If we were the ones that got to determine the State Senate and Assembly Districts in Northern California, this is how we would draw them. We would first recognize that counties with timber and large percentages of public lands have much more in common with each other than those counties with economies that rely heavily on irrigated crops on privately held farms. We would further refine our communities by trying to keep the coastal, mountain, and valley populations together. These are the political districts that we would recommend:

The 1st Senate District would start at the San Francisco Bay and run along the coast all the way to the Oregon border. It would include Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Marin, and all of Sonoma County except the southeast corner adjacent to Napa County (the Sonoma Valley). One Assembly District would be formed from this Senate District by combining Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties with northeastern Sonoma County along the State Route 101 corridor, including the cities of Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor, and Santa Rosa. The second Assembly District would be comprised of the remainder of Sonoma County and all of Marin County.

The 2nd Senate District would include the northern mountain counties and stretch down into the northern Sierra Nevada to include the Lake Tahoe region. It would include Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado counties. One Assembly District would be created by combining the southwest corner of Placer County (Rocklin area) with all of El Dorado County. The remainder of eastern Placer County would be combined with the remaining eight counties to form the second Assembly District within this Senate District.

The 3rd Senate District would include Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Yolo, Lake, and Napa counties along with the southeastern portion of Sonoma County that was not included in the 1st Senate District. Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter, and Yuba counties would form one Assembly District to the northeast and the remainder would form the second Assembly District to the southwest.

We believe that the Senate and Assembly Districts that we propose make good sense and they represent the kind of changes the voters of California were looking for when they enacted the Citizens Redistricting Commission by passing Propositions 11 and 20.

Thank you for considering our suggestions. A map that roughly delineates our proposals is attached for your reference.