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There is no doubt that voters support the objectives of Props 11 and 20 that have taken redistricting out of the hands of the Legislature and put into the hands of the people; whereby districts would be created that have similar interests as to culture and customs.

The rural counties located in North-Central California are very similar in makeup; and are made up largely of agricultural, timber and water should be kept whole. The north-south connectivity of Interstate Highway 5 and Old Highway 99, that combined, run the entirety of the district is what keeps commerce and pleasure intact. An east-west connection, with only limited highway access over narrow mountainous roads, would severally interrupted the fragile economy of the area. There is very little shared interest with our coastal neighbors. A realignment of this nature would further erode the political landscape of the region. There would always be differences of opinion with very little common ground to work with..

The district lines should be similar to those drawn up by judges in 1990 rather than what the politicians did in 2000. No gerrymandering, just units of similar interests of commerce, culture and custom.

Respectfully,

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