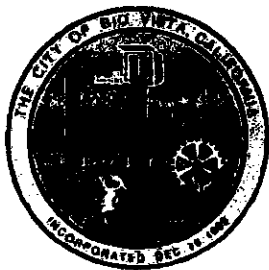


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Commissioner Peter Yao, Chair
Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Chair Yao:

As Mayor of the City of Rio Vista I would like to express the City Council's serious concerns about the most recent iteration of maps for the California Assembly District and Congressional District. The first draft placed most of Solano County into the same Assembly and Congressional District. However, the most recent maps (dated July 19, 2011) divide the County into two Congressional Districts and into three Assembly Districts.

Over the years, Solano County has worked hard to establish the commonalities of our cities and the county rather than our differences. Although Rio Vista is not part of the I-80 corridor, we recognize the importance of thinking regionally when it comes to our common interests. When we travel to Washington, D.C. or Sacramento we speak with one voice, and support projects and policies that are of importance to Solano County as a whole. It makes no sense to us, and may be extremely detrimental, to now split the county into two or three parts or, in the case with the proposed Congressional District, actually split one of our larger cities into two districts.

The Assembly District proposal actually includes Rio Vista with a large part of eastern Contra Costa County. Our city has little in common with those Contra Costa cities as they are closely aligned with the Bay Area, while Rio Vista has more in common with the other Solano cities, and with Yolo and Sacramento Counties. For instance, Rio Vista serves on the boards of the Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District, The Solano Transportation Authority, and the Solano Water Authority which allows the cities to develop strategies to improve the economic situation of all of our cities and the county. This collaboration strengthens our ability to work more closely with our legislative representatives.

The currently proposed, the Senate District map keeps all of Solano County within one district, which we support. Therefore, the Rio Vista City Council strongly urges that the Redistricting Commission revert to the prior Congressional and Assembly District maps and keep Solano County whole.

Sincerely,

Jan Vick, Mayor
City of Rio Vista