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Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting of May 16, 2011

a. **Correspondence**

1. Item 2 – Redistricting with Sensitivity to Minority Interests

a) Arnulfo Hernandez, Jr.

2. Item 3 – Race and Ethnicity in Redistricting

a) Paul Mitchell, Equality California

b) Rosanna Herber, Rainbow Chamber LGBT Redistricting Committee

b. **eComment**

1. Attached

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Item 2-Redistricting with Sensitivity to Minority Interests

STATEMENT

ARNULFO HERNANDEZ, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Good evening Mr. Chairman and commission members:

My name is Arnulfo Hernandez and I'm here on behalf of the Latino redistricting working group composed of ~~various~~^{many} Latino residents of Sacramento who wish to ensure that the Latino Communities of Interest are maintained.

As you heard in your presentation last week, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act was enacted to protect minority communities.

In this case, ensuring that Latino communities are not parceled out where the collective voice is diminished. As the workshop pointed out, communities of interests have a vested right recognized by the Voting Rights Act in organizing to have their voice heard when electing and deciding on their local leadership.

In your deliberations, we would like you to consider the Census Map that we have provided for your review that clearly shows the Sacramento Latino Communities of Interest.

The Census Map identifies two communities that must be kept together in their respective council district. As you can see in the ORANGE and RED regions, the 2010 U.S. Census provides data by race and ethnicity per households of census tracks that have 30% to 57% Latino households.

The two significant communities that should be within one district are the Northgate and South Natomas communities north of the American River and the Oak Park to Fruitridge Manor communities south of Highway 50.

The first Latino Community of Interest is South of HWY-50 consisting, for example, of the following neighborhoods known as:

Colonial Manor, Colonial Village, Colonial Heights, Tallac Village, portions of Tahoe Park, Fruitridge Manor, and Oak Park.

The community of interest falls generally between these major streets:

North - Broadway, South - 47th Ave, West - HWY-99, City Farms, AKA Franklin – west of 99, to the RR tracks – these tracks have been a boundary for almost a century, East - Power Inn.

Political
line (County intrusion?)

Although there is a gap between the communities of Colonial Heights and Oak Park, it is important to note that regardless of where the County begins and the City ends, these neighborhoods are a community that functions as one single community of interest. These neighborhoods share similar in cultural, linguistic, religious, and socioeconomic characteristics. This community of interest is wrapped around the Broadway and Stockton Boulevard business districts.

For example, the Mexican-American Hall of Fame is on Fruitridge Road, a main thoroughfare for this historic Latino community. Fruitridge Road passes through the city and county areas of this community and bus routes equally travel through the jurisdictions. Also, the residents share water from the Fruitridge Vista Water Company and many worship together at St. Rose Parish on Franklin Boulevard. Many residents of these neighborhoods will remember cruising together in the 70s and 80s just as newer residents banded with older neighbors together to transform the former St. Peter School into Cristo Rey High School. An important note as well is that these communities are those that the bishop of the barrio, Bishop Gallegos, worked heavily to uplift and for his works to these communities he is being studied for sainthood.

The second area is the northern area that consists of the following neighborhoods known as Gardenland, Northgate, South Natomas, Norwood, Oak Knoll, West Del Paso Heights, Wills Acres, and Old North Sacramento.

