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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

In attending the public hearing on May 19, 2011 in Auburn, CA, and listening to all the proceedings including all speakers and their presentations, I want to convey my most practical conclusion and recommendation. Even though the commission expressed a preference to keep counties in the same district, as a resident of Roseville, CA in Placer County, my most emphatic recommendation to the Commission would be to detach the southwestern end of Placer and El Dorado Counties. This includes the cities of Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville and Granite Bay in Placer County and El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park and Shingle Springs in El Dorado County from the largely rural Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts that those cities are situated in presently. These cities should be considered part of Greater Sacramento Region where their community of interest is much more appropriate. The afore mentioned cities are rapidly growing suburban areas which should not be located within their present mostly rural districts. Commuting transportation and other typical urban and suburban issues are the order of the day in these districts. This is just a realistic recognition the changes that have occurred since the 2000 Census. I have a Political Science Degree and have been studying these types of issues for many years.

Sincerely,



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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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May 13, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

As a 20-year legislative representative for a number of counties in northwestern California, I appreciate the opportunity to share some thoughts. The area was once known as the north coast (small letters), but now, precisely because of its distinctiveness, it is typically referred to in capital letters as the *North Coast*.

I am retired and have no political ambitions; I have been far removed from politics since 1992, but I am still deeply attached emotionally to a region I have known so well for so many years. My senatorial district stretched, along the coast, from the Golden Gate Bridge to the border of Oregon – tough to represent, but at least possible.

Partly because of geographic differences – it is separated from the inland northern California by the coastal mountain chain – I respectfully ask that you consider treating the North Coast as a unit and maintaining its integrity by drawing districts where the counties connect North and South rather than East and West. Here is why:

The geography of the region gives rise to some critically important distinctions. Pacific coastal weather conditions are vastly different from those in the eastern valley and mountain region, “the area beyond the mountains.” Not found in the latter, for example, are the floods, landslides, and dense coastal fog common to the North Coast, which, in turn, generate yet further differences with the inland region.

The ocean and its coastal moisture production grow redwoods and Douglas fir, some of the tallest trees in the world, which are also fast-growing and suitable to benign *lumber production*. While less vigorous than it once was, coastal forests are of major economic interest to all of California. In fact, the price of lumber is directly related to the cost of homes across the nation.

The Pacific Ocean and the North Coast streams also support an economically important wild salmon *fishing industry*, which has been faced with challenges far different from those facing the inland area across the coastal mountains. Political action, and some helpful legislation distinctive to the North Coast, has been a major contributor to the replenishment of salmon and other stocks and to the very survival of the commercial fishing industry.

The natural features of the North Coast give rise to a growing *tourist industry*, its environmental assets, and national and state parks, attractive to all California and well beyond. Clashes between local environmentalists and those dependent on natural resource industries, especially logging and fishing have diminished, thanks, in large part, to legislative representatives able to provide forums for the competing interests, and finding ways to get them to live with one another.

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The climatically cooling fog permits *wine-grape production*, an agricultural product entirely different from that produced by the valley farms beyond the mountains. I do not need to tell you how economically important that industry is.

Historically, the *Native American communities* of the North Coast, and their traditions and means of sustenance, differ entirely from those in the valley beyond the mountains. The clashes of the past between coastal Indian fishermen and the commercial fishermen, competing for salmon, could never have been reduced by a legislator whose time and attention were significantly oriented towards inland issues, and whose driving challenges – air travel is rarely available, and rather dangerous because of the fog -- claimed a large part of his time and energy.

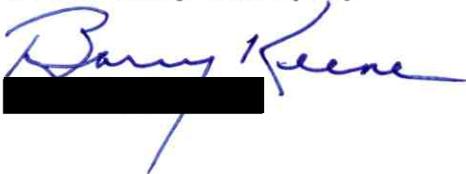
A man-made feature, *Highway 101*, connects the communities of the North Coast. Another, Interstate Highway 80, connects the communities of the northern valley and mountains. These are two different sets of communities, each joined by its own separate major artery that runs North and South. Are there not East and West highways? Barely. The cost of constructing highways across mountain chains has been, and is still, economically unfeasible. The situation improves as one goes south, but not above the southern portion of Sonoma County.

