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Message Body:

Many people tonight are advocating that you keep sonoma and marin county together for a congressional district. Looking at the numbers sonoma and marin comes in at 664,468 which is short of the 702,905 number you have to hit.

I did submit maps at the Santa Rosa hearing the congressional map comes to the exact number of 702,905 I was speaker #6.

The reason for my map is that Sonoma county has been divided and cut up for many many years and we have never had a chance for real representation. As much as many people want to connect us with Marin county, numbers wise this just can not work and also we are 2 vastly different economic cities. I have lived here my entire life born in Marin and raised in Sonoma county and I really do see many large differences between the 2. My family has owned businesses in San Francisco, Marin county and now Sonoma county, so I do feel I have a good feeling for this area. Our business in Sonoma county draws people from Sonoma county and from the east in Napa and from the north in Mendocino and Humboldt. We do not get much business from Marin County. People in Marin do not come up north. The 2 the counties to the north of us travel down the 101 corridor on a weekly basis to come to Sonoma county for shopping and business.

I have linked here the 2 economic reports for both Marin and Sonoma county that show you the differences between us both.

http://www.sonoma-county.org/edb/pdf/2011/economic_demographic_profile_2011.pdf
http://www.co.marin.ca.us/EFiles/docs/CD/EconCom/09_0115_RP_090108154314.pdf

Marin county is a much more wealthy county with many more 6 figure income residents. I can tell you we do have a much stronger connection with the north counties. The people from Marin county speaking today never mentioned that they come up to Sonoma county so for them to say we are connected it not true. If we were connected then they would travel up to Sonoma county but they do not.

Thank you for all the hard work you are doing and for taking the time to listen to all the citizens who have attended all your hearings. This is an amazing process and I do feel truly lucky to have been a part of this since March following you all the way.

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