Dear Honorable Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input. Please find attached a letter regarding the new visualizations for the San Francisco Assembly Districts.

Thank you,
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July 8, 2011

*Via electronic mail*
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Comments About Visualizations for San Francisco City & County

Honorable Commissioners:

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the neighborhoods of Excelsior, Visitacion Valley, Outer Mission, and Crocker Amazon be placed in the Eastern San Francisco Assembly District. Doing so will unite a socioeconomically cohesive, multi-ethnic community of interest that consists of these areas along with Chinatown, Bay View, Mission and Bernal Heights. This petition is submitted in response to the latest set of visualizations posted on the Commission’s website on July 7, 2011.

The Excelsior, Visitacion Valley, Outer Mission, and Crocker Amazon areas share much in common with each other and also with the Bayview District. According to the San Francisco Planning Department, these neighborhoods share high rates of poverty; high rates of unemployment; and high densities of individuals born outside of the United States; low rates of educational attainment.

As attested to by community members at the May 21 Redistricting Hearing in Oakland, these areas also share much in common with Chinatown. From transportation routes to culture to commerce, these areas should be kept together as a community of interest. Some Chinatown-based organizations have even opened offices in the Visitacion Valley area due to the growing need for services and protection of rights. In particular, the Bayview community would be highly isolated if separated from the neighboring Excelsior and Visitacion Valley areas. We assert that these Eastern neighborhoods possess unique characteristics and should be kept together as requested by the petitioners undersigned and in testimony repeatedly submitted in earlier public hearings.

Moreover, the separation of the Mission and Bernal Heights districts from the neighboring Outer Mission, Excelsior, Visitacion Valley and Outer Mission areas is troubling as this division strikes against the unification of communities with shared socioeconomic interests. The Mission neighborhood is a cultural, commercial, and community hub for the Latino community. There are many shared characteristics across the Mission, Bernal Heights, Outer Mission, Excelsior and Visitacion Valley areas including the comparable rates of Spanish as the primary language spoken at home, linguistic isolation in Spanish-speaking households, foreign-born status, and low rates of educational attainment. We respectfully ask the Commission to honor the integrity of these highly Latino immigrant areas by keeping them united in the Eastern Assembly District.

In sum, these areas – Outer Mission, Crocker Amazon, Excelsior, Visitacion Valley, Chinatown, Bayview, Mission and Bernal Heights – compromise one multi-ethnic community of interest that is bound together by common socioeconomic issues and that should be kept together for purposes of its fair and effective representation.
Finally, the undersigned acknowledge the complexities and shared interests between the mostly immigrant Asian American and Latino communities with San Francisco’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities. We support the efforts of the LGBT community and do not believe our interests are incompatible in finding a district configuration that enfranchises all communities. In fact, there are many in our communities who are both Asian American or Latino and LGBT-identified, and we share the same interest in being able to elect progressive candidates of our choosing to represent us in the State Legislature. We support the inclusion of the Excelsior, Visitacion Valley, Outer Mission, and Crocker Amazon into the Eastern San Francisco Assembly District.

Sincerely,

Titi Liu, Executive Director, Asian Law Caucus
Benjamin Leong, Co-Chair, Gay Asian Pacific Alliance
David Koon Hung Chan, Vice President and Secretary, Asian Pacific American Community Center (Visitacion Valley)
Marlene Tran, Spokesperson, Visitacion Valley Asian Alliance
Terrance Valen, Organizational Director, Filipino Community Center (Excelsior)
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Rachel Ebora, Executive Director, Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
Vincent Pan, Executive Director, Chinese for Affirmative Action
Michelle Romero, Redistricting Fellow, Greenlining Institute
Antonio Díaz, Organizational Director, People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights (Mission)
Qiu Quanhong, Executive Director, Compassionate Community Care
Hung Do Pham, Chairman, Vietnamese Community Center of San Francisco
Ben Ng, Program Coordinator, Tenderloin Housing Clinic
Angelica Cabande, Organizational Director, South of Market Community Action Network
Isidra Esther Macaraeg, Executive Director, Pilipino Senior Resource Center

Jamie Woo, Community Outreach Manager, Consumer Action*

Edward J. Hu, Esq., Attorney at Law, Law Office of Garrick S. Lew*

Robert A. Fung, Esq., Lecturer Emeritus, Asian American Studies, San Francisco State University*

*Titles and affiliations for identification purposes only

Residents of Visitacion Valley (See attached pdf for cross reference):

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Que Huang
Wu Qun Fang
Marlene Tran
Winnie Tsang
Hz Xin Quan
Wu Yu Hua
Kelly Hz
Jessica Chen
Kiki Mon
Xiz Jin Ling
Hin Zheng
When Ghi
Huang Hoang Gzz
Cai Gleana
Feng Li Qin
Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Visitacion Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the Eastern Assembly District because my community should be not divided from the Bayview, Excelsior, and Chinatown. Thank you!

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Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Visitation Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed

in the Eastern Assembly District because my community should be not divided from the Bay Area.

Thank you!

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Chio Mary

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Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Visitation Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the 10th Assembly District. Thank you!

in the East Bay Assembly District because my community should not be divided from the Bay Area.

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Excellor and Chinatown. Thank you!
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Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Victory Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the 2nd District for the 2021-2022 reapportionment cycle.

Because the Census Bureau data is so difficult to interpret, I believe 3rd District is the correct district for my neighborhood. The 3rd District includes Spider Valley and other areas that are more suburban in nature.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

In the Eastern Assembly District because my community should be not divided from the Bay Area.

I am a resident of the Visitacion Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the 13th District.

Excellor, and Chinatown. Thank you!

Because I am a resident of the Visitacion Valley area of San Francisco, I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the 13th District.

As an Asian American, I feel that the 13th District is a more appropriate representation of my community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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I am a resident of the Mission District of San Francisco. I support extending community protections and ensuring that our neighborhoods are safe for all. Thank you for considering my input.

Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am in the Eastern Assembly District because my community should be not divided from the Bayview.

Because residents of the Mission Valley area of San Francisco, I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the District 10.
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Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Visalia Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the

For my community. Thank you!

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Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Visitation Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed in the 11th district.

Thank you.

Excellor and Chinatown. Thank you.

In the Eastern Assembly District because my community should be not divided from the bayview.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed in

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Thank you!
Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Visitation Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed

in the Eastern Assembly District because my community should be not divided from the Bayview.

Except for and Chinatown. Thank you!

Qiu Lin
388 Mission St
San Francisco, CA 94105
Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Vizcaino Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed

in the Eastern Assembly district because my community should be not divided from the Bayview.

Excelsior and Chinatown. Thank you!

The California legislature that I support represents my community.

I am a resident of the Vizcaino Valley area of San Francisco. I would like my neighborhood to be placed

in the Eastern Assembly district because my community should be not divided from the Bayview.

Excelsior and Chinatown. Thank you!

The California legislature that I support represents my community.

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Excelsior and Chinatown. Thank you!

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