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From: Roberto Valdez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 9:02 AM

To: California Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

FYI: resubmitted with minor correction.

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Individual Comment re: CRC Visualization Q2 Mapping(June 23rd) and Follow-up Concern re: Addendum(May 21st) and Community of Interest Testimony(5/23th) for 1st Draft CRC Maps.

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 18:31:22 -0700

June 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1139 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear California Redistricting Commissioners:

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In addition, I am still concerned that you do not split the Latino/Hispanic populations within both the large urban as well as small rural communities in California such as the City of San Jose for the following sociological reasons re: the growing majority of Latino/Hispanic population in California as well as USA within the next 5-10 years. For example , due to the downward Californian economy, Californian Latinos/Hispanics will continue to deal with a lot of socioeconomic challenges in higher education, employment opportunities, and health services; they do not need to feel more alienated in our American society, due to bilingual/bicultural backgrounds. So that, they need to be included in the American political process in a fair and impartial matter within all regions of the Great State of California.

Furthermore, although I recognize that you all were given awesome responsibilities to balance both the Californian population growth and shifts from the past ten years until the 2020 U.S. Census, I agree strongly with both NALEO and MALDEF, two outstanding Latino Voters advocacy organizations, that you minimize the tendency to split whole communities with large Latino/Hispanic populations in our different regional maps, so that the Latino/Hispanic individuals are able to identify within their community locations in socially-acceptable ways and have a fair & impartial chance to elect their political representatives during the next decade.

Thank you very much.

Yours Truly,

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From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Addendum to Community of Interest Testimony(5/23th) for 1st Draft CRC Maps.

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 18:55:30 -0700

Dear Commissioners:

I am submitting an addendum to my original Community of Interest Testimony(5/23th) for the first Draft of the CRC Maps. I am very concerned that the Latino voters in Solano County be kept together within each of the their designated communities in fair and impartial manner during the next 10 years as an outcome of your redistricting efforts with regards to the CRC mapping process. For example, given the fact that Solano County has the following registered voters of Latino/Hispanic background:

County	Solano
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I would like to recommend that you and your staff make every effort to maintain the significant diversity of each Latino/Hispanic communities within each of our distinct suburban cities in Solano County. More specifically, I am currently very concerned that our Board of Supervisors are proposing to balance the equal representation of 82,669 per district by combining the small City of Dixon with the larger City of Vacaville without any regard to the impact of the Latino population(44.7% or & 7,000 Latino Population) in Dixon which will result in their voting disenfranchisement for the next 4 years. Thus, I request that you listen to the call for both fair & impartial representation for all Solano County residents as well as Californians.

Also, I respectfully want to urge you and your planning staff that you to make sure that our Latino/Hispanic population is treated in both fair & impartial manner by recognizing thier growing contribution to our participatory democracy by including rather than excluding them in both the planning process and the final outcome. For example, it has been brought to my attention from both NALEO and MALDEF, both well-known Latino Advocacy Organizations, that during the last ten years the Latino/Hispanic voters were not give equal opportunity to participate in our worthy American democracy which will repeat itself unless you change it. Thus, I suggest that you be well advised that you include and respect exponentially the social needs of the Latino population in California.

In addition, although I recognize that you are dealing with a monumental task re: CRC process, I wish to suggest that you find innovative ways to reach-out to the Latino/Hispanic barrios by working together with worthy community organizations such as NALEO in Los Angeles, CA, MALDEF in the U.S.A., and listen to what the bilingual voters are saying to you in your worthy efforts to provide the best fair & impartial representation for all Californians.

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Community of Interest Testimony for 1st Draft CRC Maps deadline(May 23, 2010) re: Hispanic/Latino /Mexican-Americans in Vacaville, CA.
Date: Sat, 21 May 2011 18:39:04 -0700

May 21, 2011

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- has several annual community celebrations such as the Fiesta Days Parade and Events, Holy Procession of Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, and Andrew Parks 4th of July Fireworks.
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- has numerous community-minded churches and non-denominational events such as Merriment on Main (Street) during December.

Thus, in my opinion, Vacaville represents a growing and prosperous city which is managing to maintain its socio-economic growth with redevelopment projects in both Solano County and California.

Also, recognizing the direct correlation between the 2010 U.S. Census Survey and the 2011 CRC Maps, I am very concerned on both the impartial and fair political representation of the Hispanic/Latino/Mexican-American populations in Vacaville on account that, in my observations, Spanish-speaking/bilingual population is following currently at 18.3%(16,899 total) growth in the same patterns as both Solano County (22%) and California (36%) levels. From my work experiences and community involvement, I have observed that Vacaville Spanish-speaking community is more similar to both Dixon(44.7%) and Winters(49.4%), but it is different from Fairfield (24.7%) and Vallejo(20.8) in its multicultural activities and very distinct to Benicia and Rio Vista; however, I realize that both Benicia(11.8%) and Rio Vista (15.9%) have smaller rural Hispanic/Latino residents in Solano County.

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Date: 7/24/2011 9:11 AM

To: California Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

Please confirm that you got my corrected email and that it will be added to your public comments from Solano County in Region 8 re: Visualization Q2 and that my previous Community of Interest Testimony(May 23th) and Addendum(June 28th) will be added to 1st Draft CRC Maps.

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