Att. Citizen's Redistricting Commission-

It has just come to the City of Martinez's attention that proposed senate and congressional districts will remove Martinez from the rest of Contra Coast County. This is of grave concern to the City. The Mayor and City Manager have directed me to add this item to the City Council Agenda for July 20th.

It is imperative that the City Martinez remain with the rest of Contra Costa County in redistricting considerations and to the degree possible adjacent counties Solano and Alameda. The City of Martinez is the seat of Contra Costa County and the City works closely with the County to coordinate safety and public services. Keeping Solano and Alameda Counties together with Contra Costa County helps ensure regional planning efforts regarding land use, traffic management, safety coordination and other regional issues can be better addressed by our legislators. Additionally the City of Martinez being on the south side of the Carquinez Strait a natural divide from the north, means the City has much more in common with the neighboring communities and Contra Costa County as whole. It would be un-natural and include us with communities to the north as proposed and we feel strongly our needs being so different would not get adequate attention.

We respectfully appreciate your thoughtful consideration to our feedback and would appreciate a response on our request.

Mitch Austin
Recreation Manager
City of Martinez
Martinez, CA 94553
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