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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: State Senate Districts

Dear Commissioners:

The Town of Danville appreciates the work and efforts the Commission in formulating new State Assembly, State Senate and Congressional District boundaries in the most fair and impartial manner possible.

With respect to the State Senate Districts, the Town has become aware of the so-called "odd-even phenomenon" related to district numbering, wherein it is possible that certain districts could be left without a Senator that is duly elected by the voters of that District, for a period of two years, between 2012 and 2014. At the same time, the possibility exists that other districts could be represented by more than one duly elected Senator simultaneously.

As one of many Contra Costa cities located within Senate District 7, the Town of Danville feels that it is essential that the District at all times retain a Senate representative that is duly elected by, and accountable to the voters of this district. The breadth and scope of issues and interests that are of ongoing concern to the residents and cities of District 7 are such that "deferral" for two years, would pose a significant void in terms of having a voice, and the opportunity to affect decisions in Sacramento.

For these reasons, the Town Council urges the Commission to do everything possible to avoid such an occurrence with regard to District 7, as well as statewide.

Sincerely,

THE TOWN OF DANVILLE


Karen G. Stepper
Mayor

cc Town Council

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