

Subject: Redistricting maps

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Members of the Redistricting Commission,

Please reject the preliminary final map for the California State Senate. The map will diminish Latino opportunities in the California State Senate and does not provide California's growing Latino community with a fair opportunity to achieve full representation in California's democracy.

The preliminary final Senate map reduces the number of districts where Latinos can effectively choose their leaders from SIX to FIVE.

Latino communities in East San Jose, Orange County, and the San Fernando Valley would be located in Senate districts with a weaker Latino presence than their current districts. Additionally, California's Latino community will face significant challenges with achieving fair representation in the Central Valley, where only one opportunity exists to elect an Assemblymember or Congressman.

We urge you, please reject the Preliminary Final State Senate plan.

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Subject: Signing the Petition to permit Michael Ward to file a minority report

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Article 21 of the State Constitution, sec 2[a] provides for this.

Harry and Pat Vandevort

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

Dear Redistricting Commission:

On Tuesday, June 21, the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously and strongly opposed the map proposal for the Gilroy Assembly district lines. Then, on Tuesday, July 19, the Chamber Board also unanimously and strong opposed the Gilroy Senate district lines. The maps being proposed are not taking into consideration the best interests of our community in both the Assembly and Senate plans.

Gilroy shares communities of interest with our neighbors in Santa Clara County: we are not on the coast and we are not in the Central Valley. Gilroy has a long heritage, and our roots are deep in this valley's history. Today, we play an integral part in the Santa Clara County region sharing in the community college system, water, road funding, health care programs, and economic and tourism development arenas.

We advocate that the Citizens Redistricting Commission recognize the importance of our request to be aligned with inland regions and that the efforts of the Redistricting Commission keep communities with similar interests intact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Valenta".

Susan Valenta

President/C.E.O.

CC: Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
CC: City of Gilroy
CC: Office of Supervisor Mike Wasserman

