

June 25, 2011

Donna Bacigalupi
[REDACTED]

Montague, Ca. 96064

Citizens Redistricting Committee
910 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Re: Redistricting Proposal for Siskiyou County

Atten: Commission Members

In response to viewing the preliminary redistricting maps released by your commission, we are extremely disappointed in the apparent lack of information that you were given regarding our county, which must have created this egregious error. Assuming that your staffs were charged with gathering knowledge about our area, they would have seen that Siskiyou County is an agricultural community with little in common with the coastal counties. By separating the western part of our county, your commission is eliminating representation to those residents, as the North Coast representatives would seldom come to our county and would not understand our issues if they did come. Further, those residents affected would not be interested or understand the issues on the North Coast.

Everything in our valleys are intertwined-- Our school districts, our fire protection districts, our cemetery districts, our transportation system, our one newspaper. We share, as stated in your criteria, community interest, sharing common social and economic issues.

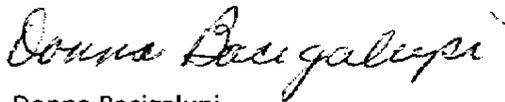
If your commission proceeds with the preliminary configuration, two of our supervisorial districts would be split. How would this work? Would we have to rewrite all our lines or have more supervisors? We assume that this would also increase election expenses as we would still be one county, but with the need for double elections. Oh! maybe we could create an additional county. Seriously, just the cost of ordering new stationery for all those additional districts would be an enormous expense at a time when we are laying off employees. How would our Democratic and Republican organizations work? For example, our Republican women belong to "Siskiyou County Republican Women." Half our members would be campaigning and voting for different state, local and special district candidates, likewise with the Democratic Party. In fact, the only party not affected would be the Tea Party. And let's look at our cemetery districts. Two of our Shasta Valley cemeteries could end up in another district. Try telling that to a dead person. Also, while we're talking about public cemeteries, they receive some of their income from the timber tax, most of which comes from the Scott Valley west. By splitting the timber-heavy part of our county off, the Shasta Valley Cemetery District might have to look at charging more for burials. This split would literally affect from the cradle to the grave.

All of this is very perplexing, but, to reiterate, the really important issue is that the western part of our county will not be represented by people who understand or care about the economic and agricultural issues and lifestyles that we share, and, in some cases, are in direct opposition to us. They will very rarely visit this area with only 7400+ voters. The road system from east to west is long and winding and sometimes impassable in the winter. Also, just to mention a few problems, wouldn't the North Coast

Representatives have additional burdens in understanding the many issues facing agriculture, our county codes, our health and safety codes, and our law enforcement priorities, or would they just choose to ignore all of that?

We invite you to visit our valleys and have a hearing here. We will host you in our homes to defray the cost to the commission. By doing so you would have no doubts in your minds about the damage that would be caused if you proceed with the preliminary configuration. Our county has been living and working together since the time of the first settlements. We depend on each other like any family. We hope you will reconsider your preliminary findings.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Bacigalupi".

Donna Bacigalupi



COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

Board of Supervisors

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Yreka, California 96097
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Region 9: Siskiyou

June 22, 2011

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to Redistricting Proposal for Siskiyou County

Dear Commission Members:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is unanimously opposed to the proposed split of Siskiyou County into two separate Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts. Enclosed with this letter is a set of maps and CD containing these maps and charts, illustrating alternatives to the Commission's Draft 1 Maps which keep Siskiyou County whole and balance population.

Your proposal for Siskiyou County contradicts your own stated criteria for drawing districts. Your proposal separates communities of interest which share common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for effective and fair representation.

Siskiyou County is a rural agricultural area, in which people share similar living standards, share the one and only means of countywide public transportation and share access to the only countywide newspaper that provides communication relevant to election processes.

