Attached is a letter from Sacramento Interim City Manager William H. Edgar related to the statewide visualization maps.

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

SUBJECT: Comments on Statewide Visualizations Impacting the City of Sacramento

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to thank you and acknowledge your attention to redistricting issues the City of Sacramento has previously identified for your consideration. This letter also includes a suggested minor technical change related to the proposed Congressional district impacting Sacramento.

- The City is pleased that California State University, Sacramento and the University of California, Davis Medical Center, both located inside our City limits, have been placed inside Sacramento-based state legislative districts. These institutions are critical City assets and frequent collaborative City partners that we believe should remain linked with City of Sacramento-based State legislators.

- The City is pleased the statewide visualization map includes Sacramento in a single Congressional district, given the City’s profile as California’s capital city and the region’s urban core. As reinforced in testimony before your Commission and prior correspondence, the City faces many challenges over the next decade with flood protection and the need to construct a multi-modal transportation facility topping the list of complex projects involving federal participation. We believe strongly that the City’s interests will be best served by continuing to be represented by a single voice in the nation’s Capitol on these issues and other important community priorities.

- In our recent review of the statewide visualization maps, our staff noted that the Congressional map currently excludes Sacramento International Airport. Because the airport is governed by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, we suggest including the airport in the Sacramento-based Congressional district. We view this as a minor technical adjustment given the limited population of the area, but an important modification that will ensure a Sacramento-based member of Congress will represent the community on federal aviation issues affecting Sacramento International Airport.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional comments on redistricting as it relates to the City of Sacramento. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

William H. Edgar
Interim City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council Members
Dear CRC Commissioners,

My name is Rick Salton and I live in Galt. I am here to thank you for listening to the public comments you’ve received and putting Galt, Elk Grove and Lodi together on your SACEG Assembly map. I know it was challenging and wasn’t your or our first choice—which would have had us with Stockton—but this keeps us in the Central Valley where we belong. And, with the Senate district, I see that you were able to put us with Stockton, so that’s great. Lodi has a lot in common with Galt—I look forward to getting my newspaper from Lodi every morning, and my main transportation vehicle is Highway 99. It is a natural for us to be linked with our neighboring “big-city” Stockton in the south and with the growing suburban city of Elk Grove to the north. Please don’t put growing cities like Galt and Elk Grove with communities further north like Rancho Cordova. The further north you go, the more away from the San Joaquin Valley way of life you get. In conclusion: thank you for the SACEG Assembly visualization having Galt with Lodi, Elk Grove and Stockton. I appreciate your good work and I know you’ve worked hard.

Sincerely,

Rick Salton
Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento
From: Shirley Matracia
Date: 7/14/2011 9:38 AM
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Shirley Matracia
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:
Please DO NOT change my congressional district. I want my district at Citrus Heights, Ca. 95610 to stay the same. Thank you.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento
From: bob pitvorec
Date: 7/14/2011 9:51 AM
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: bob pitvorec
Subject: citrus heights redistricting

Message Body:
It is a mistake to break our community, Citrus Heights, into two districts. Also the Commission should take into consideration community values when redistricting and although we are a city our values are not like Sacramento's. We hope to retain our small town values, including fiscal conservatism (our leaders pay as we go and run a budget that is in the black). Please keep Us in Dan Lundgren's district, who shares our views.
bob pitvorec, concerned citizen.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento
From: Stewart Sellers
Date: 7/14/2011 9:55 AM
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Stewart Sellers
Subject: Citrus Heights

Message Body:
A little over ten years ago Citrus Heights became a city. High among the motivations for this incorporation was to seek independence from the politics of Sacramento city and county. The demographics, economics and life styles of Citrus Heights are more in line with those of residents of the north and east areas of the county than those nearer the city of Sacramento. Your proposed congressional district redrawing to meld these two cities is inappropriate and contrary to the best interests of a substantial number of affected Citrus Heights citizens.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento
From: Anthony Matracia
Date: 7/14/2011 10:16 AM
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Anthony Matracia
Subject: District is Lungren territory

Message Body:
Redistricting our Citrus Heights area of Sacramento from Dan Lungren's district to that of Doris Matsui would be a great disservice to the voters of this area. In recent elections, we have shown that the majority of the voters support Congressman Dan Lungren. Therefore, please refrain from making any such changes for our area.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony V. Matracia

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