

Subject: Letter from San Jose Councilmember Nancy Pyle

From: "Cowan, Laura" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 16:23:10 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Please see the attached letter from Councilmember Nancy Pyle regarding her opposition to the boundary lines in the July 28 assembly district map.

Thank you,

Laura Cowan

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P.S. Councilmember Pyle would like to keep you apprised of current issues in District 10 and the City of San Jose, if you'd like to be added to our newsletter distribution list, *please sign-up [here](#)*.

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

August 11, 2011

Re: Opposition to Boundary Lines in July 28 Assembly District Map

Dear Commissioners:

As the City Councilmember representing San Jose's District 10, I have strong concerns about the Assembly District boundary lines as proposed in the maps released on July 28.

The July 28 maps place residents of Council District 10 in two Assembly Districts. Half will reside in Assembly District 29 (WMONT) and half will reside in Assembly District 28 (SILIV), with the Almaden Expressway running down the middle.

While I believe Almaden Expressway to be a reasonable and natural boundary between the two districts, another portion of the boundary is significantly less desirable. In my opinion, at the south eastern point of District 28, where the boundary diverges from Almaden Expressway and goes through a residential area, the Assembly District boundary becomes overly complicated. It no longer follows a natural path, instead cutting streets and blocks in half. For example, the north side of Lenwood Way would be in one district, with the south side in the other district. People would therefore not belong to the same Assembly District as their neighbors across the street. As another example, residents on one half of Royal Ridge Drive (which is less than five houses long on each side) would not belong to the same district as the people on the other half of the block.

I understand that the Commission has had to make some very difficult decisions and I appreciate all of the work that you have done to ensure that district boundaries reflect the best interests of the people of San Jose.

I sincerely hope that there is enough time to fix this overly complicated south east District 28 border. One suggestion would be to raise the boundary of District 29 from Blossom Hill to Highway 85 and use any gains to the district to "smooth out" the rough boundary at the south eastern end. I believe making these relatively minor adjustments will be of great benefit to the community.

In addition, I ask that you give serious consideration to the letters submitted by the Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA), dated August 6 and the letter submitted by their president, Pat McMahon on August 12. The proposed boundaries split the Almaden Valley

community into the 28th and 29th Assembly Districts. AVCA is very mindful of the challenges the Commission has faced in redrawing boundaries while keeping neighborhoods whole. However, they are proposing a swap between Assembly Districts 28 and 29 that would allow the community to be represented by a single Assemblymember. Please thoughtfully consider their request.

Again, thank you for considering my input in this very important process.

Sincerely,



NANCY PYLE
Councilmember, District 10

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Clara

From: Tara Martin-Milius <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 15:08:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tara Martin-Milius <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Mountain View and Sunnyvale are closely linked for many local, state and federal issues. Splitting us up is unfair and makes it more difficult for us to work on mutual issues like the Onizuka site.

We have much in common, and work together. Splitting us is NOT a good plan, and I strongly object to the recent last-minute manipulations to do so.

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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- would'nt it be lovely

From: James Wright <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 20:51:03 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

All I want are new district maps
Far and away from the prior flops
With one enormous difference
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely?

Lots of balance and oh so neat
Lots of agreement would be a treat
Assembly, Senate and BOE
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely?

Congressional districts are real neat too
They would never budge for ten years to
pass over the window sill

All fourteen Commissioners do agree
These maps are the best for all to see
And all citizens like it as much as me
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely?
Lovely, lovely, lovely

Lovely.

With apologies to Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe
© 1956 "My Fair Lady"

Subject: RE: July 28 Map of Almaden Valley, San Jose

From: "Pat McMahon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 12:50:37 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

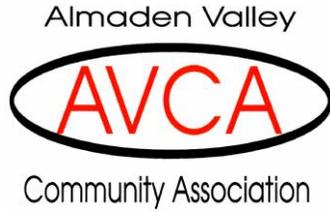
The attached note is submitted in my capacity as President of the Almaden Valley Community Association.

Due to the impending deadline for public comment, I have not had time to review the note with our AVCA Board, so the suggested realignment represents my personal opinion only.