There are two items I want to mention in closing. First, I realize the population density and distribution have changed since my tenure. That is why I do not presume to specify which North Coast counties should be connected. I realize lines must be drawn separating districts, whether Senate or Assembly. However, I feel certain that connecting coastal with inland counties, in an East-West connection of counties, would be a grave error. Any representative, already confronted by geographic sprawl due to low density compared with urban areas, and then having to serve vastly different regional communities of interest, would have to be Superman to provide even minimally adequate representation.

Second, as a former legislator, who survived three reapportionments, once chaired the Assembly Reapportionment Committee, and optimistically carried legislation to supplant partisan reapportionment, I am probably as close as anyone to appreciate the complexities associated with your task. Accordingly, I applaud the devotion to public service expressed by your willingness to serve, especially in these unfortunately partisan times. I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Senator Barry Keene (ret.)



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California Redistricting Commissioners,

I am a resident of Folsom who wants to tell you about my local community of interest. Folsom is uniquely situated at the junction of three counties. While we are in Sacramento County, our ties are much closer to El Dorado in the east and Placer in the north. We have similar issues relating to housing (cities that are growing and expanding), transportation (commuters) and geography (Folsom Lake).

I can give you an example from my personal life. While I live in Folsom, I run a small business in El Dorado providing hospice care. I commute daily across the county line tying my home to my job. I know many others who have a shared experience living in one of the counties and working in another.

Our needs are very different from those in other parts of Sacramento. I have no idea why Folsom is connected to places like Natomas and Elk Grove. They use different freeways to get around and have very different needs than my neighbors and I do.

Please consider putting Folsom in a district with El Dorado or Placer. There we could have a real voice and not have our needs drowned out by other parts of Sacramento we have little to do with.

Yours,

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Subject: Redistricting Structures

February 14, 2011

To: The Citizens Redistricting Commission

Congratulations to each member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission for your success in being selected to serve the State of California in this vital function. You have a wonderful opportunity to enrich the political stature of our great State and I wish you the best of success with your challenging endeavor.

The last redistricting accomplished by the legislature for the assembly, state senate, and California's congressional delegation resulted in 71% of possible intact counties and districts and 21% of community splits in 29 counties. Enclosed for your consideration is a set of draft redistricting structures using the 2010 federal census total of 37,253,956 for the State of California allocated in accord with Department of Finance population estimates. These draft redistricting structures result in 92% of possible intact counties and districts and 8% of community splits in 19 counties. These quantitative factors relate to the quality of redistricting and may be worthy of consideration as supplemental standards to those provided in the California State Constitution.

There are two sets of documents pertaining to the draft 2010 redistricting structures for the assembly, state senate, and congressional delegation. Each district is block diagrammed with component communities color coded green for intact counties, yellow for intact districts, red for split districts, tan for split communities, and gray for communities not identified in 2000 including 44 component communities within the City of Los Angeles that better define that massive metropolis. Counties are numbered in sequence from north to south and from west to east where counties are essentially parallel to facilitate the more proper numbering of districts. Communities within each split county are numbered in the same manner. The second document is a listing California's counties with their component districts and district populations.

I plan to revise the draft 2010 structures with actual county and community census numbers when that information becomes available and will provide that revision to you if that is the desire of the Commission. However, I expect that the combined intellect and experience of the members of the Redistricting Commission, supported by staff expertise and more sophisticated mapping capabilities than that available to me will provide a result that exceeds the quality of my more limited efforts.

I again offer my congratulations to each member of the Commission on your selection and look forward with great anticipation for the product of your deliberations.

Enclosures as stated:


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80 California Assembly Districts
Projected for 2010

Assembly 1 - Senate 1 - BOE 1	
Del Norte County 1	28,635
Humboldt County 4	128,615
Mendocino County 11	87,061
Sonoma County 1	10,990
Cloverdale 1	7,038
Healdsburg 2	11,087
Windsor 3	23,526
Larkfield-Wikiup 4	7,713
Guerneville 5	2,507
Forestville 6	2,410
Monte Rio 7	1,157
Santa Rosa 8	153,007
Graeton 9	1,928
District Population	465,674

