

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Public Comment: 7 - Monterey

Date:Mon, 20 Jun 2011 04:29:19 +0000

From:Noel Michael Rucka <[REDACTED]>

To:[REDACTED]

From: Noel Michael Rucka <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Proposed Senate District lines

Message Body:

The proposed Senate district lines extend from Northern Santa Cruz County to a part of Santa Barbara county. This is an almost four hour drive if you are a resident of Santa Cruz and your State Senator is home based in Santa Barbara. Local constituent services will be not only costly but the actual time the Representative can spend with the constituents will be limited. The current district is far too large and the new proposed map is no better and is in fact worse. I am old enough to remember when the District was represented by now deceased Senator Henry Mello. Because the district contained the two adjacent Assembly District and because the district was compact we had a lot of presence by both the Senator representing us as well as his office aids but the Assembly persons were able to piggy back constituent meetings thus making effective use of the Representative's time but made sure that both the Senator and the Assembly person heard from as many persons as time would

!
allow. If the travel time were impacted by 4 hours each way at the extremes or two hours each way if the the person elected was from the midpoint in the district the proposed lines make no sense.
Please consider these practical effects when you finalize the map and give serious consideration to the reality of the geography of the Central Coast.

--
This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission
