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Ms. DiGuilio:

The redistricting of the state assembly and congressional districts is much needed.

It is my opinion, that we would best be served if the lines were drawn to reflect the county lines. Crossing county lines creates districts that have opposing values. For example, one district encompasses Stanislaus County and Monterey County. I have lived in Stanislaus County for 37 years, I lived in Contra Costa County for 24 years, and we have owned a second home in Santa Cruz County for the past 15 years. I understand that in the Central Valley the one major issue is WATER, WATER, WATER. At the Central Coast, it is THE ENVIRONMENT...the health of the Monterey Bay, and in Contra Costa County, the main issue is TRANSPORTATION. These differing views are very specific to each county. Putting various counties in the same District causes one issue to be at the fore while the others are put in the background.

I have served on the Riverbank Environmental Review Committee and the Riverbank Planning Commission. I am well aware of LAFCO, zoning issues, and environmental issues.

I think the redistricting issue could easily be solved by just following county lines...it would also save a lot of money to be spent on consultants. Sometimes common sense and keeping it simple is best.

Good Luck

Cathy Gardner

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