

**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

**From:** Karen Yapp <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 15:30:49 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karen Yapp <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate Redistricting

Message Body:

I strongly object to placing Pleasant Hill in a Senate District that is primarily agricultural and sparsely populated. Pleasant Hill, a city that virtually blends seamlessly with Walnut Creek, should be kept in a Senate District containing suburban communities. How can we, in Pleasant Hill, be fairly represented by people in a predominantly agricultural area. Please reconsider this redistricting plan.

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**Subject:** Ramon District

**From:** "Joanna Kamburoff" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 22:41:53 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you to implore you to keep the communities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill together with other Contra Costa Cities in the RAMON Senate District. We have little if anything in common with the areas that would be in our new group. We are more closely associated geographically, socially, and economically with the communities in our current district and I beg you to reconsider the redistricting you are contemplating.

Sincerely yours,

Joanna Kamburoff

[REDACTED]  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Subject:** Ramon District

**From:** mike mcgill <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 06:17:46 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Greeting:

Pleasant Hill (and Martinez) should not be in the WINE District but should be part of the RAMON District. Your goal is to provide Districts that make sense; RAMON makes sense for Contra Costa County and the cities of Pleasant Hill and Martinez.

Sincerely,  
Mike McGill

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** David Deutscher <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 21:16:04 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

It is reasonable and important that all districts are one mass of land. Pleasant Hill and Martinez belong together with other contiguous cities.

Take the politics out of the redistrict process and group the area by population not political persuasion. To do other wise is a amoral act of people who are given a job of trust. Please be honorable in your actions with good ethics in your heart.

David Deutscher  
David Deutscher Co. 370 Civic Drive  
Pleasant Hill Ca. 94523

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Ed Vining <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 10:57:12 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I have searched by brain, looking for logic in the proposal redistricting our area. I can find none. There is no commonality between us and the near and distant areas across the water.

Looking at our present district, I see real logic.

You should rethink this proposal.

Ed Vining

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[REDACTED]  
Martinez CA 94553

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re-Districting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 9 Aug 2011 00:16:14 +0000 (UTC)

**To:** [REDACTED]

I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE KEEP OUR DISTRICT THE WAY IT IS!!

GAIL CARPENER, PLEASANT HILL

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** jeffrey Weiss <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 13:05:34 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please keep Pleasant Hill, Martinez and Pacheco in a Senate district close to home. Ideally within Contra Costa County. Martinez is the County seat and the region mentioned above has nothing in common with the areas currently being recommended north in other counties.

Jeffrey Weiss

[REDACTED]

Pacheco, CA 94553

**Subject:** Redistricting for Pleasant Hill and Martinez

**From:** Lynn Overcashier [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 07:33:02 -0700

**To:** "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** "David Durant ([REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

As has been eloquently stated by others, I implore you to reconsider the redistricting of Pleasant Hill and Martinez back into the Ramon District instead of with the agricultural communities of the north Bay Solano, Napa and Yolo counties. It is especially important for Martinez, as the County seat of Contra Costa County, to be aligned with the other local cities with which it has so much in common, which are in the Ramon District.

Pleasant Hill and Martinez have very little in common with these other communities, and is indeed a more residential and retail-supporting community serving Walnut Creek, Bishop Ranch business park in San Ramon, and other more urban business centers.

Please reconsider the redistricting for Martinez and Pleasant Hill back into the Ramon District where they truly belong.

Very sincerely,

Lynn Overcashier

Danville Planning Commissioner

[REDACTED]  
Danville resident and Pleasant Hill employee



**Subject:** Redistricting of Pleasant Hill

**From:** Cheryn Gliebe <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 08 Aug 2011 14:31:42 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

I have resided in the wonderful town of Pleasant for more than 25 years. I am quite concerned regarding the redistricting of Pleasant Hill. Pleasant Hill does not share any specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties. We are far more tied to the rest of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. For art, culture and entertainment that is sometimes not available in Pleasant Hill we drive to Walnut Creek, Berkeley, Oakland, Pleasanton and San Francisco. Pleasant Hill is a suburb less than 30 minutes from Downtown San Francisco and 15-20 minutes to Oakland and Pleasanton. Pleasant Hill was a **former** agricultural community which began developing as the suburbs moved east from San Francisco. The counties to the North of us have retained and in some areas even expanded their agricultural roots.

