



# CITY OF PETALUMA

PETALUMA, CA 94953-0061

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Councilmember

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re.: North Bay Assembly Districts

Dear Commissioners:

I write with respect to one specific aspect of the Commission's June 1 draft visualization regarding North Bay Assembly districts.

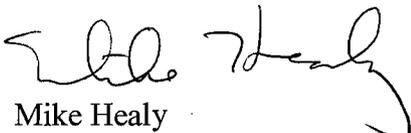
As you are aware, the major population centers in Sonoma County are found along the 101 corridor. Viewed this way, the visualization cuts off Petaluma (the second largest city in Sonoma County) from our sister cities directly to our north, Rohnert Park (third largest) and Santa Rosa (largest). Petaluma also has much in common with Marin directly to our south, but I'm not going to suggest joining with them because of the domino effect on other proposed districts.

I ask that you move Lake County (2010 Census population: 64,665) from the Santa Rosa – Napa district and place it instead in the North Coast District. You can then move the city of Petaluma (57,941) and its immediate environs from the North Coast district to the Santa Rosa – Napa district.

Petaluma has far more in common with the proposed Santa Rosa – Napa district than with the proposed North Coast district. Conversely, rural Lake County has more in common with Mendocino County and the rest of the North Coast than with prosperous and Bay Area-oriented Napa County.

This proposed change also eliminates a peculiarity of the visualization's proposed Assembly districts, namely that Petaluma – at the far southern end of the North Coast district and cut off from the rest of the district along the 101 corridor – would otherwise be that district's largest city.

Sincerely,



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