

Subject: Fwd: Maps

From: "Leitch, Lon" <[REDACTED]>

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From: <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Fwd: Maps

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"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work!"

Subject: Improve your website visuals:)

From: Natasha Palmaer <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/26/2011 9:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning,

Having worked on local commissions, I feel that I have to point out something that often gets overlooked. When creating visuals & graphics a committee sometimes gets too close to the subject & does not stand back to see if it makes sense to the average citizen.

In regards to your navigational possibilities in comparing the old & the new districts your instructions become complex because you are assuming that the average visitor will understand the "Jargon" that you all have been using in preparation of the new districts. Quite often the work is translated to a professional whose work is in planning and zoning and thus uses the technical language akin to that profession. Great for engineering minds, not so good for the normal person to envision the great work that you have planned.

Please recreate a basic navigation system using user friendly language that allows the least savvy of computer user to quickly make a comparison of the districts old & new. Even though the DBF,CDF, SHP visualization files are important for transparency, they are difficult to open if you are an average user of the computer. They should be included under "visualizations" yet not as a primary visualization and should be labeled as a "technical, professional, or engineering" map. Whereas the "Maps: First Draft" page is good in its simplicity, yet fails when you click on each map. In order to navigate the "2001 Map" it should be a simple interactive map (like google or mapquest provides) where a citizen can simply find their area click on it and see an overlay of the current boundaries with the proposed "1st Draft" boundaries. Creating a "Quick Look" segment would do wonders in encouraging more users to visit your site. Often people will "surf" and land on your site, if you make it easy they stay awhile and delve deeper into your vision and hard work.

Thank you so much for giving yourself to the most important job in governing a successful California for the future. Compromise makes sure that all citizens feel that they are being heard. And our new redistricting plan will ensure a legislature that is innovative, constructive, and most importantly effective in returning our state to the status it once held as the fifth largest economy in the world!

Gratefully,

Natasha Palmaer

Corona Del Mar, California

Subject: REDISTRICTING

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/26/2011 6:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

THIS IS TO SUPPORT THE NEW PROPOSED MAPS THAT SUPPORT THE ELECTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN OFFICE HOLDERS. THIS APPROVAL IS THE ONLY JUST ACTION THE COMMISSION SHOULD PURSUE THAT WILL PRESERVE VOTING IE ELECTION RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Subject: Redistricting the Black community

From: Michael Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/26/2011 1:05 PM

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

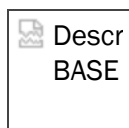
To Whom It may Concern,

California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) needs to be encouraged to maintain current districts of the African American Communities.

We need and deserve fair representation.

Thank you,

Michael



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Subject: Question about public process

From: Jennifer McLain <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/26/2011 9:38 AM

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

Hello,

I have two questions regarding the public comment process:

- 1) When is the last date that public comments will be accepted?
- 2) We are located in Southern California. If we were to send the Mayor on Friday to speak during public comment protesting the Congressional District map for our region, will she be given a chance to speak, or does it depend on how many people speak?

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer McLain
Monrovia Redevelopment Agency

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Subject: In re, inter alia, most recent viewable (those current as of July 18 2011 11:59 PM PDT)

From: "Charles" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/26/2011 4:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC:

After having seen the most recent NorCal Redist. Visualisations, I am become increasingly convinced that the three NorCal Assembly districts, the three NorCal Senate districts, & the three NorCal Congressional districts should be left alone! After having seen the viewable Visualisations, not just those most recent, it is become increasingly clear that there seems to be quite a hostility to the NorthState insomuch as there seems to be an overarching aim to chip away at the representation of the people of the NorthState by taking parts of communities of interest & attempting unification thereof with entirely separate & different communities of interest, thus attempting to create (insofar as it may be possible for any gerrymanders to do so) hybrid communities made of part of one community of interest combined with the whole of another. Thus three is made to become two. Of course, the "on the ground" reality of the matter is that which quite escapes those hostile to the NorthState! **¿Por qué?**

Remember, just as Unification (of the three NorCal communities of interest) is an act of hostility against the people of the NorthState, so too is Partial Unification is an act of hostility against the people of the NorthState! Just say NO to Unification (even Partial Unification)!!

