

**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Gordon Lucas <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 2:14 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Gordon Lucas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill Redistricting

Message Body:

URGENT!-Pleasant Hill Redistricting

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These are just several talking points - feel free to embellish or use your own arguments or use the sample letter.

The link to the commission public comment page is here: <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/contact.html>.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** ji standish <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 3:37 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: ji standish <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting concern

Message Body:

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

July 24, 2011

Dear Commissions:

I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the proposed State Senate District (WINE) which would result in the removal of Pleasant Hill and Martinez from current Senate District 07. There are many reasons why it makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to include this portion of Contra Costa County with the Counties of Lake, Napa, Solano and Yolo, not least of which is the fact that there is no geographic contiguity between the two areas. As outlined in Proposition 20, which passed in 2010, the commission is required to use the 'community of interest' guidelines or standards in considering districts. Specifically, community of interest is defined as "a contiguous population which shares common social & economic interests...examples of such interests are those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication..."

Clearly, these guidelines were not taken into consideration with the current redistricting proposal. Pleasant Hill and Martinez are an integral part of the central Contra Costa community and the East Bay region in general. We share the same transportation modes such as BART, County Connection Bus Services and many bicycling and pedestrian routes. We are part of the same Bay Area media market which only partially reaches into the proposed 'WINE' district. Both Cities are also active participants in the East Bay Economic Development Alliance incorporating all of the major cities in Contra Costa and Alameda. From a social, economic and cultural perspective, Pleasant Hill and Martinez share many common interests with our neighboring cities and the entire East Bay community. Conversely, there is little or no connection with Solano, Napa, Lake and Yolo Counties, most of which is not considered as part of the Bay Area region.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this redistricting proposal by placing our community where it should be - with the rest of Contra Costa in the proposed 'RAMON'district.

Sincerely

Ji Standish

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**From:** Joseph Skaar <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 4:02 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Joseph Skaar <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Martinez and Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

To The California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Please do not move the cities of Pleasant Hill and Martinez outside of the rest of the Contra Costa district. They are a very important part of our county, and the voters deserve to have their voices heard in concert with the rest of Contra Costa. The counties of Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano have very different needs than the voters of Pleasant Hill and Martinez and I don't think these two cities will be represented appropriately by them. Please keep this in mind when you make your decision. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Ryan Twohey <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 4:11 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ryan Twohey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Martinez in the Contra Costa district

Message Body:

Keep Martinez part of the Contra Costa Senate district. It is the county seat afterall!

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**From:** Sharon Enright <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 4:53 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sharon Enright <[REDACTED]>

Subject: proposed redistricting for Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

It is my understanding that a redistricting plan is under consideration that would link Pleasant Hill and Martinez with Yolo, Napa and Lake Counties (among others, I think). I am opposed to this idea, both because Pleasant Hill is linked to the Bay Area by its ready access to BART and it is not a rural area, unlike many of the towns in those other counties. Please oppose this redistricting plan.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Marlene Barazoto <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 5:03 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marlene Barazoto <[REDACTED]>

Subject: do not move Martinez and or Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

Do not move Martinez and Pleasant hill to a different district. It is stupid and not logical. Do not do it.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Michael Eldrich <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 6:32 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Michael Eldrich <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Martinez

Message Body:

I feel that my city is not even closely related to Napa, Lake, Yolo, and Solano. We are on the other side of the Bay, and our concerns are much more closely tied to the East Bay. We do not get out news or local information from those areas. We get our information and commercial advertisements from East Bay businesses and media. I feel that Martinez is part of the East Bay, and I think that anyone in the area would tell you that they live in the East Bay. We share few, if any, issues with Solano, Yolo, Napa, and Lake.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Christine Allen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 6:36 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Christine Allen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please keep us in the same district

Message Body:

The cities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill should be left in the same district as the rest of their neighboring cities. It makes no sense to carve them out of Contra Costa County. They have much in common with this area and little in common with the area you are proposing to put them in.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Michael W Johnson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 7:48 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Michael W Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:

This proposal is gerrymandering of the most blatant kind. Quite obviously there is no economic or physical link between Pleasant Hill and Napa.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Jody Powers <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 8:22 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jody Powers <[REDACTED]>

Subject: My District Area

Message Body:

My area Martinez, CALifornia is in Contra Costa County. I do not want to be redistricted into a area that is not relevant to Martinez not even remotely me or my area.

Thank You,

Jody Powers

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**Subject:** City splits in East Bay

**From:** caredistrict@ [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/24/2011 6:02 PM

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" < [REDACTED] >

Commissioners,

I want to point out that you split Martinez and Antioch in Contra Costa County so you could keep the larger cities of Oakland - the East Bay's largest city - and Richmond whole.

