



*"Small Town Atmosphere
Outstanding Quality of Life"*

November 16, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
C/O Public Comment
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: 2020 Redistricting Visualizations
Comment Letter from the Town of Danville**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Town of Danville, we write to express our desire that efforts be made to keep the Tri-Valley communities together, as a Community of Interest (COI), during the process of drawing new legislative districts for Congress, the California State Senate, and the California State Assembly. We recognize that the Citizens Redistricting Commission has a unique and challenging responsibility but believe that the Tri-Valley meets the criteria to be considered a community of interest, and that our boundaries should be respected during the redistricting process.

The Tri-Valley region is spread over three neighboring valleys at the eastern end of Alameda County and the southern end of Contra Costa County, and includes the adjacent cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and the town of Danville. Even though we are in two separate counties, our residents identify far more with the Tri-Valley region than either Alameda or Contra Costa County. In fact, we believe that the Tri-Valley can be considered a model for regional collaboration throughout the State of California in many traditional and non-traditional ways.

The Tri-Valley shares a common identity and spirit among its residents; residents of our five cities depend on the same transportation networks, we have similar demographics and sources of employment, businesses have formed partnerships throughout the area, our children play in the same sports leagues, and local governments collaborate on a multitude of regional projects.

Local governments in the Tri-Valley collaborate significantly on advocacy, including annual trips of all five Mayors to Washington DC and Sacramento where they communicate the region's shared priorities with federal and state leaders. In fact, the Tri-Valley City Councils

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even meet as a group several times throughout the year to work collectively on major policy issues. The five cities also formed the Tri-Valley Transportation Council to jointly prioritize and pull together resources for major projects. Agencies such as the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority, Tri-Valley ROP and Tri-Valley Career Center are just some examples of governmental agencies that were specifically created to serve the region, and local water districts, park districts, K-12 districts, and community college districts have similarly crossed city borders to serve local needs within the five municipalities.

Our economic life also revolves around the Tri-Valley community. For instance, the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding tourism options amongst our five cities. The five Tri-Valley communities have been partnered for a decade in a shared private-sector led economic development initiative known as Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group which advocates for inclusive growth and development of business and quality of life within the Tri-Valley region.

The Tri-Valley has flourished over the years due to our tremendous cooperation, and our region is poised for even greater excellence moving forward. However, to continue to thrive and achieve our mutual goals, we must be able to work together in close collaboration with legislators dedicated to the needs of the Tri-Valley, as we have been able to in our current shared Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly Districts. While the most recent visualization (as of November 4, 2021) is an improvement from previous iterations, with the Tri-Valley region now all in one State Senate District, we respectfully urge that the final map bring us together in State Assembly and Congressional Districts as well. Again, we greatly appreciate your consideration of our request that the Tri-Valley be considered a community of interest, and we hope that the Commission will make strong efforts to keep us united while finalizing Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly Districts.

Sincerely,



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