In addition, your proposal will result in splitting representation of Supervisorial Districts 5 including the incorporated cities of Fort Jones and Etna, Supervisorial District 3, Siskiyou County Board of Education Areas 3, 6, and 7, Siskiyou Community College District Areas 3 and 7, Yreka Union High School District Areas 3 and 7, Siskiyou Union High School District, Scott Valley Unified School District Area 1 and 2, Hornbrook Elementary School District, Gazelle Elementary School District, Scott Valley Fire Protection District and Gazelle Fire Protection District. The school and special districts affected by this proposal will incur a significant increase in election expenses, as it will double ballot types, which in these devastating economic times, they cannot afford. Additionally, the county will experience an increase in direct and indirect election expenses due to a 37% increase in ballot types.

Your proposal as it stands will separate 7,401 Siskiyou County residents, which is approximately 1/5th of Siskiyou County's population into the North Coast district. We are concerned that the North Coast representatives will seldom come to Siskiyou County, speak to our residents or understand our issues, which are entirely different than those of the coastal communities, thus diluting their representation.

For the above reasons, we ask you to keep Siskiyou County whole in your redistricting processes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Cook, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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Thursday, June 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

I understand that it has been decided that Scott Valley should be changed into the district with the northern California coast.

Scott Valley is a long way from Eureka and it would be a decided obstacle for us to do any county business there rather than Yreka where we now go. It would be a real hardship for our district supervisor and constituents to travel to meetings. Please look again at the Siskiyou County map: roads, mountains, rivers and consider reversing your decision.

Thanks you,


Carol Maplesden

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

RECEIVED JUN 27 1993

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I Am writing in opposition to the redistricting and division of Siskiyou County. Our representation would be lessened and our communities divided by different representation and boundary lines. This would divide even further fire, school and supervisors. Also this would add extra expense to our county during voting seasons, this would place a burden on an already economically strapped county. We are supported by ranching, agriculture mining and occasional logging. To make these changes would make fair + effective representation impossible. We need our county whole all the towns + cities rely on each other.

Sincerely

Wendell Perry.

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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JUNE 24, 2011

TO: CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

FROM: JIM CRAIG

[REDACTED]
ETNA, OR 96027

My family came to Scott Valley in 1856. We have always had the same representation as the rest of Siskiyou County and would like it to be kept the same way with the same Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts.

The division of the county will adversely affect school districts, fire districts and all emergency services. All of the main offices of Federal, State, and County offices are in Yreka. Scott Valley would be separate from their representatives.

The Siskiyou Golden Fair which is located in Yreka is an integral part of Scott Valley and a valuable asset to its youth. A division of boundary lines would not give the representation to keep the fair financially viable. Again our youth and their future in agriculture is a stake here.

ETNA has a medical clinic which is owned by our local hospital in Yreka. The clinic would have different representation than the main facility in Yreka as would the volunteer ambulance that responds from ETNA.

THE COST OF HAVING SEPARATE VOTING
BALLOTS WILL BE A FINANCIAL BURDEN TO A COUNTY
WHO IS PRESENTLY LAYING OFF COUNTY EMPLOYEES
TO MEET A BARE BONES BUDGET-

TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE COASTAL COUNTIES
IS NOT VIABLE FOR MOST RESIDENTS OF SCOTT VALLEY.
IT WOULD BE A TWO DAY TRIP WITH A COST OF MOTEL,
MEALS, GAS AND ECT. DUE TO ACCESS FROM
SCOTT VALLEY I HAVE NOT BEEN TO EUREKA SINCE
1981.

I WONDER IF THERE IS A REPRESENTATIVE ON
YOUR COMMISSION THAT RESIDES IN SISKIYOU COUNTY. AS
MOST COMMISSION APPOINTEES ARE FROM POPULATED
AREAS NOT SPARSELY POPULATED RANCH AND FARM
COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS.

MY FAMILY AND I STRONGLY FEEL THAT
REDISTRICTING WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE
COUNTY AS A WHOLE AND SCOTT VALLEY WILL NOT GET
THE REPRESENTATION WE NEED.

PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR BOUNDARY LINES AS
DRAWN AND USE SOME COMMON SENSE.

JIM CRAIG

BATTALION CHIEF RETIRED



REGION 9: SISKIYOU

RECEIVED JUN 27 1970

Citizen Redistricting Comitee

Dear People,

This division is totally an fair. You
have divided our county. But geographys
divided by the Coast Range of mountain.
There are about four ways to get to Crescent City
from here, one is not kept open in the
winter. One is often closed in the winter.
The others are long in hours to get there.
Our way of life is different as we are mostly
agant ranching.

