Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa
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Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2011 15:34:14 +0000
To: grassroots@californiarendum.org

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Subject: Congressional District

Message Body:
CA Redistricting: I applaud you for taking this committee to the people and I feel like you have done a very good job in keeping California fair. Although, I write today in reference to the Contra Costa Congressional District. I do not believe the area around Richmond should be included in this district. This area has an entirely different demographic and requires a congressional representative with different views that than the 680 Corridor. At the same time I do not believe San Ramon should be excluded from this district. The people there are very similar to those in Danville and should be grouped together. I hope you are still able to change the maps because these last few changes will promote fair and competitive elections during the next decade. Thank you.

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From: Carol M Hehmeyer <carol@ehmeyer.com>
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Subject: NO litigation.

Commission:  Save this bankrupt state some money.  DO NOT APPROVE the current maps. They are certain to generate litigation.  Let this go to the courts and let them settle it.  This is not worth millions of dollars in litigation. Partisan maps please no one, and will result in litigation of ghastly expense.

Best, Carol M. Hehmeyer

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Subject: RAMON Senate District
From: [redacted]
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To: [redacted]

I am very disappointed that the Commission has refused to correct their error in moving the cities of Pleasant Hill and Martinez from their historical, natural and logical inclusion in a Contra Costa senate district to one comprised primarily by areas across the Carquinez Straits. There is no logically defensible argument for this move, which is an egregious example of the very gerrymandering the Commission was created to eliminate.

You leave us no choice but to pursue a referendum or lawsuit.

Jack Weir
Council Member, City of Pleasant Hill
Board Member, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection)
Board Member, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
Founder, Pleasant Hill Taxpayers Association
Board Member, Contra Costa Taxpayers Association
Message Body:
The notion of splitting a community down the center with a highway as the territory line is ridiculous and cruel. Our city already has a huge challenge in uniting its population without making us separate congressional districts. Martinez should be represented by a sole congressperson and you should know better than to split hairs in this way.

Heidi Perryman, Ph.D.
Martinez CA

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It seems grossly unfair to divide "The Villages", a 2,500 plus CID residence complex in the City of San Jose, a distinct community of interest, with either the existing representation boundary lines and/or in the proposed effort to "more fairly and equitably" draw new boundary lines. I sincerely hope that your final package will recognize this fact.

Duane Jones
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