

July 7, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission



Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of Plantronics, the largest business employer in Santa Cruz, I am writing to recommend that the city of Santa Cruz not be split into two Congressional districts. We believe this would undermine the potential for common interests within Santa Cruz to gain the attention of any member of Congress. In previous years of redistricting, our home county of Santa Cruz has been split between two US House districts, two State Senate districts, and two State Assembly districts. Santa Cruz County is the smallest county in California, and continuing to draw new lines makes it more and more difficult to unite, which is the only way the voice of the city and county can be heard.

Santa Cruz provides the collective efforts of a unified, welcoming community that tourism is based on. The people of Santa Cruz are banded together by the economic dependability on tourism and visitor services, and by splitting a small city of 60,000 into different constituencies, the local economy would suffer. Santa Cruz also places a strong emphasis on the future through its furtherance of higher education and high tech markets. The economy and plans for the future are two of the strongest commonalities the eastern and western portions of Santa Cruz share; redistricting could severely impact the further progress of both by hindering the allied support of the city of Santa Cruz as a whole.

The bottom line is this: redistricting has its benefits when effectively implemented, but splitting something so small and slightly remote from other population centers has turned it into a community without a voice. Santa Cruz needs, more than anything, an opportunity to be represented on issues that are vital to its people, city, and county.

Thank You,

Ken Kannappan  
CEO, Plantronics Inc.

**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Danny Keith <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 06:18:09 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Danny Keith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do not split Santa Cruz

Message Body:

As the Chief Development Officer for Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County I ask you to please refrain from splitting Santa Cruz into two congressional districts as it would could seriously impact our cities ability to apply and acquire federal funding for social services.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Emily Bernard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 05:28:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Emily Bernard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: do NOT split Santa Cruz - please!

Message Body:

Please do NOT split Santa Cruz into two separate districts. The divide would greatly harm our county as a whole.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Matt Farell <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 05:20:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Matt Farell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District Bounda

Message Body:

Please ensure that Santa Cruz county is represented as a political unit in the new legislative districts. We are a small county and would really be jeopardized by split representation. Thank you for your efforts and consideration. I know this is a very challenging assignment. Wishing you the best!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Andrea Mangini <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 04:00:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Andrea Mangini <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I object to the proposed redistricting for the City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

As a resident of the City of Santa Cruz, I object to the proposed redistricting which would divide our small, coherent city into separate congressional districts. Our community is a tightly woven place, and dividing us will make our voices weaker in State Government, and frankly makes no sense at all. This action will divide a small city against itself and is just wrong. Please please reconsider. Thank you in advance for considering my comment.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** "Jane R. Schwickerath" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 03:35:12 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jane R. Schwickerath <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Leave the City of Santa Cruz alone!!! I oppose any redistricting that would divide the small city of Santa Cruz, CA. I'm a 56 year old VOTER, ageriatric social worker, and I talk politics with friends, family and neighbors.

Jane R. Schwickerath

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** "Cynthia M. Berger" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 02:37:10 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cynthia M. Berger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Cruz all in one district!

Message Body:

We have many issues, not least among them - water access and droughts - that affect the city area as a whole entity, since it is a small high density city. Do not split this city in half, it will cause more expenses and problems given the current CA budget climate. The City has a redevelopment agency - the County doesn't. Splitting representation really waters down the voice of the entity of Santa Cruz, which is also in the second-smallest county. The integrity of the city should be respected.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** "Cynthia M. Berger" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 02:32:39 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cynthia M. Berger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Cruz all in one district!

Message Body:

We have many issues, not least among them - water access and droughts - that affect the city area as a whole entity, since it is a small high density city. Do not split this city in half, it will cause more expenses and problems given the current CA budget climate. The City has a redevelopment agency - the County doesn't. Splitting representation really waters down the voice of the entity of Santa Cruz, which is also in the second-smallest county. The integrity of the city should be respected.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Alan Allwardt <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 01:38:24 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alan Allwardt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please don't split city of Santa cruz

Message Body:

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** "Gary A. Patton" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 01:36:37 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Gary A. Patton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please Don't Split The City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

News reports and emails in my inbox indicate that there is at least one possible Congressional redistricting plan in this area that would split the City of Santa Cruz between two different Congressional Districts.

I have lived in the City most of my life (I am 68 this year), and believe that the City (as an entity) really is a true "community of interest." There is lots of political engagement (on all sides) in the City, and getting people motivated to participate (again on all sides) is hard when things are confusing. Having two members of Congress serving different parts of a small city like Santa Cruz will discourage, not promote the kind of citizen involvement that I hope the Commission's ultimate plan will stimulate.

