

Subject: Public Comment: General Comment

From: Kevin Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 04:48:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kevin Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Weird formats-Make this more accessible

Message Body:

What formats are you using on your web site, for this latest updates? I'm a 20 year IT professional and I have no idea what a CDF file or a SHP file is or how to use it. I can assure you, no one knows what this is or how to use it.

Please make your info more user friendly.

Kevin

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Howard Burns <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:08:39 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

As citizens we expect to see a map that shows logical, COMPACT, CLEAN, districts. NO thin lines connecting disparate areas. Our Political processes INSIST on HONEST and FACT BASED work not special interest efforts. Redistricting will be pointed to a 'success' or 'failure' based on perceived Fairness in mapping. Rumors abound that you are bowing to special interests and politicians. Don't let it happen.

From: Matt Stafford [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:19:21 -0700

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Good luck
Sent from my iPhone

Subject: comment

From: Sharon Byers <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:18:24 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I am in favor of the voters first act regarding redistricting

Subject: Common sense districting

From: Michael Wilson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:11:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I'm appalled at the political maneuvering to protect some vested political interests.

Please district so that locals with local interests can vote on what is most relevant to them.

Thank you!

Michael L. Wilson
[REDACTED]

Subject: Fair Maps

From: Rose Haliewicz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 09:57:49 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Hello,

The CCAG map is fair. We, the people, voted for fairness, and against politicians creating their own districts. If politicians are getting their hands on this now, then they are breaking the law.

Rose Haliewicz

Subject: Fallacious to assert Voting Rights Act protection in the Absence of Violations or Factual Findings

From: Martin Enriquez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 02:13:47 -0700

To: "[REDACTED] we draw the lines" <[REDACTED]>

To CRC:

ALL REGIONS

Fallacious to assert Voting Rights Act protection in the Absence of Violations or Factual Findings

The California of the last five decades has been very welcoming to the many diverse populations from Asian and the Pacific. I delight in their presence. It was not always so. There are some ugly chapters from the 19th century and the disgraceful interment of American citizens during World War II. The peoples of Southeast Asia settled throughout the States and California in the 1970's. They have progressed beautifully.

Additionally, I am grateful for *Lau v. Nichols* for clarifying the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. That expanded the rights of all Californians, old and recent.

But it is fallacious to assert Voting Rights Act protection in the absence of violations or factual findings. To paraphrase a CRC Commissioner making two wrongs to make a one "right" is not palpable. There have been egregious violations of the Voting Rights Act against non-favored elements of society by those in power. Asian Americans have not been non-favored.

March Fong Eu was a trailblazer. Elected Secretary of State in 1974 and re-elected four times (1978, 1982, 1986 and 1990) March Fong Eu was a fixture in California politics. I like millions of Californians voted for her several times because she was simply the best qualified.

March Fong Eu's goodwill was so intense that her Republican son Matthew Kipling Fong was elected State Treasurer in 1994. May this former Pasadena resident rest in peace (he died on June 1, 2011).

John Chiang the current State Controller was elected 2006 and re-elected in 2010. Previously he had been a member of the Board of Equalization from district four: the Los Angeles area where he was elected in 1998 and 2002.

Betty T. Yee is a member of the Board of Equalization from district 1; a coastal district spanning 2/3 of California and San Francisco. Elected in 2006 and won re-election in 2010.

Michelle Eunjoo Park Steel is a Republican member of the Board of Equalization from district 3, Orange County and San Diego to the California interior. As such, three of the five members of the Board of Equalization are of Asian descent. They were elected by the voters of California, Controller Chiang statewide, Yee and Steel in super large districts.

Five of the fourteen CRC Commissioners are likewise Americans of Asian descent. All the CRC Commissioners are charged with the delicate task of drawing equitable districts for the State Assembly, State Senate and for California's delegation to the House of Representative. They must avoid the appearance of favoritism.

The above persons are cited not to remark on some exceptional individuals who have succeeded, but to point out that at the state level there is no animosity towards Americans of Asian descent. Californians are a wonderful and generous people. Californians of Asian descent are a small percentage, yet the above mentioned were able to convince their fellow citizens to form a majority to win their elections. Bravo!

That being said, relevant case law does not support the Gingles preconditions at the state level. Do Californians of Asian descent vote as a bloc? Maybe. Are they geographically compact? In some areas they are only 10 miles apart. Should the span of a mere 10 miles be traversed to bridge them even if it means trampling ten of thousands of others in the way? Probably not. Recall two wrongs do not make a "right."

Martin A. C. Enriquez*Marquez
July 18, 2011

Subject: Get real and draw real districts!!

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:31:13 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I won't go into detail -- I'm sure you have been given plenty -- but let me say that I am not at all happy with this so-called, non-partisan, citizen commission!! It looks like the Berkley think tank has drawn all of the lines and the commission just takes it on the road!!

Scott Folkens

Help protect your family and your marriage!
Take a look at PROTECTED internet service from
American Family Online - <http://www.afo.net>

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From: "Nan Waldman, Esq." <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:41:35 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nan Waldman, Esq. <[REDACTED]>

Subject: technology as bias against nontechs

Message Body:

I am sorry to say that I do not understand all of the computer things necessary to download or whatever I am supposed to do in order to find out what is happening.

I find it an unhappy moment in time in this age of access to so much information to consider the disparate impacts of those who do NOT have access to technology; and what of those who do not understand fully how to use it? and what of those who either have no access or, alas, have access and no understanding of the social norms, customs, information and civic responsibility necessary to interact and understand what to do and how to do it?

Therefore, the input of those with real opinions who do not have the ability to figure out how to see maps needing downloaded earth mapping software with unknown things in it -- I'm afraid my technological abilities to engage as a citizen have now been exceeded by the excessive qualifications required in order to participate in this forum.

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Subject: Public Comment: General Comment

From: Patrick Warren <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:58:24 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patrick Warren <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Im the hidden unknown driving force

Message Body:

Bases on my conscience.affinanti

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Subject: Public Comment: General Comment

From: Dorrit Ragosine <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:18:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dorrit Ragosine <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Well done

Message Body:

I was almost part of the Redistricting Commission. Looks like those who were chosen created a fair-and balanced map.

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