July 26, 2011

California Redistricting Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a current resident of Antioch one of the largest cities in Contra Costa County. I am very concerned about how the Assembly district lines are being drawn. After looking at the latest map I have found that my city of Antioch is being lumped in with cities located across the Delta in Solano county. I am a resident of Contra Costa and would like to stay in an Assembly district within my county.

Antioch and Pittsburg have nothing to do with Solano County and the regional area that you are proposing to place them with in the proposed Assembly District. Antioch and Pittsburg belong with the other Highway 4 cities in Contra Costa County and belong in a predominately Contra Costa County Assembly District. These are the reasons we should not be with the counties you are currently proposing:

1. The historic African-American and Latino communities would be split in half and as well as the rest of Contra Costa County.

2. Antioch and Pittsburg are NOT geographically part of the rest of this proposed district – that is, the county of Solano – as we are physically separated from them by Suisun Bay.

3. Our two cities are an integral part of the East Bay region as well as being major cities in central and East Contra Costa County. As such, we share no specific social or economic characteristics with Solano County.

4. Our media market is completely different than Solano County.

5. 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.

These are important issues and need to be thought about. Please reconsider your position and think of the residents of Antioch and Pittsburg and the disconnect they will feel.

Thank you for your consideration,

Monica Wilson
Antioch, CA (located in Contra Costa County)
Subject: Keep Pleasant Hill with Contra Costa County

Message Body:
I am a resident of Pleasant Hill and heard that the CCRC is considering switching Pleasant Hill and Martinez from sharing a district with other Contra Costa cities & towns to one with Yolo, Lake, Napa, and Solano counties.

I live 5 minutes away from Concord and Lafayette but an hour away from Yolo & Napa counties and two hours away from Lake county. Pleasant Hill is tied to its neighbors in Central Contra Costa county in terms of its economics, infrastructure, shared school district, demographics, and geography. It has little in common with the largely rural areas further north.

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Dear Commission Members:

I have been a resident of Pleasant Hill since 1974. The business I conduct, both professional and personal, is in Contra Costa County. I infrequently travel to Napa, Lake, Yolo and Solano counties.

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

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.

Our media market is completely different than these other counties. Our newspapers and media coverage do not include information from the four counties.

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. This is evidenced by the commuter traffic on the George Miller bridge in the morning to the west and the reverse commuter traffic in the evening to the north and east.

Sincerely,

Linda Mayo

Pleasant Hill, CA
Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa
From: Nadine Peyrucain <nadinepeyrucain@citizenredistricting.com>
Date: 7/26/2011 3:15 PM
To: publiccomment@citizenredistricting.com

From: Nadine Peyrucain <nadinepeyrucain@citizenredistricting.com>
Subject: My city being taken out of the county in which it is located

Message Body:
The proposal to take the cities, Martinez and Pleasant Hill, out of the congressional district and out of the state senatorial district from those shared by the rest of the cities in Contra Costa County effectively takes us out of our community of shared interests by taking us out of our community. The Carquinez Strait is a natural boundary between Solano and Contra Costa counties' communities. I ask you to reconsider this decision.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Barbara Lynch <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
Date: 7/26/2011 5:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]

From: Barbara Lynch <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
Subject: Pleasant Hill

Message Body:
Dear Commissioners,
I realize that your redistricting task is a daunting one, with ever so many factors to consider. Please put Pleasant Hill with some contiguous areas instead of the proposal that puts our city with Yolo, Napa, etc which are separated from us by Suisun Bay.
 Regards,
 Barbara Lynch

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