

Subject: Comment Redistricting - Santa Rosa Meeting

From: Cindy Culcasi <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 19:52:40 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I believe that Marin and Sonoma Counties should be combined to be a district. San Francisco should not be combined with Marin. Sonoma and Marin Counties have many similarities. They are both family oriented with significant rural and agricultural components. San Francisco is a big city and differs greatly from both counties.

I grew up in Santa Rosa and know Sonoma County well. I worked and commuted to San Francisco for almost 20 years. The reasonable and most appropriate combination is Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Cindy Culcasi

Subject: Public Comment:

From: Jim Ketchum [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 03:14:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jim Ketchum <[REDACTED]>

Subject:

Message Body:

Don't change any thing I don't want to be know as left wing nut job from Marin county.

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Subject: Public Comment: Marin & Sonoma

From: Edward S Patton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 00:06:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Edward S Patton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Marin & Sonoma

Message Body:

I support the idea of combining Marin with Sonoma for redistricting. Strongly, I don't support the idea of having a district drawn that would include Contra Costa County (Richmond) or San Francisco County with Marin County. There's no commonality! None!! The Marin County southern district boundry stops on the northern shores of San Francisco Bay. San Rafael and Golden Gate Bridges are the begining of Marin's southern district.

Additionally, Marin and Sonoma are very homogenous in many more aspects than are Marin with San Francisco or Contra Costa Counties. This includes jobs, water, fire, education, tourism, HiWay 101, agriculture, open space, coastline and more.

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Subject: Public Comment: District 3: Marin County is Worlds Apart from San Francisco

From: "Gini (Virginia) David" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 00:22:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gini (Virginia) David <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District 3: Marin County is Worlds Apart from San Francisco

Message Body:

Honorable Commissioners,

My name is Gini (Virginia) David. I've lived in Marin County for 23 years... 8 in Mill Valley, in the southern section of Marin County, and 15 in Novato, the northernmost city in Marin.

Thank you for soliciting public comment from your fellow citizens on this critical matter.

As a long-time resident of California, I would urge you to create legislative districts that truly reflect the communities of interest, and, in particular, consider similarities in geography, topography, economy, culture, lifestyles, and environmental issues.

In my mind, the ideal legislative boundaries would be:

For CA State Assembly: All of Marin and Southern Sonoma, up to and including Santa Rosa;

For CA State Senate District #3: All of Marin, Sonoma and Napa counties; and

For Congressional District #6: All of Marin and all of Sonoma counties.

These counties, which are compact, contiguous, and located north of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco Bay, make a logical grouping to ensure the commissioners' top goal of creating groups communities with similar interests and to ensure our voice is heard. Common sense tells us that communities are similar will have similar issues and concerns.

Marin should not be lumped with San Francisco in CA State Senate District #3.

Marin has is more similar and has more in common with Sonoma and Napa counties. Like Sonoma and Napa counties, Marin County has a rural, suburban, and family oriented character and culture.

Economically, Marin and Sonoma counties are linked by the 101 Corridor and, looking ahead, the SMART Train. Both Marin and Sonoma counties are very large, agriculturally-based counties with similar communities of interest, including farms, ranches, dairy farms, oyster farms and fisheries, vineyards, and orchards.

Economically and culturally, Marin County is worlds apart from San Francisco, separated not only by the San Francisco Bay and Golden Gate Bridge, but by vastly different geography, topography, demographics, culture, lifestyles, and economy.

Historically and practically speaking, when people in the Bay Area talk about the NORTH Bay, they are talking about the communities NORTH of the Golden Gate Bridge - specifically, Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties.

The North Bay is such a natural and logical grouping, it has several of its own

business publications, including the North Bay Biz magazine and North Bay Business Journal. North Bay media outlets are structured to reflect the North Bay and its grouping of Marin/Sonoma/Napa with little crossover into San Francisco and to the east.

Additionally, since Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties share many of the same transportation (SMART Train, 101 Corridor) and public safety resources (parks, forestry, farmlands, etc.), common sense would dictate that North Bay citizens would be best served by common legislative districts and representatives who understand their issues and share their concerns.

Like the majority of citizens and taxpayers in Marin County, I do not want my VOICE - or my VOTE - lost in San Francisco, which doesn't share the same geography, topography, lifestyles, culture, or environmental issues.

Thank you for making these critical decisions for our communities to ensure Californians are properly and appropriately represented and heard by leaders and legislators.

Sincerely,

Gini (Virginia) David

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