

April 11, 2011

California Redistricting Commission
1130 "K" Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Re: Redistricting Del Norte County in Communities of Interest

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

I am writing today to support the concept of keeping the coastal communities of interest intact. This includes returning Del Norte County to the 2nd Senate District. Here is my perception of why it will be a hardship on the residents of coastal counties if the districts go from West to East.

The Highway 101 Corridor is the existing flow from North to South for the coastal communities. The past eight years Del Norte County had an inland representative that had no presence in the county. There is no relationship with inland communities as the timber industry has all but vanished from our county. To visit our 4th District representative we must drive through another district or state as there is no direct route to the majority of the senate district. The 1st Assembly and Congressional Districts have staff and the representatives have working relationships with the non-partisan elected and residents.

As a teacher, my representative for the California Teachers Association represents coastal California school teachers. The State School Board Association represents the coastal counties. We are a community of teachers, parents and students that need to work together.

It will be a hardship for the representatives along with my fellow teachers to work with our state and federal legislators to bring the resources to our community if we do not have the contact and the representatives physically present in our communities.

Thank you for considering my view point of the needs of our coastal county.

Sincerely,



Rick Toreson

