

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

January 11, 2011

The Honorable Chuck Reed
Mayor of San José California
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA. 95113

Re: California Citizens Redistricting Commission Outreach

Dear Mayor Reed,

We of the Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (BCAC) write to urge that you formally invite the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to hold outreach hearings in San José. As the third largest city in California with a diverse ethnic composition and gerrymandered US Congressional, State Assembly, and State Senate districts, San José should be a high priority destination for the Commission.

Our membership is eager to present a strong case to the Commission for keeping the Berryessa community and its school district undivided as the new districts are established for the 2011 elections and beyond. By hosting Commission hearing(s) here we will be able to present our data and reasoning in the most effective way: face to face. We are currently split among US House Districts 15 and 16; State Assembly Districts 20, 22, 23, and 24; and State Senate Districts 10 and 13, all of which diminishes our community's voice.

The BCAC is also committed to contributing to the redistricting plans for the City Council Districts. Unlike the Congressional, Assembly, and Senate districts, the Berryessa Union School District is split between Districts #4 and #5 so we are motivated to unite our community. We believe that keeping the Berryessa community and its school district together in a single city council district is both desirable and practical.

The first Redistricting Commission Meeting is in Sacramento tomorrow, January 12. They will decide on the dates and locations of meetings to obtain testimony then.

You are always welcome at our monthly meetings, and if there is anything the BCAC can do to facilitate a meeting with the California Citizens Redistricting Commission in Berryessa, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Bill Hughes, Chair
Redistricting Committee
Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

Encl

1. Map of US House Districts 15 and 16 highlighted to show Berryessa
2. Map of CA Assembly Districts 20, 22, 23, and 24 highlighted to show Berryessa
3. Map of CA Senate Districts 10 and 13 highlighted to show Berryessa
4. Map of San José City Council Districts 4 and 5 highlighted to show Berryessa

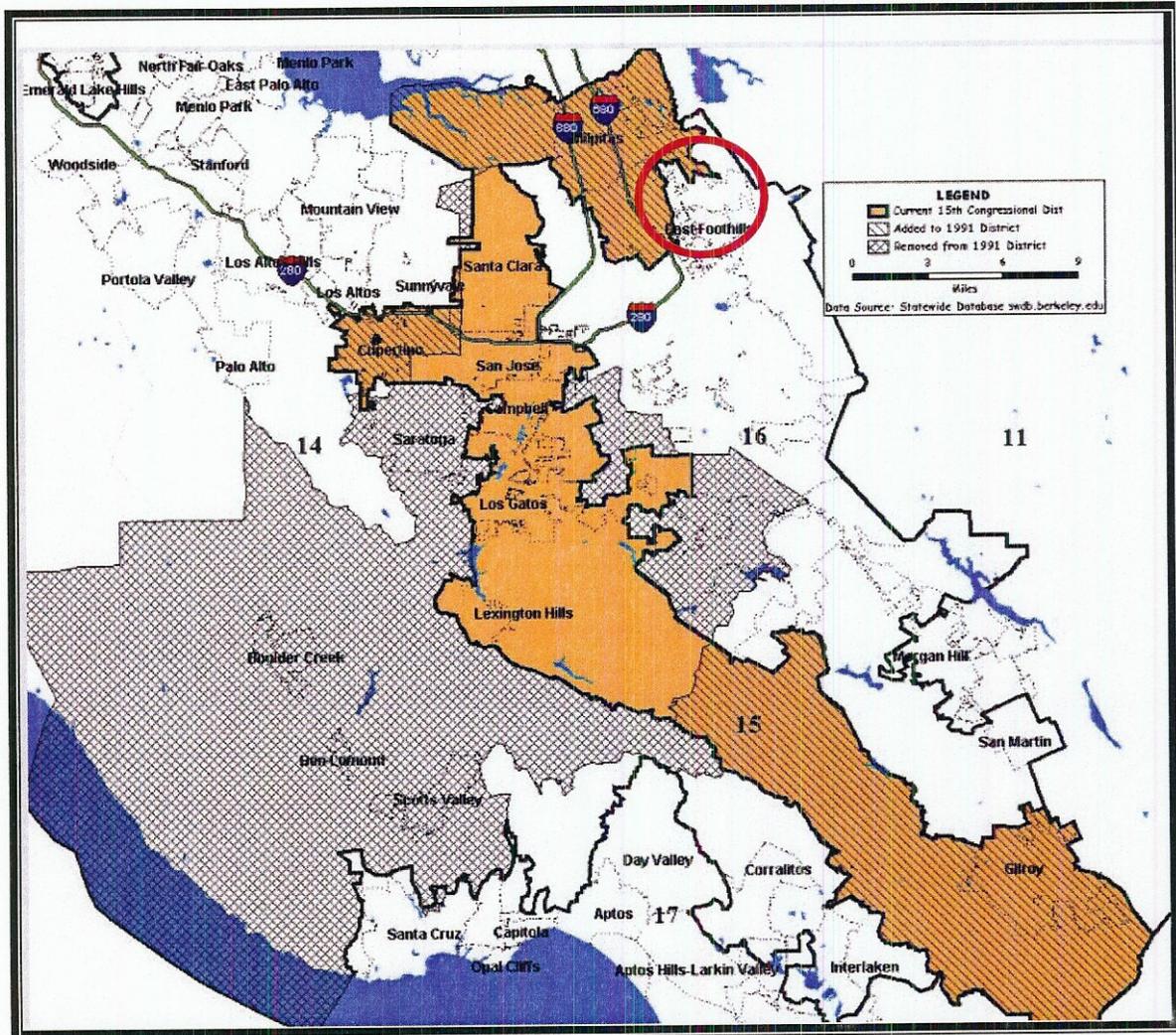
cc: San José Councilman Kansen Chu, District #4