Plus you've separated San Leandro from the rest of the "Eden" area.

And you've split off San Ramon from the San Ramon Valley.

Our East Bay CD plan puts San Ramon back with it's neighboring communities in Contra Costa and Eastern Alameda Counties.

It puts San Leandro in with the rest of the Eden area.

It makes West Contra Costa whole with Richmond and its neighboring communities.

Yes, it does split Vallejo.

But it does make Martinez whole.

We can live with Antioch being split.

So, our plan is superior to the one you created and works better for the COI testimony you received and better keeps with your principles of splitting the larger cities, first.

We ask you to reconsider it, today.

You, Karin and Tamina all have it in your emails, including the equivalency file.

It will be easy to bring up.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

Contra Costa Citizens

Redistricting Task Force

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Kathleen Downey <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 8:28 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kathleen Downey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I do not want to be moved to Napa Solano area

Message Body:

I live in the city of Pleasant Hill and all my work, socializing and shopping is all done in the Contra Costa County area - I nearly never go to Napa Solano and especially Yolo County - I do not want to be affilitaed with them.

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**From:** Mary Boegel <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 8:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mary Boegel <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill District

Message Body:

Hello. I am a resident of Pleasant Hill, CA in Contra Costa County. I understand that there is a proposal to redistrict my area with Napa, Lake, and Yolo counties for state senate districting. This is not right and should not be done. I am in Contra Costa County. I should be in the Ramon district with my neighbors in Concord. I am an hour or more from most of Napa, Yolo and Lake Counties. I should be voting with my neighbors around the block from me in Concord, and not with people I will never meet or associate with in distant communities. Thanks for considering this. Mary Boegel, M.D.

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**From:** Margaret Meme <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 8:35 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Margaret Meme <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't change district

Message Body:

It makes absolutely no sense to put Pleasant Hill and Martinez with Napa and Solano counties. The residents of PH and Martinez shop, dine and use recreational and educational facilities in Concord and Walnut Creek. The voters in PH and Martinez do not identify in any way with Napa and Solano counties. Any politician that thinks putting PH and Martinez with Napa and Solano does not know their voters, and doesn't care about the voters being represented fairly and accurately.

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**From:** Keith Kotchou <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 8:39 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Keith Kotchou <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't move Pleasant Hill to WINE

Message Body:

I am writing to object to your plan to move Pleasant hill from the RAMON senate district into the WINE district. This has to one of the dumbest ideas ever. Pleasant Hill has NOTHING in common with Napa, Yolo and Lake counties.

This is not "Fair Representation" and most definitely is not "Democracy at work"

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Alan Clontz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 9:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alan Clontz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Your foul schemes. Re:Pleasant Hill and Martinez

Message Body:

You already heard my message, you blackguards.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Charles Jeffries <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 9:49 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Charles Jeffries <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Effects on Contra Costa County

Message Body:

I am concerned that the proposed redistricting plan will slice Contra Costa County into too many pieces and take from us our ability to speak with a unified voice. Pleasant Hill, Martinez, Concord, Walnut Creek, and Clayton are so intertwined that visitors don't always know which city they are in. What happens in one city affect the rest.

When you look at our County as a whole, please look at the number of districts your plan places our cities and communities. Will the same thing happen to other Counties of our size and population?

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**From:** Donel Bowes/Bozajeski <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 10:58 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Donel Bowes/Bozajeski <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Martinez and pleasant hill

Message Body:

These two cities need to stay a part of the RAMON district.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Keith Traum <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 11:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Keith Traum <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill Redistricting

Message Body:

I live in Pleasant Hill, I am part of Contra Costa County. I have lived here for nearly 50 years. There are huge differences between Solono County-Napa County etc. I have traveled all these counties for years for my business. Pleasant Hill is a different area and has nothing in common with Solono County, Napa County etc. This looks like a political move to control votes not a geographical decision. There is no logical reason to move Pleasant Hill and redistrict into counties that are across a bridge, miles away and out of the county.

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**Subject:** Raiding Contra Costa County

**From:** caredistrict [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/24/2011 5:48 PM

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

You've raided three sections of Contra Costa County, to create your other Congressional districts.

It makes NO COMMON SENSE to connect San Ramon with a district across the East Bay Hills to connect

Please keep San Ramon Valley whole.

We did 3 iterations, too but you're ignoring them.

We submitted the solution to you this week and Karin and Tamina have the equivalency files.

You didn't even look at them.

We are MOST familiar with the East Bay more than ANY of you.

