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Testimony of Russell A. Johnson

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My name is Russell Johnson and I live in the greater Santa Rosa area of Sonoma County. After reviewing the population statistics and the commission guidelines (communities of interest, et al) I am cognizant of the difficulty of the commission's task. Consequently, in my testimony I will offer some general guidelines and trust the drawing of the specific lines to your wisdom. Specifically:

- The North Bay counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake have a common community of interest. This commonality has been documented by other speakers and in editorials in the Marin I.J. and the Santa Rosa Press Democrat.
- All Districts should begin at the Golden Gate Bridge and expand north along the U.S. Highway 101 corridor through Marin and Sonoma counties. Districts could expand to the east to Napa county, but NO further east than Napa county, and north into the coastal counties of Mendocino and near coastal counties such as Lake County as necessary to achieve the apportioned population sizes.

It should be further noted:

- Urban San Francisco and the heavy industry of the East Bay and Interstate 80 corridor are NOT part of the North Bay community of interest.
- While I sympathize with those who do not want Sonoma county divided between two assembly districts, I recognize that based on the population numbers it would be difficult NOT to divide Sonoma County between districts without doing a severe disservice to our neighboring North Bay counties.

Thank You.

Respectfully submitted:

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