Thanks for taking my very strongly felt views into account.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** "Cheryl L. Stoops" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 00:56:24 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cheryl L. Stoops <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Redistricting in Santa Cruz County

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

As you review options, I strongly urge you to not split Santa Cruz County. We are the smallest county in California, and have already been divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts. Comprised of only 4 cities who rely on economic drivers such as tourism, a university and high tech. Separating the county seat from the majority of its citizens is simply dysfunctional. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** chris arkenberg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 00:47:08 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: chris arkenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: please do not split our district!

Message Body:

Please do not split our city into two congressional districts. We have only 60k people - one of the smallest county in Ca - yet must compete with Silicon Valley just 35 miles away. Splitting our district would drastically undermine our ability to represent our interests effectively and would introduce unnecessary bureaucracy into our community, its extended business dependents, and the greater Silicon Valley region.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chris.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Jane Forbes <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 00:32:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jane Forbes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do not split Santa Cruz into 2 congressional districts

Message Body:

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Heather Mietz Egli <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 00:25:36 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Heather Mietz Egli <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Please don't split Santa Cruz during the upcoming redistricting process. This makes no sense-we are and have a small town mentality, and in these times, our community needs to be as cohesive as possible. The whole city of Santa Cruz is politically and socially similar, and it just makes sense to not split our city up.

Best regards,

Heather

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Lynne Wittenberg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 00:17:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lynne Wittenberg <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Monterey Bay Area congressional district

Message Body:

I would like to keep the City of Santa Cruz entirely within a Monterey Bay Area congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Sara Smith <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 00:10:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sara Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Rediscticting

Message Body:

Keep Santa Cruz in one district. We have so many challenges as a county, that it only makes things more complicated to have our county split into different voting districts. PLEASE DO NOT separate us.

We need to continue to find support to build a more unified community - Let me know what more I can do to help prevent this idea of separating us apart.

Sara Smith RN - Public Health Nurse

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Sandy Silver <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 7 Jul 2011 00:04:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sandy Silver <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Reject separation of our County

Message Body:

Santa Cruz County has only four incorporated cities. We were separated once before and lost our voice. Having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole. Please reject any thoughts of dividing our City.

Thank you.

Sandy Silver

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Ilse Rowe <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 23:50:37 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ilse Rowe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split our city!

Message Body:

Please do not split Santa Cruz City and County in the new redistricting process. We have been disenfranchised for the last ten years by being divided among two legislators, both at the state and national level. It is high time to correct this and we count on you to do it. Thank you. Ilse Rowe

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Andrea Cohen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 23:46:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Andrea Cohen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please do not split Santa Cruz into pieces when you redistrict

Message Body:

Please do not split our community when you redistrict. Our community already has challenges with gangs and neighborhood "problems" and people "taking sides" on issues when we should be coming together and collaborating and acting like one community.

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share community interests in media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

Help keep our community from becoming even more dysfunctional then it already is.

Thank you in advance.

Best always,

Andrea

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Pete Shanks <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 23:43:34 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Pete Shanks <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I strongly urge you not to split our city. Santa Cruz is not that big, and we are used to cooperating with the rest of the Monterey Bay. Indeed the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center is being built here. Please do not divide our community.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Brian Murtha <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 23:41:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Brian Murtha <[REDACTED]>

Subject: congressional Districts

Message Body:

No - you can't split a small town like Santa Cruz. (We live here because we are not a community of interest with San Jose.)

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Kathleen Peppard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 23:18:39 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kathleen Peppard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Against the redistricting-Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I am against the redistricting of Santa Cruz County because the eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.  
and

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

Thanks

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** micah posner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 23:14:33 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: micah posner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: breaking up the city of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Dear Line Drawers,

Please do not divide the city of Santa Cruz in half due to some relatively arcane law about Monterey. That would be terrible for my community. I voted for redistricting twice so as to more geographical representation, not less. Santa Cruz is one of the more geographically coherent cities in the state. We work together, as a community to interact with our state and national officials. For example, my bicycle advocacy organization (People Power) is working closely with Sam Farr to create a train and trail system. We have 300 members in the city of Santa Cruz who share similar aspirations around transportation and want me to be in contact with Sam Farr's office on their behalf. Do not divide us.