Please reconsider your East Bay CD's.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

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**Subject:** Redistricting of Pleasant Hill & Martinez

**From:** Susan R Fuller <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 4:08 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

It's the craziest idea I've ever heard to incorporate these two cities in the same district with the rural counties of Yolo, Napa & Lake. We are urban, suburbs and belong with other Contra Costa County communities. We're geographically separated from those other counties by Suisun Bay, we get our news from Contra Costa, Oakland and San Francisco media. Most of us work in Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco Counties.

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Susan Fuller

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Subject:** East Bay CD plan JPEG - easier view

**From:** Allen Payton <caredistrict@██████████>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 6:32 PM

**To:** CA Citizens Commission <██████████>

Commissioners,

Here's an easier view of what the plan submitted to you on Friday regarding the East Bay CD plan looks like.

Allen Payton

Chairman

Contra Costa Citizens Redistricting Task Force

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Twitter: caredistricting

[www.FairTheLines.org](http://www.FairTheLines.org) - California Conservative Action Group

[www.ccredistricting.org](http://www.ccredistricting.org) - Contra Costa Board of Supervisors

[www.wedrawthelines.com](http://www.wedrawthelines.com) - California Citizens Redistricting Commission - State Legislature & Congress

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**Subject:** East Bay CD's

**From:** caredistrict [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/24/2011 5:38 PM

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

You DON'T have to cross the hills.

Please see the following changes:

Thank you.

Move San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and the rest of Eastern Alameda County into COCO.

Move San Leandro and part of Oakland into FRENE.

Move Richmond and West Contra Costa County, and part of Vallejo into OKLND.

Move all of Martinez, Alhambra Valley, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, Clyde and part of Concord into NEBAY.

And that's pretty much it.

Allen Payton

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**Subject:** East Bay Congressional Redistricting

**From:** Barbara Wilson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 10:00 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please see the enclosed letter expressing our concerns about the East Bay Congressional Redistricting proposal.

Rich and Barbara Wilson  
Danville, CA

— Attachments: —

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Redistricting Letter July 2011.pdf

229 KB

July 23, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
c/o votersfirstact/crc.ca.gov

To Whom It May Concern –

We would like to protest your recommended East Bay Congressional District. Your proposal includes a portion of the San Francisco Bay Area that does not represent the interests or values of our community and those other communities in our area which have similar demographics and life styles. We moved to this area so we could enjoy the “country/suburban life” and all that goes along with it.

Including urban/working class citizens from large cities in our district is unfair, and makes it almost impossible, due to sheer numbers, to elect a representative who has our interests at heart. The Congressional District you propose results in a disenfranchisement of those in the communities of Contra Costa County and eastern Alameda County.

Implementing the recommendations of the California Conservative Action Group with the East Bay Hills as the dividing line of the district is the fairest to all. Citizens on both sides of these hills want this – a fair fight in home districts.

Thank you for your work on redistricting and for taking our comments into consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Wilson



Barbara Wilson



Danville, CA 94506

**Subject:** Our input was submitted before last night

**From:** caredistrict [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7/24/2011 6:19 PM

**To:** "Redistricting Commission" <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

My emails, today are reminders to you of what was submitted on Friday which included a revision to your East Bay CD plan and followed COI testimony splitting districts along the East Bay Hills.

But there was absolutely no mention of it, today.

Thank you.

Allen Payton

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**From:** Jan Kawal <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 5:48 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jan Kawal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redricting

Message Body:

Please keep our district as is. We are part of Contra Costa and should remain so!

Thanks, you! Jan Kawal

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**From:** Sean Peleras <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 9:34 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sean Peleras <[REDACTED]>

Subject: PHill and Mtz into Solano - Not even a logical restructure

Message Body:

The proposal to make Pleasant Hill and Martinez part of Solano, Napa, or Yolo is completely illogical.

1. the natural division/boundary (susuin bay) between Phill and Mtz make it a clean line of division.
2. Mtz is the contra costa county seat. moving that is almost like saying the nations capital is now Butte, Montana instead of D.C., OR L.A. will now be the state capital.
3. The communities of PHill and Mtz are more like and socially integrated with the current surrounding cities, Walnut Creek, Concord, Lafayette, Alamo, etc. There is no integration to the Napa or Solano cities. It's almost like going to another state.

I am sure there are many, many more reasons why the restructuring is illogical, those are just a few that came first in my mind.

thanks for the time,  
skp

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**From:** Linda Lucas <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 12:29 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Linda Lucas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill/Martinez redistricting

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**From:** Francesca Schaper <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 7/24/2011 1:37 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Francesca Schaper <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill Redistricting

Message Body:

Please stop and reconsider this. We are not at all similar to Lake & Yolo Counties. Unfortunate that this commission did not see fitting for actual citizens to have a say in this action.

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