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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your Commission to continue single district elected representation for the County of Marin, and to maintain unified elected representation for counties north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The County of Marin is currently represented by one congressional district, one state assembly district, and one state senate district. We believe maintaining our single congressional, state assembly and state senate district representation is consistent with the guiding redistricting criteria of contiguous districts and respect for geographic integrity of counties and communities of interest to minimize their division. Dividing Marin County congressional, state assembly and state senate representation would undermine effective and fair representation for Marin County by dividing an already small county.

Marin County is a suburban, rural county located north of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge. We share common interests with other northern counties characterized by similar geographic, economic, and social character - including predominantly small cities, suburban and rural land use patterns, common bus and rail transportation systems, common water supply, and interests in agriculture, technology, small business, open space and environmental preservation, and tourism. In contrast, our similarities to counties to the south and east are extremely limited.

To maintain these existing communities of interests, it is essential that we have unified elected representation for the counties north of the Golden Gate Bridge by establishing the southern boundary for North Bay communities' state and federal legislative districts at the Golden Gate Bridge, and by expanding districts northward and eastward.

Thank you for your consideration of maintaining the County of Marin wholly with one congressional, one state assembly, and one state senate district, and to continue unified representation for North Bay counties by establishing the Golden Gate Bridge as the southern district boundary.

Sincerely,


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