

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

I, Stephen Carroll _____ am asking that you keep all of Stanislaus County and Eastern San Joaquin County (to include Ripon, Escalon, Lodi, Linden, and Lockeford) within a single Congressional district. I am also asking that you keep those same San Joaquin County communities with Eastern Stanislaus County communities (to include Oakdale, Riverbank, and Knights Ferry) when drawing the lines for CA State Assembly. These communities share an agricultural economy and lifestyle, the management of shared water and air resources, and close governmental and social bonds.

Please also separate the City of Tracy and Mountain House from Stanislaus and Eastern San Joaquin Counties. Tracy residents' needs would be better served if they were represented with the East Bay Communities where they travel for work, shopping, and play. Many Tracy residents shop at the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore and commute to work via I-580 or ACE (Altamont Commuter Express). Additionally, members of the Tracy City Council and members of the Stockton, Lathrop, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin city councils are on the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Commission, the rail agency that is developing a "BART extension" called Valley Link that will travel from the Dublin/Pleasanton Bart Station, along I-580 and through the Altamont Pass to Tracy's Downtown Transit Center. Lastly, home builders in Tracy are marketing new homesites and communities to Bay Area residents rather than current Central Valley residents. They are not marketing them to Central Valley residents. That's because the starting price for homes in the Tracy Hills community is \$846,000! These are Bay Area prices and Central Valley residents could hardly afford to live in the Tracy Hills area. Let Tracy be represented by the region it wants to be a part of, the Bay Area.



Figure 1. From Valleylinkrail.com

Tracy Hills

Tracy Hills is a masterplan community of new homes for sale in Tracy, CA, located east of the bustling cities of San Francisco and San Jose. Residents enjoy a range of amenities, from a recreation center with a pool to 180 acres of open space, as well as nearby trails and community parks. Downtown Tracy is also near for shopping, dining and more. Students attend top rated schools and Corral Hollow Elementary is coming soon for elementary age youth. Plus, Tracy Golf & Country Club is close by for avid golfers.

Figure 2. From Lennar.com

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Stephen Carroll, Stanislaus County