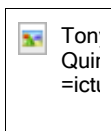


From: "Tony Quinn" <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:58 PM
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Subject: Fox and Hounds Today
Congratulations Speaker Perez --- =o:p>
But Watch Out for the Referendum



By Tony Quinn =o:p>
 Political Commentator =nd Former Legislative Staffer

Wed, July 13th, 2011

Congratulations are in =rder to Assembly Speaker John Perez. The Redistricting Commission has =ow delivered the 54th seat necessary for Speaker Perez to achieve =wo-thirds Democratic rule in the Assembly, (an accomplishment the =emocrats never achieved on their own). With a two-thirds vote, Perez =nd his friends can pass tax increases to their heart's delight. =hey need not spend money trying to elect more Democratic members; the =edistricting Commission has done it for them.

It is all a matter of =aving friends in high places.

Their friends are not =ust the 14 commissioners, who feign ignorance of the partisan seats =hey are drawing – and that is true of some but not all of the =ommissioners. The real partisan work is being done by their staff of =erkeley Democratic consultants. Every change made to Assembly maps =ince release of the first draft districts on June 10 has favored the =emocrats; to believe this is all by accident is to walk through an =rchar and believe all the rows of trees just grew there by chance. =o:p>

The 54th Democratic seat =s a doozy, but it does the job. The district begins in part of Rancho =ucamonga in San Bernardino County, then it crosses the county line to =bsorb Claremont in Los Angeles County, then it leapfrogs over community =fter community to settle in deeply Democratic Pasadena, providing the =ecessary voters for the 54th seat. Now this is all quite =nconstitutional since the law says you are not supposed to bypass =djaent population for far distant population, but this Commission =gnores the law when it is inconvenient.

This district unites =ommunities like Rancho Cucamonga and Pasadena that have never in =istory been in the same district. So much for constitutional line =rawing.

But before the Speaker claims his two-thirds, there is a problem; it's called the referendum. This Democratic gerrymander can be referred giving the people the last say on the new districts. When the people enacted Proposition 20 in 2010, they also changed the referendum law to make it much easier for the people to refer an act of this commission, and to vote to reject their plans.

Proposition 20 was the brainchild of Charles Munger, an investor, who funded it to bring congressional districts under the new commission. Munger and his fellow authors of Prop 20 had a suspicion the commission might not work out, so they provided an easy path for citizens to refer its product. Each plan is a separate statute; it is subject to referendum just like any law of the legislature. To qualify a referendum requires filing a little more than 500,000 valid signatures in a 90-day period.

The Proposition 20 proponents also realized that timing is essential. The state must have new districts for the June 2012 election, and that requires giving the counties time to draw new precinct lines and prepare for the election. So the authors cut the commission's time to pass a final plan to August 15. (It was originally September 15). The state's referendum law gives proponents 90 days to gather the required signatures, but importantly the authors of Proposition 20 provided that as soon as they submit signatures, probably about November 15, a proponent can petition the Supreme Court to appoint a line drawing master on the grounds that the plans are stayed and the court must adopt new plans for the next election, in this case 2012.

This language in the constitution triggers the Supreme Court to act: "Any registered voter in this state may file a petition for a writ of mandate ... where ... map is subject to a referendum measure that is likely to qualify and stay the timely implementation of the map." Just turn in signatures and we are off to court.

The timeline is exceedingly important, as Republicans well know. In 1981, they filed three referendum petitions against what was known as the "Phil Burton Plans," the Democratic gerrymanders of 1981, or what the late Rep. Phil Burton (D-San Francisco), their author, called his contribution to modern art. (Disclosure: I knew Rep. Burton and was the Republican consultant when he ran us through like a knife through soft butter. I admired Burton as the penultimate political operative and a wonderfully Irish pol. He did not hide what he was about unlike this commission pretending it knows nothing about its partisan plans.)

After we filed our referenda in 1981, the issue went to the Supreme Court, who ruled that it was too late, the Democratic plans had to be used because there was not enough time for new plans. The Proposition 20 authors understood this; they have provided the timeframe and procedure for the Supreme Court to immediately draft its own plan until the people can vote on the commission's work in June 2012.