Micah Posner

Director, People Power

for more info on People Power see [peoplepowersc.org](http://peoplepowersc.org)

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Lysa <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 22:53:59 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lysa <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please do not divide the City of Santa Cruz! We have a cohesive community that works together to make things better for all citizens. Dividing the city would weaken our ability to work together for the good of all the citizens of our town.

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Don Brookes <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 22:34:51 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Don Brookes <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Proposed redistricting

Message Body:

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** "M. Kathryn Tobisch" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 22:34:48 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: M. Kathryn Tobisch <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposal to split Santa Cruz into 2 Congressional Districts

Message Body:

Hello Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As a 35 year resident of the City of Santa Cruz, I am writing in opposition of the proposal to split Santa Cruz, CA into two Congressional Districts that I understand you are considering.

At 60,000 the City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided. This would have a negative impact on our ability to get federal grants and attention.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

For all of the above reasons, keep Santa Cruz in 1 Congressional District.

Sincerely,

M. Kathryn Tobisch

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Stuart Branoff <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 22:20:43 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Stuart Branoff <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts

Message Body:

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Allison Endert <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 21:54:01 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Allison Endert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please don't divide the City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

July 7, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposal to divide the City of Santa Cruz into two separate Congressional Districts. The entire City of Santa Cruz should remain whole within the Monterey Bay Congressional District.

Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect half of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz. The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

If the proposal to split the City of Santa Cruz was implemented, the boundaries would not match either the State Senate or the State Assembly boundaries leading to confusion and disenfranchisement.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having half the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) in a different Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

With a population of nearly 60,000, the City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process. It does not make sense to divide such a small city.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two Congressional Districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts. The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the Congressional and Assembly levels.

Please preserve the entire City of Santa Cruz in the Monterey Bay Congressional District. Our region's future depends on your Commission's actions.

Sincerely,

Allison Endert

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Mary Castro <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 21:36:26 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Castro <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Proposed Redistricting for the City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

To Whom it May Concern;

I'm writing to oppose the proposed redistricting for the City of Santa Cruz.

The City of Santa Cruz is the County Seat of Santa Cruz County. To have the City of Santa Cruz in a different Congressional District than the rest of the County would not make sense and would further disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In 2001 the County of Santa Cruz (the smallest county in California) was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts and now you propose another division at the House and Assembly levels. I realize the purpose is to represent the many diverse communities that call Santa Cruz County their home however, more dividing can, and in my opinion will, cause more problems since every district will have its own agenda. No one will have the incentive to find creative ways to build a sense of community. Rather, each district will be autonomous with a possibility of duplicate requests for federal grants and attention.

Thank you,

Mary Castro

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Marlene Majewska <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 21:30:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marlene Majewska <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting city into 2

Message Body:

Please do not split our tiny county into 2 different districts.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz

Please reconsider.

Thank you,

Marlene Majewska

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** judy warner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 21:20:11 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: judy warner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Please keep the City of Santa Cruz in the same Congressional and Assembly Districts. We are a small coastal community of interest as a county seat, economic center, core of higher education, focal point of marine sciences and environmentally friendly/green technologies. Our citizens can best be served by keeping the city in one congressional district and one assembly district.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Casey Protti <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 21:19:46 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Casey Protti <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please don't split Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I am writing to voice my concern around the latest proposal to split the City of Santa Cruz into two districts. The City of Santa Cruz shares a community of interest economically and socially. By splitting Santa Cruz, you are essentially divesting us of our representation. We are one of the smallest cities you are thinking about dividing and by doing so, you are taking a strong community and making it weak in the political system.

Please keep Santa Cruz whole in your redistricting efforts.

Sincerely,

Casey Protti

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Sandy Skees [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 20:55:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Sandy Skees [REDACTED]

**Subject:** DO NOT split the City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

At nearly 60,000, the City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

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Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Donna Blitzer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 20:24:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Donna Blitzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do not split city of Santa Cruz -CD 17

Message Body:

I strongly urge you to keep the City of Santa Cruz whole in the Congressional District 17. Santa Cruz is a small city and splitting it would make it difficult to obtain federal grants and adequate representation. Also, putting it in another district would not keep the community of interest intact based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor service, higher education and high tech. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect most of the city from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of Santa Cruz County. Please do not disenfranchise us.

