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Subject: Public Comment: New Congressional / State Senate/ Assembly Districts For Central Coast

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Message Body:

Dear Commission Members:

I am a resident of Santa Cruz County. From 1975 to 1995, I served on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. While I am no longer an elected official, and haven't been for sixteen years, I continue to be very interested in making sure that our governmental institutions are effective, and that they inspire public confidence.

I very much look forward to your work, because I think that your redistricting decisions can play a key role in making our the State Senate and State Assembly better, and that your decisions on these districts, plus on our Congressional Districts, can help inspire (or restore) greater public confidence in government.

I URGE the Commission to ensure that the Monterey Bay Region be treated as the community of interest that it is. Currently, Santa Cruz County, in particular, is

fragmented in terms of political representation. I urge you to ensure that Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties are combined in common Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional Districts. We have a great deal in common:

1. History
2. Agriculture as a key industry
3. Existing regional relationships
4. Incredible educational networks
5. Common media markets
6. Diversity

MOST important, we are united by the Monterey Bay.

Please design representative districts that maintain the community of interest between Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

Thank you for taking my concerns seriously.

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