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RE: Comments About Visualizations for Alameda County Districts

We, the undersigned, submit these comments in response to the Commission's July 1, 2011 Assembly and Senate visualizations for Alameda County districts. We make the following three comments about the Commission's visualizations.

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