Thank you for your serious consideraton

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Jeremy Wolff <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 20:14:58 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jeremy Wolff <[REDACTED]>

Subject: The city of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I want to urge you not to split the city of Santa Cruz into two separate Congressional Districts. Having attended four years of school in Santa Cruz I can say that the city is a unique, active and dedicated community and to deplete it's influence by separating a community of interest into two different Congressional Districts would be disappointing to say the least.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Joan akers <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 20:06:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Joan akers <[REDACTED]>

Subject: new boundaries

Message Body:

Do not split Santa Cruz into two districts.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Jessica Perry <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 19:50:48 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jessica Perry <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Concerns about proposed Santa Cruz redistricting

Message Body:

Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

Please reconsider this proposed redistricting.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Reyna Ruiz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 18:58:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Reyna Ruiz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I have deep concerns about your proposal to split the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts. This would really hurt our ability to compete for federal grants and attention. We are also one of the smallest cities in California to be split.

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

Please do not split up the City of Santa Cruz!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Justin Meek <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 18:40:48 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Justin Meek <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Santa Cruz

Message Body:

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Carolyn Livingston <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 18:14:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carolyn Livingston <[REDACTED]>

Subject: No to splitting the City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Do not split the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts because dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Nancy Wood <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:43:01 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Nancy Wood <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Don't split the City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

To the commission:

I am writing to protest splitting the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts. Our city is a united whole; the eastern and western portions of the City share a community of interest based on our local economy of tourism, visitor services, higher education and high tech.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the City from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

Keep our City in one District.  
Nancy Wood

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Jennifer Wills <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:42:09 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jennifer Wills <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep the City of Santa Cruz in the same district.

Message Body:

I am concerned about the proposed splitting of the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts. Already our county is split into different districts and this causes confusion around election time as well as a dilution of our representation.

We are the smallest county and one of the small cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

Please consider leaving the entire city of Santa Cruz in the same district.

Thank you

-Jennifer Wills

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Jody Croce <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:39:00 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jody Croce <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Do not cut our community in pieces. We are small enough as is and will be unable to compete for federal dollars. This is unfair.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Deborah Thoits <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:33:33 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Deborah Thoits <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Santa Cruz County was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts in 2001. I understand the Commission is considering to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

Please do not take this action, we need to have the unity that is now provided for.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Edward Ted Altenberg [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:32:05 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Edward "Ted" Altenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split Santa Cruz!

Message Body:

Why are you proposing to split the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts? This would really hurt our ability to compete for federal grants and attention. We are also one of the smallest cities in California to be split. The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Jim Thoits <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:24:22 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jim Thoits <[REDACTED]>

Subject: re-districting

Message Body:

In 2001 Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts in that redistricting.

The Commission is now considering to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

I urge you not to allow this to happend and leave the current district boundaries as they are.

Jim Thoits

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Gary Reece <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:13:25 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Gary Reece <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Proposed split of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I am urging your commission to reconsider splitting the City of Santa Cruz into two separate districts. The effect of this is to diminish the influence of Santa Cruz since it will become the step child for each elected representative. Santa Cruz is the smallest city that such a split has been proposed. The concept of regions having similar needs is totally ignored when a small area like Santa Cruz that is physically isolated from Silicon Valley and Monterey County is politically split from its immediate surrounding government units. Please reconsider your recommendation.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Margaret Leonard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:05:18 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Margaret Leonard <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Santa Cruz is a unique area in this state and deserves a voice in Sacramento. We drive an amazing amount of tourism and preserve vast acres of natural resources. Our concerns are unique to this special place.

Please don't split apart this significant resource for California.

Together we can make Santa Cruz fulfill it's great potential!

Thanks,

Margaret Leonard

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Douglas Kellogg <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 16:48:51 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Douglas Kellogg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do not split Santa Cruz!

Message Body:

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I urge you not to split Santa Cruz into two districts. Ryan Coonerty, the Mayor of Santa Cruz, has raised the key issues outlined below. I have a great deal of respect for Ryan as a moderate and pragmatic leader who is focused on improving the community, rather than politics. I therefore share his concerns, and urge you to reconsider dividing Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,

Doug Kellogg

Santa Cruz Resident

Professor of Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology, UCSC

Concerns about dividing Santa Cruz:

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Leslie Steiner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 16:22:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Leslie Steiner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please leave Santa Cruz County "whole" as we are a community that works together. Politically splitting the County in half could interfere with local progress.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** janet swann <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 16:21:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: janet swann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redisricting

Message Body:

Please do not divide up our the city of Santa Cruz in creating new districts. We are one community and should be represented as such. We want to be able to elect representatives who know our community and respect the diversity. This is not fair or in the spirit of our city to be divided.

thank you,  
Janet Swann

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Peter Koht [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 16:20:21 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Peter Koht [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Santa Cruz

**Message Body:**

Please don't split our representation again.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts which has made us less than competitive for federal funding opportunities.

