Message Body:
The latest proposal to re-draw the 10th Assembly District lines to include Placer County greatly concerns me. Placer's population concentration would overwhelm that of western El Dorado County, thus depriving this area of fair and adequate representation. The originally proposed boundaries, following the Hwy. 50 corridor, better represent the citizens of El Dorado Hills and surrounding areas.

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To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I have been a resident of Shingle Springs/Cameron Park for the past 7 years. I travel Highway 50 often from Placerville to Sacramento and pass through the communities of El Dorado Hills and Rancho Cordova. These areas should be in the same Assembly and State Senate district.

I also sometimes travel to Citrus Heights and Roseville for shopping, but feel these communities are separated from us by Folsom Lake and should be in their own separate district.

Please keep the like communities together as the maps were originally drawn. Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, Rancho Cordova, and Elk Grove should be in the same Assembly and State Senate district. Roseville and Citrus Heights should be kept together as they are right next to each other along Highway 80.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Barbara Smiley
Cameron Park,
El Dorado County, CA
Message Body:
It is critical that El Dorado County continue to have TWO assembly persons. The County has such a very wide range of geography, commerce, residents and more that a single representative could not possibly provide good service to all

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I live in El Dorado Hills (zip 95762) I am very involved with the County redistricting. I had heard some rumblings about El Dorado Hills Being place in a district that would go way up highway 80 in to Placer County. I decided to take a look at the California Assembly redistricting map Visualization 2011.07.07 8 NSAC. I think it makes sense. While it does take in part of Hwy 80 It does not go way up the hill. It is my hope that the current map will define my Assembly District.
Message Body:
As a 20 year resident of El Dorado Hills, I think the Assembly District should remain the same as it is today, or as close to same as possible. It is nice that El Dorado County has two Assembly seats representing the County, especially with all the growth in the El Dorado Hills Community.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: Frances C. Thomson <frances@frances Thom son.com>
To: <redacted>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 4:06 PM
Subject: Draft Redistricting Map for Assembly Dist. 10

Message Body:
Dear Commissioners:
I live in El Dorado Hills and the proposal to include Placer County in Assembly District 10 with El Dorado County greatly concerns me. Consider that physically you cannot get directly to Placer County from El Dorado County except where Highway 49 crosses the American River in northeastern El Dorado County. Due in a large part to the barrier of the American River and Lake Folsom, those of us who live in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County have no affinity whatsoever with Placer County. Also, Placer county's large population concentration would completely overwhelm the relatively small population of western El Dorado County, thus effectively disenfranchising citizens in this area.
I believe that El Dorado County has much more in common with the communities along the Highway 50 corridor, as I understand was originally proposed. This highway 50 orientation would more fairly and accurately represent citizens of western El Dorado County.
Thank you.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: John E. Thomson, PhD <john.thomson@ucdavis.edu>
To: <receiver_email>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:50 PM
Subject: El Dorado County MTCAP proposal

Message Body:
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June 24, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for Lake Tahoe to Remain within the Same State Senate and Assembly Districts as the Counties of El Dorado and Placer

Dear Commission Members,

The El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce has two very strong points of concern regarding the preliminary first draft maps that depict the proposed new State Senate and Assembly Districts.

First, in reviewing the preliminary draft maps that are available on the Commission's website, it appears that the Commission intends to dismantle the County of El Dorado's political integrity by carving Lake Tahoe out of our County and redistricting it into a different Senate District and a different Assembly District. For the past 160 years, Lake Tahoe and the County of El Dorado have shared a common rich history and kinship that must be respected and continued.

Second, the continuity of the representation provided by the same elected Assembly and Senate representatives is paramount to protecting the existing rural region of the Sierra Nevada Foothills. The Counties of El Dorado and Placer are lockstep, beginning with our rich Gold Rush history to the modern day communities of El Dorado Hills and Roseville; Placerville and Auburn; and the City of South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe City. There are no other two counties more alike in demographic, geographic and historic characteristics than these two counties.

As approved by California's voters in November 2008, the language contained within Proposition 11, the "Voters First Act," provides very clear direction to the Commission in that the "geographic integrity of any city, county, city and neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible." With this direction in mind, the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce is at a loss as to the Commission's justification for proposing to place Lake Tahoe in legislative districts that are different than the districts that contain its home counties of El Dorado and Placer.

The El Dorado County Chamber requests that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission re-evaluate their proposal and consider our request to maintain the integrity of our communities by keeping Lake Tahoe and the Counties of El Dorado and Placer within the same legislative districts.

