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I have reviewed the draft maps for voting districts in my area and like them - except what you are doing to Watsonville. Watsonville should be part of the Santa Cruz County-Monterey County District. Putting them with Salinas is a mistake. It is the very kind of gerrymandering you are supposed to be fixing. They are geographically isolated from Salinas and closely tied to Santa Cruz and Monterey. It makes no more sense to put Watsonville with Salinas because they are Latino or agricultural than it does to put all the Republicans in one area and all the Democrats in the other.

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