

Subject: No to Santa Cruz!

From: Connell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 15:27:59 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Please do not split the City of Santa Cruz into two congressional districts!

This would really hurt our ability to compete for federal grants and attention, as one of the smallest cities in California to be split.

Thank you,

Connell O'Donovan
Santa Cruz

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Robert Oatey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 06:00:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Robert Oatey <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Keep the City of Santa Cruz whole

Message Body:

I am writing to ask the CCRC to consider allowing the City of Santa Cruz to remain whole within the "MONTEREY" congressional district (as they have titled what is now CD 17). As a Santa Cruz City Employee and Santa Cruz City labor leader, the prospect of dissecting Santa Cruz seems to be problematic on a number of levels.

1. At nearly 60,000, City of Santa Cruz is one of the smallest cities to be divided in the current statewide redistricting process.
2. 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. This could potentially put these two sides at odds as well as causing them to struggle individually as opposed to thriving together.
3. 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. This could result in a lack of attention and consideration for federal grants. These federal grants have been instrumental for or city in recent years in order to maintain public safety personnel (SAFER grant, 2010) and procure essential public safety equipment (AFG grants, 2011). With out this assistance, our cities public safety agencies would have been unsafe and understaffed. This potential division on our city threatens our ability to compete for these opportunities.
4. 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. These multiple divisions with further complicate our ability to maintain our autonomy and ability to participate in the legislative process.
5. 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.

Please take these concerns under careful consideration and please keep the City of Santa Cruz whole. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Rob Oatey
President, Santa Cruz City Firefighters, L1716

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Brandon McCord <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 05:39:37 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Brandon McCord <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Dont redraw split santa cruz

Message Body:

Hi,

Please do not draw lines to split the county of santa cruz. We have a ton of minorities here who are drawn to the vast amount of minorities here. Drawing lines will only hinder those non profits from getting federal grants.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Wolfgang Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 04:57:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wolfgang Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split up this city.

Message Body:

By any measure I can think of it makes no sense to split up the city of Santa Cruz.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Stephanie Mendoza <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 04:52:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Stephanie Mendoza <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting SC into 2 Districts

Message Body:

I am really against you changing Santa Cruz into two districts. Splitting us doesn't make sense. Please keep it the way it is.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: skip spitzer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 04:06:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: skip spitzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SANTA CRUZ

Message Body:

Splitting our city? that will have a terrible effect on our civic life! PLEASE DO NOT SPLIT OUR CITY!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Steve Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 04:04:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Steve Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: the absurdity of dividing a city of 50 thousand

Message Body:

this proposal is laughable. why would the commission divide a city of this size in half? the city has one city council, one mayor , one county supervisor and one school district. 2 congressmembers? absurd. we have so much in common, including: the monterey bay, UCSC, our natural resources and highways 1 and 17. dividing our city in half will reduce any chance of federal dollars that can be used to make infrastructure improvements to zero.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Rita Hester <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 03:06:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rita Hester <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SPlitting Santa Cruz CItY betwee two districts!

Message Body:

I want to let you know that I am opposed to splitting Santa Cruz into two separate congressional districts.

It makes it much harder for us to get federal grants and other funding.

Please reconsider this plan to spit Santa Cruz city.

Thank you,

Rita Hester

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Shirley Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 02:37:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Shirley Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting lines

Message Body:

Please don't divide Santa Cruz into 2 districts! Actually, please don't divide any town into 2 districts. People of a community need to remain together.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Chris Niemitz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 01:28:55 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chris Niemitz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting up town

Message Body:

I am outraged by the redistricting commission. First you join Scotts Valley with Orange County, now you are splitting Santa Cruz. Unacceptable & just goes to show what a sham the whole "redistricting to save incumbents seats" thing is.

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From: "Christopher DiMaio,M.D." <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 00:33:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Christopher DiMaio,M.D. <[REDACTED]>

Subject: dividing Santa Cruz

Message Body:

The continued division of Santa Cruz County is irresponsible. The proposed division of Santa Cruz city is gerrymandering our county again.Don't do it! That's why we voted for fair redistricting!No Gerymandering division of Santa Cruz County or Santa Cruz City!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Doug Urbanus <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 00:05:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Doug Urbanus <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed division of the City of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

It's beyond me that for the sake of an archaic and dubious risk of shorting a congressional district by a 2% Latino minority in exchange for an "automatic" federal approval, that a gross disenfranchisement of the residents of the City of Santa Cruz is being contemplated. Frankly the risk is small and the harm outrageous. How many years must this County and now the city of its namesake be diced and minced?

