

Subject: Letter from SF Supervisor Sean Elsbernd re:AD-12 and AD-13 Redistricting

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Date: 7/22/2011 11:25 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Please find letter regarding a proposed redistricting alternative in AD-12 and AD-13 from San Francisco Supervisor Sean Elsbernd. A map of proposed changes is also attached.

Thank you.

Alexander Volberding
Office of Supervisor Sean Elsbernd (D7)
City and County of San Francisco

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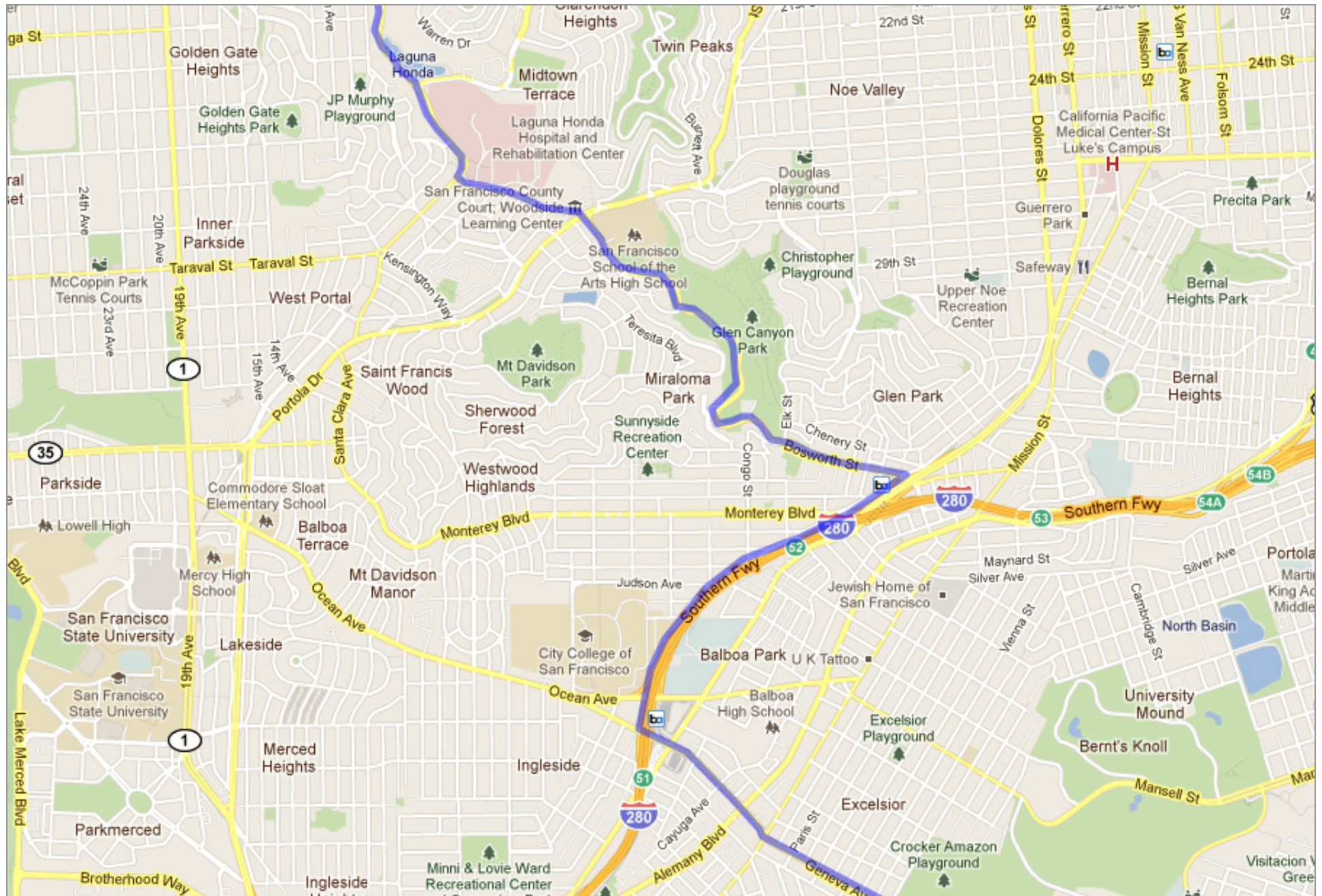
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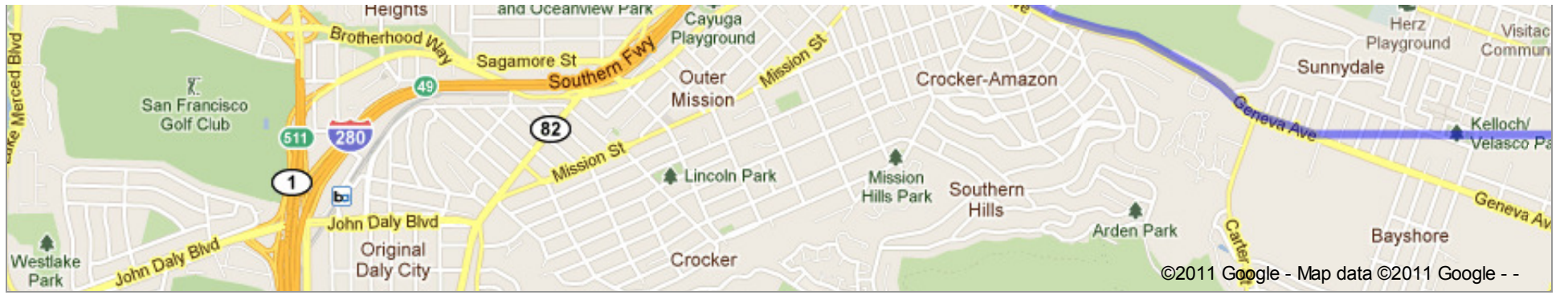
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Member, Board of Supervisors
District 7



