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Hello California Redistricting Commission.

Unfortunately, I won't be in Redding today 4/9 or Marysville tomorrow 4/10 for the public hearings on California's redistricting.

I just learned Wednesday evening that my coastal county, Mendocino County, is included on the southwestern end of District IX on your regional map for public input, so that the initial public hearings for my district – the most important time to put in public comment – are in Redding today and Marysville tomorrow. And I won't be able to make it on such short notice.

Why weren't the people of Mendocino County alerted to these public hearings which are so important to our future? I don't remember seeing anything about these hearings in the newspapers.

I just double-checked the Mendocino County Public Library's online newspaper database for the Ukiah Daily Journal, the Fort Bragg Advocate-News and the Willits News, and I found no notice of this weekend's California Redistricting Commission hearings.

There are no dates on the specific press releases about each hearing, so I don't know when they were released, but the Press page of your website shows the schedule itself wasn't released until March 29. That doesn't give rural non-daily newspapers like my own hometown's Willits News much advance notice, but I am confident that if these press releases had been sent to Mendocino County's newspapers and radio / online TV stations in any kind of a timely fashion, along with the information that these hearings

were for Mendocino County citizens, they would've been publicized.

I know we can submit comments to the CRC via email, but I didn't find any information about that process publicized in Mendocino County's media, either.

Checking the CRC calendar, I see there will be a hearing for Region IX on May 19 in Auburn, but that is quite a bit later in the process: The deadline for releasing the first draft of the proposed district maps is June 10.

I feel like this is a very bad start to this process, as far as being reassured that Mendocino County's interests are being taken into consideration. **I hope commissioners are told that, if few citizens from Mendocino County come to this weekend's hearings, or have yet to comment via email, it is because we have not yet been invited to do so.**

Please make sure our local media is informed in a timely fashion in future about this process. I am sending Rob Wilcox via separate message a list of contact emails for Mendocino County newspapers and radio / online TV stations which should be sent CRC press releases in future. If there is an advertising budget to publicize these hearings or information about how to comment via email, I would request that the CRC consider advertising in Mendocino County to make up for the lack of notice for the initial hearings.

Thanks.

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Map of Regions for Public Input Hearings

http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/march_documents/regions_03312011.pdf <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/march_documents/regions_03312011.pdf>

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