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We moved to a senior housing community in Little River nine years ago. We are very happy here, but a short look at our lives will address some major issues against redistricting the coast of northern California. We think that our current coastal district should continue undivided.

The coast area of Northern California is very isolated from the rest of California geographically and culturally. We want to make sure we remain one district.

We live under the dominant influence of the ocean. We bear the full force of the storms directly off the Pacific. This can mean loss of electricity for days, closed roads from downed trees and slides, and recently tsunami damages to two of our district harbors. It also is the home to many industries, involving fishing and our largest coastal industry, tourism. The ocean does not know boundaries like county lines. It must remain whole as laws are passed that affect our relationship with it.

Our health care, as seniors, is vital. Our rural health clinic, along with the other specialists in our area, provide the care we need to have to remain here. When we do need to travel there are few choices of roads to move east to highway 101. As we age, this gets more difficult to consider. Funding for our coastal rural health is vital.

Communication is a priority for us also. To stay connected with the outside world, we are lucky to have broadband in our community, but much of the coast does not have adequate internet SERVICE available. We share this as a coastal issue. We do not have a local newspaper except one from Santa Rosa,

that does not have much written about our coast. We rely on internet and tv for information, and on our one public radio station.

We are so grateful for the work of the coastal commission and its protective oversight of the coast. How can this force remain if it is divided between many districts?

Only after moving here, did we come to appreciate so many of the resources of a coastal community like this one. Our state parks, our breathtaking scenery, trees that far outnumber people, air that TASTES fresh and good, healthy food choices from local small farms, all this and so much more attracts a population of retirees, independent business people, and those who work the land and ocean resources.

You are not dividing California wisely if you do not consider geography as a primary unit. .

Nancy Chinn, Harriet Gleeson, voters in Little River

