

Subject: Petition re Minority Report

From: Lee Stark <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 07:28:38 -0700 (PDT)

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PETITION TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

We the undersigned hereby request that the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission permit Commissioner Michael Ward file a minority report explaining his reasons for voting against the state and federal legislative districts in California.

The Commission's Code of Conduct requires commissioners to "disclose information that belongs in the public domain freely and completely." Article 21 of the state Constitution, provides in Section 2(a) that the commission shall "conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines."

These goals and criteria will not be met if Commissioner Ward is muzzled. All Commissioners should be allowed to file a full and complete minority report to the public on the Commission website and to the media.

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 Don't forget to cc to david@fairthelines.org so California Conservative Action Group can track our
 submissions to the Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Pleasant Hill and the RAMON District

From: "Chere" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 04:25:09 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I live in Pleasant Hill and want to voice my displeasure at possibly being in the State Senate District which includes Fairfield, Vacaville etc. We have nothing in common with the area and are divided by a river from it on top of that! Our county seat is Martinez and your proposal places the county seat in another area? The county seat will be reporting, recording and addressing issues when they aren't even represented by the same Senator? It's not logical. My little town over the years has been cut in half, removed from all those around us and stuck once with Berkeley. We have a business in Pleasant Hill and live in Pleasant Hill; one redistricting had us talking with one person for our home and a different person for our business (US Representative). Please return Pleasant Hill and Martinez to the RAMON district which best reflects our demographics.

Thank you,

Chere Mascaro

[REDACTED]

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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Subject: Republican Commissioners Please Stand Up and Do Your Duty

From: "Patty O'Day" <patt[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 14:57:19 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

There is no doubt that the final maps produced by the Redistricting Commission show strong liberal bias and definitely unfairly favor the Democrat Party.

Proposition 11, which was approved by the voters of this state, provided a safety valve to overcome overt political bias. Republican commissioners can defeat the final district maps if three Republican commissioners simply vote no on August 15. Then, redistricting can be conducted by the State Supreme Court which did a good job in 1974 and 1991 in creating truly fair and impartially drawn districts.

To adopt maps, Proposition 11 requires supermajority approval consisting of majorities of each of these groups – Democrat, Republican and unaffiliated commissioners. So, this means that 3 of the 5 Republican Commissioners MUST vote yes for these maps for them to go forward. I am asking the Republican Commissioners to vote no in order to insure fair districts. The current maps are overtly and unfairly partisan. This is in direct violation of the spirit of Proposition 11.

The Republican Commissioners need to know that if the Redistricting Commission deadlocks because three or more of the Republican Commissioners voted no, it would not necessarily be a sign of failure. Instead, it would show that the 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, and will allow the Supreme Court to perform its designated constitutional role.

Republican Commissioners should vote no on these maps because despite Proposition 11's design to avoid overt and covert partisanship, when applying to be on the Commission, some of the Commissioners disregarded conflict of interest and public disclosure laws. In fact, one of the Commissioners is a partisan Democrat who was a MALDEF attorney in the 2001 redistricting litigation. Since MALDEF was actively working on getting their own set of maps adopted, the inclusion of this person on the Commission was wrong and possibly illegal.

Another Commissioner is a Santa Paula educator who failed to reveal his political contributions to Democrats and also failed to disclose membership in an organization whose redistricting plans he is advocating. Both of these persons should have been blocked from being on the Commission in the first place, but, since they hid this information from the selection committee, they should have been fired from the Commission once these issues became public. But they weren't. That is another reason why the Republican Commissioners should vote no on these current maps.

The Commission's decision to cancel an important map release deadline at the last minute, and without time for public comment was wrong.

The Republican commissioners need to understand their role and the importance of using their constitutional supermajority power to block bad Commission decisions and ultimately, to block overtly or covertly partisan redistricting plans. Don't be swayed by the idea that you must "complete" the Commission's assigned task to draw districting plans. These maps are bad. Don't go along just to get along. That is not your job. You will have failed your job if you do that. You would be failing to live up to your constitutional responsibilities. You would also be thwarting the people's goal in adopting Proposition 11 to ensure fair redistricting.

The Republican Commissioners need to say no to Redistricting Commission maps that are tainted by violations of state open meeting laws, public records laws and conflicts of interest and by the undisclosed partisan and ideological affiliations of commissioners.

The Republican Commissioners need to stand up and say NO to the cancelation of the release of second draft maps on short notice, and the final maps being released without effective opportunity for public comment or change. You need to say NO to the obvious disregard of the input from hundreds of people who testified before you. You need to say NO to adopting these final maps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patty O'Day

Contra Costa County