

Subject: July 16, 2011 submission on Assembly and Senate districts for Yolo County

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 11:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Commissioners:

My comments are attached.

David Pratt

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We draw the lines testimony July 16, 2011.doc

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July 16, 2011 submission to the CRC on Davis and Yolo County

I'm David Pratt from Davis. I was the first speaker at your first public input meeting, in Redding on April 9. My request then was that you preserve intact the community of interest in Yolo County formed by the cities of Woodland, Davis, Winters, and their surrounding farm lands.

Over the months of your deliberations, it has been an up and down ride for this community of interest but it appeared to have ended up when at the final input hearing, in Sacramento on June 28, you received such a barrage of support for keeping Yolo County whole that Meeting Chairman Peter Yao called for mercy, saying that the Commission had gotten the message, so that others with the same message should just say ditto.

But late in the day on July 13, the Commission decided, in a mixed decision and with essentially no requests from the public, that it was inappropriate to have the City of Vallejo put into Assembly and Senate districts that reached up into rural Napa, Solano, and Yolo Counties. One (true) argument was that Vallejo is a community in deep trouble and needs help. Another argument was that some communities (Davis implied) are capable of taking care of themselves, and that the Commission need not treat their requests with the same sympathy. Then the Commission gave tentative approval to a Q2 proposal that broke Vallejo away from the rural areas but at a cost of totally scrambling the state-level districting of Yolo County, separating the two principal Yolo cities of Woodland and Davis.

Please see if there isn't some better way to fix Vallejo's situation than to rip apart the heavily-supported Woodland/Davis/Winters community of interest.

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: Jim Brewer <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 8:09 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jim Brewer <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Thank you for listening to, and honoring, the overwhelming consensus feedback that came from Yolo County regarding the new district maps; we saw you incorporate that feedback in the currently posted visualization maps. I truly appreciate the substantial task you've undertaken.

It's come to my attention that significant changes have been proposed to those Yolo County visualization maps.

The direction to radically re-draw both the Assembly and Senate maps for this region is in direct opposition to the overwhelming quantity and consensus of testimony, which resulted in the maps you've previously posted.

It is difficult to conceive of a circumstance under which you would so thoroughly disregard the submitted testimony, especially now that the process has reached a point the opportunity to provide additional testimony is very limited and the time to give input has nearly drawn to a close. Please understand that at best this would feel exceedingly disrespectful, wholly lacking in transparency and frankly in opposition to the spirit under which this Committee was initially conceived.

We hope we are in error and these changes are not in fact being considered.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: "Joan M. Moses" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 10:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joan M. Moses <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Community of Interest

Message Body:

On June 28, Commission Members heard representatives from Yolo Co, explain the need to keep our agricultural community of interest united and not divided among several Senate and Assembly districts where our agricultural interests would not be paramount. The most recent map fragments our voice on our vital interests. The criteria of community of interest must be respected.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: Jean Jackman <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 11:19 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jean Jackman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Yolo County

Message Body:

Please consider the many reasons why Yolo County needs one voice.....not nine legislators. I understand that there has been a last minute change so that we are divided into 3 districts. Please recognize the importance of a strong ag voice and open space voice.

These are crucial issues today as our population grows and we recognize the need for control over food that we grow due to everything from pollution problems, contamination by radiation, transportation costs, etc.

Please pay attention to the many wise comments given by the public in favor of keeping Yolo County as one voice and keeping our county seat as part of our area.

This seems to me a no brainer. Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: Dick and Carol Holdstock <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 12:12 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dick and Carol Holdstock <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Yolo County United in one Assembly District

Message Body:

Do not divide Yolo County into 3 districts. We need to stay together what ever you do.

Dick and Carol HGoldstock

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: Lynne Nittler [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 3:10 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lynne Nittler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Yolo County representatives

Message Body:

I was pleased in the last weeks when the Commission listened to the concerns of Yolo county concerning keeping our county as whole as possible because we have so many important issues that require us to have a single representative, including preserving open space and agricultural land, levee upkeep, and water usage. Now, more than ever, these issues need our careful attention. Often quick action is necessary and we need representatives sensitive and educated to the situation.

If I understand correctly, at this last minute the Commission has decided once again to divide up Yolo County so we are split from one another and are represented by nine individuals! Dividing Yolo County into three representatives at each legislative level means no one will have the time or motivation to pay close attention to Yolo County as a whole. Their attention will necessarily go to areas with larger numbers of voters, and our complex issues will likely not be fully understood or given high priority.

I urge you to recall that the testimony just a few weeks ago from this county that fairly uniformly argued for us to remain a county because our interests are very much connected and we need a representative in each government body. Dividing us up into adjoining districts means our own county concerns are no long represented, and our votes have lost their effectiveness.

I trust there is yet time to think carefully about the impact of this decision on a county that has active citizens who value their government and participate in it because they believe in the system as fair.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: Richard McAdam <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 3:15 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard McAdam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Yolo county divided up

Message Body:

I believe Yolo County needs to have one representative at each level of office as it has in the past because it functions as one unit. There are so many important issues for a rural county that need attention, and as we move into climate change those issues will become more urgent. We need to have a representative in Congress and the state government who knows and cares about the County as a whole to address difficult issues about water and land preservation. dividing up the county with surrounding areas not at all concerned with levees, preservation of ag land and open space, etc. will weaken our chances of keeping the county resilient as we strive to adapt to climate change. This proposed redistricting is a serious blow to our ability to thrive.

Thank you for your attention. I hope there is still time to reconsider.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Yolo

From: catherine portman <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/16/2011 8:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: catherine portman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Yolo County whole

Message Body:

Don't split up our county into insignificant pieces of districts whose interest are unrelated to agriculture and open space.

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Subject: regarding splitting Yolo County

From: Kary Shender [REDACTED]

Date: 7/16/2011 8:41 AM

To: [REDACTED] Kary Shender <carina@omsoft.com>

Dear Committee Members,

You would not wish to split up your family, to require that various members plan and go through lengthy processes to share that planning with other members. That is something akin to what would happen if Yolo County were split, then requiring nine separate offices to communicate with one another in order to take care of business. PLEASE do not allow this re-districting to result in the splitting of Yolo into three districts!

Sincerely,

Kary Joseph Shender
Davis, CA