This delightful scenario was the work, I believe, of the primary author of Proposition 20, former State Appeal Court Justice Daniel Kolkey, whom Munger engaged to draw up his measure. The commission well knows Mr. Kolkey; in March they hired him and his law firm, Gibson Dunn, as their Voting Rights Act attorneys. But over succeeding months, former Justice Kolkey was driven from the process. They no longer consult him at all. Seems he is a Republican and the Commission wanted nothing but Democrats advising them and drawing their plans.

So before Speaker Perez can claim his two-thirds majority, he will need to justify the commission's Democratic gerrymander before the public at a statewide election. This is exactly what the creators of direct democracy in California envisioned -- let the people decide.

I will also let you in a little secret, dear reader. The voters get really irritated when their faith in the process is corrupted, as this commission has done. In 1981, we made a case to Republican voters that Rep. Burton overreached, and so many outraged Republicans sent small donations for our referendum that it paid for itself. A referendum against this rogue commission will be easy, angry voters will pay for it themselves to have a chance to reject the commission's plans, as surely they will.

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Fwd: My input to the Commission

Voter <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Jul 14, 2011 at 1:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

General
July 13

----- Original Message -----

Subject: My input to the Commission**Date:** Wed, 13 Jul 2011 11:10:59 -0700**From:** Submissions, Map <[REDACTED]>**To:** Voter <[REDACTED]>

From: Richard Blackston <[REDACTED]>**Date:** Sat, 9 Jul 2011 21:21:17 -0700 (PDT)**To:** <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** My input to the Commission

July 9, 2011

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen of the State Reapportionment Commission,

Like you I am interested in having a state legislature that will work to meet the many and varied needs of this great State of California and the best way of insuring that this will occur is for the districts to be designed with no political involvement or considerations.

I have been working on my suggestions for the State Assembly, State Senate and Congress and I think I have come up with a workable design. I am still in the process of drawing the maps but I have designed the districts with the numbers of which I am including with this report. I have also included the district maps for the Congressional, Senate and Assembly Districts of which I am in the process of working on. I am still working on all the maps but I think you will understand what I am leading to.

When drawing these maps I am using the following check list:

- Federal and State Voter Rights Laws.
- Keeping Counties and Cities as whole as possible and dividing them when necessary.
- Keeping the districts as contiguous as possible.
- Keeping industrial and economical communities interest together as much as possible.
- Work to keep the district's transportation system as united as possible.
- Considering geographical features such as mountain ranges, the Delta and other waterway systems.

- Keeping ethnic and racial influences intact as much as possible.

So with that I am giving you my draft of the California Reappointment Plan for the Congressional, Assembly and Senate Districts. I will provide you with a copy of the maps as I finish them. I am using the Berkeley Law Center in Sacramento to design my maps and from what I have been told they are on the same Computer Servers that the Commission uses.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Richard Blackston

[REDACTED]
Lodi, California 95240
[REDACTED]

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California Congressional Districts

Designer, Richard Blackston

July 8, 2011

(702,905 citizens per district)

District One:

• Del Norte	28610	
• Humboldt	134623	
• Trinity	13786	
• Mendocino	87841	
• Lake	64665	
• Sonoma	373380	702905

District Two:

• Siskiyou	44900	
• Modoc	9686	
• Shasta	177223	
• Lassen	34895	
• Tehama	63463	
• Plumas	20007	
• Sierra	3240	
• Glenn	28122	
• Butte	220000	
• Colusa	21419	
• Yuba	72155	
• Sutter	7795	702905

District Three:

• Sonoma	110498	
• Marin	252409	
• Napa	136484	
• Yolo	200849	
• Solano	2665	702905

District Four:

• Sutter	86942	
• Sacramento	615963	702905

District Five:

• Sacramento	702905	702905
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District Six:

• Nevada	98764	
• Placer	348432	
• Sacramento	98420	
• El Dorado	157289	702905

District Seven:

- Sacramento 1500
- Solano 410679
- Contra Costa 290726 702905

District Eight:

- Contra Costa 17599
- San Joaquin 685306 702905

District Nine:

