

# Region #7. Monterey

Mary Orradre

San Ardo, CA 93450

May 23, 2011

JUN 08 2011

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

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to you May 22 meeting in Salinas. I live in south Monterey County about 12 miles from the San Luis Obispo County line. I endorse the idea of combing the two counties for redistricting purposes for these reasons:

- The Salinas River water shed runs through both areas, it does not flow into Santa Cruz county.
- The agricultural base is similar..wine..cattle..row crops
- The Military Bases, Camp Roberts and Fort Hunter Liggett are in close proximity to each other and "strattle" both counties.
- The population is more homogenous.
- Presently our representation is "fractured," By that I mean the area is gerrymandered.
- We need representatives who live within a50 mile radius of their district. As it is now the current representative's district goes from San Luis Obispo County , a sliver of Monterey County, Santa Cruz County and some of Santa Clara County.

Thank you for reading my suggestions and concerns. Good luck with your task.

Sincerely,

*Mary Orradre*

*FYI - your fax did not work!*

# MONTEREY COUNTY



## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**SIMÓN SALINAS**, SUPERVISOR - THIRD DISTRICT

DARLENE DUNHAM, AIDE TO THE SUPERVISOR

Region # 7:  
monterey

JUN 08 2011

SALINAS, CA 93901

TELEPHONES:

FAX:

May 23, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opinion on the makeup of California's 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District. The current formation of the 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District is not cohesive and ignores the communities of interest that exist between Monterey County and the rest of the Tri-County region. The district wanders through wilderness areas, slithers along cities boundaries directly in its path and ignores historical precedence which centers the district squarely in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

The new 15<sup>th</sup> should restore its roots on Central Coast. I am suggesting that a compact district that respects county boundaries and does not diminish the Latino population centers in Salinas, Watsonville, Hollister and the cities of the Salinas Valley is what the citizens of this region deserve. It would include entirely the counties of Monterey and San Benito as well as portions of Santa Cruz County and southern Santa Clara County which share a community of interest in relation to their historical agricultural foundation.

The rural and urban tracts around Gilroy, San Martin and Morgan Hill closely border the existing boundaries of the three counties. They are similar demographics to Watsonville, Salinas and Hollister and have historical roots in the district. The 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly district already includes Morgan Hill.

I appreciate your consideration of these ideas and hope that you give them some thought when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Simón Salinas  
Monterey County Supervisor  
Third District



**Grower-Shipper Association of Central California**  
**"OUR MEMBERS: PARTNERS PRODUCING PROSPERITY"**

May 23, 2011

**Region #7: Monterey**

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: [REDACTED]  
Via e-mail: [REDACTED]

RECEIVED JUN 01 2011

JUN 08 2011

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

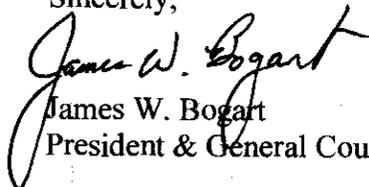
I am writing on behalf of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, a trade association representing over 300 growers, shippers, processors and affiliated industry members in Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. As you assess the state of California's needs while drawing new Congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts, please take these comments into consideration.

When determining communities of interests, we encourage you to look to the regional significance of Central Coast agriculture. The four counties represented by our organization are represented jointly due to their significantly similar needs. Geographically, growers and shippers in these counties face similar challenges. Legislative representation drawn by county lines represents their needs in a cohesive manner, allowing elected representatives to work in conjunction with local city and county governments to best represent their constituent's interests.

Central Coast agriculture faces a number of similar challenges related to shared watersheds, zoning, environmental circumstances, and food safety. A district developed according to county lines will lead to better representation on these issues and more. Additionally, this is a community in which representatives of each party have a history of winning elections on a city, county and statewide scale.

Finally, we encourage the Commission to continue to take the needs of disenfranchised communities into consideration throughout the course of this substantial undertaking.