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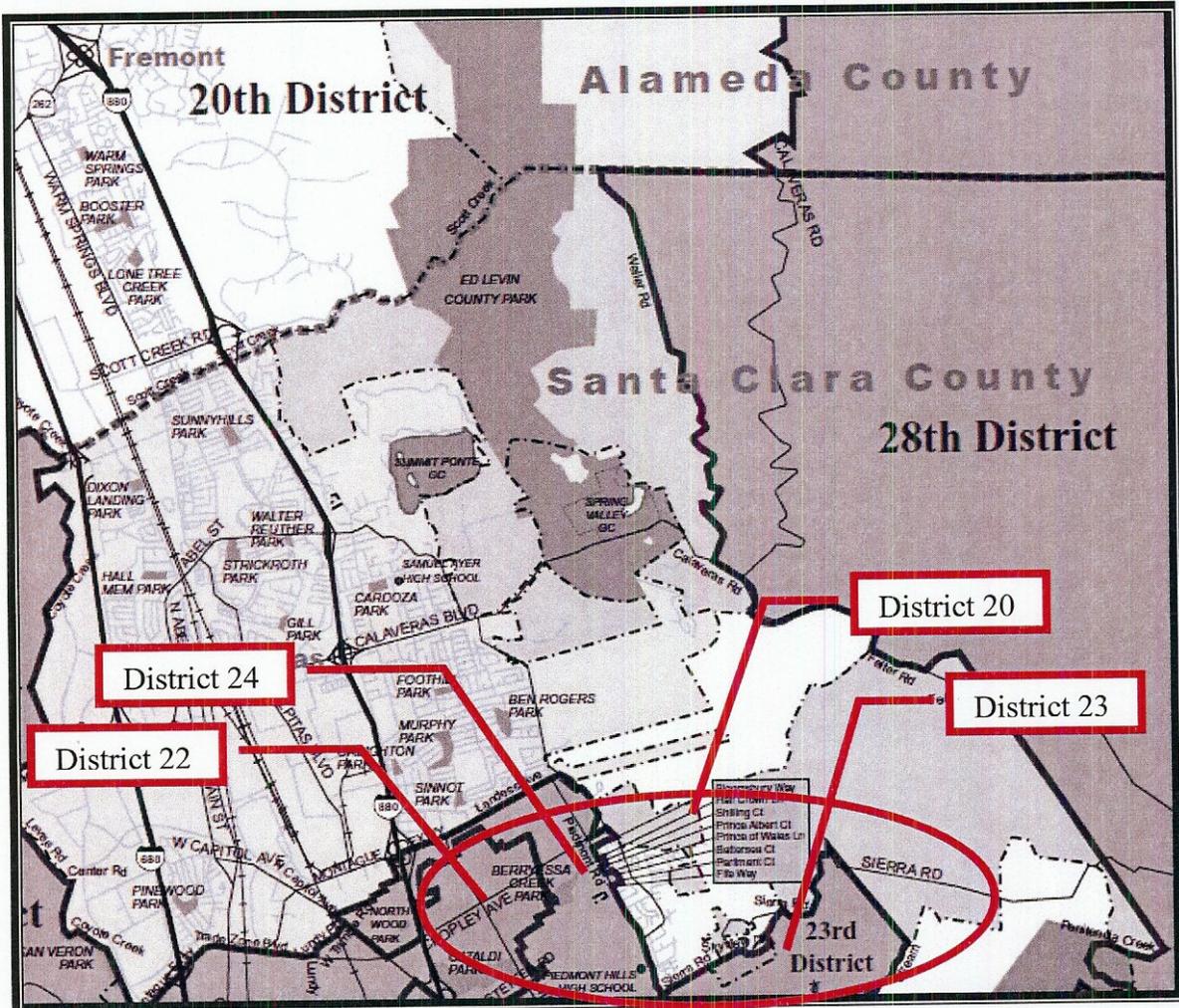
Enclosure #1 - US Congressional Map (partial) showing Districts 15 and 16 Highlighted to show the Berryessa Area