- El Dorado 23769
- Amador 38091
- Alpine 1175
- Mono 14202
- Calaveras 45578
- Tuolumne 55365
- Stanislaus 67341
- Mariposa 18251
- Madera 150865
- Fresno 269722
- Inyo 18546 702905

District Ten:

- Stanislaus 447112
- Merced 255793 702905

District Eleven:

- Fresno 549923
- Kings 152982 702905

District Twelve:

- Fresno 110805
- Tulare 442179
- Kern 149921 702905

District Thirteen:

- Kern 689710
- San Bernardino 13195 702905

District Fourteen:

- Contra Costa 702905 702905

District Fifteen:

- Contra Costa 37795
- Alameda 665110 702905

District Sixteen:

- Alameda 702905 702905

District Seventeen:

- Alameda 142256
- Santa Clara 560649 702905

District Eighteen:

- San Francisco 702905 702905

District Nineteen:

- San Francisco 102330
- San Mateo 600575 702905

District Twenty:

- San Mateo 117876
- Santa Clara 322647
- Santa Cruz 262382 702905

District Twenty One:

- Santa Clara 702905 702905

District Twenty Two:

- Santa Clara 195441
- San Benito 55269
- Monterey 415057
- San Luis Obispo 37138 702905

District Twenty Three:

- San Luis Obispo 232499
- Santa Barbara 423895
- Ventura 46511 702905

District Twenty Four:

- Ventura 702905 702905

District Twenty Five:

- Ventura 73902
- Los Angeles 629003 702905

Districts Twenty Six thru Thirty Eight:

- Los Angeles (13 districts) 9137765 9137765

District Thirty Nine:

- Los Angeles 51837
- Orange 651068 702905

Districts Forty thru Forty Two:

- Orange (3 districts) 2108715 2108715

District Forty Three:

- Orange 250449
- Riverside 452456 702905

Districts Forty Four thru Forty Seven:

- San Diego (4 districts) 2811620 2811620

District Forty Eight:

- San Diego 283693
- Imperial 174528
- Riverside 244684 702905

Districts Forty Nine thru Fifty:

- Riverside (2 districts) 1405810 1405810

District Fifty One:

- Riverside 86691
- San Bernardino 616214 702905

District Fifty Two thru Fifty Three:

- San Bernardino (2 districts) 1405810 1405810

California Congressional Districts with Divided Counties

Sonoma:

- 1 373380
- 3 110498 483878

Sutter:

- 2 7795
- 4 86942 94737

Sacramento:

- 4 615963
- 5 702905
- 6 98420
- 7 1500 1418788

Solano:

- 3 2665
- 7 410679 413344

El Dorado:			
• 6	157289		
• 9	23769	181058	
Contra Costa:			
• 7	290726		
• 8	17599		
• 14	702905		
• 15	37795	1049025	
Stanislaus:			
• 9	67341		
• 10	447112	514453	
Fresno:			
• 9	269722		
• 11	549923		
• 12	110805	930450	
Kern:			
• 12	149921		
• 13	689710	839631	
Alameda:			
• 15	665110		
• 16	702905		
• 17	142256	1510271	
San Francisco:			
• 18	702905		
• 19	102330	805235	
Santa Clara:			
• 17	560649		
• 20	322647		
• 21	702905		
• 22	195441	1781642	
San Mateo:			
• 19	600575		
• 20	117876	718451	
San Luis Obispo:			
• 22	37138		
• 23	232499	269637	

Ventura:

- 23 46511
- 24 702905
- 25 73902 823318

Los Angeles:

- 25 629003
- 26-38 9137765
- 39 51837 9818605

Orange:

- 39 651068
- 40-42 2108715
- 43 250449 3010232

Riverside:

- 43 452456
- 48 244684
- 49-50 1405810
- 51 86691 2189641

San Bernardino:

- 13 13195
- 51 616214
- 52-53 1405810 2035219

San Diego:

- 44-47 2811620
- 48 283693 3095313

California State Assembly

Designer, Richard Blackston

July 8, 2011

(465,674 citizens per district)

District One:

• Del Norte	28610	
• Humboldt	134623	
• Trinity	13786	
• Mendocino	87841	
• Lake	64665	
• Sonoma	18203	
• Napa	117946	465674

