

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Robert Blankenship <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 3 Jul 2011 08:31:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Robert Blankenship <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Division of the city of Richmond

Message Body:

Richmond is a city in its own right with a mix of black, white, poor and rich. Why take the poorer, blacker parts of the city and add them to Oakland's district? This smells of racial and economic segregation at a time when Richmond is beginning to get its act together. Dividing the citizen's political energy and focus by putting them in 2 separate districts will definitely harm the city

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From: Janet S Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 3 Jul 2011 17:47:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Janet S Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't divide Richmond!

Message Body:

Dear Commission members,

I am writing to urge you to rethink the way you have changed district boundaries in Contra Costa as they affect the city of Richmond.

Richmond suffers from many problems typical of low-income communities: high crime, high unemployment, poor public schools, and a high percentage of non-English speaking families, to name a few.

One positive, however, is that our community is coming together to combat these problems: citizens from all our diverse neighborhoods are united in their desire to create a more liveable city. It is not in the best interests of our beleaguered city to divide it into two Congressional districts.

A second consideration is that the proposed split would put Richmond in the same district as Oakland. As hard as these times have been for our city, Oakland's problems are considerably deeper. Under the proposed plan, Richmond's needs would be eclipsed by Oakland's greater difficulties. Our long-time Congressman George Miller has been a responsive and tireless advocate for Richmond; we need to continue this productive relationship and not be forced to get in line behind Oakland in Rep. Lee's office.

I join with our Mayor and City Council members in urging you to redraw the lines so that Richmond can remain unified and our ties to Congressman Miller's office can be maintained.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Patricia Kiely <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 3 Jul 2011 17:28:16 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patricia Kiely <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't Divide Richmond

Message Body:

Please do not divide Richmond. We need all the togetherness we can muster. Also, it is greatly important that we stay with George Miller so that we do not get "lost" in Barbara Lee's district.

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