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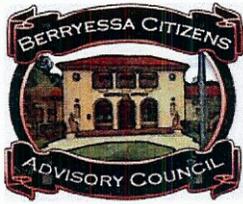


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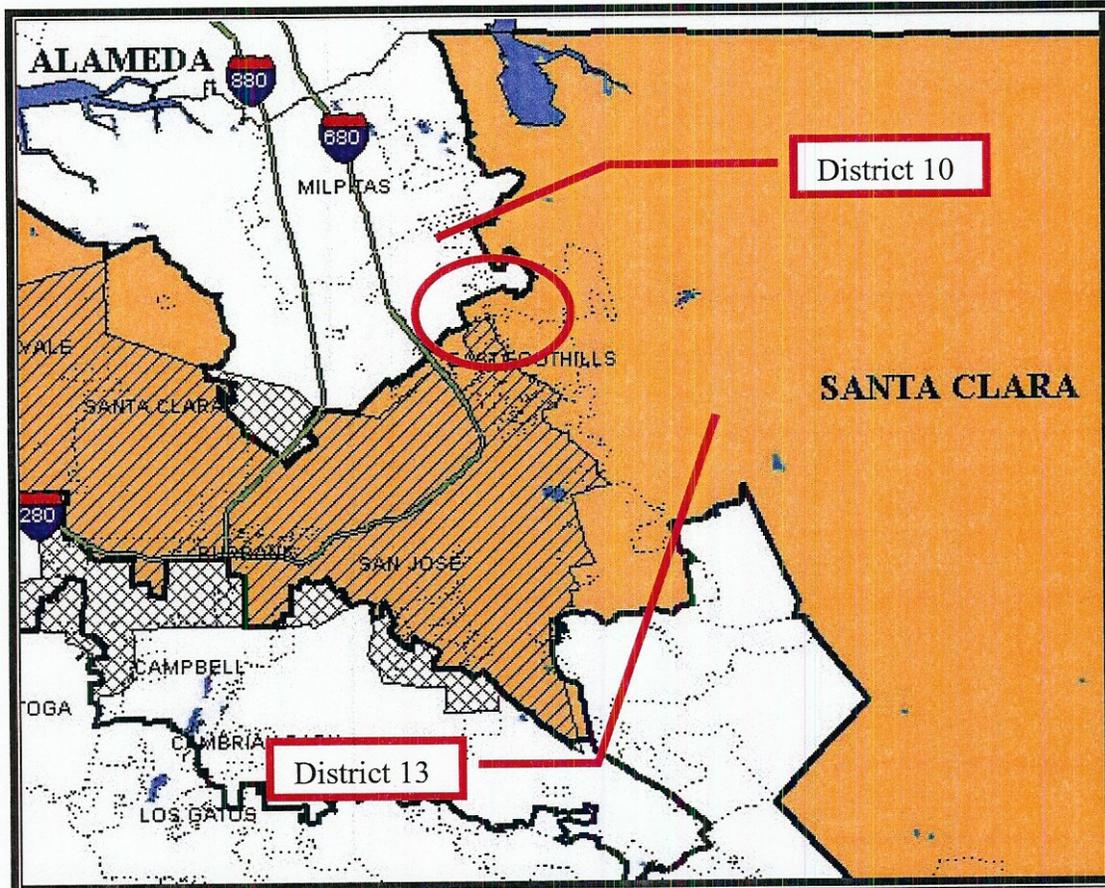