District Two:

• Sonoma	465675	465675
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District Three:

• Siskiyou	44900	
• Modoc	9686	
• Shasta	177223	
• Lassen	34895	
• Tehama	63463	
• Plumas	20007	
• Sierra	3240	
• Butte	112260	465674

District Four:

• Yuba	72155	
• Nevada	98764	
• Butte	107740	
• Glenn	28122	
• Colusa	21419	
• Sutter	94737	
• Yolo	42738	465675

District Five:

• Yolo	158111	
• Napa	18538	
• Solano	289025	465674

District Six:

• Solano	124319	
• Contra Costa	341356	465675

District Seven:

• Sacramento	465674	465674
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District Eight:

- Sacramento 465675 465675

District Nine:

- Placer 348432
- El Dorado 117242 465674

District Ten:

- El Dorado 63816
- Amador 38091
- Alpine 1175
- Mono 14202
- Calaveras 45578
- Tuolumne 55365
- Mariposa 18251
- Madera 150865
- Fresno 59785
- Inyo 18546 465674

District Eleven:

- Sacramento 465675 465675

District Twelve:

- Sacramento 21764
- Contra Costa 443910 465674

District Thirteen:

- San Joaquin 465675 465675

District Fourteen:

- Stanislaus 465675 465675

District Fifteen:

- San Joaquin 171103
- Stanislaus 38778
- Merced 255793 465674

District Sixteen:

- Marin 252409
- San Francisco 213266 465675

District Seventeen:

- San Francisco 465674 465674

District Eighteen:

- San Francisco 126295
- San Mateo 339380 465675

District Nineteen:

- San Mateo 379071
- Santa Cruz 86603 465674

District Twenty:

- Contra Costa 263759
- Alameda 201915 465674

District Twenty One:

- Alameda 465675 465675

District Twenty Two:

- Alameda 465674 465674

District Twenty Three:

- Alameda 377007
- Santa Clara 88668 465675

District Twenty Four:

- Santa Clara 465674 465674

District Twenty Five:

- Santa Clara 456675 456675

District Twenty Six:

- Santa Clara 465674 465674

District Twenty Seven:

- Santa Clara 289895
- Santa Cruz 175779 465674

District Twenty Eight:

- San Joaquin 48528
- Stanislaus 10000
- Santa Clara 6056
- San Benito 55269
- Fresno 345821 465674

District Twenty Nine:

- Fresno 465675 465675

District Thirty:

- Fresno 59169
- Kings 152982
- Tulare 253524 465675

District Thirty One:

- Tulare 188655
- Kern 277020 465674

District Thirty Two:

- Kern 465675 465675

District Thirty Three:

- Kern 96936
- San Bernardino 368739 465675

District Thirty Four:

- Monterey 415057
- San Luis Obispo 50618 465675

District Thirty Five:

- San Luis Obispo 219019
- Santa Barbara 246655 465674

District Thirty Six:

- Santa Barbara 177240
- Ventura 288434 465674

District Thirty Seven:

- Ventura 465675 465675

District Thirty Eight:

- Ventura 69209
- Los Angeles 396465 465674

Districts Thirty Nine thru Fifty Eight:

- Los Angeles (20 districts) 9313500 9313500

District Fifty Nine:

- Los Angeles 108640
- Orange 357035 465675

Districts Sixty thru Sixty Four:

- Orange (5 districts) 2328375 2328375

District Sixty Five:

- Orange 324822
- Riverside 140853 465675

District Sixty Six thru Seventy One:

- San Diego (6 districts) 2794050 2794050

District Seventy Two:

- San Diego 291147
- Imperial 174528 465675

District Seventy Three:

- San Diego 10116
- Riverside 455559 465675

Districts Seventy Four thru Seventy Six:

- Riverside (3 districts) 1397025 1397025

District Seventy Seven:

- Riverside 196204
- San Bernardino 269471 465675

Districts Seventy Eight and Eighty:

- San Bernardino (3 districts) 1397025 1397025

California State Assembly Districts with Divided Counties

Sonoma:

- 1 18203
- 2 465675 483878

Butte:

