

Subject: Public Comment: Public Comment (Congressional District 6)**Date:** Friday, May 20, 2011 9:40 AM**From:** Zachary Britton <[REDACTED]>**To:** <[REDACTED]>**Conversation:** Public Comment: Public Comment (Congressional District 6)

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Message Body:

As a resident of Sonoma County, I respectfully request that in regards to Congressional District 6 (currently represented by Lynn Woolsey (D-Petaluma), that you separate Sonoma and Marin counties. We have very little in common with Marin County. (There are a few things, but not enough to keep Sonoma and Marin Counties tied together.) Economically, and culturally, we share much more in common with Napa County.

Sonoma and Napa Counties are home to California's Wine Country. It only makes sense to have such a vital tourism resource represented together for the common interest of both counties. We are both agricultural minded counties with strong urban centers (Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Napa).

In many ways, parts of (in fairness, not all) Marin County are simply an extension of San Francisco, in which we also have little or nothing in common with.

While Sonoma County is technically part of the Greater Bay Area, the North Bay region has its own unique identity. So in that regard, I find it prudent to separate Marin and Sonoma Counties.

My recommendations are:

1. Absorb Marin County into another congressional district. (And please...in fairness to them, keep Marin County whole. I would hate to see them be represented by multiple districts.)
2. Keep Sonoma County whole.
3. Add from Napa and Lake Counties to the east, and Mendocino County to the north if extra population is needed.
4. It is absolutely critical for the future of Wine Country and to tourism in the region that we be aligned with Napa County as much as possible.

Thank you very much for your consideration and for this invaluable opportunity to voice my opinion, and to represent the interests of Sonoma County.

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