The plan before you now will once more divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

Please rethink this plan and make sure that this iconic community be given the representation that it deserves at the federal and state level.

Best,  
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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Zach Friend [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 16:08:22 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Zach Friend [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed Congressional Districts

Message Body:

Dear Commission:

Thank you for all of your hard work during this difficult process. I am writing as the principal analyst for the Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD). One of my main roles here at SCPD is to obtain grant funding for equipment and personnel. As you can imagine, especially during this budget climate, this funding provides a lifeline.

A few years ago we were slated to lay off police officers for the first time in our agency's history. We had applied for federal COPS funding and in an exceptionally competitive process we received the funding. This funding came in after we had provided layoff notices and ensured that these officers would not have to leave the force. Our local Congressman, Sam Farr, played an important advocacy role for that funding. We fear with the proposed lines, that split our city in half, we will lose that strong voice and advocate. We would like to respectfully request that the commission consider the original lines (proposed a few weeks ago) in order to maintain our department's voice in our congressional district.

Thank you!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** David M Harrington [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 15:53:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** David M Harrington [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Santa Cruz

Message Body:

July 8, 2011

Dear Citizen's Redistricting Commission:

As a citizen of the City of Santa Cruz, I am extremely distressed to read that your Commission is proposing to split our city into two congressional districts. This is a very bad idea. If enacted, this proposed split would damage Santa Cruz City and the County of Santa Cruz in many ways. It would erect artificial barriers between naturally-existing communities, divide us politically, inject pointless political strife into our community, and weaken our collective ability to obtain the federal funds and attention we deserve.

Please do not split the City of Santa Cruz.

Thank you,  
David M. Harrington

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Kelsey Ramage [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 15:35:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Kelsey Ramage [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Keep Santa Cruz intact

**Message Body:**

Please set the boundaries so that Santa Cruz is not divided up. Santa Cruzans care deeply about working together. Thank you for agreeing with us.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Nora Hochman [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 15:26:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Nora Hochman [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Division of City of Santa Cruz

**Message Body:**

Thank you for your good work on the Citizen's Commission to redraw our representational boundaries. This is long, thankless work but I thank you for your contributions.

Please include this comment that to (again)divide the City of Santa Cruz among more than one Congressional district will split the largest city in the smallest California county into two representational districts, thereby defying the city's natural community of interest.

Small towns and cities need to be preserved in order to make an impact on statewide and national legislation.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Ron Swenson [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 14:46:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Ron Swenson [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Do not divide Santa Cruz

**Message Body:**

Please do not divide the city of Santa Cruz. We are too small an economic unit to justify the consequent lack of cohesion and difficulty of pulling together resources for initiatives of many types. My objection has nothing to do with partisan politics, just the practicalities.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** David Harrison [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 14:44:08 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: David Harrison [REDACTED]

Subject: dividing the city of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I understand the city of Santa Cruz may possibly be split up and no longer fall into a single congressional district. This will severely hamper our ability to act as a city on the federal level. Everything we do will have to be done twice when other, much larger cities will only have one district, therefore diluting our political influence and resources. In a time when recruitment of new voters and registration drives are a priority, this may only disenfranchise our young citizens. I beg you to consider keeping Santa Cruz, a city of less than 60,000, as one district and not dividing our community.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Anina Van Alstine <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 14:08:40 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Anina Van Alstine <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please do not split my city ( Santa Cruz) into two districts. Thank you. Anina Van Alstine

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Cynthia Hawthorne <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 14:07:57 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cynthia Hawthorne <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please do not split our SCCS district

Message Body:

I am a board trustee for Santa Cruz City Schools.

The draft plan for our Santa Cruz region splits our school district, Santa Cruz City Schools, and will unravel many years of work to unify our parents and students as identifying as members of one community working together to benefit every student.

Splitting the City of Santa Cruz from Live Oak and the City of Soquel will make it difficult for our School District to pass parcel taxes and school bond measures and may risk our ability to secure grants. Please do not spilt our SCCS School district in two.

At a fiscal time that we are working hard to pull together for schools and students, it is disheartening to have the commission split our Santa Cruz region apart.

