

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Viola Lee <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Viola Lee <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please keep Pleasant Hill aligned with the RAMON district

Message Body:

Pleasant Hill is an integral part of central Contra Costa County and should remain in the RAMON district - both in community interests, demographics, businesses and economic attributes.

The city has very little (if any) in common with Solano/Napa/Yolo communities.

I urge the commission to consider keeping Pleasant Hill within the RAMON (Central Contra Costa) district.

Thank you,

Viola Lee

email: [REDACTED]

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Josephine Segraves <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:17 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Josephine Segraves <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

July 23, 2011

Dear Commissions:

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Sincerely

William A. and Josephine Segraves

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: "N.A.Neemuchwalla" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:18 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: N.A.Neemuchwalla <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of pleasant hill/Martinez.

Message Body:

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From: Gerald Kranz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gerald Kranz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Rational

Message Body:

The redistricting plan for grouping of Pleasant hill and Martinez with Solano, Napa, Yolo and Lake counties makes about as much sense as grouping day and night. PH and Martinez have nothing in common with these counties, they are rural counties, based on agriculture and tourism, we are not. Our cities are an integral part of the East Bay community with interests which do not apply to these other counties and we don't want to be simply a stepchild of supervisorial attention and or decision making. Please let reason prevail for the sake of the people in Pleasant Hill and Martinez.

The grouping Pleasant Hill, Martinez with San Ramon reflects reason and sound judgment

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carol M Sprecher <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 10:35 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol M Sprecher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Martinez

Message Body:

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay communities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill in a rural Senate district made up in large part by agricultural communities to the north of Suisun Bay.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are urban/suburban communities and share all the issues that our fellow 680 corridor communities share; freeway congestion & public transit improvements, school districts funding, open space preservation, etc. We have absolutely no shared common interests with residents of Yolo County or Lake County which are largely agricultural and rural.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Tiffany leftwich <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:04 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tiffany leftwich <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate redistrict

Message Body:

I am against redistricting Martinez and pleasant hill. We are contra costa county and should be included in the county we live.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carol Taylor <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:05 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Taylor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Martinez & Pleasant Hill,CA

Message Body:

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Sincerely,
Carol Taylor

[REDACTED]
Martinez,CA 94553
[REDACTED] hm

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Ruxana Neemuchwalla <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ruxana Neemuchwalla <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

July 23, 2011

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Dorothy Englund <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 12:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dorothy Englund <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate District Proposal for Pleasant Hill and Martinez is Inappropriate

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I am very concerned about the current proposal to take Martinez and Pleasant Hill out of the proposed senate district for Contra Costa (RAMON) and move us into a district that includes Yolo, Lake, Napa and Solano counties (WINE). I am a Pleasant Hill resident and have lived here since 1983. I am opposed to the proposed redistricting because it is completely at odds with the goals or directives that the Redistricting Commission is charged with - specifically, the "community of interest" standard.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are not geographically part of the rest of the proposed WINE district. We are separated by the Suisun Bay and toll bridges. We do not attend the same schools, hospitals, work places, etc. In fact, I cannot think of a single public agency that we share in common with the towns included in the WINE district.

You have a difficult task before you and I hope you will take the time to carefully reflect on what you have been entrusted to do. Our elected officials can't possibly be responsive to us if we are included in a district that is removed from us geographically, culturally, socially, economically, and politically. The current proposal will cause residents of Martinez and Pleasant Hill to lose our political voice.

We share interests in common with citizens and residents who live in Contra Costa County and who work in the east bay, San Francisco and Silicon Valley. We share the same transportation networks, school districts, hospital districts, recreation and park districts, etc. We share little, if anything, in common with the other cities in Yolo, Lake, Napa and Solano counties. There is very little, if any, overlap between us and these other counties in terms of employment or anything else of any consequence.

Please ensure that we remain in the proposed senate district for Contra Costa (RAMON).

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Michael Noel <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 1:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michael Noel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

I believe this is a very short-sighted move without proper involvement of our Pleasant Hill community. I am absolutely against moving us out of Contra Costa county for the following reasons:

1. The four counties making up WINE are geographically and economically completely separate from Pleasant Hill. The interests of our community can not be adequately served by placing us with dissimilar communities who do not share our borders or the types of economic bases we have developed.
2. The government representation of our communities at the state and national levels would not seek to serve Pleasant Hill as well as our current representation because Pleasant Hill and the counties making up WINE do not have the same needs and therefore we would as the "outsiders" suffer from governmental disinterest and lack of adequate representation.
3. No agency has of yet informed the residents of Pleasant Hill as to how this would affect our tax base, property and sales taxes, etc. It should be up to the residents of Pleasant Hill to vote on any move taking us out of Contra Costa County.
4. Our children's future would suffer as their School Board is placed in the hands of people who do not understand the needs or diversity of the Pleasant Hill community.
5. There has been no discussion how redistricting would affect my business. Would it change business laws and costs? Will it affect my business taxes or the way I currently operate my business. Again, this redistricting is being shoved down the throats of our community.