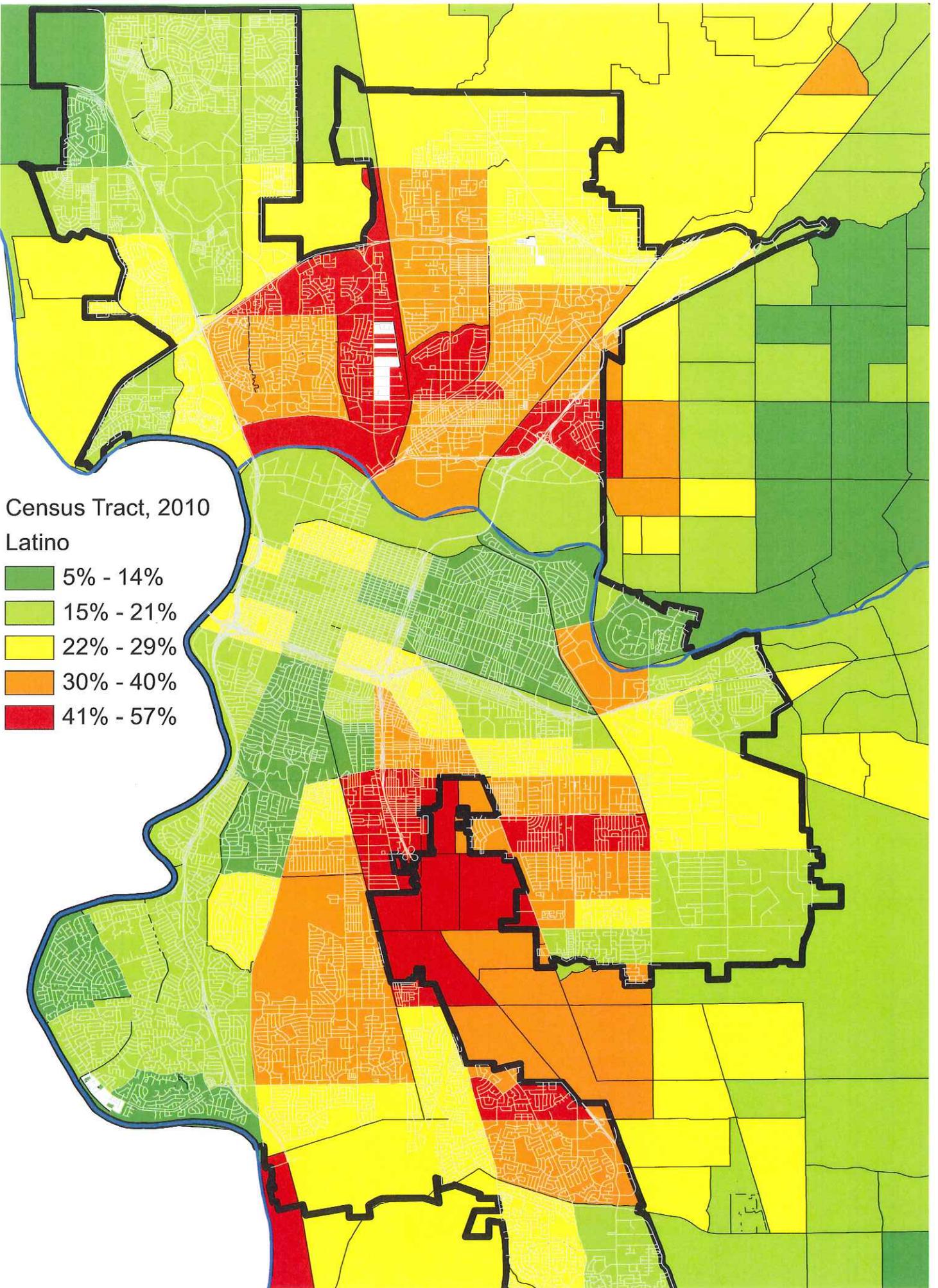
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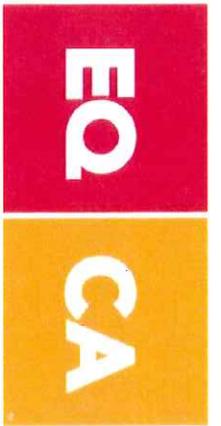
North - I-80, South - American River, West I-5, East -Rio Linda Blvd.

These communities also share similar socioeconomic factors. This community of interest is wrapped around the Northgate Boulevard business area that is composed of many minority owned small businesses.