I recognize that your task of redrawing the district boundaries for State Senate and Assembly seats, as well as congressional districts is not easy. However, I am concerned that our small community will lose a voice and feel powerless in Sacramento by being paired with much larger areas that we share very little. I strongly urge you to keep Pleasant Hill joined with our contiguous cities of Walnut Creek, Concord and Lafayette, as well as Martinez.

Sincerely,  
Cheryn Gliebe

**Subject:** Stop Plan to Divide the Fillmore

**From:** winnie yuk <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 06:38:15 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

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.

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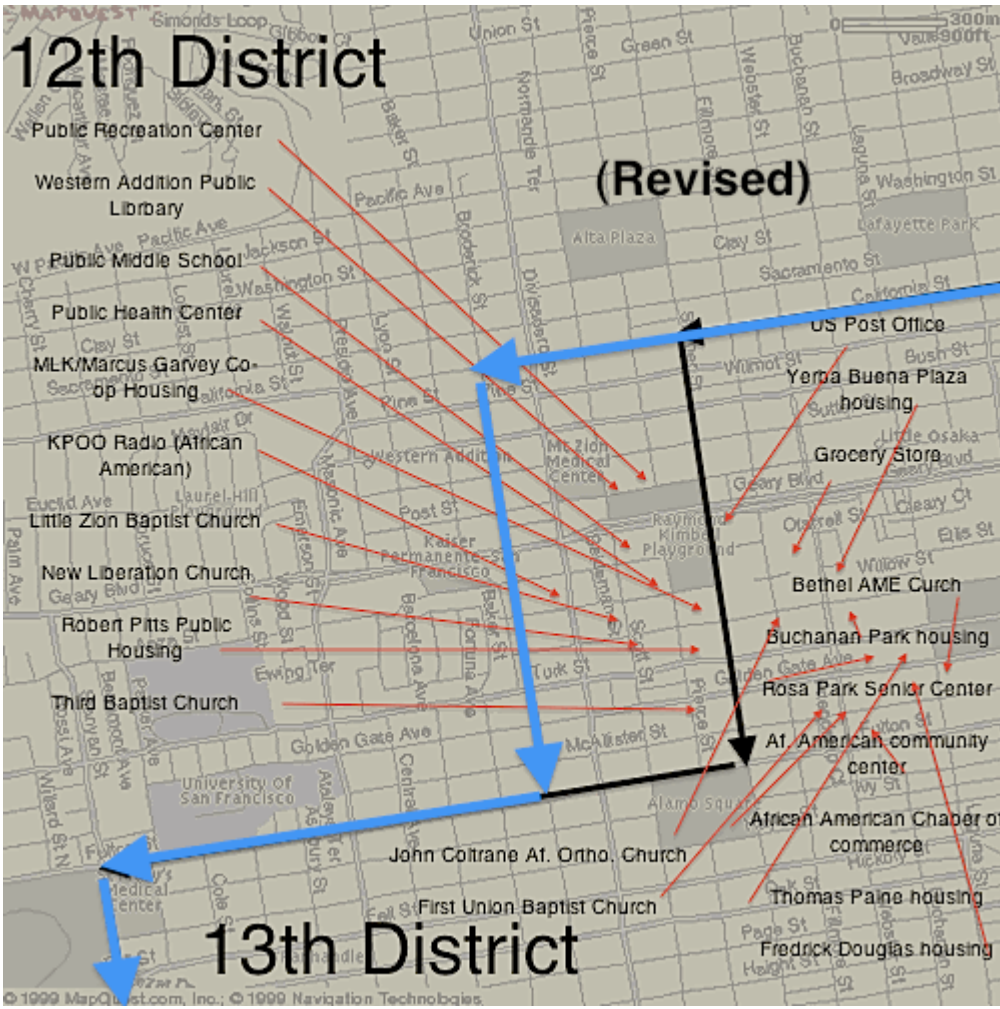
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With a boundary at Broderick Street, the integrity of all our communities is better maintained and residents in the Fillmore/Western Addition can remain effective in electing leaders from the whole community who are responsible to the whole community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Concerned Citizen, Region 8





**Subject:**

**From:** "Don and Norma Flaskerud" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 08:30:37 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Districting Committee Members:

No geographic, social or cultural similarity between Pleasant Hill and the district you are putting us into!  
Crazy, illogical.  
We know you will fix this mistake.

