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Message Body:

The Marin/Sonoma areas that encompass Senate District 3 need to be decoupled from those of San Francisco. It all comes down to the issue of density and the fact high density areas reflect different social, economic and political issues when compared to lower density areas.

District 3 makes Parliament's rotten boroughs of Dickensian England look like bastions of democracy. Four San Francisco zip codes (94102, 94109, 94110, and 94133) have, in aggregate, a greater political voice in District 3 than all the District 3 voters of Sonoma

County. These 4 zip codes encompass a land mass of a mere 5.03 square miles - an area of approximately 17 by 17 city blocks.

In District 3's Marin and Sonoma Counties, the average population density per square mile is 345, in San Francisco it's 17,293. 3.18% of District 3's land mass has 50.7% of its political representation, similar to the manor house on a large plantation.

Even when we look at the population density of District's 3 Marin/Sonoma major urban areas, the numbers pale in comparison to those of San Francisco: Santa Rosa, 1,031 population per sq. mile; Petaluma, 265; Rohnert Park, 5,144; Novato, 811; and San Rafael, 2,110.

The only Marin/Sonoma zipcode that comes close to the population density of San Francisco's zipcodes has a population of 12,878 per square mile. It's San Quentin and those people don't vote

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