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From: "Allen Payton" <[REDACTED]>
To: "CA Citizens Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]> "Karin MacDonald"
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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 2:27 PM
Subject: COCO district

Regarding Contra Costa County the COI testimony was to use the Richmond/Oakland/East Bay Hills as the dividing line between districts. They're ignoring it both with the Tri Valley cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore and the West Contra Costa County cities.

The West County cities of Hercules, Pinole and Richmond are all in the 510 area code and along the I-80 corridor, while the rest of Contra Costa County is in the 925 area code.

West County cities have more in common with Vallejo, Berkeley and Oakland than they do with the rest of Contra Costa County.

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From: "Randy Khalil" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:21 PM
Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa
From: Randy Khalil <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Western Contra Costa County

Message Body:

I live in the Richmond Annex neighborhood of Richmond, which is very close in proximity to El Cerrito (a few blocks walk), Albany, Kensington, and Berkeley which is where we do most of our shopping, where I went to school (the closest public schools are in neighboring El Cerrito). Though I believe being in the same district as Berkeley and Albany makes sense, since I do identify very well with these areas, I believe the splitting up of Western Contra Costa County (the part of Contra Costa County with the 510 area code) into 3 districts tears apart this very coherent and contiguous community. Western Contra Costa County has been contiguously represented by George Miller for a long time (except for El Cerrito and Kensington) and I believe redistricting should unify the region further rather than divide it. If Richmond were to stay in the same district as Oakland and Berkeley, Kensington and El Cerrito should be included within it rather than being kept in the broader Contra Co!

sta County district including cities like Walnut Creek and Pittsburg. Please keep Western Contra Costa County together, or at least keep Southern and Western Richmond, El Cerrito, Kensington, and Albany together.

Thank you very much for considering my comment.

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From: "Leonard Lloyd" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 5:58 PM
Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa
From: Leonard Lloyd <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Residents of Oakley

Message Body:

It is totally inappropriate to separate the census tracts that make up the city of Oakley from all of its neighbors and place it in a district that centers on Lodi and Stockton. How are we to ever develop a grass root candidate to represent us with such districts. In addition to shared interests with our neighbors in east Contra Costa County, we also share interest with those in eastern Alameda County, but have no affiliation and limited ability to work for common interests in San Joaquin County. For sure, we do not belong in a Senate District with Napa County. There must be a more rational alignment.

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From: "Susan Swift" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:50 PM
Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa
From: Susan Swift <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Dividing the City of Richmond

Message Body:

HI there,

thank you for accepting and forwarding comments on re-districting. I realize that certain comments about favorite (existing) legislators is not to be factored in the discussion. This is a bit frustrating since sitting representatives do have allegiance to their current constituents, and that may be disadvantageous when areas such as where I live in West Contra Costa, are combined with districts with similar demographics (Oakland).

I am concerned about the proposed division of parts of Richmond and West County and realigning this area with Alameda County cities of Oakland and Berkeley.

Currently all three cities (plus Emeryville) are competing for economic stimulus dollars and mega projects such as the Berkeley Labs expansion.

Richmond is just beginning to see a revival of its port activity which would be stalled if the area were subsumed into the Oakland Port Authority.

The current jurisdictions allows for what government is meant to do: help level the playing field by equalizing the benefits of American freedom and ingenuity, redistributing wealth collected from taxes to ensure a safety net for the poor and less able-bodied among us and guaranteeing equal access to education and other public assets like parks and recreational opportunities.

Contra Costa County with Richmond has a more diverse and balanced economic demographic than Contra Costa without Richmond.

It simply doesn't make sense to divide up the city to achieve some exact balance of census numbers - numbers that change everyday due to migration, birth and death, annexation of land from counties by cities and any number of other circumstances.

Please forward the concerns of voters, residents, citizens, and families who believe also that schools and school districts should be aligned with districts that have state representation.

Thank you!

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From: "Patricia Smith" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:24 AM
Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa
From: Patricia Smith <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Oppose dividing the city of Richmond in redistricting plan

Message Body:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen on the Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of Richmond. I strongly oppose dividing the City of Richmond between two districts. I urge you to consider the needs of Richmond as a whole and leave the entire City of Richmond in its current district.

Thank you,
Patricia Smith
Richmond

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