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

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Re: Opposition to Additional Changes to the July 10, 2011 Assembly District Map

Dear Commissioners:

The Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce is strongly opposed to the major revisions to the July 10, 2011 Assembly District Map.

With limited ability to comment, assembly district lines have been changed drastically. This rushed decision by the Commission has resulted in the City of Santa Clara-from what the County is named- being pulled out of Santa Clara County and removed from what is considered the Silicon Valley District and now included in the Alameda County District. This makes no logical sense!

Santa Clara is part of a strong Community of Interest (COI) made up of cities in Silicon Valley, in particular Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Mountain View, Campbell and San Jose. This fact has been made very clear in the public comments and in writing to the Commission. Even with these clearly stated opinions, it is as if these efforts have been completely disregarded.

For these reasons, we feel the recent decisions made by the Commission appear not to be representative of our City and region.

Neither the Silicon Valley COI nor the City of Santa Clara's geographic boundaries have been preserved in the most recent map illustrations, and we strongly encourage the Commission to rectify this in the next review of the district map.

The Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the redrawing of the district lines in a manner that splits the City into two or more districts and or moves it out of Santa Clara County.

Instead, we strongly recommend a return to the original map that was drawn by the Commission on July 10, 2011, which retains the COI status and geographic boundaries.

Thank you for considering our input in this very important process.

Regards,

Steve Van Dorn  
President & CEO  
CC: Jennifer Sparacino, City Manager, City of Santa Clara