

**Subject:** Redistricting:

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:20:25 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for all your efforts in doing what's best for the fine people of South County.

Sincerely,

Mel Brodsky

**Subject:** Stop the Political GerryMandering of Districts

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 19:29:10 +0000 (UTC)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Re-Districting Commissioners

As a voter and major taxpayer in California, I think it is time to create districts by which the voters can "select and elect" their representatives, rather than design districts by which the representatives select their voters.

Do not, repeat, do not, allow the various political interest groups who are prevailing upon you to grant them the power they wish to carve up the districts in ways favorable to their interests.

If you allow communities to largely remain intact, rather than gerrymandering them into "unrecognizable and non-functional communities" the intact communities will allow the natural leadership to emerge and be identified and be elected.

Stop the political gerrymandering.

Sincerely

Clair S. Weenig M.D.  
Walnut Creek, CA

See suggestions below.

Please use the Oakland/East Bay/Richmond hills as the natural dividing line, as over 300 people testified and sent in emails even before their 1st Draft maps.

Then ask them to make the following changes in their latest plan - it's a counter clockwise rotation of communities in four districts - COCO, OKLND, FRENE and NEBAY:

First, move the following into the COCO District:

San Ramon 72,148

Dublin 46,036

Pleasanton 70,285

Livermore 80,968

Sunol 913

Non-CDP areas 5,000 (approx)

Total 275,350

Then move the following into the district with Union City and Castro Valley, labeled FRENE:

San Leandro 84,950  
 Alameda 73,812  
 Oakland (part) 116,588  
 Total 275,350

Then the OKLND district will have the following:

Oakland (balance) 274,136  
 Piedmont 10,667  
 Albany 18,539  
 Berkeley 131,119  
 Emeryville 10,080  
 Total in OKLND district 444,541

- then from the COCO district move into the OKLND district:

El Sobrante 12,669  
 Rollingwood 2,969  
 Richmond 103,701  
 North Richmond 3,717  
 East Richmond Hts 3,280  
 San Pablo 5,202  
 El Cerrito 23,549  
 Kensington 5,077  
 TOTAL from COCO 160,164

- plus from the NEBAY district move into the OKLND district:

Port Costa 190  
 Crockett 3,094  
 Rodeo 8,679  
 Hercules 24,060  
 Pinole 18,390  
 El Sobrante 12,669  
 Bayview 1,754  
 Tara Hills 5,126  
 Montalvin Manor 2,876  
 Vallejo (part) 21,362  
 TOTAL from NEBAY 98,200  
 Total in OKLND District 702,905

Then move into NEBAY district from COCO: (need 98,200 for NEBAY) (need 115,186 out

of COCO)

Clyde	678
Bay Point	21,349
Pittsburg	63,264
Antioch (part)	13,000 (approx.)
TOTAL from COCO	98,291

**Subject:** SUPPORT OF THE FAIR CCAG MAP  
**From:** Stephanie <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 23:55:11 -0400 (EDT)  
**To:** [REDACTED]

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CCAG MAP!!!

GENERAL

July 18, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento CA 95814

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Your map of 7-11-11, New lines for No. Calif.

While I realize you have a difficult task, please consider the error of putting Democrat areas of Sacramento with smaller republican rural agricultural counties, in effect,

Propositions 11 and 20 which we voted for promised combining voters of similar interests. Rural agricultural voters have different interests than city dwellers. For example, they <sup>FARMERS</sup> want to be self-supporting without government intrusion while most city dwellers may want maximum government assistance.

Therefore it appears your motive is to quiet the voices of those who disagree with your agenda by outnumbering their voices in each district.

I shall be watching you and publicizing my findings.

Pat in Rocklin

**Wil C. Wade, Ph.D.**  
[REDACTED]  
**Inglewood, California 90305**  
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July 18, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing to you urging your commission to make the redistricting changes recommended by AARC, CAPAFR and MALDEF, designed to insure fair political representation of both African American and Latino citizens and to avoid pitting these two communities against each other. The current map of the CCRC creates a "divide and conquer" scenario that I have fought against, in its many forms, as a community activist for over 50 years. What your commission is currently proposing will in fact create irreparable harm to both the African American and Latino communities.

After being made aware of your most recent decisions to bypass an unbiased and transparent procedure that your commission was mandated to enact in the creation of final district maps, I am deeply troubled. Your commission's refusal ( as of this writing) to commit to the positive, recommended changes proposed by AARC, CAPAFR and MALDEF, causes a growing number of stakeholders in our communities to ask, "**In whose interest are you really working?**"

I believe that certain members of your commission have good intentions to protect the voting rights of African Americans and the right to be represented by committed, trusted and highly professional, political representatives who fight for the issues their constituents deem important for positive change. However, it is obvious that certain key members of your commission do not share this mandate for fairness.

The latest, proposed redistricting map that the commission has revealed, in at least three, local instances, in my opinion, smacks of the same political partisanship that your commission was created to overcome. In these instances, the proposed districts maps of the AARC, CAPAFR and MALDEF, indicate very viable alternatives which eliminates in-fighting and disempowerment of African American voters in particular.