Please attend to it ASAP as Pleasant Hill belongs with its neighboring Contra Costa County towns!

Thanks,  
Norma and Don Flaskerud  
[REDACTED]  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Don and Norma Flaskerud, Realtors**  
**RE/MAX CC Connection**

[REDACTED]  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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[REDACTED]  
[www.PleasantHillRealEstate.com](http://www.PleasantHillRealEstate.com)  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** voting district

**From:** "the wedls" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 08:01:01 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I echo David Durant's email below. Please undo the ridiculous gerrymandered district and allow Pleasant Hill voters to choose our representative with our neighboring cities.

Carole Wedl

Pleasant Hill, CA

In a shocking twist, you have taken us from a Senate District that was previously fairly drawn and clearly had a community of interest (and which does not appear on paper to have been gerrymandered in any way detrimental to any interest group) and you have thrust us into a district that bears no geographic, social or cultural similarity whatsoever. While I love Calistoga and St. Helena for wine tasting, they are well beyond the traditional confines our regional interest for Pleasant Hill. While I find Fairfield, Vacaville and Davis to be interesting communities, they certainly are not suburbs or even exurbs of San Francisco or Oakland. Yet, Pleasant Hill is just that -- geographically near the center of Contra Costa County and firmly recognized as suburbs of the commercial centers of Oakland and San Francisco. Indeed, we have much more in common with the communities of Dublin and Pleasanton (south of San Ramon and Danville) than we do with the good communities that I mentioned to the north.

Calistoga, St. Helena, Fairfield, Vacaville and Davis are all heavily agricultural communities, with their own commercial cores and industrial areas, to be sure. They have some strong apparent "community of interest" criteria with each other. And, they really have very little in common with Pleasant Hill (which does have a small operating farm of a couple of acres, but otherwise has a strong retail sales base, very little clustered office space and is predominantly a residential suburb).

With the mandate to approximately equalize the numbers of citizens in each Senate District, I cannot understand how the 70,000 residents of Martinez and Pleasant Hill, combined, make the population counts so radically unbalanced that this would require having us stripped from our core communities of interest and placed into a district with cities with which we share so very little.

As you seek to finalize the maps, I implore you again to make the modest tweak required to put Pleasant Hill back where it belongs, in the RAMON District.

David Durant

Mayor of Pleasant Hill

**Subject:** Don't Divide the Fillmore!

**From:** Jennabeth Ward <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 14:51:37 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

