

Subject: Public Comment: North Coast redistricting

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Message Body:

I urge you to retain as closely as possible the current Assembly and Senate districts of the North Coast.

The North Coast is a historic and continuing community of interests, bound together by the 101 corridor, resources (fish, redwoods, coastal scenery), wine production, educational facilities (College of the Redwoods). The Eel-Russian River system, lies within Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma Counties and also provides water to Marin County. The issues of this system are completely different from the Sacramento watershed.

I have heard, though can find no concrete proposal on your web-site, that you are considering drawing lines from east to west, combining rural coastal areas with inland areas. It is difficult to understand how splitting strong and well-defined communities of interest would promote effective representation--the geography, social and economic interests are too divergent and the coastal range presents a very real transportation barrier. Large rural districts already pose challenges to elected state officials; an east-west divide would double those challenges.

Please respect in integrity of the north coast and its watersheds and the 101 corridor in any redistricting proposal. Sacramento Valley I-5 communities have very different history, resources and issues.

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