I reiterate, I am completely against this move and would support any necessary legal action to block such a redistricting. Please take my views into consideration.

regards,

Michael Noel

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Subject: California Citizens Commission

From: "Peggy Stevens" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:21 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs,

My letter is attached. Please read and consider it.

Peggy Stevens

—Attachments:—

CRC Letter.pdf

104 KB

July 22, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]

Peggy D Stevens
[REDACTED]

Danville, CA 94526

Dear Sirs,

I have been watching the progress of redistricting of existing boundaries, to account for the recent Census findings, and have found your work for a local California Assembly district and a local California Senate District which includes my home town, Danville, to be quite fair to all political parties. Congratulations on a job well done.

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Sincerely,

Peggy Diane Stevens

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: "Samuel S. Yoshioka" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 1:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Samuel S. Yoshioka <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

The City of Pleasant Hill belongs with other adjacent cities adjacent to the City within the County of Contra Costa.

Don't cut us out!

Thanks,

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From: Mari [REDACTED]

Date: 7/23/2011 2:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mari <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I appreciate the committees work on the complicated nature of redistricting. It must be done. BUT, moving the city of Martinez, the "county seat" for Contra Costa Co., out of CCC and into Yolo Co. is wrong. Our political and personal needs are those of CCC. Those of us living here should be able to vote on issues that pertain to our own county.

thanks,

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: irene Edson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 3:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: irene Edson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: drawing the line!

Message Body:

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sincerely

Irene Edson, Pleasant Hill, CA

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From: Michael Mason <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 3:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michael Mason <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Martinez from RAMON to WINE

Message Body:

It makes absolutely no sense to include Martinez in the WINE district we have no real shared interests. Please, please do not make Martinez a part of the WINE district. The commission is required to use the "community of interest" guidelines or standards in considering districts. How does including Martinez in the WINE district meet that guideline? Martinez is the county seat of Contra Costa county, for goodness sake! Does it not make more sense for the county seat to remain in the RAMON district rather than the proposed WINE district?

Michael Mason

Martinez resident for 28 years

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Susan Mason <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 3:52 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan Mason <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposed to Redistricting that moves Martinez and Pleasant Hill to "Wine" district

Message Body:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting that would result in the cities of Martinez and Pleasant being grouped with Lake, Napa, Solano, and Yolo counties.

Such a move would appear to be in violation of the "community of interest" guidelines or standards that the commission is required to take into consideration.

Martinez and Pleasant Hill share many common interests with neighboring cities of the East Bay, such as: BART, County Connection Bus service, shopping hubs in Concord and Walnut Creek, local recreation and entertainment venues and pursuits.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are NOT geographically part of the rest of the proposed district - that is, the counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano - as we are physically separated from them by Suisun Bay.

We share no specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties mentioned above.

The vast majority of our residents are employed in the East Bay or San Francisco. There is very little overlap between us and these other counties when it comes to employment.

Please keep Martinez and Pleasant Hill grouped with their neighbors as part of Contra Costa County. We belong together.

Thank you.

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From: Murray <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 5:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Murray <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Redistricting is a good thing...needs to be done. But moving the city, Martinez, that houses the "county seat" out of the district of the county it represents makes no sense. Martinez is an integral part of CCC. Those is CCC would not like their county seat "governed" by someone who does not represent the county. The obvious boundary is the river. Yolo, Sonoma and Lake Co.s are not considered part of the CCC area. They're interests do not reflect those of CCC. thanks.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Dale Borgen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 5:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dale Borgen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I am stronly oppose to the change that would put Martinez / Pleasant Hill with the counties of Napa,Lake,Yolo and Solano for State Senate district. There is little in common with these counties that are primarily based in agriculture. I wonder what was the reasoning for this purposed change?

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Gail Duwe <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 8:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gail Duwe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't Do This!!!!

Message Body:

DO NOT MOVE US!!! IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!!!! (SEE BELOW)

1. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are NOT geographically part of the rest of this proposed district - that is, the counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano - as we are physically separated from them by Suisun Bay.

2. Our two cities are an integral part of the East Bay region as well as being major cities in central Contra Costa County. As such, we share no specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties mentioned above.

3. Our media market is completely different than these other counties.

4. The vast majority of our residents are employed in the East Bay or San Francisco. There is very little overlap between us and these other counties when it comes to employment.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Connie & Donald Salladay <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 8:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Connie & Donald Salladay <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hil/Martinez Redistricting

Message Body:

We oppose the proposed redistricting and support moving Pleasant Hill and Martinez back into the RAMON senate district with the rest of Contra Costa County.

Connie & Donald Salladay

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Elizabeth Masten <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Masten <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commission,

As a citizen of Martinez, I only can add one more voice to those asking "What can you be thinking?"