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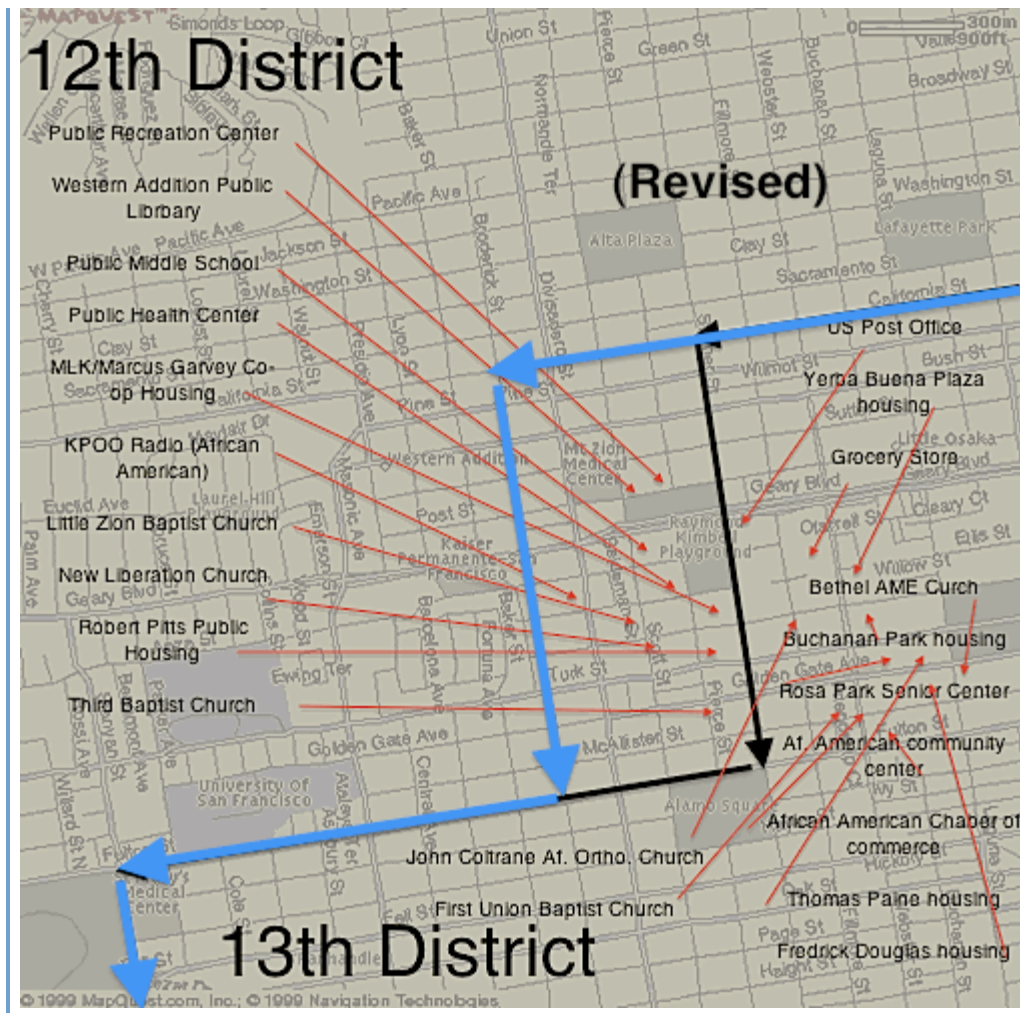
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Concerned Citizen, Region 8







**Subject:** Martinez/Pleasant Hill Redistricting

**From:** "April Bush" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 20:54:21 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission;

I have recently been made aware that there is a plan to change the Senate district for the Martinez/Pleasant Hill area. I am very concerned that information regarding this proposed change has not been communicated to the voters in the area.

As a lifelong Pleasant Hill/Walnut Creek/Martinez resident I would like more information about the benefit of joining an area outside of the Mt. Diablo Valley. My understanding is that we would join the Solano/Napa area. How does this support the needs of the Martinez and Pleasant Hill Communities? How will my needs as a community member in the Mt. Diablo Valley be represented? What geographical, demographic, and political information is this proposal based?

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

April Bush

[REDACTED]

Martinez, Ca

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Our District

**From:** Blake John/Peggy <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 09:04:20 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Committee Members:

My husband and I live in Pleasant Hill, about three and a half or four miles from the Lafayette BART station, which we use frequently. Our medical facility, which at ages 77 and 81, we also use even more frequently, is in Walnut Creek, about four miles from our home. Both of us take classes from our local junior college, DVC, and from Cal State East Bay in Walnut Creek. My grandchildren live in Martinez, and their educational facilities are also DVC and CSEB. We shop at Walmart and Sam's Club in Martinez, Trader Joe's and Costco in Concord, Whole Foods in Walnut Creek, and Lunardi's in Lafayette. We go either the Farmer's Market in Concord, Martinez, Lafayette, or Walnut Creek. Our libraries, used frequently since we have retired, are the CC County library in Pleasant Hill and the new Libraries in Lafayette and Walnut Creek.

When we serve on juries, we are called to serve on Contra Costa County juries, and our property taxes go to Contra Costa County, and our sales taxes go to where we shop, which is Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Concord, and Martinez.

My husband and I have lived in the Bay Area since the early 1960's. During that time, we have been to Healdsburg once or twice, and the same with Napa and Calistoga. But we have no community of interest with them. If you can make a case of any similarities with Solano County, I would like to know what it is, and I would certainly appreciate a reply to my email.

Respectfully,

Peggy

**Subject:** Pleasant Hill - Martinez Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 13:16:06 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

While we respect and admire the folks living across the river, we are not demographically identical and because Co.Co. County has a large population of Bay Area commuters/tax payers, we object to being pushed overboard here.

