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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to urge you to reconsider the idea of splitting Napa County in the process of redistricting.

To place American Canyon, or any portion of our county, in a separate assembly, state senate or congressional district would do harm to our communities and our regional economy. For many years, all of the local governments in Napa County have worked together in our planning for housing, transportation, economic development and use of resources. Our economy county-wide is largely based on the premium wine industry and related hospitality, and when legislation is proposed that would impact our economy, we speak with a unified voice in Sacramento and in Washington. To separate a portion of our county would endanger our ability to work cooperatively on important issues.

The people of the City of American Canyon have worked tirelessly for more than 20 years to establish their community as a gateway to Napa Valley and to identify their city as an integral part of Napa County. To place American Canyon in a different legislative district from the rest of Napa County at this time would be a major setback.

On behalf of our City Council, I respectfully request that the Redistricting Commission give the appropriate value to county lines and community identity and revise the draft map to keep all of Napa County in the same legislative district on the state and federal level.

Sincerely,

Jill Techel, Mayor

Jim Krider, Vice Mayor

Juliana Inman, Councilmember

Peter Mott, Councilmember

Mark vanGorder, Councilmember