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From:Christina Arrostuto <[REDACTED]>

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From: Christina Arrostuto <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Please keep Vallejo and Benicia in the San Francisco Bay Area!!

Message Body:
Hello and thanks for your good work.

I'm writing to urge you to include Vallejo and Benicia with more of Contra Costa County as you work toward final proposed maps. As a native Vallejoan and pretty-much-lifelong resident of Vallejo (in Benicia the past 8 years) I can attest that we are San Francisco Bay Area, not Sacramento Valley, residents!!!

We have stronger ethnic, water, transportation and economic interests in common with the Bay Area than we do with the rest of Solano County. In fact, the County-as-a-whole's interests are better-represented both at the state and national levels by having multiple representatives that reflect Solano's rich ethnic, economic and geographic diversity.

There are ferry service from Vallejo to San Francisco and bus service from Benicia to Contra Costa BART for good reasons - thousands of us work, play and do business in the rest of the Bay Area.

If I want to see an independent film, I must go to Pleasant Hill, Berkeley, San Rafael or "the City" (which is what Vallejoans and Benicians call San Francisco) - even if I were WILLING to drive all the way to Sacramento (65 miles away vs 20 for Berkeley, 15 for Pleasant Hill and 35 for SF), they don't play indie films there!

If I want to shop I'm as likely to hop over the bridge to Sunvalley mall (there's bus service to there too!) as brave the congestion on Eastbound 80 to Fairfield. Our bridges are just that - bonds, not barriers!!

And the environmental issues I care about - clean water, preserving the Bay, refineries - all rest with agencies like ABAG and BCDC.

You have received extensive testimony from American Canyon that they want to be part of Napa. Please use that to help Vallejo and Benicia join with its actual community of interest - the San Francisco Bay Area.

Best regards, Christina Arrostuto

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