SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 23, 2011

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING RECOMMENDATIONS



RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That County staff appear before the Redistricting Commission and request that Temecula be included in the new 15 Corridor Congressional District, within our own County, currently occupied by Congressman Ken Calvert. Congressman Calvert is not a new face to Southwest Riverside County, having represented this area well in prior years. Inclusion of Temecula in a Riverside County Congressional delegation will add political clout to this once one of the fastest growing regions in the United States and will be the epicenter for new growth when the recovering economy emerges.

BACKGROUND:

The citizens, via a State Initiative, required an independent commission redraw State Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional boundaries in accordance with data received by the **2010 US census**. The goal was to stop the State legislature gerrymandering and to set up districts that made logical sense. The goal was to balance communities, but one important facet was to *keep communities together*. While I believe the Redistricting Commission has done a commendable job thus far, their recommendations are far from perfect. The City of Temecula has been a progressive City in Riverside County since its incorporation in 1989 and the community has been a part of Riverside County since it was founded in 1859. However, the Redistricting Commission has determined in its initial draft analysis to sever this important Riverside County City into a San Diego Congressional District. While this area has been well served by Congressman Darrell Issa, Temecula logically and politically should remain a part of Riverside County's congressional delegation.

Jeff Stone
Supervisor
Third District

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Buster and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

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None

Absent:

None

Date:

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Regarding congressional redistricting.

Along with congressional redistricting, the communities of De Luz, Temecula, Temecula Wine Country, The San Diego State University Reserve, and Pechanga might be better served by combining with the communities of Fallbrook and Rainbow as a new county or part of San Diego. Since Riverside Country was once carved out of San Diego Country, this is not a new precedent.

This would protect these communities from the Country of Riverside, which has apparently not been aware of their interests (judging by the County's handling of the Granite Liberty Quarry EIR).

Of course, additional communities would be welcome to join in.

Dan Matrisciano

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July 28, 2011

Riverside County Board of Supervisors 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, California 92502

RE: 1st Supervisorial District Boundaries

Dear Chairman Buster and Honorable Supervisors:

As new boundaries are drawn for Riverside County's supervisorial districts, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority strongly urges the Board to retain the Riverside neighborhoods of the East Side and Casa Blanca in the 1st Supervisorial District.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private non-profit organization of predominantly Black college-educated women whose purpose is to provide assistance and support in local communities around the world, with special attention to the needs of Black and Latino populations. We have been active in the Inland region, including the City of Riverside, for more than a half century.

We will be watching closely as Riverside County supervisorial boundaries are drawn to ensure that minority communities of interest throughout, and particularly in the East Side and Casa Blanca, are treated with the respect, fair consideration and protections that redistricting rules afford them.

Keeping these two geographically and socioeconomically linked neighborhoods together comports with redistricting guidelines that instruct you to not carve up neighborhoods or separate groups of people living in an area that have similar interests. In this case, it is a matter of social justice and common sense to keep the East Side and Casa Blanca together instead of carving away the East Side.

We also would note that minority communities in the 1st Supervisorial District have been well served by Supervisor Bob Buster, who has been an advocate for equal rights and equal opportunities.

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Supervisor Buster stood up for minority families when the former district attorney Rod Pacheco launched an aggressive and misguided campaign on the East Side, and the supervisor has championed and supported programs for at-risk youth and residents in the East Side and Casa Blanca neighborhoods and a number of efforts to raise the quality of life and education in these areas.

Again, we encourage the Board to do the right thing and keep the neighborhoods of Casa Blanca and the East Side within District 1 for the betterment of these communities.

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.
SPEAKER'S NAME: Dan Matyszerano
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I give my 3 minutes to:___