

Subject: Redistricting**Date:** Sunday, May 22, 2011 3:44 PM**From:** Sallie McConnell <[REDACTED]>**To:** <[REDACTED]>**Conversation:** Redistricting

As a resident and a business owner for over 23 years in the town of Mendocino;

I am voicing my opinion on the redrawing of Congressional and state legislator districts.

There is historical precedence for keeping these communities that brand themselves as the North Coast, Redwood Coast and the Wine Country together.

The seven counties that make up our congressional district are bound by areas of mutual interest and yet encompass a wide variety and swath of the political spectrum. We have a vibrant, diverse district that already meets the goals of the Commission.

In our current district we share bird, wildlife and marine protected areas.

We share the California Coastal National Monuments. We share watersheds, redwood trees and wineries. Agriculture more suited to the temperate coastal areas is another distinguishing factor.

Our coastal counties of Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte have long histories of working together on issues of common interest.

Our pasture based agriculture and wine industries have inherent mutual interests which make me urge you to continue to keep Mendocino's neighboring counties of Lake, Napa and Yolo in the same Congressional District.

We exist together on the North-South Highway 101 Corridor and Highway 1 along the coast.

Our communities of interest, regional partnerships and coalitions encompass these north-south transportation routes in the areas of tourism, recreation, fishing, and agriculture.

I am against redistricting to change northern California to an east-west orientation. For many constituents, the travel to the I-5 corridor is prohibitive in winter months and difficult in the best of weather.

Sincerely,

Sallie McConnell