Sincerely,

Laurel Brent-Bumb
A.C.E.
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Senator Ted Gaines, Assemblyperson Beth Gaines, and Assemblyperson Alyson Huber

EL DORADO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Placerville, California 95667
I've just received a report, without a map, saying that the Commission is considering an alternative which would place El Dorado Hills in an Assembly District which otherwise represents only Placer County.

This would be unthinkable to the people of El Dorado Hills: We have absolutely no ties with Placer County. We're isolated from it by a road distance ranging from of 22, 27, or 33.5 miles between my home in the north end of EDH to Auburn. 2 of the 3 alternative routes use winding 2-lane rural roads. People living in the south end of EDH would add 7 to 8 more miles more distance.

The EDH community and Placer County are mutually isolated by every significant criterion -- from geography and road distance to separate governments and agencies in different counties.

EDH and Sacramento County, especially Folsom, share at least traffic and commerce. That is in fact a highly significant connection.

If the report I received of placing us into a Placer County district is correct I strongly urge the Commission to drop consideration of that alternative. Should the Commission proceed with such a proposal, it should first schedule public hearings in El Dorado Hills.
In reply refer to: L2011-024

June 29, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: First Draft Redistricting Maps – Recommended Revisions to State Legislative Maps in El Dorado County

Dear Commission Members:

El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the first draft redistricting maps the Committee released on June 10. EID is a public agency that provides drinking water, wastewater, recycled water, and recreational services in a 220 square-mile service area that covers most of western El Dorado County. Our service area is bounded generally on the west by the Sacramento County line, on the north by the South Fork American River, on the south by the North Fork Cosumnes River, and on the east by the community of Pollock Pines. It has a population of approximately 122,100 people, according to the 2010 census.

EID’s Board of Directors reviewed the Commission’s first draft maps at its first opportunity, which was our June 27 regular meeting.* The Board was greatly concerned by the proposed “Foothill” and “ESac” State Senate districts, recommended specific revisions, and authorized me to communicate those recommendations to you.

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* Our meeting schedule made it impossible to transmit this letter by close of business on June 28, as the Commission requested. We regret the late submittal, but trust that the Commission will nonetheless consider our recommendation.
The two proposed senatorial districts divide EID’s service area, placing El Dorado Hills and much of Cameron Park in the “ESac” district, and the remainder in a so-called “Foothill” district that is badly mis-named. This division of EID’s service area – which splits the population nearly 50-50 – is illogical and undesirable. It dilutes our constituents’ voting power and violates the Commission’s fourth redistricting criterion – to respect the geographic integrity, and minimize the division, of communities of interest. As taxpayers and customers of the largest water and wastewater utility in El Dorado County, the residents of EID’s service area constitute a clear and indivisible community of interest.

Further, in lieu of including western El Dorado County, the proposed “Foothill” district encompasses western Madera and Fresno counties, including much of the Fresno metropolitan area. These urbanized Central Valley locales have few common interests with the foothill counties that make up most of the “Foothill” district’s territory, yet their population totals will give them electoral dominance within this senatorial district. This dilutes the voting power of the foothill counties (whose water rights and water quality interests align with EID’s), and it is simply inaccurate to characterize such a district as a “Foothill” district, when the interests of urbanized San Joaquin Valley voters will clearly predominate.

EID therefore recommends that the Commission redraw the “Foothill” senatorial district as follows:

- Add Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills into this district, so that the community of interest represented by EID’s service area is not divided.

- Using state Highway 41 as a divider, remove western Madera and Fresno counties from this district.

- If these two changes require additional population adjustments, add territory to equalize the population count. The best candidate for added territory would be the City of Folsom, because EID and the City have a close, cooperative governmental relationship and because notwithstanding jurisdictional lines, there are few physical, social, or economic distinctions between Folsom and El Dorado Hills. Other candidates for added territory would include eastern Sacramento and western Placer counties.
Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Commission’s work. We look forward to the Commission’s implementation of our recommendations in the next round of draft maps.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Harry Norris
President of Board of Directors

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cc: Board of Directors
    Thomas D. Cumpston, EID General Counsel
    Clerk of the Board, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
    Hon. Tom McClintock, House of Representatives District 4
    Hon. Ted Gaines, State Senate District 1
    Hon. Alyson Huber, State Assembly District 10
    Hon. Beth Gaines, State Assembly District 4