
Subject: Humboldt County**Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2011 12:32 PM**From:** Sierra Spooner <[REDACTED]>**To:** <[REDACTED]>**Conversation:** Humboldt County

Hello,

I am a long term citizen of Arcata, CA, in Humboldt County, and am writing to provide input into the redistricting process.

The nearest public meeting that you have held to me is more than three hours away, I believe, and as such, writing seemed like the only way to contribute my input.

I am extremely concerned about the redistricting, because the prospect of Humboldt County getting lumped in with inland counties would essentially eliminate any voice that we have out here on the coast. The cultural difference between Humboldt County and Shasta County is quite dramatic, and there are virtually no ties between the two communities. On the other hand, the cultural and economic ties to the counties to the south (Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma, etc.) are quite strong.

I would strongly encourage you to keep Humboldt County tied to Mendocino and Sonoma, as in this way we achieve representation by politicians who share our concern regarding fisheries, marine resources, coastal logging industries, and social and environmental concerns.

Humboldt is extremely isolated from the population centers, but culturally there is continuity up the coast from San Francisco to Humboldt.

Many of us up here (including myself) voted against the redistricting because of fears of what would happen to our communities if we were linked to Redding. If it were not for these concerns, I would have voted for the measure. Please prove me wrong, and don't take away our representation!

Thank you for your time,

Sierra