

Subject: Redistricting

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing as a former four-term Mayor and 17-year elected Councilmember in Sausalito to urge you to support a district that retains the integrity of Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Here are some reasons why I support this:

- 1) Marin County is suburban and rural, not urban (like SF)
- 2) Marin has significant agriculture, unlike San Francisco County. 58% of our land acreage in farms.
- 3) Our progressive infrastructure is linked to Sonoma/Marin Counties

SMART train

US 101 and CA 1 transportation corridors

Our representation in the Assembly represents Marinites very ably, we are heard and are responded to. There is no value you can place on that, but it allows us to

govern our district effectively.

The Senate District (3) needs repair. The areas are not contiguous, the city/county lines are not respected, and it is not a community of interest. Consider adding Mendocino and Humboldt Counties, which would make one complete Senate district. Assembly districts are easily nested. Marin and Sonoma now comprise 96% of a Congressional district. It does not need fixing. I'd suggest setting the Golden Gate as the southwest corner of all northerly California Districts.

I believe this is a critical decision. I wish you great good luck in your deliberations

Sincerely,

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