

Subject: Public Comment: Redistricting the north state

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Message Body:

I am a registered voter and resident of Siskiyou County.

I support Props 11 & 20's objective to take redistricting out of the Legislature's hands to obtain fair and impartial redistricting without taking partisan politics into consideration.

I believe that Props 11 & 20 mean that representation of local jurisdictions (cities, counties and communities of common interest that aren't political subdivisions) is the top priority mandate of Props 11 & 20's goal of achieving such fair and impartial redistricting.

Rather than discussing legal issues, focus on the community -

- Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba and Sutter Counties, and the cities and towns within their boundaries share interests as a rural area, with an agriculture-centered economy, with water, timber and related interests and should be kept whole in any redistricting plan.

- I-5 and Highway 99 are major economic and social connections that link northern counties.

- These jurisdictions constitute a cohesive community of interests as well as political subdivisions that shouldn't be divided.

- Communities along the I-5 corridor should be kept together, rather than joined with coastal areas, because of the severe geographic divide created by the coastal mountains.

- Water resources are a critical common interest of these communities and any redistricting plan should respect the watershed's representation.

- If you cluster in the north we move from 3 Congressional members and 3 State Senate members to 1, which limits representation of rural areas.

- The lines should be similar to those drawn by judges in 1990 rather than politicians of 2000. As an independent commission please look at the plan drawn by independent judges in 1990.

Respectfully,
Julie Gaulden

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