

**Subject:** Dividing Berkeley into two Senate Districts

**From:** Susan Wengraf <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:31:05 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please enter the attached letter into the public record.

Thank you,

Susan Wengraf

Berkeley City Council

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*Councilmember Susan Wengraf*

  
*Berkeley, California 94704*

July 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street - Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Dividing Berkeley into two different State Senate Districts

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

As the elected official representing the Northeast Berkeley hills on the Berkeley City Council, I urge you to adopt the visualization for the RCHMD State Senate District dated July 19, 2011 (\*\*to be presented\*\*), which keeps the entirety of the City of Berkeley in one State Senate District.

I strongly OPPOSE the visualization for the RCHMD State Senate District dated July 15, 2011 (\*\*current working visualization\*\*) which arbitrarily splits the City of Berkeley. The proposed division of Berkeley bifurcates a community of interest right down the middle. If adopted, the voice of a very active community will be cut in half and drowned out by the larger constituencies in the two respective districts.

The residents of my council district have a strong sense of community and closely identify with the University. Many of my constituents are students and faculty at the University. Residents of north Berkeley utilize services in central Berkeley and South Berkeley as much as north Berkeley. We do not view Berkeley as having two different and distinct communities of interest. Splitting Berkeley ignores the close ties that unify our City and will divide the voice of a community that has had a long history of political involvement and leadership at the federal and state levels.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission keep the City of Berkeley intact and adopt the visualization for the RCHMD State Senate District that is dated July 19, 2011 (\*\*to be presented\*\*).

Sincerely,

Susan Wengraf  
Berkeley City Council  
District 6

**Subject:** Letter to the Citizens Redistricting Commission

**From:** "Lau, Ryan" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 15:49:21 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

To Whom it May Concern,

This is a letter from Councilmember Darryl Moore addressing the Citizens Redistricting Commission on the issue of dividing Berkeley among two Senate Districts. Thank you.

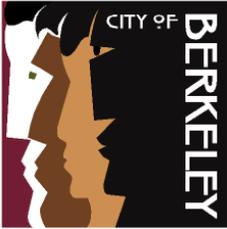
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Sincerely,

Ryan Lau  
Council Aide  
Councilmember Darryl Moore, District 2  
City of Berkeley

[REDACTED]  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
[REDACTED]

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CITY COUNCIL

**Darryl Moore**  
Councilmember District 2

July 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street - Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Dividing the City of Berkeley into two State Senate Districts

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the 112,580 residents of Berkeley, I urge you to adopt the visualization for the RCHMD State Senate District dated July 19, 2011 (\*\*to be presented\*\*), which keeps the entirety of the City of Berkeley in one State Senate District.

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The City of Berkeley is a singular community. North Berkeley is inextricably bound to the rest of the city and is heavily reliant on services throughout the city, in addition to those in north Berkeley. Splitting our city into separate Senate Districts ignores the close bonds that hold this City together.

I appreciate the difficult work that the Commission is undertaking, but splitting the City of Berkeley will divide the voice of a community that has had a long history of political involvement and leadership at the federal and state levels.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission keep the City of Berkeley intact and adopt the visualization for the RCHMD State Senate District that is dated July 19, 2011 (\*\*to be presented\*\*).

Sincerely,

Darryl Moore  
Berkeley City Council, District 2



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**Subject:** Letter to the Redistricting Committee from Berkeley Councilmember Laurie Capitelli

**From:** "Capitelli, Laurie" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:29:44 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

On behalf of Councilmember Capitelli, thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

*Jill A. Martinucci*

aide to Laurie Capitelli

Berkeley City Council, District [REDACTED]

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# LAURIE CAPITELLI

Berkeley City Council  
District 5

July 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street - Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Redistricting Proposal dated July 15, 2011

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am extremely concerned about the impacts of the proposed Senate redistricting currently under consideration dated July 15, 2011. It literally divides our community into two different new districts. The Berkeley community has a long history of leadership in our state. Those significant contributions come from a well-informed active citizenry that not only cares deeply about the future of our community but the future of our state and the precarious position we find ourselves in today. Dividing our community will dilute the energy, vitality and problem solving talents our state so desperately needs.

I represent much of the north Berkeley community. We consider ourselves one community with central and south Berkeley. We share many common needs and are a true 'community of interest'. We share common goals and visions around transportation, public education, climate action, environmental and economic sustainability, affordable housing, and many other issues facing the state today.

I urge you to consider carefully your actions. The pending vision dated July 19, 2011 will preserve our community of interest and the asset that it represents for the state of California.

Thank you for all your work and for the opportunity to weigh in on this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Capitelli  
Berkeley City Council, District 5

**Subject:** Redistricting Feedback on NorCal Senate map from Berkeley Mayor

**From:** "Berkeley Mayor's Office" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 14:22:14 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Please take into consideration the attached letter from Mayor Tom Bates regarding the redistricting maps for Northern California Senate Districts.

Thank you.

<<Mayor Bates Redistricting letter.pdf>>

July 21, 2011

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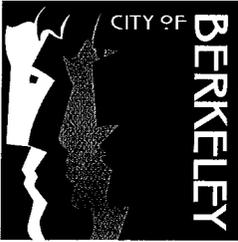
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Sincerely,

Tom Bates

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Office of the Mayor

Tom Bates  
Mayor

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Bates".

Tom Bates