There is a totaly diverance in opinion about
our water, and the fish.

There is no way ~~that~~ ^{to} get fair representation
this way.

Yours

Howard Lawrence

Master, Sott Valley Grange

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

Citizen's Redistricting Commission

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~~Sacramento, Ca. 95814~~

Sacto, CA 95814

To Whom It May Concern,

As a registered voter of Siskiyou County. Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba + Sutter Counties, + the cities + towns within their boundaries share interests as a rural area, with an agriculture - centered economy, with water, timber + related interests should be kept whole in any redistricting plan. I support Prop 11 + 20's objective to take redistricting out of the legislature's hands to obtain fair + impartial redistricting without taking partisan politics into consideration.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

Bruce Elmgren

Resident of Siskiyou County

Since 1966 6-24-2011

Region 9: Siskiyou

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Dear Redistricting Committee

I am totally against splitting Siskiyou County
I'm half, leave Siskiyou County alone,

Jack A. Kerby
yuba ca

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Dear Redistricting Committee,

I strongly oppose the proposed
splitting of Siskiyou County.

William J. Lewis

Region 9: Siskiyou

Stanley W. & Jeanette M. Loudon

[REDACTED]
Etna, CA 96027
[REDACTED]

REGION 9:
SISKIYOU

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June 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members:

We are sending our strong opposition to the proposed redistricting of Siskiyou County.

As native Californians and having been residence of Scott Valley for 22 years we have watched the slow loss of local control and the constant fight for our rights. This plan is a blatant example of one more step to destroying this valley.

Please take into consideration the many comments you have received from elected officials, ranchers and citizens of Siskiyou County. They have given you many compelling arguments and also other suggestions.

Do not listen to those that wish the demise of what this valley is.

We are asking that you retain Siskiyou County whole !!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, *Stanley Loudon*
Jeanette Loudon
Stanley and Jeanette Loudon

[REDACTED]
Etna, CA 96027
[REDACTED]

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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TO CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

I AM HAPPY WITH OUR CURRENT REPRESENTATION AND DO NOT WANT IT TO CHANGE DUE TO REDISTRICTING. TO LOSE ETNA - FORT JONES AND HAPPY CAMP WOULD BE A BAD THING FOR US.

WE ARE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THEM AS AN EXTENDED COMMUNITY IN INTERESTS, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY RECREATION EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT. WHICH INCLUDES FARMING RANCHING, FORESTRY AND MINING. FOR INSTANCE FORESTRY INCLUDES LAND HOLDINGS ALONG I5 CORRIDOR AND EAST. AND ALSO INCLUDES PROPERTY AND OPERATION IN THE SCOTT VALLEY WATERSHED. THEY WOULD HAVE TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN LEGISLATIVE MATTERS FROM BOTH DISTRICTS. OUR REPRESENTATIVES NEED TO BE FAIR AND EFFECTIVE, AND CONVENIENT. DIVIDING THE SCOTT VALLEY BUSINESS AWAY TO THE COAST WOULD BE AN EXTREME HARDSHIP FOR OUR ECONOMY AND BUSINESSES.

ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH THIS AREA HERE KNOWS THAT TRAVEL TO THE COAST TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WOULD BE A HARDSHIP. THEY WOULD HAVE 4 ROUTES TO THE COAST FOR REPRESENTATION, ESPECIALLY ANYONE DOWN THE KLAMATH RIVER, OR FOR ANYONE IN OUR REMOTE LOCATIONS. THE LOW MOUNTAINS THAT DIVIDE SCOTT VALLEY FROM I5 AND EAST IS MINISCULE COMPARED TO THE RANGE OF MOUNTAINS TO THE WEST RANGES WHICH SURROUND SCOTT VALLEY AND HAPPY CAMP AREA. THAT LOW MOUNTAIN IS CALLED FOREST MOUNTAIN.