- 3 112260
- 4 107740 220000

Yolo:

- 4 42738
- 5 158111 200849

Napa:

- 1 117946
- 5 18538 136484

Solano:

- 5 289025
- 6 124319 413344

Sacramento:

- 7 465674
- 8 465675
- 11 465675
- 12 21764 1418788

Contra Costa:

- 6 341356
- 12 443910
- 20 263759 1049025

El Dorado:

- 9 117242
- 10 63816 181058

Fresno:

- 10 59785
- 28 345821
- 29 465675
- 30 59169 930450

Tulare:

- 30 253524
- 31 188655 442179

Kern:

- 31 277020
- 32 465675
- 33 96936 839631

San Joaquin:

- 13 465675
- 15 171103
- 28 48528 685306

Stanislaus:

- 14 465675
- 15 38778
- 28 10000 514453

San Francisco:

- 16 213266
- 17 465674
- 18 126295 805235

San Mateo:

- 18 339380
- 19 379071 718451

Santa Cruz:

- 19 86603
- 27 175779 262382

Alameda:

- 20 201915
- 21 465675
- 22 465674
- 23 377007 1510271

Santa Clara:

- 23 88668
- 24 465674
- 25 465675
- 26 465674
- 27 289895
- 28 6056 1781642

San Luis Obispo:

- 34 50618
- 35 219019 269637

Santa Barbara:

- 35 246655
- 36 177240 423895

Ventura:

- 36 288434
- 37 465675
- 38 69209 823318

Los Angeles:

- 38 396465
- 39-58 9313500
- 59 108640 9818605

Orange:

- 59 357035
- 60-64 2328375
- 65 324822 3010232

Riverside:

- 65 140853
- 73 455559
- 74-76 1397025
- 77 196204 2189641

San Diego:

- 66-71 2794050
- 72 291147
- 74 10116 3095313

San Bernardino:

- 33 368739
 - 77 269471
 - 78-80 1397025
- 2035235

California State Senate
Designer, Richard Blackston
June 28, 2011
(931,349 citizens per district)

District One:

• Del Norte	28610	
• Humboldt	134623	
• Trinity	13786	
• Mendocino	87841	
• Lake	64665	
• Sonoma	483878	
• Napa	117946	931349

District Two:

• Siskiyou	44900	
• Modoc	9686	
• Shasta	177223	
• Lassen	34895	
• Tehama	63463	
• Plumas	20007	
• Sierra	3240	
• Yuba	72155	
• Nevada	98764	
• Butte	220000	
• Glenn	28122	
• Colusa	21419	
• Sutter	94737	
• Yolo	42738	931349

District Three:

• Yolo	158111	
• Napa	18538	
• Solano	413344	
• Contra Costa	341356	931349

District Four:

• Sacramento	931349	931349
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District Five:

• Placer	348432	
• El Dorado	181058	
• Amador	38091	
• Alpine	1175	
• Mono	14202	
• Calaveras	45578	
• Tuolumne	55365	
• Mariposa	18251	
• Madera	150865	
• Fresno	78332	931349

District Six:

• Sacramento	487439	
• Contra Costa	443910	931349

District Seven:

• San Joaquin	685306	
• Stanislaus	246043	931349

District Eight:

• Stanislaus	268410	
• Merced	255793	
• Fresno	407146	931349

District Nine:

• Fresno	259647	
• Kings	152982	
• Tulare	442179	
• Inyo	18546	
• Kern	57995	931349

District Ten:

• Kern	781636	
• San Bernardino	149713	931349

District Eleven:

• Marin	252409	
• San Francisco	678940	931349

District Twelve:

• San Francisco	126295	
• San Mateo	718451	
• Santa Cruz	86603	931349

District Thirteen:

- Contra Costa 263759
- Alameda 667590 931349

District Fourteen:

- Alameda 842681
- Santa Clara 88668 931349

District Fifteen:

- Santa Clara 761625
- Santa Cruz 169724 931349

District Sixteen:

- Santa Clara 931349 931349

District Seventeen:

- San Benito 55269
- Monterey 415057
- Santa Cruz 6061
- Fresno 185325
- San Luis Obispo 269637 931349

