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I went to Redding and I wanted to offer feedback about the experience. I found the commissioners engaging with active listening. Their demeanor was very open and set a tone for constructive dialog. People provided great ideas.

There isn't a meeting close to my home. Santa Rosa is 4.5 hours away and during a weekday. It is very hard to leave with work and family.

In looking at all your locations for hearings I offered the commission input on having rural hearings. Most of the state, geographically is rural yet none are in these special places. Believe it or not, but Redding is an urban area. Places I was talking about would be like Quincy, Eureka or Big Bear. I would recommend 2-4 rural locations, 3-4 hours from one of your more urban hearing sites. It could be the county seat of a rural county as well.

I am encouraged, as a private citizen, about what I participated in today. I just hope and pray the process won't get corrupted by special interests and the parties. Thank you for your thoughtful process in preparing for this meeting and for providing an environment where you can gather local perspectives. It was worth the 6.5 hours of driving and the 3 hour meeting. I don't say that very often!!

Please let the commissioners know, job well done!

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