



"The future is Queer"

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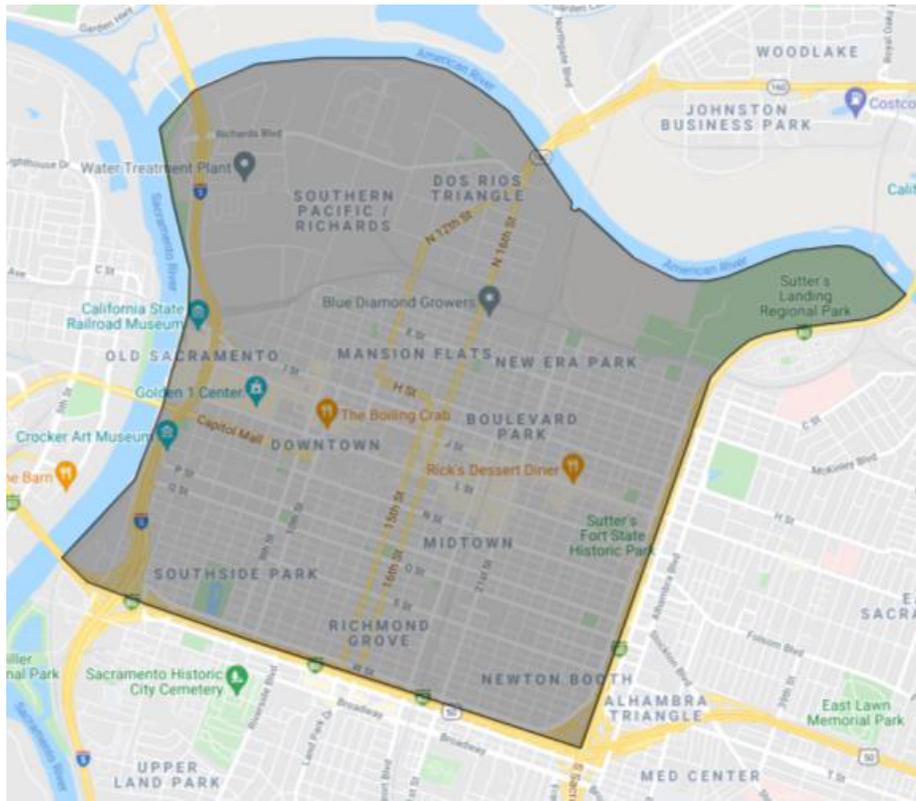
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Center
700 H Street, Room 1450
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via email to BoardClerk@sacounty.net

RE: Redistricting Input: Queer & AAPI Communities

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of Queer Democrats of Sacramento, I write to submit public input regarding the Queer community as a community of interest in the drawing of Supervisor District boundaries. We are an intersectional Queer organization that represents and advocates for the Queer community and we have members throughout Sacramento County.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to recognize the Queer (or "LGBTQ+") community as a community of interest by keeping together our community in Sacramento's "Central City," which includes downtown, midtown, and surrounding neighborhoods within the bounds of Highway 50, Business 80, the American River, and the Sacramento River (see image below). Based on the best available data provided by Equality California (the largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization in California), this area has the highest presence of LGBTQ+ residents in our county. This area is home to many Queer-serving institutions, such as the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, the Gender Health Center, nightlife venues (e.g., gay bars), the Lavender Library, and churches that are welcoming to Queer people. Additionally, the Central City contains an official city-recognized LGBT district, Lavender Heights. We recognize that Queer people live everywhere but believe that this area deserves special consideration for purposes of keeping our community of interest together in one Supervisor District.



We would also like to voice our support for the Asian-American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community's request to keep their community of interest together in Elk Grove, Florin, Vineyard, and South Sacramento to the best extent possible, as shown in Public Maps 101, 102, or 103. Queer people are part of every racial and ethnic community because Queer identify is inherently intersectional--as such, we stand in solidarity with other diverse communities asking to be kept together for purposes of representation.

Thank you for your consideration of our input. If you have any questions or if we can be helpful by providing further input in this process, please reach out via email at QueerDems@gmail.com or call at (916) 542-8890.

Sincerely,

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