THE FORMIDABLE RANGES THEY WILL BE DEALING
WITH ARE - to GET TO THE COAST - SURROUNDING ETNA ECT.,
SALMON MOUNTAINS (TO THE SOUTH)
TRINITY ALPS WILDERNESS - (SOUTH)
MARBLE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS AREA (SOUTH)
SISKIYOU MOUNTAINS & SISKIYOU WILDERNESS AREA (W+SO)
SMITH RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (WEST)
RUSSIAN WILDERNESS AREA & SCOTT MOUNTAINS
THERE ARE NO THROUGH ROADS!

THE 4 ROUTES TO TRAVERSE TO GET AROUND THEM
TO THE COAST AND EUREKA ARE

- ① FROM HAPPY CAMP EAST TO I5 - NORTH TO GRANTS PASS.
WEST TO 101 VIA 199. ② (OR) FROM HAPPY CAMP FOLLOW
THE KLAMATH RIVER ON 96 SOUTH TO 299 TO ARCATA.
AND 101. A GRUELING TRIP.
- ③ DOWN I5 SOUTH TO REDDING AND WEST TO EUREKA.
- ④ SOUTH FROM ETNA ON HWY 3 - SOUTH EAST TO CALLAHAN
THEN WEST TO WEAVERVILLE AND 299 THEN NORTH TO
ARCATA AND 101. ANOTHER GRUELING TRIP FOLLOWING
THE TRINITY RIVER.

I WOULD NOT WANT TO BE SOMEONE FROM ETNA.
OR HAPPY CAMP AREA. REDISTRICTED TO THE COAST.

OUR ECONOMY IS SO FRAGILE HERE, WE CANNOT
ENDURE ANOTHER INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES
WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER HIT SUCH AS THIS.

SINCERELY
June Salvestro

[REDACTED]
EUREKA CA. 96097

KIYOU

ask you
County whole in
redistricting processes.
- Colleen Setzer
County Clerk
Siskiyou County

Eric and Rachel Black



Fort Jones, CA 96032

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

June 21, 2011

To Citizens Redistricting Commission:

We are long term residents of Scott Valley, California. We voted for Doug LaMalfa and he has been an excellent representative for our district.

We will NOT give him up.

We do not want to be a part of a district that is far not only in distance but also in mindset.

This is exactly the opposite of "Fair Representation, Democracy at Work," as is so nicely advertised on your website.

Eric and Rachel Black




REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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Citizens redistricting commission,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. I understand you have a difficult task and cannot possibly understand every area of our great state.

I believe you may want to take another look at how Siskiyou county was split. I do not agree with splitting our county, primarily Scott Valley, from the rest of the county. The people of Scott Valley work in Yreka, shop in Yreka, & go to church in Yreka. This is the area they are most tied to, not the coastal region no one from here can get to without great difficulty.

Please reevaluate how Siskiyou County is split and add Scott Valley (Ft. Jones, Etna area) back into our district.

We need fair & effective representation for all of us in Siskiyou County.

Thank You
Randy Michels
Yreka, CA

Region 9: Siskiyou

Dear Citizens Redistricting Committee /
Commission -

I'm writing in opposition to dividing
Siskiyou County in two. The main
reason will be ^a dividing of fair
~~EE~~ and effective representation.

This act would divide cities, towns
and the care of our being, i.e.
schools, fire, sheriffs, CHP,
supervisors and voting districts.

How can this be fair or effective
representation??

I have enclosed several travel
brochures to load at and

familiarize yourselves with our
area and possibly come up
and visit. We are Yreka
not Eureka, we are on I-5
not Hwy 101. Our culture
is rural, farming, ranching,
country music, mining, fishing,
hunting, and Victorian homes,
not a seaside culture. We need
to remain whole not divided

Thank you

Meredith Perry

Yreka, Calif, USA.



Meredith Perry

Yreka, CA 96097-2664

Citizen Redistricting Commission,

I am a native of Siskiyou County not only having been born & raised here, but my family is one of the original settlers of this county.

We are one of the largest counties in California with some of the least population (only 1 person per 7 sq miles).

We live in an exceptionally rich county in natural resources (Timber, Mining, Agriculture) as well as some wonderfully beautiful recreational areas like Klamath Lake, Copco Lake, Juanita Lake, the Klamath & Scott Rivers, the Marble Mountains, trails & lakes & the list goes on!

