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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Sacramento, California

Dear Commissioners,

As long term residents of Mendocino County and a member of The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County we believe that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission should consider drawing the district lines from north to south, rather than east to west as some have argued.

Those communities that have for many years called themselves North Coast or Redwood Coast have long histories of working together on common issues. In addition, Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, and Mendocino share bird, wildlife, and marine protected areas. We share the California Coastal National Monument, watersheds, salmon fishing, Redwood trees, pasture-based agriculture, and wineries. Our coastal areas lie within the boundaries of the California Coastal Commission.

We also exist together on a north-south corridor, highway 101. Because of the difficulty of east-west travel in winter storms and spring rains, travel to the I-5 corridor is prohibitive in winter and difficult in the best of weather. With proposed cuts in travel budgets for legislators, adding distance and difficulty to covering districts will not serve their constituents.

We, along with the League, urge the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma in the same Assembly District and to consider adjusting the Senate District to include Del Norte.

Communities with common interests, terrain, transportation, and agriculture belong together. I feel that it is important to keep these communities of interest together. They reflect the way the North Coast lives its daily life. Our legislative districts should reflect our transportation, occupational and commercial needs. The 101 corridor ties the North Coast together. Any legislative districts should reflect this reality.

Thank you for the time and effort that you are putting into this project. We wish you every success.

Sincerely,

Gerry deTreville
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