Sincerely,

  
James W. Bogart  
President & General Counsel

**2010-2011 Board of Directors**

Steve Church, Chairman • Sam McKinsey, Vice Chairman • Margaret D'Arrigo-Martin, Treasurer  
Phil Adrian • Mark Borman • Mike Costa • Butch Corda • Andrew Cumming • Craig Dobler • Chris Huntington  
Lorri Koster • Emmett Linder • Bob Martin

Salinas, CA 93902 • Tel: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

# Region 7: Monterey

## Citizens Redistricting Commission

FAX (916) [REDACTED]

Krotzer

[REDACTED]  
Marina, CA 93933

May 21, 2011

JUN 08 2011

Good Morning:

We are 27 year Monterey County homeowners & residents, with very little commonality with Santa Cruz & Monterey County & San Luis Obispo County have many commonalities including:

### Agriculture

Military (we have the Naval Postgraduate School; Defense Language Institute; U.S. Coast Guard; National Guard; Ft Hunter Liggett & Camp Roberts) San Luis Obispo County has Vandenberg Air Force Base. Numerous military people are employed here as well as civil service jobs

Educational Institutions - C S U Monterey Bay & Cal Poly San Luis Obispo many of our Salinas area students are agriculture majors who enroll at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

A long coastline from Monterey to San Luis Obispo uses a short one from Santa Cruz to Monterey.

Sincerely, HAROLD & RUTH KROTZER  
Advocates for Monterey & SLO united voting districts.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\* ERROR TX REPORT \*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

TX FUNCTION WAS NOT COMPLETED

TX/RX NO 3239  
CONNECTION TEL [REDACTED]  
CONNECTION ID [REDACTED]  
ST. TIME 05/21 12:42  
USAGE T 00'00  
PGS. SENT 0  
RESULT NG STOP

my attempt to  
FAX (+ e-mail) this  
letter failed.  
Otherwise it  
would have arrived  
previously! Ruth  
Kroger

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
FAX [REDACTED]

Kroger  
[REDACTED]

Marina, CA 93933  
May 21, 2011

Good Morning:

We are 27 year Monterey  
County homeowners & residents,  
with very little commeriality with Santa Cruz,  
Monterey County & San Luis  
Obispo County have many  
commonalities including:

Agricultural

military (we have the Naval  
Postgraduate School; Defense Language  
Institute; U.S. Coast Guard;  
National Guard; Ft Hunter Liggett  
& Camp Roberts) San Luis Obispo  
County has Vandenberg Air Force Base.  
Numerous military people are involved  
here as well as civil service jobs

Educational Institutions - C S U  
Monterey Bay & Cal Poly San Luis  
Obispo MANY of our Salinas

# Region 7: Monterey



JUN 08 2011

May 25, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K St., Ste. 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Commissioners:

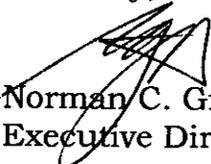
Monterey County Farm Bureau represents family farmers and ranchers in the interest of protecting and promoting agriculture throughout our County. We strive to improve the ability of those engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable supply of food and fiber through reasonable stewardship of our local resources.

The Central Coast of California is largely agricultural in nature, stretching from the Salinas Valley, the Salad Bowl of the World, to the winery regions in Santa Barbara County. We are linked by a common industry that provides a rural lifestyle often different in attitude and requirements than the urban centers of California. We provide our population with jobs that come with unique worker safety concerns and different work seasons. Our agricultural economy supports a wide range of supporting businesses, and is indeed the economic engine that keeps our single-industry dependent region viable.

We ask for consideration of creating a single district that encompasses all of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and the Santa Maria area of Santa Barbara Counties as we share a common economy, with unique challenges, that can best be served by one elected representative. This area deserves the opportunity to have representation that takes our concerns as a priority, and can do much to foster growth for our region by supporting the agricultural base.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Norman C. Groot  
Executive Director