

**Subject:** Marin and Redistricting

**From:** "Krick, Kevin W" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 15:13:33 -0400

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

As our state draws its new districts, I kindly point your attention to a community of interest in the Bay Area. With two shared coastlines, a similar rural and urban blend, and common demographics, Marin and Sonoma counties have long been linked economically, socially, and politically. To that end, I submit that you give the strongest possible consideration to a district that encompasses both counties. Splitting Sonoma into Napa or other neighboring counties does Sonoma residents a disservice. Worse yet, having a portion of Marin be shared with a county that is on contiguous via water (e.g. Contra Costa or San Francisco) would be gerrymandering at its worst. The best interests of both Sonoma and Marin are served if they are placed together in a district in such a way that their community of interest is respected.

Thank you for your service and your consideration of this approach.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Krick  
Fairfax, CA

**Subject:** URGENT email about Redistricting

**From:** jay harvey <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 10:58:25 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

May 23, 2011

**RE: Redistricting**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and I hope that my thoughts are heard and considered while the redistricting process takes place.

I am a San Rafael, Marin County resident and I have been for 38 years. As it stands, Marin and Sonoma Counties are currently united under one district. I believe that it needs to stay this way. We share many of the same views and are located right next to one another.

As a self-employed, small business owner, I rely on my county – Marin – to support my interests. Plus, the economic culture of the two counties – Marin and Sonoma – is very unified. I shop and play in both Counties. I chose Marin County as my home community because of the similar lifestyles of the residents of Marin and Sonoma. We are of like minds and like interests. Our concerns are the same, and our representatives should work for us as a whole, a single community, with similar interests. I don't want to see my community of Marin change and become separated from Sonoma County

Please keep the Counties of Marin and Sonoma together under one district.

Thank you,

Ms. Jay Harvey



## *The Russell Family*

May 22, 2011

Attn: Barry  
Always Safe

[REDACTED]  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

RE: Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

Although the founders of America debated heatedly about how our nation should be governed, one common concern was self-serving politicians. You are graciously investing your time to correct the insidious actions of our elected officials in the way they have designed voting districts so they have the best chance of re-election. We are very thankful to you for your investment of time in this important work.

I have lived in Marin County all of my life, except for my year at U.C. Berkeley and five months in southern California. I was raised in Kentfield and have lived in Larkspur and Corte Madera. Since 1991 our family has resided in Novato. I am 54 years old and have been married 34 years. My wife, Terrylin, agrees with my requests in this letter.

I am writing because we vote in every election and do not trust politicians to fairly choose their voting districts. We are counting on you to provide a practical, logical and fair redistricting solution. Please do not let us down.

I ask that you group Sonoma and Marin counties together for our district. We share many common interests. As a matter of fact, many Sonoma county residents moved there because they were priced out of Marin.

It seems that each county should be its own district, but my understanding is my comments should be limited to Marin only.

**Thank you** for investing your time in this important work! Our hope is you will confirm that citizens run our government rather than selfish politicians. We look forward to learning the results of your efforts.

Sincerely,



David Russell

[REDACTED]  
Novato, CA 94947

**Subject:** Redistricting Process

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 15:17:27 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

To: Redistricting Commissioners

From: Mary Isaacs

Subject: Redistricting Concerns

Date: May 22, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my concerns about the current redistricting process.

I have been a resident of Marin County for 32 years. I attended school in Marin and have worked here for decades. I taught in Marin preschools for 15 years and have also taught/tutored Marin students privately for many years. Our daughter attends school in Sonoma County.

My family and I work, shop, and play in Marin and Sonoma counties; we rarely go in to San Francisco (perhaps two or three times a year).

Marin County should not be redistricted to join with San Francisco. They are entirely different environments. San Francisco is urban, with statistically declining numbers of families and children. Marin is much more closely akin to Sonoma County, with which it is currently (and properly) districted.

Marin and Sonoma counties share economic interests and lifestyles; both have a significant agricultural presence (entirely absent in San Francisco). Marin and Sonoma are largely suburban, family-oriented communities. They have far more in common with each other than they do with largely urban, non-agrarian San Francisco. Marin and Sonoma work together to promote recreational and agricultural tourism; they share similar outlooks and needs.

I request that when you are considering redrawing districts, you keep Marin and Sonoma together. Please do not redistrict Marin with San Francisco.

Thank you,

Mary M. Isaacs

[REDACTED]  
San Rafael, CA 94913

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**Subject:** Redistricting Plans

**From:** Connie Berto <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 14:22:26 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners: We have resided in Marin County since 1958 and are interested in the subject plans.

We urge you to keep Sonoma County and Marin County together in any future district. It has been very detrimental to Marin's prospects to be lumped in with San Francisco, and to continue this would be a disservice to the voters. And putting Marin County with any East Bay counties would be even more disastrous. Please, NO!

