

Subject: Public Comment: Napa County COI

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Message Body:

I am a resident of Yountville in Napa County, have lived my whole life in Napa County and grow wine grapes on my property.

My current electoral districts include AD 7, SD 2 and CD 1 which encompass all of Napa County. I am requesting that the Commission keep Napa County in a single district because of our common interests:

Agriculture is critical to Napa's economy, as is adjacent Sonoma County and parts of northern Solano County.

Residents in Napa County primarily are involved directly with agriculture, and indirectly through the associated wine industry or the tourist industry.

Our dependence on agriculture is reflected in our existing tax structure, and especially in our zoning laws that minimize residential construction in agricultural zones (Ag Preserve).

Napa County has primarily one large School District and one Community College.

Napa County has one major daily newspaper and one radio station.

Napa County has one local airport and one primary state highway(29).

Keeping Napa County COI whole and intact in the new Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts is of vital concern to all Napa residents.

Metropolitan and industrial areas south of Napa County, such as Vallejo, should not be included with Napa.

I am very concerned with the Commissions disregard for maintaining the current population deviations; 5% is a clear violation of the current law's intent for equal districts.

Likewise, all districts should be based on factual criteria that define communities and they should not be based on biased, racial stereotypes promoted by small, vested interest groups.

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