

Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: betty devalcourt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 16:53:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: draft district maps

Message Body:

Thank you for being a truly citizens commission. I am very happy with the overall re-districting plan realigning areas of California by geographic relevance, e.g. coastal communities like Santa Cruz and Monterey together and the farming communities represented in their own districts. A much needed and welcomed opportunity to have concerns of these areas more potently represented. Thank you for hearing us in our long held concern that we were not represented well by the disastrous gerrymandered political divisions of the previous maps.

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Subject: Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Ronald Bourret <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 2011 20:15:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Santa Cruz County Congressional Districts

Message Body:

I strongly object to the congressional districts for Santa Cruz county -- they're just a rehash of the 2001 districts.

In particular, as a resident of Felton, it appears I will once again be lumped with Silicon Valley. While many people in this area do share a community of interest with Silicon Valley in the form of jobs, that is the only common interest we have. Since that interest is shared by people from Monterey to Sacramento, it's not a strong enough basis for drawing a congressional district boundary.

The interests of people in Santa Cruz County lie together and I would like to see us grouped together. You cannot possibly convince me that those of us living in the woods in the Santa Cruz Mountains have stronger cultural, environmental, economic, or civic ties to the suburbs of Sunnyvale than we do to the cities along the Santa Cruz coast.

Please do the sensible thing and draw a line across the top of the mountains (or slightly to the northern side, but south of Los Gatos and Saratoga) and give us our votes back.

Thank you.

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