

Subject: Fw: Redistricting Alternative Maps Worth a Look - 8/12/11

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Redistricting
Commission...please read
attached editorial from the San
Bernardino Sun, it sums up
how you should redraw the
congressional lines for San
Bernardino county.

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REDISTRICTING: Alternative maps worth a look

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Alternatives better

represent region

Before the citizens' commission responsible for parsing California into state legislative and federal congressional districts finalizes its maps, it should take another look at alternatives proposed by the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee.

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission is expected to finalize boundaries for state Assembly and Senate and U.S. congressional districts on Monday - marking the end of a multiyear effort by voters to take redistricting out of the hands of politicians.

The process hasn't been perfect - we've grouched before about some of the proposed districts in the Inland Empire - but it turned out a good deal better than it would have had politicians been allowed to once again draw district lines to reassure themselves, or someone in their party, re-election.

Still, we would like to see the commission give real consideration to the alternatives proposed by the Democratic Central Committee, which better represent San Bernardino County's traditional boundaries between the West and East valleys, San Bernardino metro and the mountain communities.

The commission's proposed districts, for example, connect Upland at the county's western

boundary, to Redlands, much farther east. What does anyone in Upland care about what's happening in Redlands, or vice versa? Not exactly the "communities of interest" the commission was

attempting to honor.

It's better, we think, to pair Upland with Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga and Pomona, its actual neighbors, as the Democratic Central Committee suggests.

Likewise, the committee's proposed districts would keep Fontana, Rialto and unincorporated Bloomington whole and pair them with San Bernardino - reflecting the traditional metro boundaries. And Redlands, Loma Linda and Mentone would be combined into a more traditional East Valley district, under the committee's plan.

These changes can be accommodated with little disruption to the rest of the redistricting commission's plans, according to the Democratic Central Committee, and the alternative maps better protect the commission from a local challenge under the Voting Rights Act by preserving minority groups in the metro region.

The amendments also resolve a sticky political



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situation for two of the region's congressmen, Reps. Joe Baca and Jerry Lewis. Under the redistricting commission's proposal, Baca and Lewis would live in the same district.

Baca, not surprisingly, favors the Democratic Central Committee's maps, which put Baca and Lewis in separate districts. His position is straightforward - why pit two of the region's veteran congressional members against one another and risk losing political clout in Washington?

Lewis hasn't weighed in on the Democratic Central Committee's maps, but he has expressed concern about the division of the East Valley.

And that's our concern, too. The redistricting commission set out to draw political boundaries that honored communities, first and foremost. We urge the commission to consider alternatives that truly reflect the region's various communities.

Disagree? We'd like to hear from you. Write us at

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Subject: San Bernardino County Congressional Maps

From: Rafael Trujillo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 18:07:47 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

This is your last shot at the congressional maps for San Bernardino County. This is it! Make it worth all your time and effort that you took away from your friends and family to serve on the Commission. Meet on Sunday if you need more time to address San Bernardino County congressional maps.

Your meeting tomorrow and possibly Sunday will be the last available opportunities to protect minority-majority cities in San Bernardino County from being politically diluted. These cities include Rialto, San Bernardino, Colton, and the community of Muscoy. It will not only be an injustice to local residents, but a violation of the Voting Rights Act. These cities were all under a district previously protected by the Voting Rights Amendment before that congressional district was dismantled by the Commission.

Cutting a district (CD31) out from one corner of the County to another is extreme and takes clout away from all regions of the County in its path. COI testimony shows the uniqueness of each region of San Bernardino County. CD31 is a left over congressional district that includes the most wealthy cities with the most low income, minority cities previously protected by the VRA with those with a white majority, the most rural cities with the most urban, cities with the most college graduates with those of the highest high school drop out rates, and the list goes on. Simply put, these cities were never meant to be placed in a legislative district together.

I put my full support on behalf of my community and the City of Rialto behind the recent map distributed by those who respect each region's unique identity and empowers San Bernardino County residents at the local level to have the clout they deserve in their federal government.

I have attached the map being circulated among those in my community who are concerned about the recent direction of the Redistricting Commission.

Thank you and I will be watching your meetings this weekend.

Rafael Trujillo
Rialto City Parks and Recreation Commissioner
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Adjust the Final Draft of CD 8, CD31, and CD35 of San Bernardino County

- Protects more cities under the Voting Rights Act
- Preserves and unites more Communities of Interest
- Eliminates Contiguity Issues
- Adjustments do not affect the rest of the Congressional Maps

Move Upland and Rancho Cucamonga from SB to ONTPM 209,941 people.

