
Subject: Handout for May 20 Hearing

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Conversation: Handout for May 20 Hearing

The attached material will be distributed to the Commissioners at the May 20 hearing in Santa Rosa. This electronic copy is for record purposes.

Thank you.

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How Redistricting Affects the North Bay

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Source of the Problem

3rd Senate District

Currently about 420,000 people in San Francisco inappropriately affect all Northerly California districts

Senate District 3 Fails All Tests

- NOT contiguous
 - Jumps across the Bay
- NOT compact
 - Political Gerrymander
- DOES NOT respect county and city lines
- IS NOT a community of interest
 - Ignores urban-rural difference
- DOES NOT comply with VRA?
 - Probably dilutes SF minorities
- NO district nesting



Marin and Sonoma Counties

- 736,287 people
- Current 6th Assembly OK
 - All north of Golden Gate
- Fix the Senate district
- Current 6th Congressional district OK
 - All of Marin, most of Sonoma, all north of GG
- Do not split Marin and Sonoma Counties
- Do not connect to San Francisco



Marin/Sonoma COI

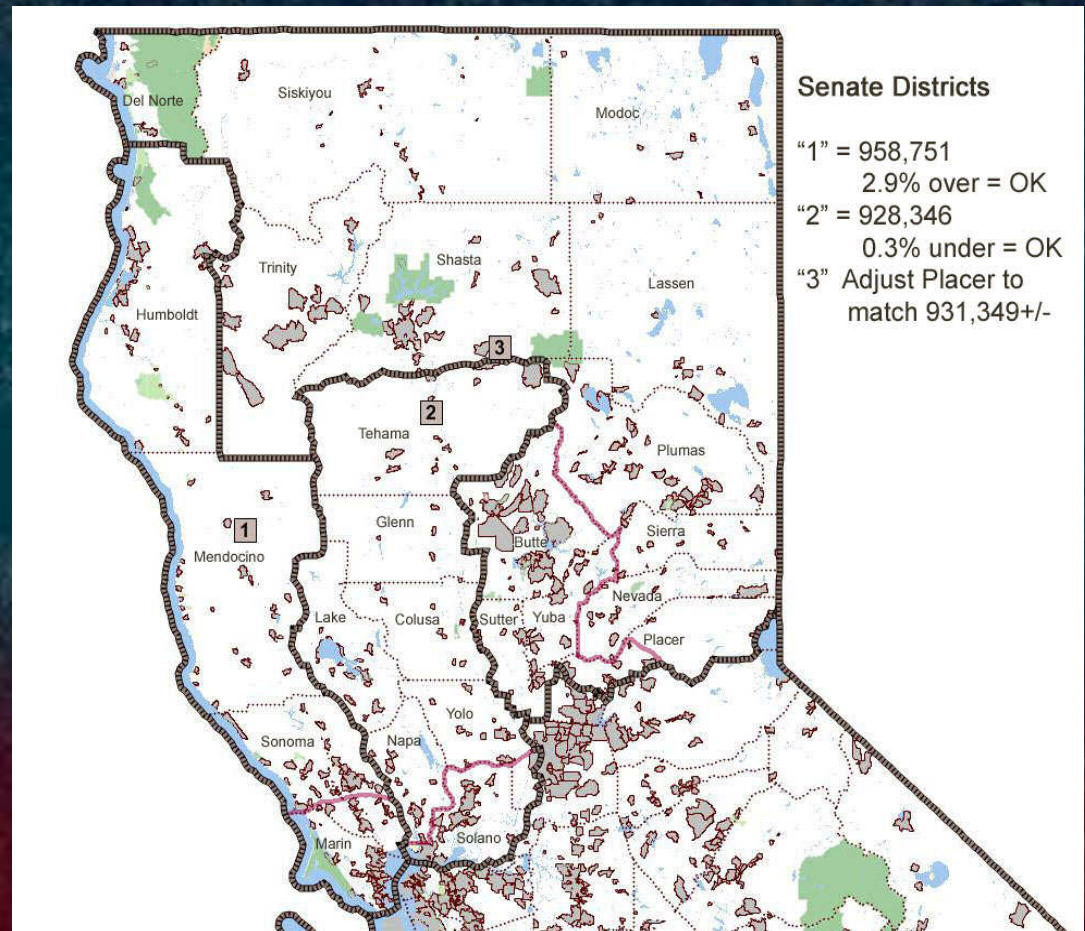
- Suburban and rural – not urban
 - Unlike San Francisco
- Significant agriculture* (Unlike SF)
 - 58% of land is acreage in farms (3901 farms)
 - 26.3% of employment
 - 15.5% of value of production
- Modest minority populations** (Unlike SF)
 - 22.1% non-White (alone)
 - 21.7% Hispanic or Latino
- Infrastructure
 - US 101 and CA 1 transportation corridors
 - SMART train
 - Water delivery

* California Department of Finance

** 2010 Census

One Approach

- Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Humboldt Counties make one new senate district
- Same for 7 counties to the east
- Three Northern California senate districts instead of four
- Six nested assembly districts



Message to Commission

- **Set the Golden Gate as the southwest corner of all Northerly California districts**
- Do not split Marin and Sonoma Counties
 - Adding Mendocino and Humboldt Counties makes one complete Senate district
 - Same rural community of interest
 - Assembly districts are easily nested
- County lines can be respected in other northerly districts
- Marin and Sonoma comprise 96% of a Congressional district
 - One compliant district now
 - Keep it that way



Pt. Bonita Lighthouse at the Golden Gate

Your Guiding Light for Northerly California Line Drawing