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**From:** "Allen Payton" <[REDACTED]>  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2011 2:27 PM  
**Subject:** COCO district

Regarding Contra Costa County the COI testimony was to use the Richmond/Oakland/East Bay Hills as the dividing line between districts. They're ignoring it both with the Tri Valley cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore and the West Contra Costa County cities.

The West County cities of Hercules, Pinole and Richmond are all in the 510 area code and along the I-80 corridor, while the rest of Contra Costa County is in the 925 area code.

West County cities have more in common with Vallejo, Berkeley and Oakland than they do with the rest of Contra Costa County.

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**From:** "Ward Belding" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:38 PM  
**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Alameda  
From: Ward Belding <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Pleasanton

Message Body:

In general I support the work of the commission in drawing the new CA election districts. I believe the over-riding factor should be community of interest, broadly defined. From what I've seen, I think the commission has done a good job in following this guideline. I do not think special interest groups should be successful in pleading for modified boundaries, whether they be LGBT, Hispanic or whatever. We shouldn't cater to special interests whatever they may be. The legislative process must serve all the people.

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**From:** "Susan Swift" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:50 PM  
**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Susan Swift <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Dividing the City of Richmond

Message Body:  
HI there,

thank you for accepting and forwarding comments on re-districting. I realize that certain comments about favorite (existing) legislators is not to be factored in the discussion. This is a bit frustrating since stitting representatives do have allegiance to their current constituents, and that may be disadvantageous when areas such as where I live in West Contra Costa, are combined with districts with similar demographics (Oakland).

I am concerned about Dthe proposed division of parts o Richmond and West County and realigning this area with Alameda County cities of Oakland and Berkeley.

CUrrently all three cities (plus Emeryville) are competeing for econommic stimulus dollars and mega projects such as the Berkeley Labs expansion.

RIchmond is just beginning to see a revival of its port activity which would be stalled if the area were subsumed into the Oakland Port Authority.

The current jurisdictions allows for what government is meant to do: help level the playing field by equalizing the benefits of American freedom and ingenuity, redistributing wealth collected from taxes to ensure a safety net for the poor and less lable-bodied among us and guaranteeing equal access to education and other public assets like parks and recreational opportunities.

Contra Costa County with Richmond has a more diverse and balanced economic demographic than Contra Costa without Richmond.

It simply doesn't make sense to divide up the city to achieve some exact balance of census numbers - numbers that change everyday due to migration, birth and death, annexation of land from counties by cities and any number of other circumstances.

Please forward the concerns of voters, residents, citizens, and families who believe also that schools and school districts should be aligned with districts that have state representation.

Thank you!

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**From:** "Patricia Smith" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:24 AM  
**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa  
From: Patricia Smith <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Oppose dividing the city of Richmond in redistricting plan

Message Body:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen on the Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of Richmond. I strongly oppose dividing the City of Richmond between two districts. I urge you to consider the needs of Richmond as a whole and leave the entire City of Richmond in its current district.

Thank you,  
Patricia Smith  
Richmond

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