I have watched in dismay as our once bustling community of Yreka has gone from a town full of every type of retail store you could want supported by the timber industries & working mills & mining industries to a town so economically depressed there are now more thrift stores than retail establishments combined.

Having just learned of the new deadline for public input I feel we have once again been unfairly & ineffectively notified of intentions to change our county.

There has been only 1 meeting

which was held an hour & a half
away in Ridding. That would be
the same as you knowing about
meetings held in Colfax (above
Aburn). And yet we are told this
is "Fair & Effective Representation"?
Not likely!

If this Commission choose to redraw
the current lines, not only will we
not have "Fair & Effective Representation"
but we will also lose 11% of our
voting population. I would ask you
how this constitutes "Fair & Effective
Representation"?

We need 1 representative for the entire
country - Not someone who is 5 hours
away that doesn't get over the mountains
to see us.

In closing, thank you for allowing me
to express my very strong concerns
about this redistricting issue and
my extremely strong opposition to it.

Sincerely,
Judith Michaels

And yes, I am one of the few
business owners left.

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

June 21, 2011

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P. O. Box 28
Etna, CA. 96027

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Dear Members,

The proposed first draft of the redistricting of Siskiyou County, especially the Scott Valley area (Fort Jones/Etna) is ridiculous in my opinion! Due to the fact that Siskiyou County is the second largest land mass in the State, with the least amount of population, about 45,000 which is about eight (8) square blocks of any major city, I see no reason at all to cut it up in such an idiotic way.

I am also in full agreement with our County Clerk Colleen Setzer's letter. I have enclosed a copy of it for your review.

Thank you for your attention. I am


Molly V. MacGowan

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CITIZENS REDISTRICTING Commission

DEAN MORRIS
WREED CA 96094

SAC. CA. 95814

To: CITIZENS REDISTRICTING Commission,

DEAR Commission,

FROM THE ASPECT OF THE REDISTRICTING MAP SHOWS ~~WREED~~ CUT OFF ETNA, SCOTT VALLEY, HAPPY CAMP AND FORT JONES. THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN TIED TOGETHER WITH WREED, MONTAGUE, GAZELLE WREED NOT ONLY IN AREA BUT IN A RURAL SETTING OF FARMERS, RANCHERS AND MORE OF A CONSERVATIVE MIND SET. THE NORTHERN PART OF CALIF (EAST OF TRINITIES) WHICH HAS A SHARED ECONOMIC & SOCIAL INTEREST.

THOSE LOCATED IN ETNA, SCOTT VALLEY, HAPPY CAMP FORT JONES IF ANY POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES INSTEAD OF A 1 HOUR TRIP TO WREED OR REDDING TRIP 2 1/2 HOURS, WHICH GOING TO WREED 3 1/2 TO 4 HRS. THEY WILL BE IN A DIFFERENT FIVE DISTRICT. DURING THE WINTER DURING SNOW ITS ~~WREED~~ MOST LIKELY YOU WOULD NOT EVEN ATTEMPT.

OTHER COMMON ACTIVITIES GOALS, INTERESTS, AND EMPLOYMENT IN THOSE INVOLVED IN WATER ISSUES, SAWING DAMS, FIGHTING AGAINST LAND GRABS OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS, FIGHTING

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MORATORIUM ON SECTIONS MINING, PRESERVING
PROPERTY RIGHTS AND WATER RIGHTS.

WE WANT OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE KEPT
TOGETHER WHICH WOULD BE FAIR IN
REPRESENTATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

PS. THERE ARE INDIANS IN SISKIYOU COUNTY
WHO DO NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO BE
SPLIT.

SINCERELY,

DEAN HARRIS

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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From Walter J Phillips

[REDACTED]
Mt Shasta Ca
96067

I am a resident of
Siskiyou County and I
am opposed to redistricting.

Walter J Phillips

Walter J Phillips

P.S.