This area of the city has been a Latino neighborhood since the 1930s when Latino immigrants settled this area to work the canneries along Richard's Boulevard or the fields of northern Sacramento County, when they were tomato fields instead of strip malls. This community has worshipped together at St. Joseph Parish since 1924. Currently this parish offers 5 Masses in Spanish and 4 English. This is truly indicative of the strong Latino presence in this area of the city.

We hope this statement and maps provide you valuable information to assist you in your task of coming up with new city redistricting lines. Thank you.



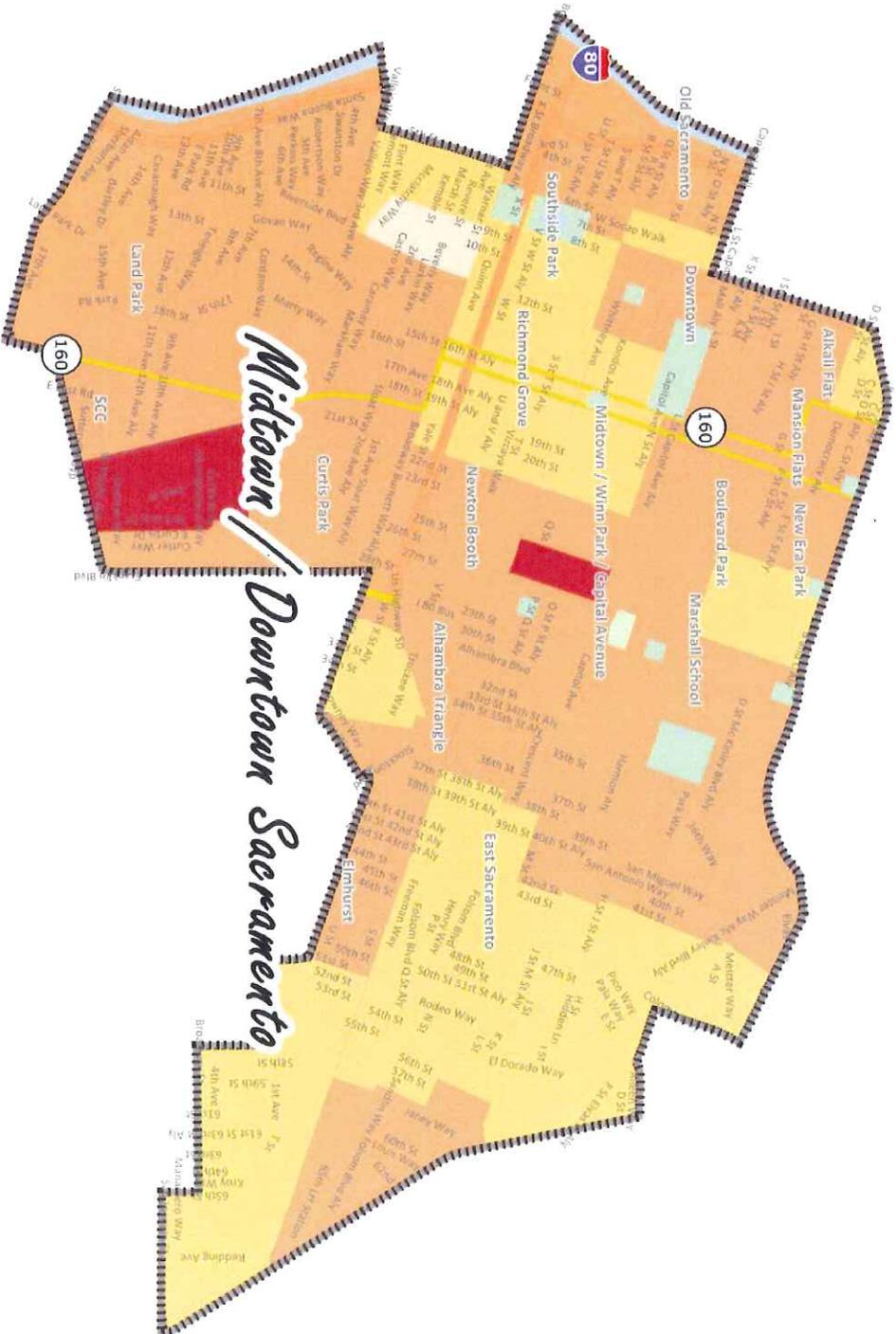


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LGBT Community of Interest Map MIDTOWN / DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO

- LGBT Blend Rank**
- 90-95th Percentile
 - 95-99th Percentile
 - 99th Percentile
 - Other

Field	Value
Population	63,572
pdl_domesticpartner	1,273
No on Prop 8	74%
Yes on Prop 8	26%
No on Prop 22	67%
Yes on Prop 22	33%
Prop 8 Donors	427
Prop 22 donors	43
LGBT Organizations	3,882
SSHH Count	650
Men_SSHH	417
Women_SSHH	233
POSSLQ_Count	1,413



For more on these maps: Equality California :: 2370 Market St. 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94114 :: 415.581.0005



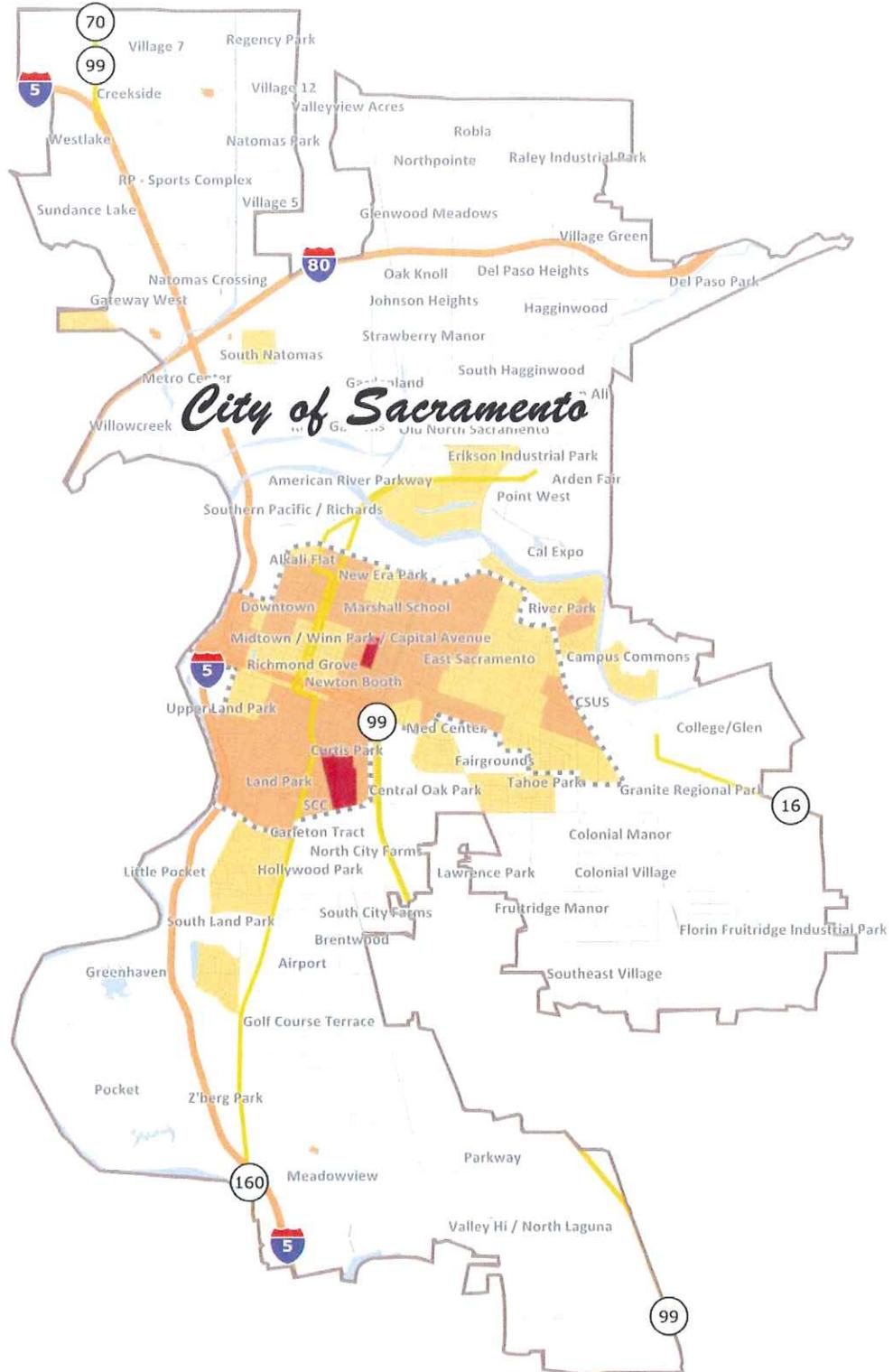
LGBT Community of Interest Map CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
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- Other

