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East West boundaries, instead of the historic North South, will help protect our water rights, preserve agriculture and ranching and provide more water for our fisheries. What do we have in common with congested Sonoma and Marin counties in our North South district? They want more of our water while the Eel River dies. Have our elected people done anything about that? Yes, they have given the southern part of our districts the water they want while our economies are hurt.

East West boundaries will better allow improvements to Hwy 199, Hwy 299, and Hwy 36. If we are a short shipping port it will take 5-6 hours to get goods on rails if they go south. 3 hours if they go east. Without a railroad we are hamstrung.

Over the next 10-20 years important infrastructure needs dictate looking at rural representation. Water rights will be renewed. Vital roads need to be addressed. Rural communities need to stand together. We will have no say with North South representation.

To say the north coast does not want to be included with Sonoma and Marin counties is what folks in Del Norte are suggesting as well.

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, I would like to request that the Redistricting Commission hold a Public Input Hearing on the North Coast to gather public input on redistricting from this portion of California. Having a Public Input Hearing somewhere within Del Norte, Humboldt or Mendocino Counties will guarantee reasonable access to the redistricting process by citizens in this portion of California. Presently, the Public Input Hearing schedule forces the residents of the North Coast to travel 5-6 hours one-way through mountainous roads to participate in the process. Such distance makes it prohibitive for citizens to be meaningfully involved in this issue that is so important to ensuring that the citizens of the North Coast are accurately and fairly represented.

The Commissioners have also expressed their desire to have the north coast remain a distinct and separate District along the coast. Coastal issues are typically very different from those of inland areas. Having a District that focuses largely on coastal issues is therefore a much more effective method of representation than a District that dilutes representation by attempting to manage an extremely wide variety of coastal and non-coastal issues.

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District) was created by the State of California to promote national and international commerce, fisheries, navigation and recreation on Humboldt Bay and for the protection of the Humboldt Bay environment. The District is County-wide and governed by five elected Commissioners. In addition to operating boat launches, a marina, a boat yard, three wildlife areas and a variety of conservation and scientific research programs, the District also functions as the Port Authority for Humboldt Bay. Humboldt Bay is the second largest natural bay in California and the only deepwater port along a 400-mile stretch of coast from San Francisco Bay to Coos Bay, Oregon. Therefore full participation in the redistricting process is vital to fulfilling the District's State-mandated mission.

Thank you for considering this request. If I can help you with arrangements for a North Coast Public Input Hearing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mike Wilson
President
Board of Commissioners

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