

Subject: The North Coast**Date:** Friday, May 20, 2011 4:59 PM**From:** Shane Brinton <[REDACTED]>**To:** <[REDACTED]>**Conversation:** The North Coast

Dear Commissioners:

As a member of the Arcata City Council, I participated in drafting the letter that you recently received from the City. My main concerns are addressed in that letter. There are just a few points that I would like to reiterate and expand upon.

First of all, I regret that I have been unable to attend Public Input Hearings. I have a number of responsibilities outside of the City Council, including a day job. Although redistricting is a very important issue to me, I have not been able to sacrifice a full weekday to travel to Redding or Santa Rosa. I know that I am not the only one. Please hold a hearing somewhere on the North Coast. This community deserves an opportunity to fully participate in the process.

Secondly, I encourage you to recognize North Coast counties as a community of common interest, separate and distinct from inland counties. As we indicated in the City's letter, the fact that the North Coast has been underrepresented in this process could have negative impacts on our community for years to come. We do not belong in a district with inland counties like Shasta. Environmentally and economically, we have far more in common with Del Norte, Mendocino, and Sonoma.

Finally, please consider including Del Norte County in Senate District 2. It simply does not make sense for a coastal county to be included in Senate District 4, which is made up of inland counties with very different characteristics. Humboldt County residents share a strong bond with our neighbors in Del Norte. We are already included in the same assembly and congressional districts.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider these comments. The task you are faced with is not an easy one and I wish you the best.

Sincerely,
Shane Brinton