

Subject: Re: Stop Plan to Divide the Fillmore

From: Makula Godwin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 17:54:54 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

On Sun, Aug 7, 2011 at 11:38 PM, Justin Morgan <[justi\[REDACTED\]](mailto:justi[REDACTED])> wrote:

New congressional and state legislative district lines will be voted on August 15th. Prevent the California Redistricting Commission from dividing the Fillmore in half, placing the western half of the neighborhood in separate State Assembly District thereby reducing the African American community's ability to speak with one voice at the ballot box and elect leaders of our choice.

Please read and if you agree, forward this letter to the California Redistricting Commission.

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Ask others to do the same.

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Dear California Redistricting Commission:

The African American residents of San Francisco's Fillmore/Western Addition are mainly working-class to low-income families who live in market to below market rate rental apartments and in cooperative and public housing. These residents and have more in common socially, culturally and economically with citizens in the eastern half of San Francisco than they do with our predominantly Caucasian and Asian neighbors in the Pacific Heights area and the Richmond and Sunset neighborhoods of western San Francisco. Yet, the proposed State Assembly redistricting map, to be voted by the Citizens Redistricting Commission on August 15th, threatens to divide the neighborhood, forcing half of the community to join Pacific Heights, the Richmond and the Sunset into the City's western, state assembly district, separating it from more similar communities in the east like Civic Center, Chinatown, the Tenderloin, the Mission, Proteo Hill, Bayview-Hunters Point and – worse of all - the other half of the Fillmore/Western Addition neighborhood.

While districts shall not be drawn by the Redistricting Commission to favor or discriminate against an incumbent, candidate, or political party, districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice and, especially in this case, districts must be drawn in a way that respect the boundaries of neighborhoods and communities of interest and minimize their division, to the extent possible.

I believe that the proposed dividing line at Steiner Street would divide in half a community of people with shared social, cultural, economic and political backgrounds and interests. I would like the Redistricting Committee to change the proposed redistricting boundary, between California Street and Fulton Street, from Steiner Street and make the dividing line Broderick Street, a paved road where most local residents would agree that the two, not so similar communities of the Western Addition and Anza Vista neighborhoods naturally meet.

A boundary at Broderick Street will allow the homes, churches, libraries, grocery store, post office, community center and recreation spaces that are shared by the resident of this neighborhood be recognized for what they are, part of a shared community that should be included with other similar communities in the eastern half of San Francisco.

With a boundary at Broderick Street, the integrity of all our communities is better maintained and residents in the Fillmore/Western Addition can remain effective in electing leaders from the whole community who are responsible to the whole community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Concerned Citizen, Region 8

ProposedWesternAdditionmap

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Subject: change district

From: caroline goodman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 9 Aug 2011 17:33:30 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

i need you change the proposed boundary from steiner st to broderick st to keep fillmore/western addition one commmubity that votes together in the same voting didstrict