Dear Commission members,

Three maps are attached as jpg files, see notes below. I am writing as a member of El Dorado County Citizens for Responsible Government, which is a newly formed coalition of civic leaders in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park. Many of the 19 founding members of this group also were active in the El Dorado Hills Citizens Alliance throughout its 4 years of existence. I served as its president during that time.

This email is from me as an individual. I will raise this issue with EDCCRG within the next week, with a likely outcome that we will petition both the California Redistricting Commission and the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to oppose your current map for Assembly Districts in our area. To my knowledge all of us had been in agreement with your original map and I have high confidence that all of us will be in strong disagreement with the map released in this past week.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE EL DORADO HILLS and CAMERON PARK IN A DISTRICT BASED ON THE I-80 CORRIDOR AND AREAS TO THE NORTH.

If you leave us in that district, allow us at least 30 days to organize a protest, then allow adequate time for the Commission to respond, then for citizens of El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park to review and comment on your response.

We have NO affinity for Placer County and other areas accessed from I-80. Our only major regional highway is US 50, which runs directly through El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park, and connects us to Sacramento County. Our only non-freeway arterial connections to the west lead to Folsom (north of US 50) and to Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove (south of US 50).

These road network details define our connections in commerce and in public affairs interests. Putting us in the same district as Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln would couple us with a region of far different interests and needs. The much higher population in that area would seriously diminish our ability to receive adequate representation.

El Dorado Hills is the largest actual city in El Dorado County, at population 42,108 in the 2010 Census in a county of 181,058. Cameron Park is the County's third largest actual city, at population 18,228, not far behind the incorporated city of South Lake Tahoe (population 21,403). El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park combined have a total population of 60,336. We have 1/3 of El Dorado County's total population and 55% of its measured road traffic.

However, just Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln have a total population of 217,716 -- almost 40,000 more than all of El Dorado County. I am very concerned that our representation would be minimal at best if we are a very small part of an Assembly District and the larger part is focused on issues other than ours.

Three maps are attached to this email. All three are edited by shading of areas outside our district to facilitate recognition of the mapped district.

- The Commission's first-draft map of our district. This map is reasonable, I would advocate its acceptance.

- The Commission's draft published within the past week, listed on your web site with date 7/11/2011. In my opinion this map is unreasonable, I will advocate its rejection.

- An edited copy of the first-draft map which shows my personal first-draft concept suggestion for best boundaries for our district. I believe this to be reasonable, though it was created without benefit of the GIS to assure that our district's population is within about 1% of its target. Population balancing for this map is approximate, by a combination of local knowledge and intuition. The map's purpose is to demonstrate a viable concept, derived from the Commission's first-draft map.
Until now my main attention to redistricting has been for El Dorado County Board of Supervisors districts (see El Dorado County Redistricting on www.sierrafoot.org), and I have developed 4 alternative maps for El Dorado County Board Of Supervisors redistricting through the Redistricting Center support at the Sacramento Central Library. If our Assembly District remains contentious I will add a new web page to sierrafoot.org to cover that issue within about 2 days.

Thank you for your consideration of this message. I appreciate your attention to citizen comments and your incentive to seek them.

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Web site: http://www.sierrafoot.org

3 attachments

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