

**Subject: Redistricting of Northern California.**

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Why have there been no discussion meetings scheduled here on the North Coast? Eureka is centrally located and a feasible destination for citizens of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties. Redding is handy for the conservative inland counties, but not for the coastal communities along the North Coast. Are the citizens of coastal Northwest California so unimportant that the commission can't be bothered to schedule a meeting in our region?

The following quote from a website about the current redistricting process summed up the situation nicely:

Culturally, geographically, and economically, coastal NW California is arguably a "community of interest" with geographic integrity and a common set of infrastructure and economic challenges that are distinct from those of the northern Sacramento Valley. Thus we have a lot more in common with folks in Mendocino County and other NW CA coastal regions than Shasta County. Thus this east-west arrangement violates the following criterion of Section 2 Article XXI of the CA Constitution:

"The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county,

local neighborhood, or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions.

"A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation."

Please contact me about how you are going to address the concerns of the North Coast voters.

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