

Subject: Comment on proposed congressional maps

From: "Catharine Baker" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 07:56:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your work. As a California native, registered voter, and long-time East Bay area resident, I request that you use the East Bay Hills as a natural dividing line in drawing congressional maps in the communities of the East Bay Area, and revise your maps so that San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Danville, Livermore, and Sunol are kept together and kept with the other Bay Area communities east of the East Bay Hills. Please do NOT do not merge any of those towns with the Fremont, Hayward, Union City areas on the other side of the hills, as the first draft map did.

The East Bay hills are a physical barrier between Fremont-Hayward-Union City on the west side of the hills and Danville-San Ramon-Dublin-Pleasanton-Livermore-Sunol on the east side. They also create a natural valley that physically nestles together and unites the towns on the east side of the hills and their people. The hills are also a symbolic dividing line between the distinct communities on either side of the hills. The communities on the west side and the east side of the hills are completely different, whereas the communities listed above as being on the east side share common values and demographics. The people in Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Livermore, Pleasanton, for example, are much, much more likely to work, play, worship, go to school, and be active in social and community events within these neighboring towns east of the hills, and are much less likely to conduct these same aspects of daily life on the west side of the hills in Fremont, Union City, Hayward, and vice versa. The maps should reflect this physical and cultural, economic, and demographic, and physical reality. The communities on either side of the East Bay Hills deserve separate and distinct voices in Congress, and the maps should be drawn accordingly.

Thank you for your time.

Catharine Baker

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July 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Establishment of Bay Area Congressional Districts

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been watching, with great interest, the process by which your commission has been engaged over the past few months to establish new, logical, non gerrymandered Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts. In my opinion The, California Conservative Action Group (CCAG) has worked through this process and played by the rules to establish a sensible local Assembly District from Lamorinda to Livermore that will provide for fair elections in 2012. The local Senate District also appears to have been fairly drawn. I have grave concerns however, that the process to give us Congressional Districts that are appropriate does not appear to be working.

The people of the Tri-Valley deserve to be represented by a Congressperson who represents their concerns and values. This can only happen if the district is fairly established. I urge you to rethink the current direction of the discussions pertaining to the establishment of these Bay Area Congressional districts. In my opinion, it would be catastrophic if the process to draw reasonable districts broke down for the critically important selection of our next slate of congressional representatives.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



David Hoover

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Livermore, CA 94550
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Subject: East Bay Congressional Redistricting

From: Stephen Witt [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:33:04 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Looking at the Congressional districts for the East Bay as proposed by the Citizens Redistricting Commission I could not help but notice how the more conservative suburban parts of the East Bay have been carved up and mated with the most liberal more urban parts. This looks blatantly political to me and clearly stacks the deck against those of us with more conservative political beliefs. I support the map as proposed by the California Conservative Action Group as it would provide at least one competitive district as opposed to none. To deny conservatives even one opportunity for some representation in the East Bay disenfranchises us which is hardly fair. And isn't that what this process is all about, fairness? Is it really too much to ask that we have one fighting chance to elect someone who actually represents us? If it is truly about allowing all Americans to have a voice in government through their representative then we deserve nothing less than one competitive district.

Stephen Witt
Castro Valley

Subject: Congressional Districts

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 16:02:25 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

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July 21, 2011

To the Commission

Please keep to the intention of the voters by not gerrymandering the Congressional districts. Create common sense districts that use the Oakland-Richmond Hills as a natural dividing line. The volunteers of the California Conservative Action Group has given you maps that keep our Communities of Interest together. We are asking you to follow these maps for the creation of fair Congressional districts.

Thank you,
Tom and Anne Blake

[REDACTED]
Danville, CA 94526

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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)

July 23, 2011

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As a citizen of California and the United States of America, I demand fair representation and a fair chance of being better represented by my elected officials according to the configuration boundaries depicted by the California Conservative Action Group.

I urge you to accept the CCAP version for redrawing the lines of my district as the final map.

Sincerely,

C. Edward Garrett
San Leandro, California 94577

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Alameda

From: David Hoover <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011 18:14:12 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Message Body:

July 22, 2011

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