Martinez is not geographically part of the proposed Senate district (physically, economically, or psychologically) any more than San Jose is to Marin. We're separated by Suisan Bay, we work in Contra Costa or in San Francisco, we don't share the same media or retailers, etc. Even our charitable enterprises are separate.

I can't imagine why you would choose to do this to us unless it's one more political insanity being perpetrated on voters who frankly have had more than we can stand already. Our national situation isn't crazed enough for you?

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Subject: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: "Bud Warder" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:14 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sir,

Please read my letter which is attached.

Sincerely,
Gordon Warder

— Attachments: —

Redistricting Commission Letter July 22.pdf

190 KB

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carla Burks <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 11:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carla Burks <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposed to Redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commission:

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Sincerely,
Carla Burks

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Casey, Molly <molly.casey@crc.ca.gov>

Fwd: Pleasant Hill Redistricting

Voter <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Mon, Jul 25, 2011 at 3:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

8-ccosta
july 23

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Pleasant Hill Redistricting

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 14:52:56 -0700

From: Masis Mansourian [REDACTED]

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

June Catalano,

City Manager,

City of Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill and Martinez, beside being physically separated from Napa, Yolo, and Lake Solano, have nothing in common with them.

Please do not take us out Contra Costa and plug us to somewhere totally unrelated. This does not make sense at all. I strongly oppose this suggestion.

Sincerely,

Masis Mansourian

Subject: Congressional redistricting

From: ronkilmarti [REDACTED]

Date: 7/23/2011 6:40 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Redistricting Commission:

Please see the attached pdf file.

Sincerely,

Ron & Jo Ann Kilmartin

— Attachments: —

Redistricting Commission 072311 Kilmartins.PDF

339 KB

July 23, 2011

Redistricting Commission

Subject: Congressional District Boundaries

Greetings:

It is our understanding that the Commission is considering an extreme gerrimandering of the congressional districts such as to guarantee left-wing incumbents a lifetime job while at the same time denying a fair vote to thousands of residents.

Please follow the recommendations of the California Conservation Action Group (CCAG) for a fair demarking of the congressional district, as previously petitioned by over 300 writers. You should follow your own guidelines and the intentions of voters; the Oakland/Richmond hills as the natural dividing line, as requested by the grassroots unpaid volunteers from CCAG. You are charged with the responsibility of keeping our Communities of Interest together, not swamping out one group to favor another.

Please be fair.



Ron & JoAnn Kilmartin

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-3234

Subject: Contra Costa cut up

From: "tom edrington" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 3:17 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I live in Contra Costa County and our voting districts have been weird all my life , from the time I went to Pleasant Hill High School in the fifties.

I hope that you will at least consider creating common sense districts. While not an admirer in particular of the CCAG, there maps make more sense to me than a new world of political blobs on the map.

The Oakland/Richmond Hills are really, and always have been a community of interest dividing line. Could we just once follow the sentiment of the voters who want some semblance of geographic and interest order ?

Probably not, yet again ... but one can hope and vote.

tom edrington
california, united states

Subject: Martinez

From: Kathleen Dennehy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 8:22 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

Your redistricting which places Martinez into a district with Solano County does not make sense for those of us who live in Martinez. Why are we being dragged into a district that is not geographically convenient for us? I urge you to reconsider this decision.

Kathleen Dennehy

Subject: Please do not change RAMON state senate district

From: carlos saavedra <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 4:58 PM

To: "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

The RAMON district keeps the East Bay Area whole. Please do not change. If Martinez is put into the district, exchange for Pittsburg, etc. We do not want a complex rotation. Thank you.

Subject: Proposed Redistricting

From: Elizabeth Masten <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 9:33 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members,

As a citizen of Martinez, I only can add one more voice to those asking "What can you be thinking?"

Martinez is not geographically part of the proposed Senate district (physically, economically, or psychologically) any more than San Jose is to Marin. We're separated by Suisan Bay, we work in Contra Costa or in San Francisco, we don't share the same media or retailers, etc. Even our charitable enterprises are separate.

I can't imagine why you would choose to do this to us unless it's one more political insanity being perpetrated on voters who frankly have had more than we can stand already. Our national situation isn't crazed enough for you?

Elizabeth Masten
Martinez, CA

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carla Kiesler <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 7:16 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carla Kiesler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting of Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

As a tax payer and voter, this proposal makes no sense to grab at these 2 individual cities and add them to a district with completely different demographics and needs!

Do not continue with this action!

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Tim Farley <farleyt[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/23/2011 8:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tim Farley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Martinez

Message Body:

Dear Citizens Commission. I am stunned at teh latest version of maps that would remove martinez and Pleasnt Hill from our currnet state senate district and palnce it in a central valley district. I have no quarrel with the people of Yolo county but their interests and our interest are different. Quite frankly the maps proposed are not insightful or logical at all. It appears you are just lazy and sloppy and wanted to get it over with. It makes no sense to take the county seat out of the Contra Costa District.

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