

Subject: Petition to California Citizens' Redistricting Commission

From: "Lola Pargett" [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 15 Aug 2011 16:04:26 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern:

Please find attached a Petition to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lola Pargett

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Carol M Hehmeyer <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 15 Aug 2011 19:17:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol M Hehmeyer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Walnut Creek

Message Body:

Commissioner Ward's comments are welcome and important. As one of the people who has attended many of the public input sessions, I am sure his comments are accurate. -- You have not posted ONE of my comments supporting Commissioner Ward and asking that he be permitted to make a Minority Report. The political corruption of this Commission is obvious, and overwhelming.

You are a disgrace.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Contra Costa

From: Ron and JoAnn Kilmartin [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 15 Aug 2011 07:09:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ron and JoAnn Kilmartin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting maps are unfair, biased towards the Democrat Party

Message Body:

August 1, 2011

Redistricting Commission

Commission Website:
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The final maps produced by the Redistricting Commission show strong liberal bias and 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. So far 2 Republican Commissioners have voted no on these maps. 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.

Sincerely,

Ron and JoAnn Kilmartin

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Pleasant Hill, CA
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P.S. How Pleasant Hill in Contra Costa County could be lumped with wine country in Napa County, on the other side of the state's largest river and 40 or so miles away must set some sort of record in the art of gerrymandering.

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FAX TO: Mr. Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
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FAX FROM: Carol M. Hehmeyer
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Date: August 15, 2011, Monday

Dear Commissioners and Director Claypool:

Again, I have sent a number of public comments to you asking that Commissioner Ward be permitted to present a minority report regarding his courageous vote of "no" to the proposed "maps" which the Commission intends to vote upon this Monday, tomorrow.

I received reply emails from Ms. Shupe and you, Mr. Claypool, assuring me that the comments would be posted but you are understaffed and are having difficulty getting comments posted quickly.

I know I sent a comment on August 8, and it is not posted.

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From Hehmeyer
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I know that hundreds of demands for a Minority Report from Commissioner Ward have been forwarded to the commission since August 8 because I have heard from a huge number of citizens who have filed such petitions and demands.

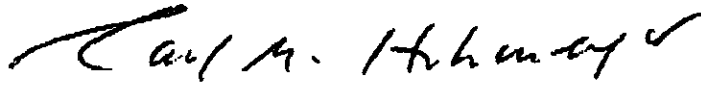
Now, Commissioner Ward has spoken out, but you still have not posted the hundreds of letters, emails, faxes, and posts in support of his giving a Minority Report.

As a person who has closely followed this Commission since I first testified in front of you on February 26, I am disappointed in your disgraceful performance. You have not followed the Constitutional mandate given you, not in any respect.

The Constitutional enactment which governs Commission authority requires that the Commission proceed with transparency, and that full disclosure of all deliberations and observations be made public.

This mandate includes a requirement that the reasoning of each Commissioner be available to the public, and that any dissenting Commissioner be permitted to make known, in full, to the public, the basis for the dissent.

Yours truly,


Carol M. Hehmeyer
Contra Costa County

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