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## To Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

Please do not sell out the precious coastal forests up and down the California coast, and their rugged cliffs, beaches and wildness to more vineyard and greedy spec-development.

If the new maps change to include unrelated terrains and their disparate values, a lot of damage could be done to the quality of life of locals and to the coastal rainforests, and dry-farmed small vineyards, organic crops etc.

Please help local people to sustain their little towns and their unique customs in Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Merging with the commercial farming practices of the Central Valley does not make sense.

The scale in the mega-farming valley is huge, lashed with chemicals and toxic enhancers to ensure big crop harvests to sell. Clearcutting forests is accepted as normal throughout the Central Valley

Giant-scale Commercial farming—including big, water-sucking vineyard development, does not relate to small organic family farms developed over generations that do *not* require deforestation, chemical farming practices, and the water diversions so common in commercial farming practices.

Many of the ag biz including Point Reyes in Marin County is small, and products like local cheese at Cowgirl Creamery are made by hand, not machines. The Oyster Farm in Drake's Bay is a small-scale mariculture biz whose workers do everything by hand. No chemicals are used and quiet boats collect the oysters, not disturbing the riparian vegetation, the trees, or the quality of the water in the bay.

A wonderful legacy to hand down to future generations.

The coastal forests depend on the rain for survival; and the trees themselves attract the rains that sweep in from the Pacific Ocean. It's a win win situation.

Please sustain the small scale lifestyles on the California coast and within Sonoma County.

They are very precious to a lot of good people.

Thank you,

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