Donald Mayo - Fire Protection Consultant

[REDACTED]

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

[REDACTED]

[www.donaldmayo.com](http://www.donaldmayo.com)

**Subject:** Pleasant Hill - Ramon District

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 11:23:57 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

You don't need to live in Pleasant Hill to see the great similarity with Walnut Creek, San Ramon, Danville, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Even a short visit would make it crystal clear how significant the differences of the cities north of the Benecia Bridge are to our small suburban community whose residents mostly travel in to San Francisco for their jobs. We share no common socio-economic interests. Simple demographics show that Pleasant Hill relies on business offices and retail businesses to maintain our quiet community as opposed to the agricultural and industrial based economies of the North. It seems so obvious to me that anyone who would suggest that Pleasant Hill is better served by removing us from our Senate district and placing us in a district outside of our county is doing so in direct violation of the rules and ignores the purpose of such districts.

The proposed change places us in a district that bears no geographic, social or cultural similarity whatsoever. Do the right thing and keep us in our rightful Senate district with our neighbors, similar communities, and people with common interests. Treat us with fair and true consideration. Pleasant Hill is a core resident of the Ramon District. Recognize the importance of our citizens to stay connected with our larger community; allow us to stay connected with our true family.

Thank you,  
Bill Bankert

**Subject:** Pleasant Hill in RAMON District

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 11:58:47 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Greetings!

I'd like to add my voice to those protesting the placement of Pleasant Hill with communities north of Martinez and across the waters rather than with Martinez and other suburban SF/Oakland communities. Please do not do this violence to our District! I totally agree with our mayor, David Durant, and councilman Harris in their recent letters to you.

Thank you,

Richard Brewer

[REDACTED]  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Subject:** Please Change Plan to Divide My Neighborhood - 2nd attempt to mail

**From:** Justin Morgan [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 08:01:06 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

