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Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to urge you to support of the inclusion of Marin County with Sonoma County and NOT with San Francisco.

We have been residents of Marin County for nearly 35 years, first in Tiburon, then in San Rafael, and now in Novato. So we have experienced this county literally from one end to the other. In all those years, it has been obvious that Marin and Sonoma fit together at many levels.

Driving north up 101 through Marin, you see Horse Hill – in Mill Valley. And all the way up from there to Sonoma you see herds of cattle, dairy farms, horse ranches, and vineyards. We have neighbors who have chickens, goats, and llamas. We have deer that eat the flowers in our front yard, we have opossum that eat our vegetable garden, we've had ducks set up housekeeping in our swimming pool. None of this happens in San Francisco.

San Francisco is urban, cosmopolitan, young, and transient. Marin and Sonoma are suburban and rural, older, and entrenched. We share similar histories, similar family values, similar daily experiences, similar economic bases.

Marin fits with Sonoma. Marin does not fit with San Francisco. Nor for that matter does Marin fit with Richmond or the East Bay, as some of have suggested. Richmond has an industrial base, Marin has an agricultural base. The histories are different, the

values are different, and demographics are different.

The only natural fit for Marin County in any redistricting effort is with Sonoma County.

We ask you to support this conclusion.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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