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The northern portions of Senate District 15, in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Benito Counties are economically and demographically more like the portions of Senate District 11 in coastal San Mateo County and Santa Cruz County than they are like those portions of SD 15 south of Castroville.

In redistricting, the coastal areas of San Mateo County, all of Santa Cruz County and northern Monterey County, along with San Benito County and the southern portion of Santa Clara County, south of San Jose, should be included in one Senate District, because they are similar in character economically and demographically. On the other hand, the northern portions of Santa Clara County are very unlike the rest of Senate District 11, as presently configured; these latter areas should not be combined in redistricting with any of the former areas in the same Senate District.

San Luis Obispo County does not belong with any of Santa Cruz County, with northern Monterey County, with San Benito County or southern Santa Clara County. Thus, the boundaries of SD 15 as presently configured should be changed in this respect.

Please take these recommendations into account in your deliberations on redistricting.

Respectfully,

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