Enclosure #2 – California Assembly Map (partial) showing Districts 20, 22, 23, and 24 Highlighted to show the Berryessa Area

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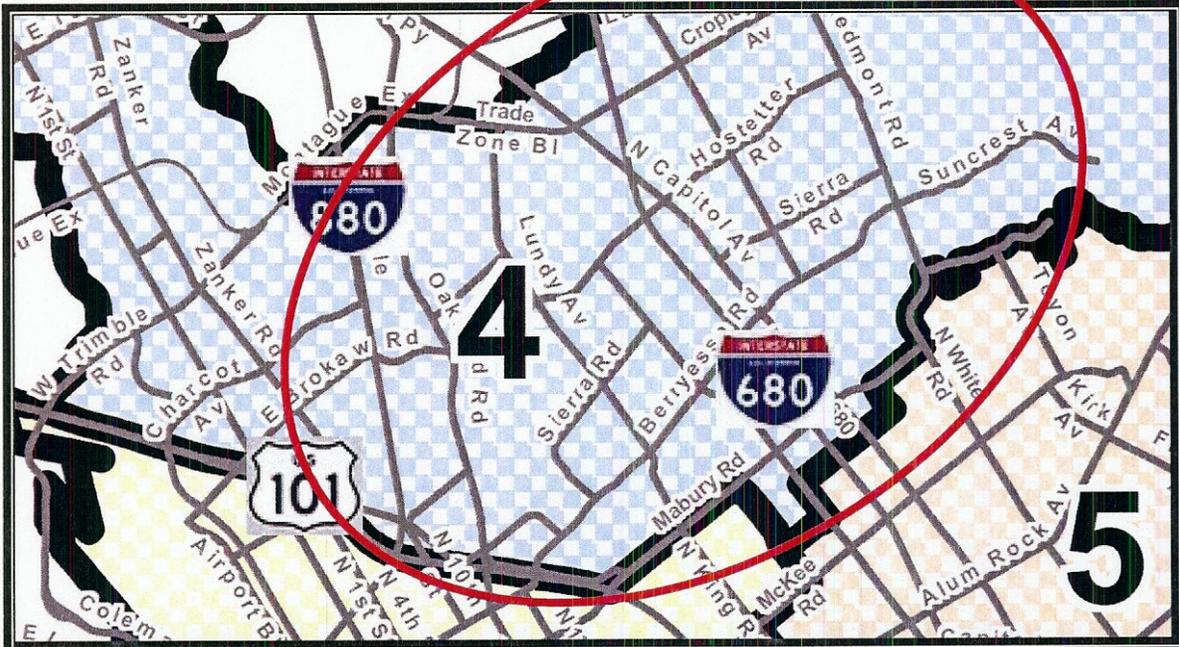


**Enclosure #3 – California Senate Map (partial) showing Districts 10 and 11
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**Enclosure #4 – San José City Council Map (partial) showing Districts 4 and 5
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