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June 29, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: San Joaquin County's State Senate, Assembly and Congressional Districts

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am addressing the Commission because I do NOT want to be in a Congressional District that goes all the way to Merced or Fresno counties. Residents of San Joaquin County of whatever nationality or culture should be in a district with other members of San Joaquin County. It is more important to me to be in a district with my neighbors here in San Joaquin County, than to be grouped with citizens two counties away.

It is natural that people in a district should be included with other people of similar interests and concerns, and that city and county boundaries should be used as much as possible when establishing those districts. It also seems natural that San Joaquin County should be a Congressional District on its own. The county should have a state Senate District and an entire state Assembly District, but not more than two such districts within the county.

In 2001 San Joaquin County was irrationally divided between two Congressional Districts, with a "finger" that tears the county and the City of Stockton apart. Right now, San Joaquin County residents are either in a district with people from Merced and Fresno counties, or in a district with people in the Bay Area. That has been terrible and as a result I do not have any effective representation in Congress. Don't do that to us again!

Keeping San Joaquin County as a Congressional District on its own would preserve the city and county boundaries and give our residents an effective political voice.

So, I think it is only natural that San Joaquin County be made a Congressional District on its own; that we have one state Senate District; and that we have an entire Assembly District, but not more than two Assembly Districts in the county. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Rose Benjamin

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Stockton CA 95205

REGION 9: SAN JOAQUIN

June 28, 2011

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 1st draft maps
San Joaquin County's State Senate and Assembly Districts

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a home owner of Lodi. I have seen the 1st draft maps and Lodi will not have any effective representation if these maps are adopted. I am addressing the Commission because I do NOT want to be in a Senate or Assembly District that includes Yolo, Napa, Marin, and Solano counties. Those are far distant communities that have nothing in common with Lodi. It is important to me to be in a district with my neighbors here in San Joaquin County.

It is natural that people in a district should be included with other people of similar interests and concerns, and that city and county boundaries should be used as much as possible when establishing those districts. It also seems natural that San Joaquin County should have a state Senate District and an entire state Assembly District, but not more than two such districts within the county.

In 2001 San Joaquin County was irrationally divided between four Assembly Districts that tears the county apart. The Senate Districts are not much better. That has been terrible and as a result I do not have any effective representation in Congress. Don't do that to us again!

Keeping Lodi in an Assembly and Senate District with the balance of San Joaquin County would preserve the city and county boundaries and give those in Lodi an effective political voice. If population requirements compel the Commission to split a San Joaquin County city off to be joined with other counties, it should be Tracy, as it has much more in common with the Bay Area than Lodi does with Davis or Santa Rosa. There are many commuters in Tracy who travel to the Bay Area for work. I'm sure there is no one in Lodi who commutes to Santa Rosa for work.

So, I think it is only natural that the City of Lodi and San Joaquin County be kept in a single Senate District; and that we have an entire Assembly District, but not more than two Assembly Districts in the county. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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