

Subject: Dana Point

From: Rodney Howorth <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 05:32:53 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Hi -Thanks for keeping Dana Point whole. It's very important to us and we appreciate it!

Rodney J Howorth

[REDACTED]

Subject: East Bay Hills

From: Matt Heavey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 15:02:26 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Please make the East Bay Hills (Caldecott Tunnel Area) the dividing line between the two distinct areas. You've been given ample maps which make sense too all adjoining community's that make this natural divide the most logical choice and satisfies all the controlling mandates.

Many have worked very hard to layout all the specifics, hundreds have conveyed that one goal. We are tired of the skewed boundaries--we once again ask you to acknowledge and respect the hard work of our local committee and the overlying need for the separate communities to be represented separately.

Matt Heavey
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Brant Stockinger <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 15:21:38 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Brant Stockinger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: New Congressman

Message Body:

What sort of decision paradigms do you use when you take a town like Martinez and include it in a lump with the north coast?

I object.

No seriously! I object.

I need an explanation.

Brant Stockinger

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Brant Stockinger <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 15:33:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Brant Stockinger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: New Lines

Message Body:

I am not the only one who is apparently upset with the new lines you are drawing.

If the idea is to make things better then you are really creating the opposite. Have you considered the impact that you are having on our communities that you are splitting apart?

It seems that you either have not looked at this seriously or you do not care.

I asked for an explanation about your decision making paradigm and does it not include input from the citizens in the communities that you are affecting?

Brant

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Gayle Kindall <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 07:13:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gayle Kindall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional District

Message Body:

Contra Costa Congressional District 11 looked much worse last Friday than when I emailed in approval the week before. Extending North and West created a lack of commonalities. Central and Southwest Contra Costa have nothing in common with Richmond as other cities nearerby do. Highway 4 is a logical division as I said in my last message, but East Bay Hills surely are, too.. Thanks for further consideration, Gayle Kindall

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Jeff Skinner [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 15:38:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeff Skinner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I think you're idiots

Message Body:

Carving out Martinez and putting them in district that have very little if any simularities is crippling. You have single handedly made all votes in Martinez worthless. Give me any goo reason why Martinez should be in the same district as clear lake?

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Jeff Skinner [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 15:42:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeff Skinner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Read your own rules

Message Body:

Trying to figure out what type of crayon was used for this redistricting. Seems like the rules were not followed for Martinez specifically

Districts must comply with the Voting

Districts must be contiguous so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.

Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of Interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.

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Subject: Public Comment Problems

From: "Matt Regan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 2 Aug 2011 09:14:53 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

This is my third attempt to submit public comment to voice my concerns that the cities of Pleasant Hill and Martinez are being moved from their current Contra Costa focused Senate District and dropped into, what your staff have described as a "Central Valley Ag district". I have submitted comment to this e-mail address as well as via your online form and have yet to see any of my correspondence appear on the public comment record.

Naturally I am somewhat concerned that you may not be receiving all of the comments sent to you and that you may not have been aware of the level of public angst caused by some of your proposed districts. I have a full electronic record of all e-mails sent,

On July 21 I sent this e-mail;

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my very grave concerns that you are proposing to include the East Bay/ San Ramon Valley communities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill in a rural Senate district made up in large part by agricultural communities to the north of Suisun Bay.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez are urban/suburban communities and share all the issues that our fellow 680 corridor communities share; freeway congestion, failing school districts, BART funding, open space preservation, etc. We have absolutely no shared common interests with residents of Yolo County or Lake County which are largely agricultural and rural.

By extending an artificial finger of this large rural Senate District into our urban/suburban communities, just to solve a math problem, is to disenfranchise all the people who live here and call these communities home.

I urge you to reconsider this proposed Senate District and to keep our cities in a contiguous East Bay district that represents communities with shared concerns, shared challenges and shared values.

I was a strong supporter of the creation of a citizen driven process to redraw our electoral districts and I remain convinced that you will do a good job. However, part of your task is to listen to the concerns raised by the public, and I am sure that once you are aware of the level of concern in our community you will address this problem,

Sincerely,

Matt Regan
Pleasant Hill, CA

On July 28 I sent this follow up e-mail and I also resent my original correspondence from July 21 (with a couple of grammatical corrections)

Commissioners,

I am watching your meeting on my computer and I can hardly believe my ears and eyes. You passed over SD 3 with zero mention of the huge concerns expressed by the people of Pleasant Hill about our inclusion in what you yourselves just described as, and I quote, a "central valley Ag district".

There are no farms in Pleasant Hill. There are no orchards, no cattle, no crops....unless you include my tomato plants. Pleasant Hill is a suburban bedroom community linked economically, socially and in every other way with the San Ramon Valley and the central Bay Area. It has nothing in common with the rest of the district you have dropped it into.

You were tasked by the voters of California with keeping communities of interest intact and it appears you have willfully disregarded that mandate where Pleasant Hill is concerned.

If there is any silver lining to today's hearing, its that your description of Pleasant Hill as an "Ag" community is now on the record and will no doubt be used in a lawsuit challenging this insane decision.

Sincerely,

Matt Regan

Is there a reason my e-mails are not appearing on the public comment record?

Thank you.

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