Assembly 4 - Senate 4 - BOE 1	
Lake County 15	61,704
Yolo County 21	195,622
Sonoma County 4	39,723
Napa County 24	133,918
Sacramento County 4	2,850
South Sacramento 18a	31,858
District Population	465,675

Assembly 2 - Senate 2 - BOE 1	
Siskiyou County 2	44,350
Trinity County 5	13,401
Shasta County 6	177,593
Tehama County 8	60,837
Glenn County 12	28,345
Colusa County 17	21,404
Sutter County 18	95,545
Sacramento County 3	7,424
Elverta 1	3,278
Rio Linda 3	8,677
Natomas Creek 5	2,892
Natomas Crossing 10	1,928
District Population	465,674

Color Code	
District split between counties	
District intact within a county	
County intact within a district *	
* The number following each intact county is the sequence of that county from north to south and west to east.	
Split Community	
New Community	

Assembly 3 - Senate 3 - BOE 1	
Modoc County 3	9,449
Lassen County 7	34,613
Plumas County 9	19,668
Butte County 10	213,747
Sierra County 13	3,181
Yuba County 14	70,767
Nevada County 16	95,160
Placer County	4,589
Tahoe Vista 1	1,600
Kings Beach 2	3,600
Dollar Point 3	1,200
Sunnyside-Tahoe City 4	1,300
Colfax 5	1,500
Foresthill 6	1,700
Meadow Vista 7	3,600
District Population	465,674

Assembly 5 - Senate 5 - BOE 1	
El Dorado County 20	175,471
Alpine County 22	1,157
Sacramento County 6	25,399
South Sacramento 18b	9,600
Florin 19	31,431
Rancho Murietta 20	4,821
Vineyard 21	11,473
Laguna 22	38,951
Elk Grove 24	68,164
Wilton 25	5,206
Amador County 26	36,636
Mono County 27	13,112
Calaveras County 29	44,254
District Population	465,675

Assembly 7 - Senate 2 - BOE 1	
Sacramento County 7	28,635
North Highlands 6	50,232
Folsom 7	59,005
Foothill Farms 8	19,861
Fair Oaks 9	31,913
Carmichael 11	56,498
Gold River 12	9,159
Arden-Arcade 13	109,139
Rancho Cordova 14	63,536
La Riviera 16	11,666
Rosemont 17	26,031
District Population	465,675

Assembly 8 - Senate 4 - BOE 1	
Sacramento County 8	2,892
City of Sacramento 15	462,782
District Population	465,674

Assembly 9 - Senate 5 - BOE 1	
Solano County 28	412,358
Sacramento County 9	19,861
Laguna West 23	9,545
Galt 26	22,175
Walnut Grove 27	771
Isleton 28	964
District Population	465,674

Assembly 10 - Senate 1 - BOE 1	
Sonoma County 10	62,572
Roseland 10	6,556
Occidental 11	1,350
Sebastopol 12	8,099
Glen Ellen 13	1,061
Rohnert Park 14	43,771
Eldridge 15	1,543
Bodega Bay 16	1,446
Cotati 17	6,749
Fettlers Hot Springs 18	2,603
Boyes Hot Springs 19	6,942
El Verano 20	4,146
City of Sonoma 21	9,448
Temelec 22	1,639
Petaluma 23	56,498
Marin County 31	251,252
District Population	465,675

Assembly 5 - Senate 3 - BOE 1	
Placer County	56,764
North Auburn 8	13,000
Lincoln 9	40,000
Auburn 10	13,000
Loomis 11	6,700
Rocklin 12	51,000
Roseville 13	111,000
Granite Bay 14	24,000
Sacramento County 5	23,042
Citrus Heights 2	96,799
Orangevale 4	30,370
District Population	465,675

Assembly 11 - Senate 6 - BOE 1	
Tuolumne County 30	54,088
Stanislaus County 11	3,567
East Oakdale 1	3,182
Oakdale 2	17,740
Empire 7	4,435
Waterford 8	7,906
Hickman 11	482
Hughson 16	4,531
Denair 20	3,953
Mariposa County 36	17,547
Madera County 38	148,090
Fresno County 11	53,297
Clovis 5	91,784
City of Fresno 8a	12,534
Calwa 11	964
Sanger 12	24,488
Del Rey 13	964
Parlier 19	13,122
Reedley 22a	3,000
District Population	465,674