Cynthia Hawthorne  
Board President  
Santa Cruz City Schools

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Larry Wallerstein <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 14:01:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Larry Wallerstein <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Improper re-districting

Message Body:

The impact of your current re-drawing of the lines will literally destroy Santa Cruz, particularly in being able to acquire government funding. This City is trying to survive. Please rethink your current plan.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Jesse Ruben <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 13:29:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jesse Ruben <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: split of city into two districts

Message Body:

Recently I heard that there was a plan to split the City of Santa Cruz into two congressional districts. Given that the City of Santa Cruz is so small, 60,000 people, this will effectively disenfranchise our entire community. Please do not do this.

Thank you for your time.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** elizabeth borelli <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 13:03:21 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: elizabeth borelli <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Soquel

Message Body:

The Citizens Redistricting Commission is projecting to divide the Santa Cruz community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect most of us from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

This would really hurt our ability to compete for federal grants and attention. We are also one of the smallest cities in California to be split. We ask that this measure not be approved.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

**From:** Colin Brown <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 12:41:33 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Colin Brown <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Don't split Santa Cruz! City is small and would be unduly disadvantaged. We are already disadvantaged enough by having a large percentage of pot smokers, homeless, and refugee derelicts. Don't make it more difficult for us to qualify for federal largesse.

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**Subject:** Letter from Santa Cruz County Supervisor Neal Coonerty

**From:** Allison Endert <[REDACTED]@cruz.ca.us>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 14:57:12 -0700

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

Hello,

I am attaching a letter on behalf of Supervisor Neal Coonerty.

Allison Endert  
County Supervisor's Analyst  
Supervisor Neal Coonerty-Third District

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@cruz.ca.us

**Sup. Coonerty Redistricting LTR.pdf**



# County of Santa Cruz

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July 6, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
[REDACTED]

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposal to divide the City of Santa Cruz, which I represent on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, into two separate Congressional Districts. The entire City of Santa Cruz should remain whole within the Monterey Bay Congressional District.

Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect half of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County, and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz. The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education, and high tech.

If the proposal to split the City of Santa Cruz was implemented, the boundaries would not match either the State Senate or the State Assembly boundaries leading to confusion and disenfranchisement.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having half the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) in a different Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

With a population of nearly 60,000, the City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process. It does not make sense to divide such a small city.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two Congressional Districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts. The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the Congressional and Assembly levels.

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Please preserve the entire City of Santa Cruz in the Monterey Bay Congressional District. Our region's future depends on your Commission's actions.

Sincerely,



NEAL COONERTY, Supervisor  
Third District

NC:lg

cc: Vincent Barabba, Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Ryan Coonerty, Mayor, City of Santa Cruz

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**Subject:** Do not divide City of Santa Cruz

**From:** sue reynoldson [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 17:09:27 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Committee:

Please do not divide the City of Santa Cruz! We are too small to be divided once again.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz. This would destroy our city as a coherent polity.

Sue Reynoldson  
35 year resident

**Subject:** congressional redistricting

**From:** Kurt Grutzmacher [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 07:35:37 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To: Redistricting Commission:

At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.

The eastern and western portions of the City of Santa Cruz share a community of interest based on our media and local economy of tourism and visitor services, higher education and high tech.

With only four incorporated cities in Santa Cruz County, having the the City of Santa Cruz (County Seat of Santa Cruz County) not in the same Congressional District would disenfranchise the County as a whole.

In the 2001 redistricting, Santa Cruz County, the smallest county in California, was divided between two US House districts, two State Senate districts and two State Assembly districts.

The Commission is projecting to divide the community once again at the House and Assembly levels. Dividing the City of Santa Cruz would disconnect the most of the City of Santa Cruz from the shared community of interest of Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz.

Please do not split Santa Cruz in to 2 congressional districts

Sincerely,

Kurt B. Grutzmacher

[REDACTED]  
Santa Cruz CA  
95060

**Subject:** City of Santa Cruz

**From:** Teresa Thomae <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 06 Jul 2011 12:14:52 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

As Director of the Small Business Development Center serving the Monterey Bay area, I am acutely aware of the importance of the boundaries you are considering. As a regional economy struggling to leverage regional resources, it is imperative that the City of Santa Cruz not be divided into multiple districts. This would not allow us to access desperately needed grant funds and would further dilute the already thin resources we need for an economic turnaround. Please keep the City of Santa Cruz to one region. I thank you for your consideration and for your efforts to make California a better place to do business.

Regards,

Teresa Thomae

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Teresa Thomae

Director

Central Coast Small Business Development Center

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