Field	Value
Population	466,488
pd_i_domesticpartner	3,114
Prop 8 No	55%
Yes on Prop 8	45%
Prop 22 No	48%
Yes on Prop 22	52%
Prop 8 Donors	921
Prop 22 donors	82
LGBT Organizations	8,707
Men_SSHH	1,007
Women_SSHH	986
POSSLQ_Count	3,992



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Item 3-Race and Ethnicity in Redistricting



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To: Chair Cherry and members of the Sacramento City Redistricting Committee

From: Rainbow Chamber LGBT Redistricting Committee

Rosanna Herber, Chair

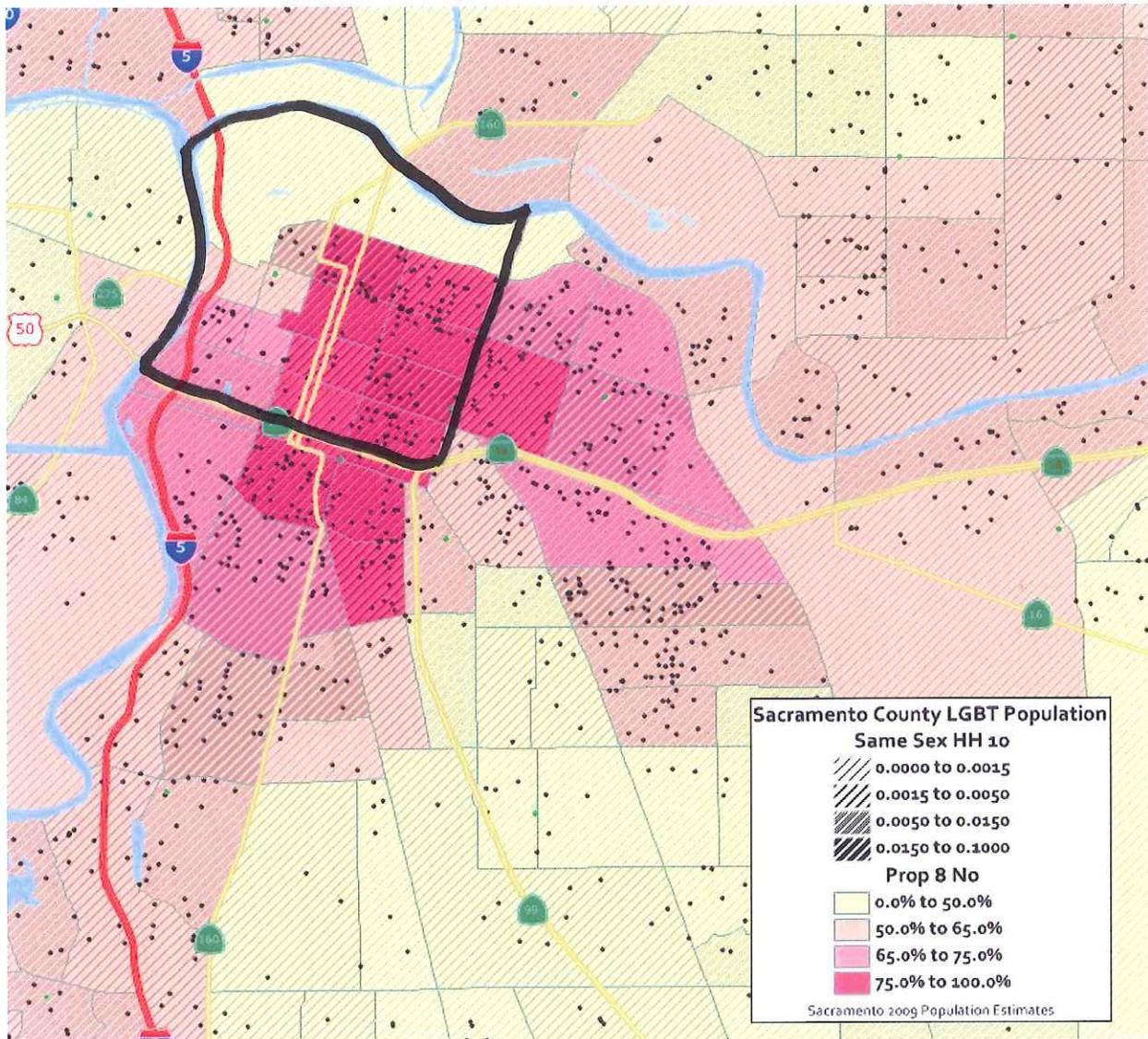
Dr. Darrick Lawson, Vice Chair

The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce recently formed an LGBT Redistricting Committee to promote education and participation in the City's and County's 2011 redistricting process on behalf of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community.

It is our goal tonight to share the data that clearly demonstrates there is a strong LGBT "community of interest" in the urban core (midtown and downtown) that is now broken up into three City Council Districts. **The LGBT Redistricting Committee respectfully asks that the urban core be reunited during this redistricting effort so that the electoral power of the LGBT Community is not split apart.** The attached map shows data from the No on Prop 8 Vote and the location of same sex single Heads of Households. We have also called on Equality California to share additional data tonight that further demonstrates the existence of an LGBT community of interest in the urban core. With this data, there can be no question that The LGBT Community is damaged by the splitting up of the Central City. There should be no attempt to divide this area into different Council Districts, except for the requirements of equal population and compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