District Eighteen:

- Santa Barbara 423895
- Ventura 507454 931349

District Nineteen:

- Ventura 315864
- Los Angeles 615485 931349

Districts Twenty thru Twenty Eight:

- Los Angeles (9 districts) 8382141 8382141

District Twenty Nine:

- Los Angeles 820979
- Orange 110370 931349

Districts Thirty thru Thirty Two:

- Orange (3 districts) 2794047 2794047

District Thirty Three:

- Orange 105815
- Riverside 825534 931349

Districts Thirty Four thru Thirty Six:

- San Diego (3 districts) 2794047 2794047

District Thirty Seven:

- San Diego 301266
- Imperial 174528
- Riverside 455555 931349

District Thirty Eight:

- Riverside 908552
- San Bernardino 22797 931349

Districts Thirty Nine and Forty:

- San Bernardino (2 districts) 1862698 1862698

California State Senate with Divided Counties

Napa:

- 1 117946
- 3 18538 136484

Yolo:

- 2 42738
- 3 158111 200849

Contra Costa:

- 3 341356
- 6 443910
- 13 263759 1049025

San Francisco:

- 11 678940
- 12 126295 805235

Santa Cruz:

- 12 86597
- 14 169724
- 16 6061 262382

Santa Clara:

- 14 88668
- 15 761625
- 16 931349 1781642

Sacramento:

- 4 931349
- 6 487439 1418788

Stanislaus:

- 7 246043
- 8 268410 514453

Fresno:

- 5 78332
- 8 407146
- 9 259647
- 17 185325 930450

Alameda:

- 12 667590
- 13 842681 1510271

Ventura:

- 17 507454
- 18 315864 823318

Los Angeles:

- 19 615485
- 20-28 8382141
- 29 820979 9818605

Orange:

- 29 110370
- 30-32 2794047
- 33 105815 3010232

Riverside:

- 33 825534
- 37 455555
- 38 908552 2189641

San Diego:

- 34-36 2794047
- 37 301266 3095313

San Bernardino:

- 10 149713
- 38 22797
- 39-40 1862698 2035210







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From: "Sanford Kozlen" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:57 PM
Subject: this process is more political than before

Dear Committee:

In looking at the results of your maps, the objective, common geographic basis for redistricting that was promised is a failure. The transportation mathematics methods contained in operations research methods are being replaced with selective political criteria. The methods do not function to save incumbents, but serve to create an urban controlled single party state that totally disenfranchises the rural voters. Be careful, you are getting what you ask for. It will be interesting to watch the single party system deal with the disappearing tax base, with no one else to blame.

Have fun,
Sandy Kozlen

Molly Casey

From: "Alonzo, Louis" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 1:38 PM
Subject: Redistricting
KEEP THE LEGISLATIVE BOUNDARIES THE SAME...NO REDISTRICTING !!!

Louis Alonzo

Louis Alonzo

Territory Manager

Avery Weigh-Tronix LLC

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Website: www.wtxweb.com

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From: "Jothi Venkatesan" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 1:44 PM
Subject: Redistrict efforts - Vote: Disapprove/Against/Reject changes to 2007 effective district map.

Hello there,

I disapprove/vote against/reject any district changes from the 2007 effective district map. The new map is not acceptable to me, my family and community as well.

So, I strongly vote against it. My vote include:

Jothi Venkatesan
Chaitanya Vadlakonda
& our two kids

Thanks for stopping all the non-sense.

FYI: [REDACTED]

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Best Regards,
Jothi

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From: "C. T. Weber" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:58 PM
Subject: Public Comment: General Comment
From: C. T. Weber <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Nest Districts to ease gerrymandering

Message Body:

One small way to help reduce gerrymandering is to have two State Assembly districts nested within each State Senate district. The outside boundaries of the Assembly and Senate district would overlay and be contiguous to each other. Ten State Senate districts should be nested within one State Board of Equalization district

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From: "Edward Hartmann" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 7:51 PM
Subject: Public Comment: General Comment
From: Edward Hartmann <[REDACTED]>
Subject: ZIP Codes

Message Body:

Have you considered redistricting by ZIP code. It would seem to me that ZIP codes are generally identified by population and no other special interests.

