

From: James Stavely [REDACTED]
Subject: how to draw boundaries

Message Body:

As a resident of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County, I have been following the work of the Commission. I recognize that the Commission will be determining Congressional lines as well as Assembly and State Senate.

The fact that our Congressional, Assembly and State Senate districts are similar has made it possible for us to have more input on all the issues of commonality, uniting us in matters of quality of life and environmental protection. Changing the district boundaries from the historical north-south to east-west will alter traditional networks that have developed over many years.

I urge you to take into consideration natural transportation and industry patterns and leave the North Coast counties in the same Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts.

It has been said that the testimony in favor of east-west district lines which was given in Redding was largely due to a campaign mounted by a candidate who lost a congressional election in the existing 1st U.S. cong. district. As I'm sure you realize, such a motivation is counter to the mandate you have been given. I personally have been in Eureka and Santa Rosa each more than 10 times during the past year. I take the Santa Rosa daily newspaper. My property taxes go to support the College of the Redwoods in Eureka. I have never been in Redding during the past 10 years, and can think of nothing that would give me a commonality of interest with that community, although, I assure you I know nothing to its detriment, either.

Thank you for your consideration,

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