I am a registered voter

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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THURSDAY JUNE 23, 2011

CITIZEN'S RESTRUCTURING COMMISSION:

HELLO

I AM A REGISTERED VOTER AND RESIDENT OF SISKIYOU COUNTY SINCE 1979. I ALSO AM A RETIRED HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WHO SERVED 25 YEARS IN THIS COUNTY. SCOTT VALLEY, IE ETNA FORT JONES AND HAPPY CAMP WERE ALWAYS IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMMUNITY. TEAM COMPETITIONS BETWEEN THESE COMMUNITIES AND WEED, MT SHASTA, MCCLOUD AND DUNSMUIR HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF INTERACTION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

MANY OF THESE STUDENTS MEET AGAIN AT C.O.S. IN WEED AND FORM COMPETATIVE COLLEGE TEAMS.

IT MAKES SENCE TO INCLUDE THESE COMMUNITIES TO BE REPRESENTED AS A UNIT WITH SISKIYOU COUNTY. WE HAVE BEEN FAMILY WITH THESE COMMUNITIES FOR YEARS. HAPPY CAMP HIGH SCHOOL IS PART OF THE SISKIYOU UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH WEED H.S., MT SHASTA, AND MCCLOUD. HOW COULD A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COAST ADDRESS THESE DIVERSE NEEDS?

THANK YOU

Richard Klunwier

RICHARD KLUNWIER

MT SHASTA CA 96067

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

June 23, 2011 at 8PM

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Dear SIRS; as a Registered voter I object to the splitting of Scott Valley and Happy Camp region from the core of Siskiyou County.

It is agriculture based community like the ^{Eastern} region of the area and it isn't a tourist area, I think you should include the western Siskiyou County with the eastern part as they have more in common with eastern Siskiyou County and Modoc County than they do with the coast area of northern California. They have nothing in common with coast or that area. They should be part of the northern eastern California as their Beard and Butte comes from agriculture and timber! Also they conduct business in Siskiyou County not Eureka or the coast and as a voter in Siskiyou they need to not be split away from their people they trust and have faith in and know!

Sincerely yours
Registered voter Lawrence Bell

MT. SHASTA CA 96067-9725

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

June 23, 2011

Commission Members

This letter is to urge you to stop and reconsider the re districting that will have a devastating effect on Siskiyou County.

As was revealed in an interview of one of your commission members that aired on our local radio station, no commission member visited Siskiyou County nor was a local forum held to get input on the redistricting. It was mentioned that tribal and fishing interest seemed to be some of the driving factors in your decision.

Siskiyou County's social and economic interests have very little in common with the coastal area you are proposing to redistrict half our county into. We are a rural agricultural and ranching community that has common goals and aspirations. We are threatened by outside interests on multiple fronts, (Dam removal, and expansion of national monuments, suction dredge mining and water and property rights), we need solidarity to survive and maintain our culture and ways of life. To do so, we need FAIR AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION, something that can't be obtained with half of our county being represented by folks that know very little of our needs and issues.

Other issues, which come to mind, are:

Splitting of Supervisorial districts

Law enforcement co-ordination, Siskiyou Co Sheriff would be dealing with multiple district representatives.

Media coverage of issues and information, we get no coastal media coverage. Half of our county would not get coverage of issues affecting them.

We all share the same county government, county fair and active community groups that reflect and uphold our common interests.

Inclosing I urge you to follow an item in your redistricting criteria "RESPECT COUNTIES, CITIES, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE POSSIBLE. Please consider Siskiyou County as "WHERE POSSIBLE!"

Thank You,



Lawrence Castle

lanaca@sbcglobal.net

REGION 9: SISKIYOU

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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission

I am a registered voter and live in Siskiyou County.

I support Prop 11 & 20's objective to take Redistricting out of the legislature's hands.

I-5 and Hgt. 99 are major economic and social connections that link Northern Counties. These jurisdictions constitute a cohesive community of interests as well as political subdivision that ~~should be~~ should not be divided.

Communities along I-5 corridor should be kept together, rather than joined with coastal areas, because of the geographic divide created by the coastal mountains.

We will move from 3 Congressional members and 3 State Senator members to 1 which limits representation of rural areas.

Please look at the plan drawn by independent judges in 1990

Thank You
Sharon Kliever

mt. Shasta, Ca. 96067