

Subject: Congressional Redistricting Committee

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/23/2011 11:53 AM

To: [REDACTED]

California Redistricting Commission

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It is your time to do a difficult and perhaps unpopular job. The individuals on the Commission were chosen to make it happen-- in spite of the challenges. It is your task to give back to California voters districts that represent the citizen's common interests. It is likely to change current elected officials' areas. Our representatives should be chosen and reelected not because of lines on a map but because of their outstanding performance in service to the citizenry.

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Sincerely,

Diana Toland

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Subject: Fair Districts

From: Rob Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:23 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

The redistricting argument continues. Again I urge "Fair" redistricting. Establishing new districts that would virtually guarantee election to any party, representative, or candidate would be cause for great concern, even political and legal redress.

I believe the Commission should absolutely follow their own guidelines and the intention of the voters. Stop any gerrymandering and create common sense districts. Use the Oakland/Richmond hills as a natural dividing line, use maps provided by grassroots volunteers as opposed to partisan political interests, and keep communities of interest together.

Without fair elections what do we become?

Sincerely,
Rob Johnson
Walnut Creek

Subject: do not split up the Nimitz (17) Freeway

From: Jerry <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:30 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

I challenge the commission members to get into a car with a full gas tank. Start in downtown Oakland in Chinatown, and I recommend you to get a pink box of dim sum. Get onto 14th (International Blvd), and drive south; at some point, the street name will change to Mission Blvd. Note the rather contiguous ethnic, cultural, culinary, and political landscape all the way to Fremont.

Next, do the same thing but take 580 or 680 over the hills to the interior valley. You will notice a rather startling difference.

One of your Assembly districts encompasses both, very different, areas.

This is a serious mistake.

There ought to be one large-ish assembly district that encompasses the Nimitz, and an entirely separate district than has the interior valley.

Sincerely,

Gerald Hashimoto,

Republican candidate who battled with the ridiculous CA CD9 that goes over the hills.

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From: Susan Barclay <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:34 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: Susan Barclay <[REDACTED]>

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

As you determine voting districts, I respectfully demand FAIR districts for the California East Bay. The CCAG redistricting map is the fair plan for all voters and will not disenfranchise East Bay Conservative voters.

Sincerely,

Susan G. Barclay, member ACRCC
Livermore, CA 94551