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Germaine Akin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 23:41:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Germaine Akin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I do NOT want to see our City split into seperate districts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Janis Baldwin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 23:00:27 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Janis Baldwin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please do not divide Santa Cruz into more than one district. Our city is too small to even be considered.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Christopher Wolters <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 22:56:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Christopher Wolters <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting our small town

Message Body:

I want to voice my concern regarding the splitting a small town like Santa Cruz into two separate districts. This is an outrageous idea. We are already split and spread thin being a university town. Please keep Santa Cruz in one piece when the lines are drawn.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Chrissann McCann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 22:53:26 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chrissann McCann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting - DON'T SPLIT MY CITY!!!!

Message Body:

Please do not split the City of Santa Cruz into 2 congressional districts. We are a city that does not qualify for many grants due to being classified as "rural", even though we have a very high cost of living and are within easy commuting distance to San Francisco. The biggest problems I see with splitting us up into 2 districts are making us eligible for even more federal funding and loss of voter power. We would be one of the smallest cities to be split. PLEASE DO NOT SPLIT SANTA CRUZ!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Peg Flechtner <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 22:48:44 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peg Flechtner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Do not split the city of Santa Cruz into 2 districts

Message Body:

The city of Santa Cruz is too small to be divided into 2 districts. It makes no sense!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Don Honda <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 22:36:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Don Honda <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I like the new recommendations that split Santa Cruz into two districts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: "Connell O'Donovan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 22:25:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Connell O'Donovan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: No on Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Please do not split the City of Santa Cruz into two congressional districts. This would really hurt our ability to compete for federal grants and attention, as one of the smallest cities in California to be split.

Thank you for your attention,

Connell O'Donovan

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: "Steven D. Penrose" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 22:18:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Steven D. Penrose <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting City of Santa Cruz between two districts

Message Body:

The Commission is projecting to divide our 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 with Monterey County, San Benito County and the majority of the County of Santa Cruz. Please do not split us off from the rest of the region to which we belong. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Chrissann McCann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 21:53:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chrissann McCann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting - DON'T SPLIT MY CITY!!!!

Message Body:

Please do not split the City of Santa Cruz into 2 congressional districts. We are a city that does not qualify for many grants due to being classified as "rural", even though we have a very high cost of living and are within easy commuting distance to San Francisco. The biggest problems I see with splitting us up into 2 districts are making us eligible for even more federal funding and loss of voter power. We would be one of the smallest cities to be split. PLEASE DO NOT SPLIT SANTA CRUZ!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: "Elizabeth L. Burton" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 21:52:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth L. Burton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting SC

Message Body:

Please do not split Santa Cruz into 2 districts- this will divide our votes. Thank You

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Chrissann McCann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 21:52:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chrissann McCann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting - DON'T SPLIT MY CITY!!!!

Message Body:

Please do not split the City of Santa Cruz into 2 congressional districts. We are a city that does not qualify for many grants due to being classified as "rural", even though we have a very high cost of living and are within easy commuting distance to San Francisco. The biggest problems I see with splitting us up into 2 districts are making us eligible for even more federal funding and loss of voter power. We would be one of the smallest cities to be split. PLEASE DO NOT SPLIT SANTA CRUZ!

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From: ALLISON GUEVARA <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 21:39:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: ALLISON GUEVARA <[REDACTED]>

Subject: dividing santa cruz

Message Body:

Please do NOT cut the City of Santa Cruz down the middle. Don't divide communities of interest.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Joseph Eugene <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 20:03:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joseph Eugene <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split Santa Cruz!

Message Body:

I just heard there's a plan to split the city of Santa Cruz in redistricting. That's crazy! It's too small to consider splitting, for one thing.

For another, the reason given is to reach a certain threshold of minority representation in Monterey County. Well, Santa Cruz is one of the whitest cities around (not desirable, just an observation); including it will tip the Monterey balance back toward whites.

Include Live Oak if necessary. But Freedom Boulevard in Aptos is the de facto dividing line between white North County and Hispanic South County. If more minority voters are needed, going east makes more sense than coming north.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Jim Brown <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 20:01:40 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jim Brown <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't Divide Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Santa Cruz County has been divided long enough. We form a solid community of interest throughout the Monterey Bay area for business, education, and tourism. This division has hurt our community in the past, and it will continue to hurt our community unless we can be unified along rational political dividing lines.

Please reconsider continuing to keep our community divided.

Thank you!