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From: "David Pratt" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:05 AM
Subject: Public Comment: General Comment
From: David Pratt <[REDACTED]>
Subject: July Commission meetings

Message Body:
Commission and Staff,

The July meetings are turning into another round of public input hearings, at the expense of you having enough time to spend on drawing lines.

How about strictly limiting such public testimony to e-mail and postal mail submissions? Otherwise, some groups, whose opinions are already well known to you, are essentially fillibustering your work.

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From: "James Wright" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:48 PM
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Absenses
Commissioners,

It is unacceptable that some of your fellow Commissioners cannot seem to be present (or make arrangements to participate remotely) for the very important meetings occurring this week and next. It is assumed that their opinions are lacking from the consensuses that you are reaching on directions to Q2.

Continued and frequent absence of any Commissioner who is not on his/her death bed should raise a question of whether they should perhaps be excused and replaced.

Remember that one of the original Commissioners withdrew and was replaced by Commissioner Ancheta. I assumed the decision to withdraw was, in part, because of a realization of the time commitment that would be needed from them during the term of the Commission.

Respectfully,
Jim Wright
a voter from San Jose

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From: "Martha Sommons" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Dan Martinez" <[REDACTED]> "Elaine Holmes" <[REDACTED]> "Glenn Miller" <[REDACTED]> "Lupe Ramos Watson" <[REDACTED]> "Michael Wilson" <[REDACTED]> "Sam Torres" <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:20 PM
Attach: California Redistricting Com 07-13-11.doc
Subject: Coachella Valley Redistricting Map
Mr. =laypool and Commissioners,

On =half of Indio City Manager Dan Martinez, we are submitting the attached letter =or your consideration in redistricting of eastern Riverside County to allow =ndio to remain as part of the Coachella Valley.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Martinez at [REDACTED] should you have any =uestions.

Sincerely,

Martha Sommons
Executive Assistant to CM
City of Indio - the =lace to Be!

[REDACTED]
Indio, CA 92201
Direct Line: [REDACTED]
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City Hall Hours: Monday to Thursday, 7:30 am - 5:30 =m

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July 13, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Coachella Valley Redistricting Map for Eastern Riverside County

Dear Commissioners:

Over the last 10 years, the City of Indio experienced exponential growth, which led to the doubling of Indio's population, raised the city's median income and assessed valuation to be in parity with the Coachella Valley, and greatly enhanced Indio's economic base. A key part of the Coachella Valley economy and Indio's economic engine is that Indio is a tourist destination known to the world. Our city draws in more than one million people annually through festivals like the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Stagecoach Country Music Festival, and polo tournaments.

In May of 2011, the Southern California Association of Governments published its Profile on Indio and accurately outlined the city's economic breakdown by sector. In that report, it identified leisure-hospitality as one of the top Indio created job sectors for the city. Other large job sectors included retail, education, and the public sector. Agriculture represents one of the smallest parts of Indio's economic base at 3.9%. Much of that remaining agricultural sector is being replaced by continued urban growth as has taken place over the last several years.

In closing, Indio is the second county-seat for Riverside County, which makes Indio the Coachella Valley's center for business, government and as previously described entertainment activity. Several county services are operated out of Indio, which makes us inextricably connected to our surrounding communities, and also, we share in regional governmental bodies like the Coachella Valley

Daniel Claypool
July 13, 2011
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Association of Governments, SunLine Transit Agency, and the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention and Visitors Authority.

Should you have further questions or would like to contact me, please call me at



Sincerely,

Dan Martinez
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council

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From: "Alma Flores" <[REDACTED]>
To: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 8:24 AM

*"I am a resident of the city of The Imperial Valley, which is in the current 80th Assembly district. I have resided here for 40 years. I am disappointed in the tentative maps released by the Commission on June 10th. The Coachella Valley and Imperial County are in the same desert, share the same history, water and utility district. We have the same climate, much of the same industries like tourism, agriculture and renewable energy, and both **the Coachella Valley and Imperial County** are dealing with the growing problems at the Salton Sea.*

Voters in the Coachella Valley and Imperial County need a single legislator who understands the issues of our unique desert and population. Dividing Imperial County and the Coachella Valley will just result in the same lack of representation our desert has received in the past. Please keep our desert together so we can continue to prosper."

