



City of Santa Rosa

REGION 8: SONOMA

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Subject: Santa Rosa City Council Input for Proposed Redistricting

Dear Commission Chair:

The Santa Rosa City Council would like to express our appreciation to the Citizen's Redistricting Commission and recognize the Commission's diligent work to date on developing the First Draft Maps for proposed redistricting of State Legislative, Congressional, and State Board of Equalization districts.

At our June 28, 2011 meeting, the Santa Rosa City Council reviewed the proposed First Maps and discussed the redistricting criteria established by the Commission. The Council recognizes the challenges of redistricting and supports the redistricting criteria, especially Criteria 4: respecting city and county, neighborhood or "community of interest" boundaries.

The City of Santa Rosa is located in the North Bay and its prominent county and "community of interest" boundaries are Sonoma County, Napa County, and Marin County. Numerous regional projects have been accomplished, are currently underway or are in the planning phase between the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, Napa County, Marin County, the 24 cities located in these counties, and to some extent Solano and Mendocino counties. These projects have important "community of interest" ties, such as water conservation, air quality, transportation, economic development, and sustainability.

The Santa Rosa City Council strongly encourages the Commission to reassess the proposed district boundaries identified in the First Draft Maps to take into consideration Santa Rosa's strong "community of interest" with the North Bay counties of Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Marin and has very limited connectivity and little to no community of interest with the counties of San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Yuba, Colusa, and Glen.

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Based on the Commission's July 2011 calendar, it is our understanding that the Commission is currently reviewing all public comments provided on the First Draft Maps and will continue to direct the line drawers for the final maps. The Final Maps are scheduled for release on July 28, 2011. The final 14-day public comment period ends on August 11, 2011, with final certification of the district maps scheduled for August 15, 2011.

In closing, thank you in advance for your consideration of the Council's comments and we look forward to the release of the Final Maps.

Sincerely,



ERNESTO OLIVARES
Mayor

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