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Dear Commission Members:

I appreciated the opportunity to speak at your Santa Rosa hearing last Friday evening. I wish to underscore the importance of aligning Napa (countywide, i.e., the county and its five municipalities) to the west/northwest, i.e., with Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino Counties, with regard to the new Congressional and state senate and assembly districts you will be creating.

The community of interest shared by those five locales is first, the premium wine grape industry, and second, the tourism industry, as well as geographic commonalities (which are the underpinning of those two industries). This redistricting request reflects the unanimous position of our Board of Supervisors, and the position of our major industry groups, i.e., the Napa County Farm Bureau, the Napa Valley Grapegrowers, and the Napa Valley Vintners, as well as the office of the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner.

The premium wine grape industry has been alive and well (except for Prohibition) in Napa and Sonoma counties for almost 150 years. All four counties today have a primary focus on premium wine grape growing and premium wine making. We speak with a unified voice on key policy issues central to the premium wine industry: trade, taxation, marketing, resource management, immigration reform, crop disease, and pest control and eradication.

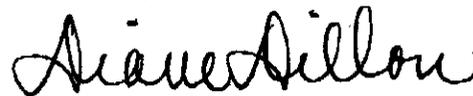
Napa's focus is primarily to the west and not the northeast (e.g., north of Interstate 80). The Napa Valley with the city of San Francisco is the representative for the United States in the international Great Wine Capitals Global Network; no other place in the 50 states can claim that distinction. Our media (television and radio) comes from the San Francisco Bay Area. The primary watershed (i.e., where 90% of Napa County residents live and work) drains to the San Francisco Bay.

We have many governmental alignments with our Bay Area neighbors (of which Sonoma is one). We are one of the nine Bay Area counties that form ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments). We are a part of the following entities, as well: Bay Area Air Quality Management District; San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC); Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); North Bay Water Reuse Authority; and Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District. Thus, our housing, transportation planning, air and water quality issues are primarily discussed in Oakland and San Francisco, not Sacramento.

Members of our Board of Supervisors also sit on the boards of the following entities: North Coastal Counties Supervisors Association and Redwood Empire Association. In short, it would not be appropriate to align Napa with counties to the east, as was suggested at the hearing last Friday night. We do not have common economic interests or access to the same media outlets, and the latter is especially important in the election process.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to include Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake Counties in one geographically contiguous area. And most of all, thank you for your service to the public and our State on this Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Dillon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Dillon

Napa County Supervisor - District 3