

Dear Members of the California Redistricting Commissions,

First, we want to thank the Commission for giving us, the community members of Fremont and the Tri-Cities (Fremont, Newark and Union City) a chance to speak during public comment at your business meeting. Based on direction we heard from you, we believed it was important for us to show the Commission an alternative congressional district map. This map we are presenting to you takes into account your feedback, the unanimous community of interest testimony of the people of the people who live in the Tri-Cities and East Alameda County, and based on the Commission's explicit direction to Q2.

As the Commission directed, this map puts the Tri-Cities back into Alameda County, and separates the communities of Eastern Alameda County and puts them in with an inland San Jose district-- consistent with testimony from residents of these areas who did not want to be a part of a Tri-Cities/Hayward district. Commissioners Malloy and Forbes made these suggestions as recorded in Q2's notes. The map also minimizes ripple effects, while making sure that none of the Bay Area districts have to cross a bridge.

The map not only improves the Hayward-Fremont-Newark-Union City district, but also solves other issues of concern expressed by the Commission. For example, [it unites Richmond as a whole with Contra Costa County](#). As well, the Eastern Alameda communities have their own voice in an inland district, per their request in the community of interest testimony. The maps of all the Bay Area districts are compact, and the maps meet the population requirements.

We appreciate the Commissioners listening to our testimony, and we believe this map solves the problems the Commissioners and Q2 have been grappling with. We respectfully request that the Commission and Q2 adopt this map which will be responsive to the overwhelming and unanimous citizen testimony and the Commission's direction. Attached is our proposed map along with accompanying data.

Sincerely,

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