Marin and Sonoma share many interests: agricultural, economic, business, family-oriented social format, schools, tourism, railroad prospects, and topography. It is entirely natural that our future congressional representative(s) have this type of homogenous district over which to serve.

Please keep Marin and Sonoma Counties together! Thank you, Constance Berto (Mrs. Frank J. Berto), [REDACTED], San Anselmo CA 94960. Phone [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED].

**Subject:** Redistricting - Marin

**From:** Trip <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 06:01:02 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Do NOT combine Marin and SF. Marin and Sonoma should be combined.

A. Ames

[REDACTED]

Marin Resident

**Subject:** Public Comment: Redraw Sentate District 3

**From:** Sherrie Faber <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 22:55:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sherrie Faber <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redraw Sentate District 3

Message Body:

Begin at the Golden Gate Bridge and include Marin, Sonoma Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.... The people of Marin deserve fair and effective representation; they do not have this today.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: Redraw Senate District 3's lines

**From:** Kim Stoddard <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 14:57:48 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kim Stoddard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redraw Senate District 3's lines

Message Body:

I support: (1) Redraw Senate District 3's lines to begin at the Golden Gate Bridge and include Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Humboldt Counties, (2) The current District 3 is not contiguous, does not respect city or county lines, and does not reflect a community of interest, (3) The people of Marin deserve fair and effective representation; they do not have this today, (4) Redraw the lines of District 3.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: Redistricting  
**From:** Chris Brown <chris@rosspainting.com>  
**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 21:17:23 +0000  
**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Chris Brown <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Hello Commissioners, My name is Chris Brown I have lived in San Rafael in Marin for 13 years. I am an average citizen. I'm in Assembly District #6, Senate District #3 and Congressional District #6

I am a small business owner and my wife is a small business owner employing 20 people. I am not a part of a special interest group. I have 3 adult children; I raised 2 of them in Marin County.

I am writing today because I voted for Prop 11/20 because I don't like the politicians choosing their voters, I am concerned about the fact that as a small business man, every time I turn around I have some new law I have to comply with because the politicians in my district and state are responding to groups and not the individual rights of it's citizens.

My community of interest is based around the larger community of Marin and Sonoma. We share many interests such as open space, farms, wineries, family life and small businesses. I would like Marin to be combined with Sonoma County up to and including Santa Rosa, as a district. I don't think we should be combined with San Francisco. San Francisco is an adult community and the small cities in Marin and Sonoma are family communities.

I am writing to represent the most ignored and unrepresented minority, the individual citizen. This citizen right now is working, in his or her car, driving home from work to their family, making dinner, going to a movie, they are busy with their lives. They probably don't know that there is re-districting going on right now. I am trying to speak for them, for myself and for my family. I think they would say that they want fairness, fairness for the individual citizen.

I want fair lines drawn! I want an open process. I do NOT want "so called" citizen groups like MALDEF, NALEO, The Greenlining Institute or C.A.U.S.E running the show. I would never have voted for Prop 11/20 had I known "group think" might run the commission. I don't want my vote or anyone's vote stolen or made irrelevant. I don't think race and ethnicity is a good criteria... we're all Americans... we're all Californians...we're all in this together... don't divide us by race or some other group.

You may be deceived, if you could see me, you would see just another white guy, well, my grandmother was full blooded Creek Indian and she always considered herself an American Citizen first, she did not consider herself a part of any ethnic group or some special interest group and I agree with her.

We are counting on you commissioners, we're expecting you to deliver a good, fair result, we're watching the process closely, we, the individual citizens are trusting you.

Thank you

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**Subject:** Public Comment: redistricting

**From:** Janet Dean <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 18:08:19 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Janet Dean <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I support redistricting. The present district lines do not give Marin County fair representation. Marin is suburban and rural and does not have the same needs as San Francisco.

Thank you,  
Janet Dean

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**Subject:** Public Comment: Marin/Sonoma Districts

**From:** "Dotty E. LeMieux" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 20:30:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Dotty E. LeMieux <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Marin/Sonoma Districts

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly urge you to keep the two North Bay Counties, Marin and Sonoma, together as whole as possible in the redistricting process. Together they come close to the number needed for one Congressional seat.

The common interests of Sonoma and Marin are many, ranging from transportation and the highway system, rail, both passenger and freight (currently the proposed SMART train is governed by a jpa with representatives from the two Counties affected), watershed and water delivery systems, a strong sustainable agriculture ethic, protection of open space and the use of urban growth boundaries around cities, a suburban-rural, rather than urban orientation, National Park system, strong environmental concerns, media markets that are accessible, economies of small business plus a few larger employers and, of course, their contiguous geography.

Public Safety and the issue of wildland fires affect these counties in a way that is vastly different from the issues in San Francisco and East Bay developed regions with their heavy grasslands and forested areas. Dividing Sonoma County at a point to the west, and including a portion of the northern part of the Sonoma Coastline into a North Coast Congressional District may take care of the disparity in numbers for the Congressional District, while addressing the concerns of coastal residents.

