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To the Commission:

I lived for a short time in San Francisco in the 1970's and then moved to Marin County in 1972 and have lived there ever since. It is my understanding that the Commission has under review a redistricting proposal that would lump Marin together with San Francisco.

I am completely opposed to such a proposal. San Francisco is a large urban entity with the problems and interests of any large US city. San Francisco has a very high population density, together with city transportation issues, crime and other aspects which make it utterly different from the lifestyle, demographics and resultant civic goals of Marin.

Marin is infinitely more suited to be linked to Sonoma County. The characteristics of Marin and Sonoma are in most respects identical, and quite unlike the urban features and aspirations of San Francisco. Both Marin and Sonoma are relatively low population density, suburban, family living areas, with both having significant rural and agricultural components and even similar topography. There are no real shared interests involving any of the features and demographics between San Francisco and Marin. Conversely, there are considerable shared interests as between Marin and Sonoma which in most respects are for all practical purposes the same.

Sincerely,

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