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Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to keep Marin County whole within all three districts and to include it with portions of Sonoma County, and not to include Marin with any of Contra Costa or San Francisco.

I was born in San Francisco and love it, but I grew up in and have lived mostly in Marin. Marinites understand San Francisco because it's the city. San Franciscans do not understand Marin because they don't have to leave the city.

Any line draw across a bridge would be a ridiculous gerrymander, first on its face by geography. Beyond that, the Bay Area is already known as the San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose area (or in reverse order if you ask the Census). Marin is suburban and rural. San Francisco and the East Bay are densely urban.

Our AD and CD are Marin and Sonoma, which is how they should stay. Our SD is thrown in with part of San Francisco, and we are always at the mercy of whichever San Franciscan wins the nomination. Throwing Congress to San Francisco or the East Bay would be disenfranchising to Marinites. No candidate would even find it worthwhile to campaign in more sparsely populated Marin, and no politician would represent us. And to make a show of representing us, any politician would have a Marin office and waste time and money with rent, staff, and transportation

Thank you for your consideration.

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