City and County of San Francisco

SEAN R. ELSPERND

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
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Re: Assembly Districts 12 and 13

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for work on the Redistricting Commission. The latest draft proposal represents an improvement over earlier drafts. I am writing to propose an alternative that would further improve the design of Assembly districts in San Francisco in order to better preserve existing communities of interest.

This alternative proposes fair districts in both the Assembly Districts 12 and 13 while reflecting the best interests of the people of San Francisco by minimizing the division of neighborhoods and communities. To the greatest extent possible, this proposal utilizes existing natural boundaries, highways and major surface streets as borders. These natural and man-made borders currently define and delineate the borders of neighborhoods and communities, and it makes sense to employ them when drawing political districts.

This redesign also preserves well established neighborhoods and communities that have been recognized as having common shared interests previously by their inclusion in the same State Senate, Assembly and Supervisorial districts. When feasible these neighborhoods and communities should be reunited and represented by the same Assembly District.

The proposed redesign can be found below with an explanation of the neighborhoods and communities that would be positively affected. Also attached are a series of maps that include visualizations of the proposed changes.

Proposed changes (west to east) include:

- Extend eastern border on Woodside Avenue and O'Shaughnessy Boulevard through Glen Park and along Bosworth Street to Interstate 280. Change would preserve Miraloma Park and Sunnyside in AD-12
- Move eastern border from Mission Street to Interstate 280. Change would keep Cayuga Terrace, Mission Terrace and Balboa Park to AD-13.
- Extend southern border from Interstate 280 to Geneva Avenue where it continues to the City and County line. Change would move Crocker Amazon to AD-12.

Please feel free to contact me at (415) 554-6516 or at sean.elspernd@sfgov.org should you have any questions about the redesign.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sean R. Elspend", written over a light blue background.

SEAN R. ELSPERND
Supervisor, District 7

Subject: Pubic Comment- Letter Addressing the Visualizations for San Francisco City & County Districts

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CC: Chris Punongbayan <[REDACTED]>

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input once again. Please find attached a letter regarding the new visualizations for the San Francisco Assembly Districts submitted by the the following organizations for your consideration:

- Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club
- Asian Law Caucus
- Asian Pacific American Community Center
- Chinatown Community Development Center
- Chinese for Affirmative Action
- Gay Asian Pacific Alliance
- National Center for Lesbian Rights
- San Francisco LGBT Community Center
- Vistacion Valley Asian Alliance

Thank you,
Carlo De La Cruz

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July 8, 2011

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. This petition is submitted in response to the latest set of visualizations posted on the Commission's website on July 2, 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, Chinatown and these communities share much in common. From transportation routes to culture to commerce, these two sister Asian American communities of interest should be kept together. 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. While the Commission is under no legal obligation to unite non-contiguous communities of interest, 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 and Excelsior areas is troubling as this division strikes against the unification of communities of interest. 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, and Excelsior 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.

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. 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 et al.

Executive Director, Asian Law Caucus