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To: Members of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors

### COMMENTS FROM CINDY WELLES REGARDING REDISTRICTING CONCEPT PLANS

#### Dear Supervisors:

I have been a resident of Clyde for 37 years. I am an active member of the community, a member of the Restoration Advisory Board for both Military Ocean Terminal Concord (the Tidal Area), and the former Concord Naval Weapons Depot (the Inland Area) and am President of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for County Special District M16 (Clyde Parks). I have had the pleasure of working with District 4 supervisor Susan Bonilla on several occasions and look forward to a cordial relationship with our new Supervisor, Ms. Mitchoff. I am writing to strongly urge that Clyde be retained in District 4 rather than being moved to District 5 as most of the redistricting concept plans propose.

Among the handouts at the Redistricting Workshop held at the City of Concord offices on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was the document "Frequently Asked Questions." In this, there was a list of guidelines established by Contra Costa County for determining districts. It says that issues of topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory and community of interest be considered along with an effort not to dilute the voting strength of minorities. When these criteria are applied, Clyde should clearly be grouped with the city of Concord rather than the Bay Point/Pittsburg/Antioch area. Consider that:

#### Topography/Geography:

- Clyde is contiguous with Concord to the south. The only way to access Clyde is to travel through Concord on Port Chicago Highway. There is no direct connection to any other city.
- Clyde is separated from the Pittsburg area by the Los Medanos Hills to the east.
- To the west there is a large marsh area, including Point Edith Marsh, and Tosco Golden Eagle refinery.
- The Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO) is to the north and cannot be accessed.
- Taking Port Chicago Highway or Highway 24, brings our residents into Concord most quickly and conveniently to major centers for shopping, restaurants and entertainment.
- Clyde, Concord and Clayton share the Mount Diablo Creek watershed.

#### Cohesiveness/Contiguity/Integrity:

- Clyde is already in Concord's "sphere of influence" as is the tidal area of MOTCO and the Inland Area of the former Naval Weapons Depot.
- Concord is the Local Reuse Authority for the Inland Area, which includes the property north of Highway 4 and east of Port Chicago Highway and the Diablo Creek Golf Course.
- Clyde's children have always gone to schools in Concord. The closets schools in District 3 for elementary, intermediate and high school levels are over twice as far away as those in Concord.
- Clyde residents shop in Concord. There is no reason to drive the extra distance to the Pittsburg area.
- Clyde and Concord share zip code 94520. Only the last 4 digits identify Clyde as a discrete area.
- A review of some demographic figures taken from Wikipedia\* clearly show Clyde to be more akin to Concord and Pleasant Hill than to Bay Point, Pittsburg or Antioch.

	Clyde	Clyde/Concord/Pleasant Hill	Bay Point/Pittsburg/Antioch
White	78.2%	70.1%	25 4%
Black	1.6%	2.2%	14 9%
Asian	8.6%	9.3%	11.7%
Hispanic/Latino	14.6%	17.9%	43.0%



Also note that while there are a mere 710 residents of Clyde (per redistricting maps & data materials found through www.ccredistricting.org) the loss to District 4 and the addition to District 5 worsens both districts' positions since District 4 is already under-populated and District 5 is over-populated.

Given the criteria for creating districts, there is no question that Clyde should remain with Concord, as it does in concepts 1 or 7. Concepts 2-6 ignore the basic tenets of creating districts in regards to Clyde.

- While Concepts 2 and 3 retain the Inland Area they exclude Clyde for no apparent reason.
- Concepts 4, 5 and 6 relinquish not just Clyde and the Inland Area but cut out a major portion of Concord, creating a seriously "strung out" district from east to west, losing any semblance of contiguous geography, cohesiveness and compactness.

It is for these reasons I strongly urge you to adopt either concept 1 or 7.

\*figures taken from www.enwikipedia.org/wiki/clyde,\_ca, www.enwikipedia.org/wiki/concord\_ca, www.enwikipedia.org/wiki/pleasant\_hill,\_ca, www.enwikipedia.org/wiki/Bay\_point,\_ca, www.enwikipedia.org/wiki/puttsburg,\_ca and www.enwikipedia.org/wiki/antioch\_ca demographic data, but not all figures were available for the same 10 year period for ethnicity (2010 was available for Clyde, Bay Point and Antioch, while only 2000 figures were available for Concord, Pleasant Hill and Pittsburg). Socioeconomic data were all derived from 2000.



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# Contra Costa County Supervisorial Redistricting 2011 Redistricting Concepts Public Comment Form

Thank you for attending the workshop to learn more about the redistricting process and providing your input on the concept plans. These plans show you how the Supervisors' district lines could be adjusted to reflect changes in population based on the 2010 census data received earlier this year. Providing your input and comments on the concept plans is an important part of the process. The Department of Conservation & Development will send your comments to the Board of Supervisors for review and consideration. Please note: your comments will become part of the public record. Optional contact information form is on the backside of this form.

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