

SUPERVISOR JOHN GIOIA – REDISTRICTING MAP PROPOSAL #8

This proposed redistricting plan generally follows the boundaries of the Contra Costa regional transportation advisory councils which divide the county into 4 distinct regions for purposes of transportation planning. These boundaries were developed mutually by the county and the 19 cities after the passage of Measure C in 1988 after extensive city and county input. Obviously, there is a slight difference since the Board of Supervisors boundaries are divided into 5, not 4, districts.

17 of the 19 cities are not split, with: 1) Walnut Creek being mostly in one district (86% in District 4 instead of being split into 3 districts). Only the discrete retirement community of Rossmoor is in a different district; 2) Three-quarters of Concord, the largest city in the county, is in District 4, including its Downtown, the Airport and most of the undeveloped Naval Weapons Station, although all of the Naval Weapons Station can be placed in District 4 if the Board so chooses since there is no population there. Some will argue that development of the Naval Weapons Station will impact both the Pittsburg/Bay Point area as well as Concord.

50 of the 53 Census Designated Places (CDP's) are not split.

District 1 creates a wholly West County district from Pinole to the Alameda County line and uses the East Bay Hills and vast EBMUD open space watershed areas as the geographic and topographic features dividing West County from Central and Southwest County. It includes 4 of the 5 WCCTAC cities -- Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito and Pinole.

District 2 creates a Lamorinda/San Ramon Valley district which generally tracks the SWAT boundaries and includes all 5 SWAT cities of Orinda, Lafayette, Moraga, San Ramon, and Danville as well as the unincorporated communities of the San Ramon Valley. It is divided from East County by the geographic/topographic features of Mt. Diablo and Tassajara Valley. It includes a very small part (the distinct neighborhood of Rossmoor) of Walnut Creek (8,980 of the 64,173 residents, or 14%, with 86% being in District 4).

District 3 creates a wholly East County district from the San Joaquin and Alameda County lines to a point as far westward as population will allow (which is Antioch). It includes 3 of the 4 TRANSPLAN cities of Antioch, Brentwood and Oakley and is separated from other districts by vast open space and mountainous areas of Mt. Diablo and Tassajara Valley.

District 4 creates a wholly Central County district including 4 of the 5 TRANSPAC cities - three quarters (nearly 89,000 out of 122,061) of Concord, 86% (55,193 out of 64,173) Walnut Creek, Clayton, and Pleasant Hill. Downtown Concord, the airport and most of the undeveloped Naval Weapons Station are in District 4.

District 5 creates a waterfront/industrial belt district including the shoreline cities of Hercules, Martinez, Pittsburg and one-quarter (33,085 out of 122,061) of Concord (the north Concord area near Highway 4) and the unincorporated areas in between. All of the cities in this district straddle Highway 4. It includes all 3 of the oil refineries that are in the unincorporated area and several chemical and power plants.

This plan also meets the 3 major guidelines established by the Board:

1. It keeps the total population for each district within 5% of each other.
2. It uses easily identifiable geographic features and topography to draw compact and contiguous boundaries.
3. Maintains communities of interest, to the maximum extent possible, in a single district and avoids splitting communities (cities and CDP unincorporated areas) to the maximum extent possible.