At the last meeting, the LGBT Redistricting Committee provided a detailed letter laying out the lawful reasons why the LGBT Community should be considered a "community of interest." We were stunned to hear the City Attorney advise this Committee that "there are no legal reasons why the Committee should be compelled to recognize the LGBT Community as a community of interest in its decision making." We now ask the Committee to inquire of the City Attorney, "Are there any legal reasons why the LGBT Community should not be acknowledged as a "community of interest?" We are not aware of any legal reasons not to do so and strongly believe our community should be treated with as much respect as other identified communities. **The LGBT Redistricting Committee respectfully asks that the Sacramento City Redistricting Committee go on the record and acknowledge the LGBT Community as a "community of interest" as it begins its discussions to redraw City Council Districts.**

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Public Comment for 5-16-11

Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Prepared by the Office of the City Clerk- (916) 808-7200 @ 4:30 p.m. 5-16-11

Item 2. Redistricting with Sensitivity to Minority Interests: Speaker Jesse Mills, PhD., Ethnic Studies Department?, USD San Diego

Name	E-mail	Street	N.Hood	City	St	Zip	Position	Comment
None			D-3				None	How (by whom and what process) was this specific speaker chosen to present to the committee? Were other speakers considered?

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

Name	E-mail	Street	N.Hood	City	St	Zip	Position	Comment
None			D-3				None	To date? how many public "map" submissions have been received? What is the announced mechanism for public viewing of these submissions? What is the announced mechanism & schedule for public commenting on these submissions?