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I live in Berkeley and worked for thirty plus years in Oakland. I urge the Commission to NOT divide major and even middle sized cities. It is so important for cities to be kept intact for Federal funding, school issues related to state and federal support and a myriad of other issues. Oakland was a divided city for many years and it was confusing for individuals to know where to seek state or federal help; it was extremely difficult for Congressional representatives to put forth legislative solutions to problems that would affect an entire city. Each city IS a community of interest.

In addition, the cities of Alameda and Berkeley and San Leandro have been able to work well to solve problems. Homelessness is an example of where keeping these cities that share borders in one district, thereby moving forward the possibility of shared solutions. Also, since the city of Alameda can be reached mainly through Oakland, it's being kept a part of the entire Oakland community is essential.

Common sense should prevail and keep cities in one district. Nothing good comes from a city divided into different districts.

Thank you for doing this important work.

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