

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Kathleen Parks <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 13:26:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Cutting Martinez out of Contra Costa

Message Body:

As a resident of Martinez, which is the county seat for Contra Costa County, I am dismayed that the new districting is dissecting our fair town. De Salnier and Miller have been our representatives and many people in our town voted for them because we have built a relationship with them and we feel they have built a relationship with them. We are a community steeped in tradition, with unique needs. Our town is the county seat for CC and yet we are being lumped in with communities in other counties. I don't feel makes a lot of sense. We are more than just numbers to equalize districts, we have developed bonds with our neighboring communities that make our interests more in alignment with them than with communities across the Carquinez Straight. I would like you to go back to the drawing board and find a way to keep us represented by people who also represent more of our neighboring communities and who will represent our town as a whole - how can it benefit a town to have a rep!

representative, in this case Miller, represent part of our town? Highway 4 runs through our community, but it doesn't separate us. The Carquinez Straight does separate us from the communities that will now be a part of our congressional district. I can see how the numbers look good, and how this may look good on a map, but it doesn't look good for our community.

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From: "Kelly St. Germain" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2011 05:08:33 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kelly St. Germain <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pleasant Hill

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.

By extending an artificial finger of this large rural Senate District into our urban/suburban communities, just to solve a math problem, is to disenfranchise all the people who live here and call these communities home.

I urge you to reconsider this proposed Senate District and to keep our cities in a contiguous East Bay district that represents communities with shared concerns, shared challenges and shared values.

I realize that your task is difficult in redrawing district boundaries and I remain convinced that you will do a good job. However, part of your task is to listen to the concerns raised by the public, and I am sure that once you are aware of the level of concern in our community you will address this problem,

Sincerely,
Kelly St. Germain

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