80 California Assembly Districts
Projected for 2010

Color Code
District split between counties
District intact within a county
Split Community

Assembly 15 - Senate 8 - BOE 1	
Contra Costa County 15	14,462
Pittsburg 4	61,897
Bay Point 5	23,525
Clyde 6	771
Antioch 12b	66,235
Concord 19	132,760
Pleasant Hill 24b	25,357
Clayton 25	11,666
Waldon 29	5,592
Alamo 36	17,065
Diablo 38	1,061
Danville 39	45,507
Blackhawk-Camino 40	10,991
San Ramon 41	48,785
District Population	465,674

Assembly 14 - Senate 8 - BOE 1	
Contra Costa County 14	14,462
Crockett 1	3,471
Port Costa 2	289
Rodeo 3	9,545
Hercules 7	21,211
Martinez 9	39,144
Pinole 10	20,729
Vine Hill 11	3,567
Bayview-Montalvin 13	5,496
Mountain View 14	2,700
Tara Hills 16	5,785
Pacheco 17	3,857
El Sobrante 18	13,305
Rollingwood 21	3,182
San Pablo 22	32,973
East Richmond Hts 23	3,664
Pleasant Hill 24a	10,413
Richmond 26	108,174
El Cerrito 28	25,260
Kensington 31	5,399
Walnut Creek 32	70,092
Lafayette 33	26,031
Orinda 34	19,186
Moraga 37	17,740
District Population	465,675

Assembly 17 - Senate 9 - BOE 1	
Alameda County 17	419,878
Oakland 5	45,796
City of Alameda 6b	465,674
District Population	465,674

Assembly 16 - Senate 9 - BOE 1	
Alameda County 16	1,350
Albany 1	17,258
Berkeley 2	107,982
Emeryville 3	7,231
Piedmont 4	11,473
City of Alameda 6a	30,177
San Leandro 7	83,494
Ashland 9	21,886
San Lorenzo 11	23,043
Cherryland 12	14,558
Hayward 14	147,223
District Population	465,675

Assembly 13 - Senate 7 - BOE 1	
Sacramento County 13	4,339
Contra Costa County 13	2,892
Bethel Island 8	2,507
Antioch 12a	32,491
Oakley 15	27,960
Knightsen 20	964
Brentwood 27	25,357
Discovery Bay 30	9,834
Byron 35	964
San Joaquin County 13	35,480
Kennedy 12	289
Taft Mosswood 14	5,206
French Camp 15	4,917
Lathrop 16	12,437
Manteca 17	58,523
Escalon 18	7,038
Ripon 19	12,052
Tracy 20	67,585
Alameda County 13	5,496
Livermore 15	77,430
Pleasanton 16a	38,372
Santa Clara County 13	10,509
East Foothills 6	8,774
Alum Rock 9	14,558
District Population	465,674

Assembly 21 - Senate 11 - BOE 1	
Alameda County 21	5,303
Dublin 8	31,527
Castro Valley 10	60,258
Fairview 13	9,931
Pleasanton 16b	28,538
Union City 17	70,285
Sumol 18	1,350
Fremont 19	213,844
Newark 20	44,639
District Population	465,675

Assembly 12 - Senate 7 - BOE 1	
San Joaquin County 12	56,787
Lockeford 1	3,760
North Woodbridge 2	1,543
South Woodbridge 3	3,374
Lodi 4	67,682
Morada 5	4,435
Linden 6	1,350
Lincoln Village 7	5,013
August 8	9,256
Country Club 9	11,184
Garden Acres 10	11,570
Stockton 11	289,432
Farmington 13	289
District Population	465,675

Assembly 20 - Senate 6 - BOE 1	
Stanislaus County 20	58,233
Del Rio 3	1,350
Riverbank 4	18,126
Salida 5	14,366
Modesto 6	215,965
West Modesto 9	7,038
Bystrom 10	5,206
Shackelford 12	5,978
Riverdale Park 13	1,253
Bret Harte 14	5,881
Ceres 15	39,626
Grayson 17	1,253
Keyes 18	5,206
Westley 19	868
Turlock 21	63,922
Patterson 22	13,305
Newman 23	8,099
District Population	465,675