
Subject: League of Women Voters of Monterey Peninsula and Santa Cruz

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Subject: Region 7 Statement on Redistricting May 22, 2011

STATEMENT
CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
SALINAS, CALIFORNIA
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For the purpose of Assembly District 27, we define our community of interest as one that includes all Santa Cruz County and the coastal regions of Monterey County. These areas share common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district. In particular, these areas share coast resources devoted to marine research, education, and tourism. Further, agriculture resources are extensive in Santa Cruz County and the coastal region of Monterey County. From a land use perspective, a large portion of the area is within the coastal zone and subject to the California Coastal Act.

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Because of the coastline, there are mutual interests in tourism, marine research and fisheries. The special qualities of this area have attracted regional institutions of high education, research, and tourism.

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