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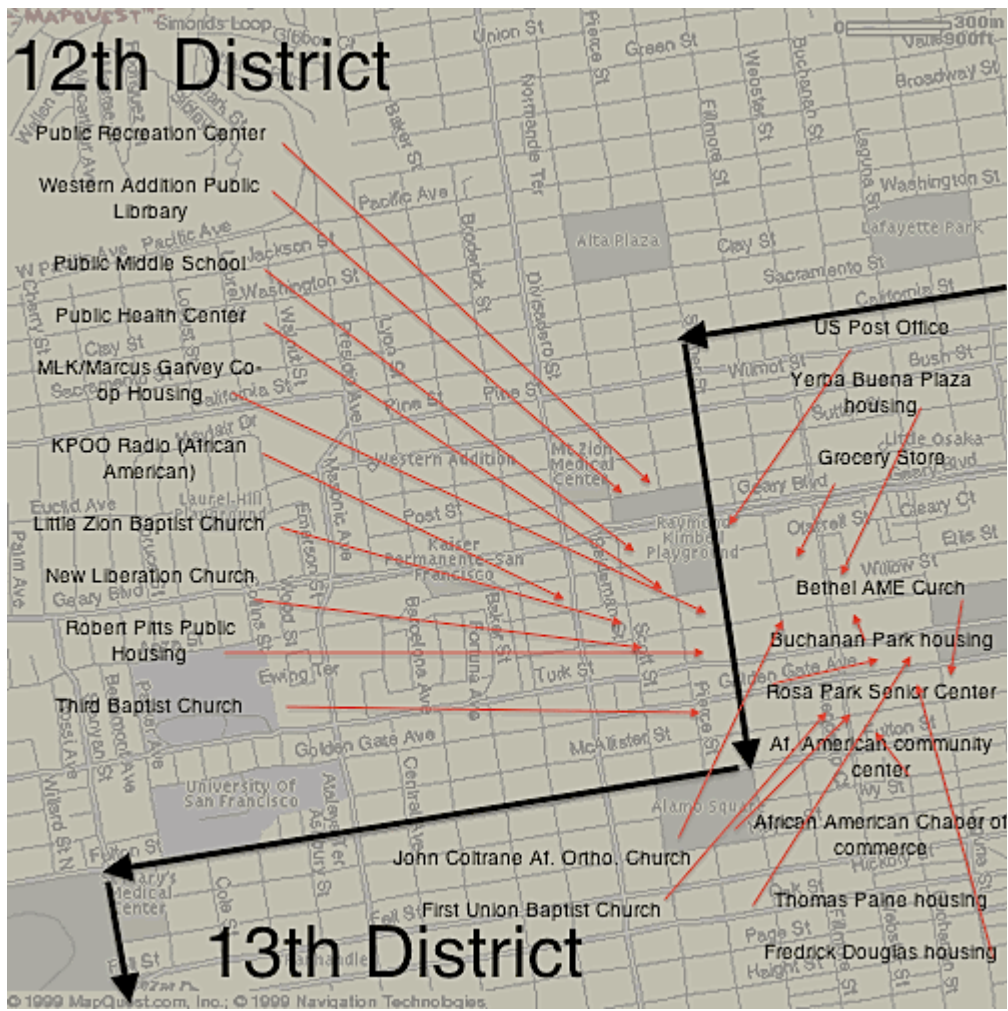
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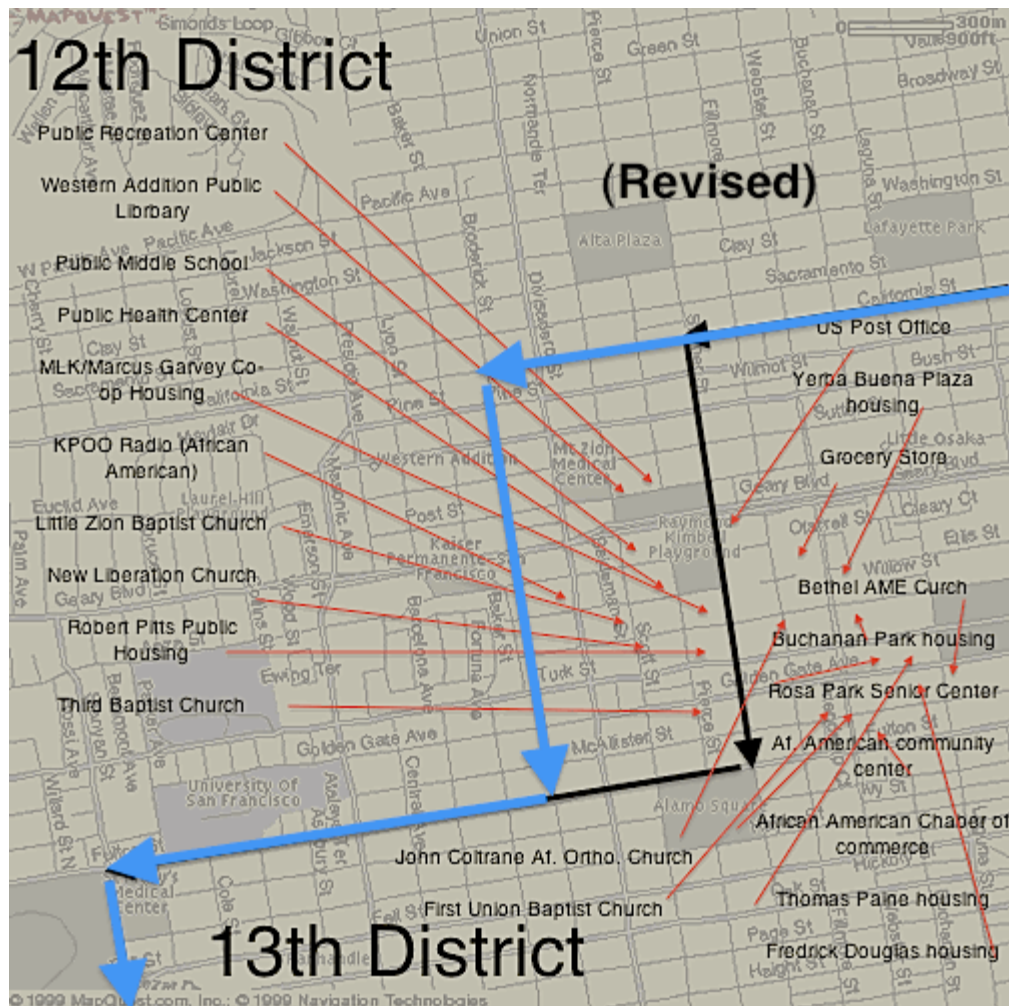
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Justin Morgan

Concerned Citizen, Region 8







**Subject:** Please Change Plan to Divide My Neighborhood

**From:** Justin Morgan [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 8 Aug 2011 00:27:54 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

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