPAFR proposed boundary modifications

From: Leon K <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 21:33:52 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

The Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR) has expended a considerable amount of time and energy to develop the modifications to the Congressional District Boundaries in Santa Clara and Los Angeles Counties. It is hoped that the Commissioners will use the results of this in depth analysis to adjust the boundaries appropriately.

Thank you for your service to the residents of our great state of California and the best of luck to you all in completing your charge!

Leon Kimura

Co-President of the San Jose Chapter ~ Japanese American Citizens League
(for identification purposes only)

Subject: Evergreen redistricting Evergreen

From: Marilyn Leonard <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 09:11:00 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

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Thanks for your consideration.

Marilyn

Marilyn Leonard, RHU, REBC
BeaconRidge Health Insurance Services, Inc.
[REDACTED] San Jose, CA 95148-2829

ASSE International Student Exchange Program, Area Representative
Evergreen Business & Professional Association President, 2010-11
San Jose District 8 Community Round Table Board, Recording Secretary, 2011

NAHU Professional Development Committee Director, 2009-10

Subject: Comments to the State Senate Visualizations

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:23:15 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

CAPAFR Santa Clara is very concerned about the proposed State Senate visualizations for Santa Clara County. Again, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale are not in one Senate district as requested.

In addition, we request the following:

- 1) Place the Seven Trees neighborhood of San Jose together with Little Saigon. In the current visualization, this vibrant Vietnamese American community is divided from its business and social areas of Little Saigon. In addition, this low income community has ties with the SJOSE (downtown San Jose area). However, it has nothing in common with Gilroy, San Martin or Santa Cruz County.
- 2) Keep the Berryessa neighborhood whole by transferring the following Census tracts from the SJOSE district to the FREAOK district:
 - a) 5037.08
 - b) 5037.09
 - c) 5038.04
- 3) Place the Rose Garden neighborhood together with the downtown San Jose area. The Rose Garden has had a long time association with downtown San Jose. This neighborhood has nothing in common with Berryessa and Milpitas. This population balance and transfer can be done by transferring the following census tracts from the FREOAK state senate district to the SJOSE state senate district:
 - a) 5004 (Rose Garden neighborhood)
 - b) 5005 (Rose Garden neighborhood)
- 4) Finally, Census tract 5001 is a part of downtown San Jose. It has demographics and similar interests to the SJOSE senate district and should be placed within the SJOSE district.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Maruhashi
Staff Attorney
Asian Law Alliance

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95112

T: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: CAPAFR'S Recommendations

From: Wesley Mukoyama <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 15:40:19 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I support CAPAFR'S Recommendations for Congressional Redistricting.

Wesley and Janice Mukoyama

[REDACTED]
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Greg Leifer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:49:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Greg Leifer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SJOSE Senate & Santa Clara

Message Body:

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the SJOSE and FRE/OAK Senate Districts. I would like to ask that the City of Santa Clara be included with Santa Clara County and Silicon Valley instead of Fremont and Oakland in the East Bay. Santa Clara is the heart of Silicon Valley and has much more in common with communities like San Jose, Cupertino, Los Altos and Mountain View than with the East Bay.

You would be much better served including East San Jose areas like Alum Rock and East Foothills in an East Bay district, they align with Fremont much more than Santa Clara.

It is clear that you are splitting communities of interest by putting Santa Clara in an East Bay district, hurting the Silicon Valley and South Bay communities.

Thank you.

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From: Dan Beerman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 17:50:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dan Beerman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposition to Recent Assembly District Map

Message Body:

(Text of Letter sent 7-22-11 from the City of Santa Clara Mayor and City Manager)

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Sincerely,

(Signed)

Jamie L. Matthews, Mayor

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