

Redistricting Public Comments

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Alternative A Comments

May 24, 2011

This scenario splits the middle Green Valley Specific Plan Area; this seems ill advised. Much work has been done in the past several years to merge Green Valley into a single, consolidated community. It should exist in a single district, in its entirety. Nancy Nelson

Unfortunately, the district plan under Scenario A breaks up an established community of interest shared by the residents of Green Valley. It also bisects the middle Green Valley Specific Plan, with 400 residents, the product of over 2 years of work by our community residents. Bill Mayben

1. There are more government workers and elected people than citizens at this meeting. Not good! 2. Many more supervisors are needed to truly represent the public. One supervisor does not need and cannot represent 82,000 people. Furthermore, when a supervisor raises over \$200K to run for office, special interest is almost guaranteed to run the show. 3. I think the alternatives presented are going to be more of the same of the present broken system. George Gynn, Jr.

I object to Scenario A. This cuts Fairfield into five districts, whereas the other cities have only two or one Supervisor. Also, the reason cited is to give Dist 1 more unincorporated area, but this does so by adding significant land from Fairfield. Scenario A also seems inferior to Scenarios B and C insofar as it maintains District Two's reach from the Napa lien all the way down to Mare Island. Jack Batson

General Comment: If +/- 5% is allowed, legally there is no need to change the lines. Is that an option? Given there is more leeway than <1%, then there should be strong effort to make lines "not odd." Maybe 2-3% variation would allow much better lines. It would be good to look at other options at least. Rick Wood

The lines for District 4 & 5 are ideal in this scenario, as are the lines for District 3. I would not select this scenario's realignment for District 1 & 2, as District 1 should grow south into more of Vallejo, not north

Attachment A

into Green Valley. I prefer a modified Scenario B here. Exception: consider moving Fairfield population along Peabody from Dist 5 to District 4. No name

May 25, 2011

Only comment I have is the area give to Sup # 4, north of I-80 needs to remain in Sup # 5. And if Suisun can be moved into Sup 3 it would make more sense. No name

Don't split Green Valley! Combine Suisun City. Move 5th District west to I-505 and possibly Allendale to 1st ridge line. No name

Online Comments

The Green Valley Landowner's Association does not support the proposed redistricting "Scenario 'A' for several reasons:

- This Scenario seriously, unnecessarily, and arbitrarily divides and interrupts "an identifiable community of interest" by proposing to impose Supervisorial District #1 onto Middle Green Valley, violating a redistricting goal.
- This scenario fails to take into account the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan completed by residents of Middle Green Valley, and the Green Valley Landowners Association, under the sponsorship of the Board of Supervisors, over the past two years, working with Hart-Howerton Architects and Planners to create a master plan for the 2000 acre study area. Not only did the Specific Plan identify the focus of a new community of 400 homes; the process emphasized the fact that all of Green Valley represents a fabric of identifiable community interest which cannot purposefully be divided. Scenario "A" described this area simply as "agricultural".
- The integrity of the Specific Plan requires the participation of the surrounding community of interest, in order to succeed.
- Scenario A fails to minimize the scope of boundary changes to two established Districts, violating a redistricting goal.
- We believe that the concept of each supervisorial district containing an equal share of unincorporated county area imposes artificial constraints on the districting exercise regarding the overarching need to maintain coherent representational districts, and should be a secondary consideration.
- Scenario A requires major adjustments to voter precincts.
- Scenario A makes the effort of Green Valley community planning and coordination more than twice as difficult, and represents a purposeful interruption of our community-based political process.
- We feel it appropriate to pull areas of District #2 back from Vallejo, allowing District #1 to gain voters, as expressed variably in Scenario "B" and "C".

Very Truly Yours,
Bill Mayben
President, GVLA

EXCELLENT, Bill, I'm glad you submitted this! Scenario A inexplicably divides the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan between two districts. Clearly the consultant drawing the maps had no knowledge of the Plan's existence.

Nancy Nelson

Alternative B Comments

May 24, 2011

General comment – is it good to split Suisun Valley? On one hand, good to have two Supes representing Valley. On the other one Supe might be able to give more attention. I guess I prefer 2 Super, but that’s assuming they both care about SV, not neither. Rick Wood

District 1 & 2 are most ideal in this scenario, although the Sand Beach area should not be isolated into Dist 1. Keep District 3 as you have it. There appears to be no logic in a different 4/5 boundary in Vacaville in this scenario than for Scenario A. Use Scenario A instead. The line along I-80 makes sense. Anna M. Imous (No name)

May 25, 2011

Move western 5th boundary at least to I-505 so Dixon Fire, School, & Library District are united. Put Suisun City all in 3rd. Anna N. Imus (No name)

Possibly the best. Least interruption to the existing districts. No name

Online Comments

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Thank you

Wendell Quigley Mare Island Ca

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Thank you for your consideration.

/s/ Stephanie Gomes

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Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Boyce
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Vallejo, CA 94590

Dear Representatives:

The redistricting issues have been brought to my attention recently and I'm writing this letter as a voter and resident of Solano County. I feel the fairest and best option is OPTION B since this will provide the best possible outcome.

I feel strongly about this issue and the effect it may have on me and my neighbors. Please do what is right and in the best interests of all the voters of this county by placing your support on OPTION B.

Most sincerely,

Collette Sweeney
Teacher

Alternative C Comments

May 24, 2011

The Fairfield-Airbase Parkway inset to Alternative C is totally unacceptable. This is a community of military and military retired citizens who are closely connected to Travis AFB. We do much of our business in Suisun. Patronizing businesses, library and public functions in Suisun. Diana Ricketts (email address omitted)

The unification of Green Valley and the consistency of Vallejo is compelling. No name

Messy, pointless, and illogical. Dump this scenario. No name

Did you notice that Districts 1, 2 & 3 combined have almost exactly 3 x 82,669? And 4 & 5 almost exactly 2 x 82,669? What that means is you could leave the line between 1-3 and 4-5 alone. Not sure that's good, but interesting. Rick Wood

May 25, 2011

Appears too much moving of lines to accommodate current incumbents. No name

Suisun City should be in ONE district with Fairfield. District Five should move western Boundary at least to I-505 – include Allendale and Lake Solano & state Prison (in that order – as needed). Those rural areas are in the Dixon School District, Fire District, Library District, and have 4-H, FFA & other

organizational/social common interests. Less of Vacaville should be in the Fifth – so it doesn't overwhelm OUR communities interest. Another alternative would be to have All of Suisun in the 5th – put more of FFIId in the 3rd & move none of Vacaville in the 4th. Anonymous

Online Comments

As a Vacaville resident, I am very disappointed with the outreach you have done on this important subject. The website with its descriptions and maps is a poor job in itself and does not give those of us depending on the use of our computers to get information on the committee's work. You are unable to tell from the maps what is what or where cities even have their boundaries. There are no main streets to follow. The maps are useless and there is no way to compare them to the alternatives. Kathy Freeman

There's a rumor the board is thinking about splitting Dixon between two districts.

I can tell you that will NOT set well with anyone up here. In fact it would be resented.

My view is that Suisun City should be consolidated into one district, and that district 5 should extend to the hill crests west of Allendale. That whole area is in the Dixon School District, Library District, Fire District and I believe SID district. The kids are in the same FFA and 4-H clubs as Dixon kids.

That commonality of interest is important.

The Pleasants Valley rural area should stay in the 4th - because that area is more connected to Vacaville.
Dave (via email)