

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carolyn Phinney <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 15:00:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carolyn Phinney <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Lamorinda Can Go With Berkeley

Message Body:

I am deeply concerned about Con. Barbara Lee's new district containing so many poor people and under-performing schools. I suggest putting Lamorinda together with Berkeley and put Richmond with George Miller, who has represented them for decades.

I live in Orinda. I believe that that Lamorinda (Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda) could be grouped with Berkeley and N. Oakland in drawing the lines. 1) Transportation along the Hwy 24 corridor and BART easily connects these and with the extra tunnel, more Berkeley employees will be able to live in Lamorinda. Personally, I drive to Berkeley and Emeryville to shop, eat out, and for entertainment, as these are closer and more accessible than Concord. 2) Students from Berkeley and Oakland come to Orinda schools with interdistrict transfers. 3) Lamorinda would add a very wealthy area to the Berkeley, Oakland district, helping to balance economic disparities otherwise created. 4) Lamorinda would add exceptional schools with expertise in how to become exceptional schools to a district badly in need of that expertise and help from volunteers and donations from Lamorinda. This could save the lives of so many children languishing in lousy schools and Lamorinda residents are big volunteers so!

they would make a difference. 5) Lamorinda is progressive, so electing minority candidates would still be possible. There would be no dilution or violation of the FVA. 6) Lamorinda has an activist base that will be heard, so they will not be lost in the shuffle, if kept with activists from Berkeley, whereas Richmond is already overwhelmed by Berkeley and needs to be separate from it. When Tony Thurmond (African American) ran for Assembly, I worked on his campaign and was told he could NEVER WIN because he was not from Berkeley. Richmond isn't strong enough to overcome Berkeley. 6) Lamorinda residents have little contact with San Ramon and Danville, which instead belong with the 680 corridor. 7) Many Lamorinda residents are CAL graduates and therefore participate as Alumni in CAL events.

In sum, I am concerned about lumping all the East Bay cities with great economic problems into one Congressional District. I believe that Lamorinda could go with either district and hence, placing it with Berkeley Oakland and moving Richmond to George Miller's district is a legitimate option for creating diversity and balance, without violating VRA. The big gain here is that the volunteer parents from Lamorinda would help Oakland schools. I personally identify more with and spend more time in Berkeley than the rest of Contra Costa County, as it is only 5 minutes away by car during non rush hour. I realize many people would prefer the complacency of leaving Lamorinda with the rich, white 680 corridor cities of Alamo, San Ramon, Danville. It think this is a terrible mistake from the perspective of social justice.

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To: Voter <[REDACTED]>

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On Fri, Jun 24, 2011 at 12:53 PM, Voter <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Subject:Contra Costa County Redistricting

Date:Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:23:33 -0700

From:Evan Ayers <[REDACTED]>

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Good afternoon. My name is Evan Ayers, Elections Services Specialist/Supervisor for the Contra Costa County Elections Office. Upon reviewing the 1st Draft Lines that were released earlier this month, our Mapping and Precincting Section discovered a few opportunities existed regarding Communities of Interest in Contra Costa County. I am submitting several solutions to Assembly, Senatorial and Congressional lines. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Evan Ayers
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Contra Costa County
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From: Vanessa Moreno <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 18:17:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Vanessa Moreno <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Oakley to areas geographically too far

Message Body:

Oakley needs to be represented by citizens who are geographically able to see the need for services relevant to Oakley. Placing Oakley as a "filler" in areas near Santa Rosa is OUTRAGEOUS. We are a small city, but we have a big voice in what happens to our city. We are a small city but we have a big heart to protect and care for the citizens within it. Do not place Oakley in a district covering Stockton, Yolo County, or even San Joaquin. These areas lack the insight of our city's needs and services. Oakley citizens maintain the need to have representation throughout and would like to be considered ODD. Having a custodian represent our city from a neighboring district is not beneficial for a growing city or the state of California and one best to avoid.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: "Mrs. Toni Favila" <t.favila@att.net>

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 15:55:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mrs. Toni Favila <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I have a question. Why will the city of Richmond be split in two under the present redistricting proposal? What is the criteria for redistricting? Thank you very much.

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