Cordially,

Pat McMahon

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Pat McMahon, President
[Redacted]
San Jose, CA 95120

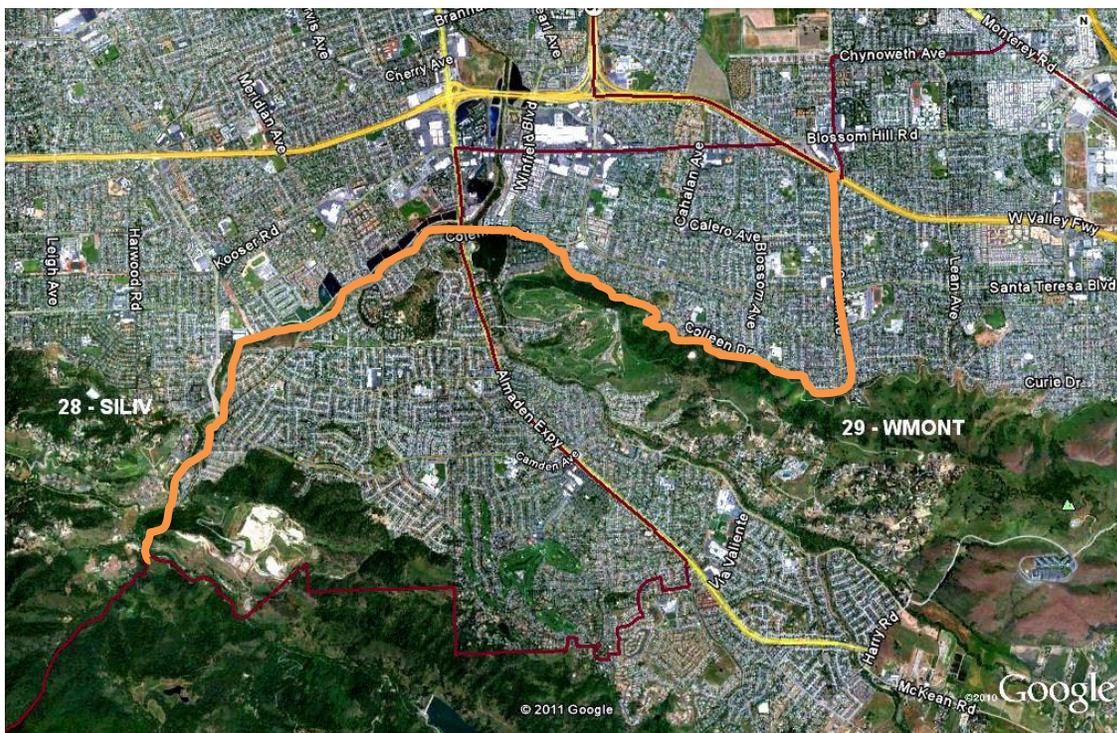
August 12, 2011

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

Re: July 28 Map Release

Dear Sirs:

As a follow-up to our letter of August 6, I have developed a specific suggestion for realigning the boundary between districts 28-SLIV and 29-WMONT, which would preserve the natural regional identity of Almaden Valley while trading areas between the two districts that appear to be of approximately equal size.



The bright orange line follows two natural features – a creek, followed closely by Coleman Road to the West of Winfield Boulevard, and a ridge of the Santa Teresa foothills, bordered largely by Foothill Drive and Colleen Drive from Winfield Boulevard

to Snell Avenue. Both of these natural features effectively separate Almaden Valley from neighborhoods to the north and West, and strongly define Almaden Valley as a single unified community.

I respectfully request that you consider the suggested realignment as you develop the final maps.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat McMahon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Pat McMahon
President
Almaden Valley Community Association

Subject: Redistricting

From: Lois Kleinkauf <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 15:01:29 -0700 (PDT)

To: All <[REDACTED]>

Sirs;

Please start over. Your current plan to redistrict our state is obviously drawn politically. California is a diverse state and each entity should have a vote - not be thrown into pool that favors one political party.

There is no question that this must be done but there is a BIG question about the integrity of your work. Thank you for hearing my request.

Lois Kleinkauf
Morgan Hill, CA