Alma Flores
Division of Children and Family Services
MHS Director Secretary

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El Centro, CA 92243 =
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July 13, 2011

Via Electronic Mail

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, I am writing to provide our perspectives on the Commission's decision to cancel the release of second draft redistricting maps, and to provide recommendations to ensure that the public can provide meaningful input into the Commission's on-going line drawing process. We understand that the Commission canceled the release of the second drafts to gather more public input and to enhance the quality of its final maps. However, we are deeply concerned that that the failure to publish formal second drafts will in fact make it more difficult for members of the public to provide meaningful comments to the Commission, unless the Commission implements several practices that will help promote informed and timely public input.

The Commission should establish a calendar of when different regions will be discussed: Currently, the Commission has scheduled business meetings from July 13 to July 28. The Commission should establish a clear calendar and daily agenda of the regions that it will discuss as it proceeds with its line drawing. Most Californians have work and family responsibilities, and cannot view every meeting of the Commission each day, waiting for the region with which they are most familiar to be discussed. Establishing a calendar and daily agenda with regional information provides California residents with the information needed so they can plan ahead and watch on the day that the Commission discusses their region. Without a clear calendar or daily agenda, many Californians who might otherwise become engaged in the process will be discouraged from watching the Commission's proceedings and providing comments on their local region.

Visualizations should continue to include identifiable features: We commend the Commission's decision to include interactive maps on the Statewide Database site. This is an appropriate method to ensure that the public can clearly identify where the district lines are located in relation to their communities of interest. In addition to the interactive site, we encourage the Commission to include identifiable features such as highways, streets, and landmarks on any static maps that the Commission releases either in PDF or other formats.

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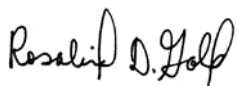
The Commission must release data associated with the visualizations: In addition to the visualizations, the Commission must release the data associated with the visualizations, so that Californians are fully informed about the demographic characteristics of the visualization's districts and the communities within them. At the minimum, the Commission should release tables that include citizen voting age population data for Latinos, Asian Pacific Islanders and African Americans for each district. By providing this data, the Commission will ensure that members of the public will have relevant information about the different visualizations and can make informed comments regarding the impact of proposed lines on their communities of interest.

The Commission should release daily Business Meeting summaries: The Commission has emailed daily meeting summaries at the end of the day to keep members of the public informed of major decisions made during their Business Meetings. We encourage the Commission to continue using this method of communication. In addition, we urge the Commission to include more detail in the summaries regarding the visualizations and options being considered. Daily summaries will provide community members that cannot watch the business meetings with relevant and useful information that will help keep them engaged in the Commission's process.

The Commission must clearly communicate when visualizations are near final, and must provide the public with a meaningful opportunity to view and comment on visualizations that show all of the state's districts for each level of government: It is crucial that the Commission communicate clearly when a visualization of a region or a district is near final. This will provide the public with an opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input on the district configurations that are being given the most serious consideration by the Commission, and are most likely to be adopted in the final map. Additionally, the Commission should release a separate visualization of the entire state for each level of government when the visualizations are near final. The Commission should provide the public with a minimum of 72 hours to provide input on these statewide visualizations. This will ensure that members of the public have an opportunity to examine the overall impact of the Commission's visualizations on the entire state, and to assess how the Commission's decisions on individual regions affect the regions that surround them. In this connection, we note that each overall state visualization would not be considered a "map" subject to the 14-day public comment requirement of California Government Code section 8253(a).

We believe that the Commission shares our vision of a line drawing process that is fully accessible to all Californians, and which ensures that they have a meaningful opportunity to provide well-informed public input. We look forward to continuing to work with the Commission to achieve this important goal, and we thank you for consideration of our comments. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Astrid Garcia, Director of State Election Policy and Redistricting at [REDACTED] ext. 4434 or by email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Rosalind Gold
Senior Director of Policy, Research and Advocacy