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Kimberly Clough	Contra Costa County	8-10-11
Anne Lesko	Contra Costa County	8-11-11
Marge Cusick	Contra Costa County	8-10-11
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Subject: Fwd: FW: Pleasant Hill and the RAMON Senate District

From: Pat Hurd <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 16:38:04 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I agree with David Durant, the mayor of my city, Pleasant Hill, where I have lived for 32 years.
Patricia W. Hlurd

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Cindy Chudy** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2011 at 5:45 PM

Subject: FW: Pleasant Hill and the RAMON Senate District

To: nancy hagedorn <[REDACTED]> joanna kamburoff <[REDACTED]> pat
hurd <[REDACTED]> carole wedl <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Pleasant Hill and the RAMON Senate District

Date: Mon, 8 Aug 2011 12:44:06 -0400

From: [REDACTED]

[David, spreading the word via the bcc method!](#)

[Folks, if you are not a Pleasant Hill or Martinez/Pacheco resident please forward this to your circle of friends who are.](#)

[Thanks, Linda Mayo](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sun, Aug 7, 2011 11:18 pm

Subject: Fwd: Pleasant Hill and the RAMON Senate District

Dear all

I know that some of you already wrote to the Citizens Redistricting Commission.
But, please email them directly at: [REDACTED]

They are set to have their final vote on August 15, from what I understand.
And, it's important that we be heard.

Best,

David

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Sent: 8/7/2011 9:26:24 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Pleasant Hill and the RAMON Senate District

From
David Durant
[REDACTED]
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Dear Commission:

Back on July 20, 2011, while I was vacationing in China, I wrote (through your website) to implore you to keep the communities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill together with other Contra Costa Cities in the RAMON Senate District.

As I typed that message on my Blackberry, my thumbs hurt...

Your website told me that it was successfully submitted. But, I cannot locate it on your website, so I am including it here again, below (in quotes), with a small typographical fix in brackets.

Before I get to that, however, I just want to take a moment to ask you to look at your own graphic representation of our former and current (if you insist on retaining this structure) Senate district.

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.

Respectfully,

David Durant

From July 20 (Hong Kong time):

"Dear California Redistricting Commission:

I am on vacation in China and writing this to you on a Blackberry. Please forgive typos.

But, as you know, there is little more important to California voters than adequate and proper representation. So, I feel compelled to write about the Commission's July 14 proposed maps of State Senate districts. That set of maps proposes to move the Contra Costa cities of Martinez and Pleasant Hill from a Senate District (DeSaulnier) that has a strong community of interest -- these two cities are a vital part of Central Costa County, where we do a lot of cooperative planning (including land use and transportation). The proposal would put us (as small cities of approximately 36,000 people each) into a district which incorporates the counties of Yolo, Lake, Napa and Solano.

There is precious little that Pleasant Hill shares with our neighboring Counties to the North, and especially Yolo and Lake Counties.

There is little migration by workers from Pleasant Hill to these areas. Instead, Pleasant Hill and Martinez are Bay Area cities, heavily tied to the commercial and economic centers of San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, San Ramon and Pleasanton (where the vast, vast majority of our residents that work outside of Central Costa County (including in Pleasant Hill, Martinez [the County seat], Concord and Walnut Creek).

BART and other public transportation infrastructure and investments tie us to the communities to the South, West and East, but not North to Napa, Solano, Yolo and Lake Counties.

Moreover, Pleasant Hill and Martinez are geographically (physically) separated from Napa, Yolo, Lake and Solano Counties by the Carquinez Straight and Suisun Bay (as evidenced by the multiple bridges crossing from Contra Costa to counties to the North).

In Pleasant Hill, we share no specific social or economic characteristics with the four northern counties mentioned above. We are far more tied to the rest of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. Arts, music and culture for our residents are found mostly in urban and suburban centers like Walnut Creek, Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco, when not found at home in Pleasant Hill. We are most often referred to as a "bedroom community," as a suburb less than 30 miles from Downtown San Francisco and 16 miles or so from Oakland. Our roots and history show that we are a former agricultural community which began being more heavily populated at the end of World War II, as the suburbs moved [East] from San Francisco. To the contrary, the counties to the North have seemed to retain and perhaps even expand their agricultural roots (principally but not exclusively with grape growing).

I recognize that your task of redrawing the district boundaries for State Senate and Assembly seats, as well as congressional districts, is daunting and difficult. And, while there are no perfect solutions, I fear that our small communities will lose a voice in Sacramento by being paired with much larger areas with whom we share precious little. I strongly urge you to keep Pleasant Hill joined with our contiguous cities of Walnut Creek, Concord and Lafayette, as well as Martinez.

Very best wishes,

David Durant
Mayor, City of Pleasant Hill"

Subject: Minority report of commissioner Ward to be allowed

From: "James Coffey" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 21:08:33 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners

I expect that you do your duty to the People of California first and in the spirit of the law to be fair and nonpartisan. In that the process has been biased from the selection process of commissioners and thereafter, I protest, and sign the attached petition to allow a minority report to explain commissioner Ward's concerns.

