

**Subject: Public Comment: North Coastal Region Community of Interest****Date:** Monday, May 16, 2011 10:19 AM**From:** Byrd A. Lochtie [REDACTED]**To:** <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>**Conversation:** Public Comment: North Coastal Region Community of Interest

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Message Body:

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to ask that you consider the North Coast of California from the Oregon border south, to include Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties, as a Community of Interest. These coastal counties have more in common with one another than they do with the mountainous areas east toward Sacramento, Redding and the north central area of the state. I realize you must balance the population in each district, so the secondary Community of Interest, in order to include more voters, could include those adjacent counties that hold the watersheds of the rivers that flow through these three coastal counties.

The whole north coast has been lumped together with the Sacramento/Northern California area in your regions for meetings for public input, making it difficult for residents of these three counties to attend the meetings. A meeting in Humboldt County would be a way to allow more personal testimony from members of this Community of Interest.

The Governor's recent appointment of a Del Norte County resident as the region's representative to the CA Coastal Commission makes it clear that Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties are all part of the same Community of Interest. Please take this into consideration when you draw the lines for the districts in California.

Thank you for making your work in this first Citizens Redistricting Commission a fair and effective process for all the voters in California.

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