

Subject: Public Comment: Why Marin and Sonoma County Should Be in The Same Congressional District**Date:** Tuesday, May 17, 2011 8:56 PM**From:** Deanna A. Pierce [REDACTED]**To:** <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>**Conversation:** Public Comment: Why Marin and Sonoma County Should Be in The Same Congressional District

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Message Body:

Marin and Sonoma Counties are tied together by geography, economics and politically.

We share a common coastline against the beautiful and rugged Pacific Ocean .Which means we share environmental concerns about the beaches and state parks along our common coast line. We have common political objectives that are driven by a large agricultural economy in both counties. In addition both counties have large land masses devoted to agriculture. Also, both counties have a significant suburban population.

The economy of both counties are intertwined. People in both counties shop in Marin and Sonoma counties. For example I live in Novato and my family spends time in the towns of Petaluma, Cotati, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma all located in Sonoma County. We visit parks in both Marin and Sonoma and take part in activities in both counties.

Socially, economically, environmentally, geographically and resource wise we share common goals and objectives.

We use water from the Russian River and are concerned about the common interests that we share.

Politically we should be in the same Congressional district because we have common and shared interests.

To connect Marin County to San Francisco or Contra Costa County makes no sense at all.

On a map back east Marin County looks close to both San Francisco and Contra Costa Counties.

But in reality we share a common geographical border with Sonoma. We use a common transportation system.

We don't share common interests with either Contra Costa or San Francisco county....So it makes sense politically to connect Marin and Sonoma Counties in the same Congressional district.

Sincerely,

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