While some commuters from both counties travel to San Francisco for work, far more of them travel between Sonoma and Marin, which helps join their common economic interests.

As the Commissioners rightly identified at the Santa Rosa hearing, the Assembly District may prove to be the most challenging, with the City of Santa Rosa now split. The biggest conundrum facing the Commission appears to be what to do with that city. If the 6th Congressional District takes in both Counties, this will keep Santa Rosa intact in one Congressional District. As the largest city in Sonoma, its interests are crucial to those of the rest of the County, and should be included.

It could also be maintained whole in a newly drawn State Senate District whether that District is joined with the Northern Counties or with Napa and Lake to gain the necessary numbers. Joining the 6th and 7th Assembly Districts incorporating Napa and its neighbors, may provide the right "nesting" opportunity for the 3rd Senate District, should that be desired. It may also handle the grape growers concerns, if Lake was a part of that Assembly District.

In any event, the main point expressed by the majority of speakers at the Santa Rosa hearing and the one that makes the most sense according to the Commission's guidelines would be to make every effort to maintain the San Francisco Bay with the Golden Gate Bridge to the South and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge to the east, the natural dividing lines that it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important topic.

Dotty E. LeMieux

Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]

San Rafael, CA 94901

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**Subject:** Public Comment: Marin Sonoma senate district

**From:** Douglas Martin <pdbmart[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 17:09:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Douglas Martin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Marin Sonoma senate district

Message Body:

It's fine the way it is. Marin voters, of which I am one, share as much or more communality of interest with SF as with Mendocino or Humboldt counties. That's where most of us work.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: District 3

**From:** Carolyn Ford <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 18:47:48 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Carolyn Ford <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District 3

Message Body:

Please redraw Senate District 3's lines to begin at the Golden Gate Bridge and include Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Humboldt Counties. Marin County has more in common with these counties than the urban county of San Francisco.

I'm submitting this request as a resident and not in my role as a City Council Member.

Carolyn Ford  
Sausalito

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**Subject:** Public Comment: District 3 "Redistricting

**From:** Sherrie Faber <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 23 May 2011 22:53:40 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sherrie Faber <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District 3 "Redistricting

Message Body:

The current District 3 is not contiguous, does not respect city or county lines, and does not reflect a community of interest. Please redraw Senate District 3's lines to begin at the Golden Gate Bridge and include Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.

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May 23, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814

I attended the Santa Rosa meeting last Friday. As a citizen who voted for this process, I am impressed with its approach, openness, and degree of public participation. While not prepared to speak then, I have given much thought to it this weekend.

I observed that the Commissioners are mostly representatives from urban Southern California. Few others are rural and none are from the smaller communities of the North Coast or North East portions of the state. Thus, their visions and life experiences do not encompass realistic appraisals that might add depth to the bonding relationships, important to a close network which exists in them. It was disappointing to hear from Speaker #14 – Little River – and two others that documents submitted previously to the commission were unlisted in the April Minutes, which would indicate that they were not discussed or acknowledged.

Like many speakers, I favor an assembly district comprised of as much of Sonoma and Marin counties as possible. I would suggest that the Marin towns of Sausalito, Mill Valley, Bolinas, Stinson Beach, and Inverness be placed in a San Francisco dominated Assembly district. This would permit nearly all of Sonoma County and a truncated Marin County as one contiguous and homogenous district with the common interests. If it is still slightly high in numbers, put Tiberon in the SF district.

Mount Tamalpias would be accessible to both areas, but would remain in the proposed Sonoma-Marín district.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal.

*Donald F. Whistler Jr*

Donald F. Whistler, Jr.

[REDACTED]

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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Commissioners, my name is Michelle Belfor Kralovec. I was born in San Francisco still have family there and grew up in Marin. I have lived in Sonoma 20 plus years and know both counties of Marin and Sonoma intimately. My family has had property and businesses in all these counties and Napa. The two counties that share the most common interests are Marin and Sonoma. I have been active in both counties in schools, sports, city governments, state, presidential and local elections for years and have been a member of the Historical Society in San Rafael. I am a mother of two fine sons both with college educations. My community of interest is Sonoma and Marin. Both have the same interests such as family, our schools. We have suburban & rural areas including agriculture, our beautiful mountains, coastline, tourism and lifestyle. Our outdoor activities are envied by other states. These counties are also connected by land and have been associated that way for years, way before 2001. In redistricting, we lose continuity, if Marin is connected with the East Bay or San Francisco. Families have moved in droves from those counties and they have much more crime. The life style here is completely different. In all fairness I think both Sonoma and Marin benefit the connection with each other. To divide that hurts both, not to mention losing congressional seats and the representation.

Thank you.