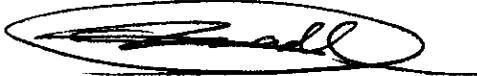
All across the nation we are finding political and illegal strategies enacted to neutralize the voting power of African American voters (and I am certain Latino voters as well). **Will your actions be seen as the "California version" of far right wing, conservative strategies designed to destroy the districts of some of our most powerful and progressive African American and Latino representatives?**

In her highly acclaimed , 2010, book entitled, "The New Jim Crow", author Michelle Alexander states, "What is completely missed in the rare public debates today about the plight of African Americans is that a huge percentage of them are not free to move up at all." She goes on to say, "It is not just that they lack opportunity, attend poor schools, or are plagued by poverty. They are barred by law from doing so." Commissioners, this is your opportunity to use the law rightly to empower rather than dismantle our progress.

We are fortunate to have political representatives dedicated to assisting our African American and Latino communities to move up, even in these trying times. I urge your commission to do the right thing and utilize the great work that the AARC, CAPAFR and MALDEF have proposed for your final maps.

We remain vigilant, in expectation of positive change through fair redistricting.

Sincerely yours,



Wil C. Wade, Ph.D.

*Wil C. Wade is a retired educator, Chairman of a non-profit, economic development corporation, which has built over 100 million dollars of affordable housing in the Greater Los Angeles area, Executive Director, of a highly regarded parent training and empowerment organization and member/supporter of a wide range of civil and human rights organizations. The opinions expressed are those of the writer.*

**From:** Mary Garcia <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 10:50:23 -0700 (PDT)  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Please be sure you are faithful to your job. Everyone counts, everyone, every Latino, African American, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, etc. Do your job, we are counting on you.

Beautiful day,

Mary A. Garcia

Dir. [REDACTED]

Cel. [REDACTED]

Priv. [REDACTED]

Gen. [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Board of Equalization Districts

**From:** Christina Condrey <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 17:05:35 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** Marc Robinson <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is a letter of this date from Mr. Robinson. Should you have any questions, we welcome you to contact us.

Christina Condrey  
Office Manager

**Robinson Bradford LLP**

[REDACTED]

Stockton, California 95219

[REDACTED] phone  
[REDACTED] fax

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July 20, 2011

*Via Email to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov*

Citizens Redistricting Committee

*Re: Board of Equalization Districts*

Dear Commissioners:

We have reviewed the second draft visualization maps for the four Board of Equalization districts. We are disappointed to see changes from the first visualization maps. The first draft maps closely resembled the 2001 Board of Equalization district's and provide for much better representation than your second draft maps. In particular, creating a district that runs from the Oregon border to San Diego is a classic example of a district that represents competing communities of interest. In addition, the four districts as currently drawn in your second draft maps will create a Los Angeles centered board rather than districts with board members from throughout California.

We strongly urge you to return to your first draft Board of Equalization maps to adequately provide for representation of all Californians on the Board of Equalization.

Very truly yours,

Marc B. Robinson

MBR/cc

**Subject:** Final Map

**From:** "James W Farmer" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:09:07 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** "Mike Martin" <mmart[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

Keep the final map as is!

James W Farmer

Irvine, CA 92604

James W. Farmer



**Subject:** marginalization of our boundaries.

**From:** Margaret Sowma <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 16:44:24 -0700 (PDT)

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

please do not keep playing around with our boundaries. margaret sowma

**Subject:** new boudaries

**From:** gregg fresonke <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 15:54:43 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern;

Looking at the new boundaries for state senate and assembly and congressional seats; it looks like you have done a very good job of setting new boundaries.

Two Thumbs Up!

Gregg Fresonke

[REDACTED]  
Chino Hills, CA 91709

**Subject:** Public Comment: General Comment

**From:** Leatrice Tanner Brown [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 22:02:59 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Leatrice Tanner Brown <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Hawthorne redistricting

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern: I am a citizen of the city of Hawthorne. I ask that you continue to allow districting of Hawthorne to be in the South Bay. I understood that there was a possibility of Hawthorne being districted with South Central. I feel that this is not correct and ask that you keep Hawthorne districted with the south bay area. I have been keeping abreast of the redistricting by listening to KJLH Radio Free 103.2 Front Page Show. I do feel that those in prison should be allowed to vote at their residence address which they will return to after incarceration. This will strongly affect the Black (Af Am) vote in the state of CA and city of L.A. Thank you, Leatrice

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**Subject:** Public Comment: General Comment

**From:** MERANDA CONTRERAS <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:59:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: MERANDA CONTRERAS <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SANTA CLARITA SENATE SEAT

Message Body:

On July 9th, the CRC directed Q2 to create a visualization of an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district.

However, the visualizations created by Q2 divides Santa Clarita Valley into two Senate seats.

Please follow community of interest testimony and, once again, direct Q2 to present the Commission an East Ventura County to Santa Clarita Valley Senate district that keeps SCV whole.

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**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Imelda Bermejo <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 09:14:20 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am a Latina and know I will be represented if we are equally divided so I can be properly represented. Please remember why you were created to insure the districts will have the people who we want to speak for us.