Now, the cost of Unification, even Partial Unification, would be an effective loss of representation for the region, as a whole. Under Unification, even Partial Unification, it will be even easier, than now is the case, to trample under foot the rights of people living in the Unification (or, in the case of Partial Unification, each Unification)! Let us consider now, for a moment, whether or not the three northern-most regions constitute a single community of interest, or for that matter, two communities of interest.

The region inclusive of Humboldt & Mendocino Counties have a culture all their own. Geographically, Humboldt & Del Norte Counties are separated from Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehema Counties by chains of mountains that run from western Siskiyou County down through western Trinity County. The two main east-west State Highways running through Trinity County are scarcely passable through the better part of the winter season, most years. Often, these same roads become totally impassable due to rock slides. Summer 2008 was no picnic, either, for the wildfires of that year forced major routes to become ad hoc bases of operation for fire crews. And mountain passes connecting central Siskiyou County with western Del Norte County can frequently, during the winter, become impassable. Even when they are not, winter travel is not for the faint of heart. Needless to say, the regions comprising Congressional District 1, Assembly District 1, and Senate District 2 are as separate from those comprising Congressional District 2, Assembly District 2, & Senate District 4 as any two can be while also being north of Sacramento. And this is not to mention the flow of communications & of commerce flows considerably more often north-south than east-west. Needless to say, the two regions cannot be identified as a single community of interest. What about the north-east region? Can it be combined with the north-central region as a single community of interest? Not exactly. The major east-west routes between north-central & north-east are all two-lane roads, though they nominally be identified as State "Highways." The major corridor of commerce & of travel in the north-east region is U.S. Highway 395, a route that circumnavigates the mountains that it does as it passes upward toward the Oregon border. Culturally, Modoc County has more in common with its neighbor to the south than with its neighbor to the south-west. Likewise, Lassen County is similarly separate from Shasta & from Tehema Counties, owing in part to the location of Lassen Volcanic National Park & its proximity to & intersection with State Routes 44 & 89. The most principal community in Plumas County, Chester, is considerably isolated from those along major routes of travel & commerce in the north-central region. All that, while the major routes of north-south travel & commerce in the north-central region are Interstate Highway 5 & State Route 99. Needless to

say, the three regions of the North State, the north-west, the north-central, & the north-east, cannot be combined into a single "community of interest" for redistricting purposes. Nor can they be contorted into a pair of communities of interest (be they a whole & a hybrid, or two hybrids).

What explanation is there for reducing the North-state's collective representation in Congress by one District? It is not the least bit necessary to at all reduce the collective representation of the North-state to make the necessary improvements to the boundaries of districts in the Bay Area & So-Cal. This does not have to be a situation of "either or." It can easily be made a situation of "both and." But that seems not to be the manifest intent of the effort, to date! Why can there not, instead, be a GAIN in representation for the Northstate? We need more, not less! How is it that all changes are proposed to be at the EXPENSE of the Northstate, if they be changes at all? What's up with **THAT?**

Three things are needful, here.: **(a)** Maintain the North-state's current level of collective representation in Sacramento & in Congress (e.g., 3 Assembly Districts, 3 State Senate Districts, & 3 U.S. Congressional Districts).; **(b)** Make such improvements to the boundaries of districts in the Bay Area as are (more or less) proposed, in the "July 11 2011" Visualisations, to be made.; and **(c)** Make such improvements to the boundaries of L.A. Area & So-Cal districts as are proposed in the First Draft. But above all, let there be NO LOSS WHATSOEVER OF NORTHSTATE REPRESENTATION, PERIOD!!! What's so hard to understand about that?

From: David Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/26/2011 7:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

DO NOT CHANGE OUR DISTRICT