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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite #154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Redistricting Maps

I appeared before you and spoke at the public hearing in Oakland on May 21, 2011. As a resident of Contra Costa County, the majority of the county including the I-680 corridor is one community of interest. A common sense border for districts in the county should include all areas east of the Oakland/Richmond Hills which is a natural dividing line. You have developed good choices for the state assembly and state senate districts.

However, the congressional districts you have developed for Contra Costa County seemed to be gerrymandered. The area of the Tri-Valley and San Ramon Valley have no community of interest with Alameda County communities such as Union City or Fremont. I strongly recommend and urge you to use the congressional district maps submitted by the California Conservative Action Group (CCAG) which are fairly drawn congressional districts.

As a Citizens Commission, please listen to us citizens and not paid political operatives who only have special interests in mind.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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