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: crystal birns <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 19:48:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: crystal birns <[REDACTED]>
Subject: redistricting through santa cruz

Message Body:

I realize your Commission has a challenging task, and appreciate all of your service toward this end. With that said, I'm concerned at the proposal to split the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts. We are one of the smallest cities in California to be split, and this move would hurt Santa Cruz' ability to be heard nationally, compete for federal grants, etc. Please reconsider this proposal.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Crystal Birns

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Tony Russomanno <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 19:38:26 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tony Russomanno <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Cruz split

Message Body:

The proposal to split the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional districts would hurt the city's ability to compete for federal grants. Santa Cruz would be one of the smallest cities in the state to be split. Please do not divide the City of Santa Cruz.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: John Kettles <jkett[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 19:35:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Kettles <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-districting - Please DO NOT split Santa Cruz

Message Body:

As one of the most attractive and vital cities in California, Santa Cruz is also in crisis with our budget. We are dependent on tourism dollars and we need all the help we can get dealing with the influx of millions of people into our town each year. Our resources are limited and the infrastructure of our city needs every dollar that it can get to fix potholes, improve traffic flow, so that tourists will want to come back to this area.

I am very concerned that they are proposing to split the City of Santa Cruz into two Congressional Districts. This would really hurt Santa Cruz' ability to compete for federal grants and attention. We are also one of the smallest cities in California to be split.

Please do not do this to our city, our citizens, as well as people from all over the world, would be negatively affected by this decision.

Most sincerely,
John Kettles

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: brooke towne <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 19:32:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: brooke towne <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SANTA CRUZ

Message Body:

Please do not split santa cruz up. thx

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Rose Filicetti <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 18:40:16 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rose Filicetti <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting Santa Cruz in Half for Congress

Message Body:

Please don't split our community in half for Congress - give us to the central coast.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Richelle Noroyan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 18:40:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richelle Noroyan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional Representation

Message Body:

Dear Commission,

I would greatly appreciate your commission reconsidering the current boundaries you have drawn for congressional representation as it pertains to Santa Cruz County. We are a small community of only 60,000 people. To have two Congressional representatives for our small city makes no sense, will be burdensome to local governments, and will completely dissipate our influence as a community to choose who we want to represent us. Dividing us up means we will be an insignificant blip on a representative's radar screen. At this time, we have wonderful access to our representative. We see him on a regular basis in our community, his staff is present in our community and his office has been excellent in providing good constituent services. It is highly doubtful in the current scenario that we'd ever see our representative or their staff as the district offices won't be anywhere near Santa Cruz.

Please consider keeping the current district the way it is with a few tweaks to address the civil rights issues. Breaking our town into two is not wise.

Best Regards,

Richelle Noroyan

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Andy Shapiro <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 18:35:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Andy Shapiro <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting Santa Cruz

Message Body:

I strongly encourage the commission to keep the city of Santa Cruz intact as part of the same district.

Thank you,

Andy Shapiro

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Peggy Overbeck <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 18:09:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Peggy Overbeck <[REDACTED]>

Subject: REdistricting

Message Body:

Please do not split Santa Cruz county in the redistricting. Leave it as one district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Cathy Perez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 18:00:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cathy Perez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Watsonville intact

Message Body:

Watsonville is the fastest growing city in Santa Cruz County. It should stay with Santa Cruz. Just because it is still an agricultural community does not mean it has more in common with Salinas, just as Gilroy has nothing in common with Santa Cruz.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Cathy Perez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 17:47:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cathy Perez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Splitting the city of Santa Cruz

Message Body:

Two congressional office holders looking out for Santa Cruz is better than one. I would love to see a split Santa Cruz.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Beth Landry <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 17:41:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Beth Landry <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't split our city!

Message Body:

Please do not split our unique city into two voting blocks!

Thank you,
Beth Landry

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From: "Catherine O'Kelly" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 15:21:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Catherine O'Kelly <[REDACTED]>

Subject: DO NOT SPLIT OUR COUNTY OR CITIES

Message Body:

I heard that you want to split our city of Santa Cruz just because some Latino voters were not included. WHAT????? That should NOT be your criteria. Districts should be GEOGRAPHICAL in my mind, and not divided up by potential voting outcomes. THAT IS MANIPULATION. My congressswoman is in San Mateo County. That's wrong. We should all have the SAME representative in Congress and the State legislature. Now we have Senator Blakeslee who lives FAR away from here and doesn't represent us here in this county at all.

Please don't make the same mistakes that were made before. DO NOT SPLIT UP OUR COUNTY OR CITIES.

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