James Coffey
[REDACTED]

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Name, Address, Email and/or Phone	County	Date
1) James Coffey	Contra Costa	8/11/2011
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[REDACTED] circulate, scan and email to [REDACTED]
 Don't forget to cc to [REDACTED] so California Conservative Action Group can track our
 submissions to the Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Pleasant Hill and RAMON district

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 22:38:29 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I would plead that Pleasant Hill and Martinez be allowed into the RAMON district rather than be added to the northern counties of Yolo, Napa, Lake and Solano. I have been a resident of Pleasant Hill since 1977. I identify with central Contra Costa County and the RAMON area. I believe the ongoing state water use issues in Pleasant Hill and the RAMON district would be much more pertinent to me than issues of the northern counties. All my friends and business contacts are in the RAMON district. I haven't conducted any business at all across bridge on the other side of the Carquinez Straits in the northern counties for years. The northern district has no connection geographically with Martinez and Pleasant Hill. Our Bay Area Rapid Transit routes tie our bay area communities together for jobs and commerce. We are separated from and have no links to Yolo, Napa, Lake and Solano counties.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hall

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carole Chuckovch <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 18:30:20 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carole Chuckovch <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Map Dissent

Message Body:

Republican commissioners can defeat the final district maps if three Republican commissioners simply vote no. Acknowledging that truly fair and impartially drawn districts are not reflected in the map as submitted.

The Citizens Redistricting Commission process has gone seriously awry, hijacked by covert Democrat and leftist partisans who have violated open meeting, public records and conflict of interest laws.

The process is seriously flawed when members of the commission are not allowed to speak freely or even allowed to file a minority report regarding the maps being submitted.

I implore the Republican Commissioners to exercise the authority given to them by the people of California to exercise their right to veto the current maps that do not reflect the voters intent of the redistricting purpose.

Politics and special interests were supposed to have been removed from this process, yet the litigation team has clearly shown bias and actively restricted open and free speech of selective participants. An "even playing field" was not accomplished and it is in the best interest of all Californians that the provision for the State Supreme Court to become active.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Redistricting

From: "William Thompson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 16:03:20 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

It is unbelievable the Democratic Bias and lack of transparency that has been presented for "Redistricting???" It is totally unacceptable!!!

Would you please do this redistricting again and remember we taxpayers want something that is not so blatantly biased with members being made of Republicans and other parties not just Democrats. Why Vote??? The result is obviously a bias mess!!!!

Please correct this bias so called "Redistricting". Thank you.

Mr. & Mrs. W F Thompson
[REDACTED] Alamo, CA. 94507
[REDACTED]

Subject: Petition to file minority report

From: "Joyce Ellis" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 12:25:40 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commisioners,

Attached please find a 4 page petition that includes 20 signatures. The petition is a request that the Commission permit Commissioner Ward to file a minority report explaining why he voted against the state and federal districts in California. We the citizens deserve the right to know the reasons behind his vote.

Sincerely,
Joyce Ellis
Walnut Creek

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Subject: Request to file minority report petition 2

From: "Joyce Ellis" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 14:16:06 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

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Attached please find a 3 page petition that includes 20 signatures. The petition is a request that the Commission permit Commissioner Ward to file a minority report explaining why he voted against the state and federal districts in California. We the citizens deserve the right to know the reasons behind his vote.

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<i>Michael Haskell</i>	<i>Contra Costa</i>	<i>8/9/11</i>
<i>Stacey A. Bradbury</i>	<i>Contra Costa</i>	<i>8/10/11</i>

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Date:

8/11/2011

Fax to:

Citizen Redistricting Committee

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Sent By: Carole Chuckovich

Citizen Redistricting Committee

In a recent article written by Eastman and Bell (constitutional and election attorneys) the following remarks were made:

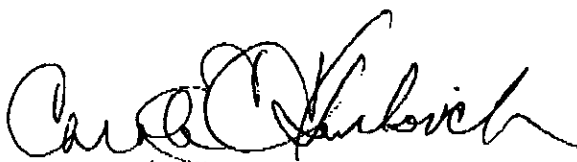
If the Redistricting Commission deadlocks, that would not necessarily be a sign of failure. Rather, it would be an acknowledgement that the gravitational pull of partisanship and leftwing ideology in the Redistricting Commission process can be resisted by partisan Commissioners voting to deadlock the Commission's attempt to draw overtly- or covertly-partisan or ideological district plans, allowing the Supreme Court to perform its designated constitutional role.

Proposition 11 provided a remedy – Republican commissioners can defeat the final district maps if three Republican commissioners simply vote no. Then, redistricting can be conducted by the State Supreme Court which did an exemplary job in 1974 and 1991 in creating truly fair and impartially drawn districts.

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Carole Chuckovich, (Resident of Contra Costa County)