



*Chamber of Commerce*  
MENDOCINO COAST

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street Suite 101  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

The Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce represents an area that encompasses many of the finest elements of California, including over 80 miles of coastal land. The ocean and the land are our primary resources and the economic engines of our livelihoods. We are known for nature based tourism with our small bed & breakfast inns, fishing both commercially and for sport, recreation in our magnificent state parks and beaches, internationally known wine and specialty food products including, but not limited to, ranching, grapes and other products of agriculture.

There is a sense of cohesiveness and a commonality to the northern coastal districts as they now stand—physically, economically and psychologically. Even our main roads—Interstate 101 and Highway 1—run North-South. Moreover, there is a common need and strong desire to protect the facets that bind coastal communities to one another from the Oregon border to the Sonoma coast. Over the years, we have developed strong working relationships and interdependence. Therefore, it is critical to preserve environmental protection coalitions, fire protection and law enforcement working groups, from the complications of our state Coastal Commission and other planning areas down to even our youth sports leagues, all of which have a long history of working together and depend upon that support. They all follow the North-South orientation.

Our Chamber has a long history of bi-partisan support for community efforts to protect our northern California coast from offshore oil development.

For these reasons, the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce strongly supports maintaining the historical integrity of our coastal area by keeping our present districts intact.

Sincerely yours,

Debra De Graw  
Chief Executive Officer