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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: San Joaquin County and its state Senate, Assembly and Congressional Districts

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your willingness to serve on this very important California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We appreciated watching and participating in the process of redrawing the district lines for California. Thank you also for taking the time to sort through and read all of the correspondence you have received from citizens of California. It is apparent that the committee has worked very hard during this process.

After watching the press conference online and working through the state wide data base maps, I do however have a concern. It would be in reference to number 4 of the Commission's specific prioritized criteria in drawing the maps; "Respect counties, cities, communities of interest, and neighborhoods, to the extent possible." Our mailing address is Escalon, however while most of Escalon is in the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District which includes most of Stanislaus County, our Escalon address is included in the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District which includes San Joaquin County. My concern is that residents out here in the county area that associate with the small town of Escalon, and are close to the Highway 120 corridor, belong to the same water district will now be significantly disenfranchised. Not only is this small town/rural area split in half and represented by two Congressional districts, these representatives would be from a different county. There will be confusion among rural residents as to who is their representative. The media is reporting that Ripon and Escalon are being represented in the 10<sup>th</sup> District. However, in actuality, part of rural Escalon is included in the 9<sup>th</sup> District. Being that this area of Escalon is a rural area, there is the high probability this area would be disenfranchised by a representative since we are not included with the town of Escalon. Representatives visit towns and residents associate with towns. Escalon residents are divided in half.

The request I would like the Commission to consider is keeping the residents of Escalon in the same Congressional District. It is a small town already and placing the residents of rural Escalon in another district disenfranchises a large number of residents out in the county. I realize it is difficult to consider a change in the lines at this point, but I would like to present this view for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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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 and fully setting forth his reasons for voting against the new political boundaries for state and federal legislative districts in California.

Every aspect of the Redistricting process conducted by this Commission should be open to scrutiny by the public and the press. 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, which formed this Commission, 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 not permitted to file a minority report.

This courageous commissioner must be allowed to file a full and complete minority report which must be disclosed to the public on the Commission website and to the media as soon as possible.

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<i>Albert Hernandez</i>	<i>San Joaquin</i>	<i>8-10-2011</i>