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Re: Place North County San Diego in a single State Assembly and Congressional district

Dear Commissioners:

I attended the Commission meeting conducted May 13 at Cal State San Marcos. My comments relate to redistricting needs for North County San Diego.

One term you heard often that evening from virtually every speaker was North County. The speakers were referring to the geographic area of San Diego County located north of the City of San Diego. Yet North County is much more than a geographic area. North County is also a cultural and economic region distinct from the City of San Diego to the south, and Orange and Riverside Counties to the north. For example, our large (and growing) Latino population is linked by strong cultural and economic ties along the 78 corridor, among the cities of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and smaller communities to the east.

Many speakers asked that North County be divided north-south, into coastal and inland districts. This would be a mistake. Apart from splitting coherent cultural and economic units, a north-south division would also split one or more communities. For too long Escondido has been uncomfortably divided between the 74th and 75th State Assembly districts.

One speaker, to justify a north-south division, noted that the North County Times prints Coastal and Inland editions. My reply: the newspaper's name is *North County Times*. North County is the overarching cultural and economic base for the newspaper, as well as for residents of this area.

There is no workable north-south dividing line for North County. An east-west division DOES work. A logical district boundary to the north would extend along the San Diego County line that borders Orange and Riverside Counties.

A culturally and economically appropriate southern boundary would extend along the southern and eastern boundary of Encinitas, then east to Lake Hodges, continuing east along the southern boundary of Escondido.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mark Skok

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