

**Subject:** Testimony given on June 7

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Dear Commissioners -

Here is a copy of the supporting information, including a map, for the testimony that I gave this morning (June 7) regarding the curing of the orphaning of Marin. Your direction later in the day for the Assembly district was certainly positive, and it may bring us closer to this attached alternative. I look forward to seeing it on Friday, as well as the Senate and Congress proposals, as I had to leave before they were discussed.

Thank you again for your efforts.

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## **Public Comment on June 7, 2011**

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Dear Commissioners:

### **An analysis of how the line drawing directions got off track for Marin and Sonoma Counties, and a recommended correction. The Marin extension into Solano County is unacceptable.**

- Early in the May 27 discussion, someone said that Marin's current Assembly District (6<sup>th</sup>) included San Francisco population, and no one corrected this error. This erroneous assumption affected all further discussion. (Current district map attached.) It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District that crosses over.
- A detailed review of all 187 written and oral public comments from the residents of Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties shows overwhelming COI testimony to keep Marin and Sonoma Counties together, separated from San Francisco. (Analysis attached.)
- The Commission picked up on the romance of a "wine country district", even though the concept was mentioned by just 20 of the 187 commentators. When Q2 stated a desire to pursue this approach, potentially orphaning Marin (and ignoring the bulk of COI testimony), there was silence from the Commission.
- Just two references were made to the "101 corridor", but Q2 presented a bizarre visualization of blocks just on either side of the freeway. A better visualization would come from the several commentators suggesting an Assembly line above or below Santa Rosa, covering the County edge-to-edge. (The current 6<sup>th</sup> District cuts below.)
- There was significant testimony to not connect to the East Bay, prompted by a recent article about a student study that made such a recommendation. No one (other than one from Napa) argued against going into Solano County, as the need to defend would never enter anyone's mind, as there is no Marin COI there.
- In the closing moments of the May 28, when new visualizations were presented by Q2, Marin was shown "crossing over to here" all the way to Fairfield, with no additional staff comment or any Commission comment.
- During the Commission review again on June 1, some Commission members did suggest that Q2 examine shifting Vallejo and Benicia to Contra Costa County. This is not enough. All Marin connection with Solano County should be eliminated.



**Summary of Public Comments  
Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties  
Through 5:00 pm on May 23, 2011\***

Resident of County	Count	Connect to San Francisco		Keep Marin and Sonoma Together		Include County in North Coast Districts		Connect to East Bay or Solano		Some Combination of Napa-Lake-Sonoma-Mendo-Yolo		Form "Wine Country" Districts	
		OK	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	OK	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Marin													
Written On 5/20	93	2	67	81	12	21							
Total	20	13	80	16	5	2							
	113	2	80	97	17	23							
Sonoma													
Written On 5/20	35	2	6	11	2	1							
Total	21	1	9	9	5	3							
	56	3	15	20	7	4							
Napa													
Written On 5/20	9			3									
Total	9	2	1	3		1							
	18	3	3	3	1	4							
Grand Total	187	5	98	120	24	31	0	36	4	20			

Column totals exceed the count of comments as many submittals covered multiple topics

\* Excluding Santa Rosa video Feed Six testimony that will not connect or load

### **Recommended Approach to Satisfy COI Testimony**

- Create a Congressional District comprised of all of Marin and most of Sonoma Counties, similar to the current 6<sup>th</sup> District (current map attached.)
- Create a North Coast Senate District comprised of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte Counties. Exclude 69,798 people in the east and northeast portions of Sonoma County to comply with population.
- Divide this Senate District into two nested Assembly Districts on a line that includes Rohnert Park, the central and coastal portions of Sonoma County and all of Marin, sufficient to meet population.
- Create an Assembly District comprised of Napa, Lake and Colusa Counties, plus the 69,798 people from Sonoma County, plus Yolo County, excluding 27,541 people in the southeast "tail".

A map showing these districts is attached. (I did not have time to go back to the Technical Assistance Site to revise the previous submittal. Pardon the markup.)

# Congressional District 06



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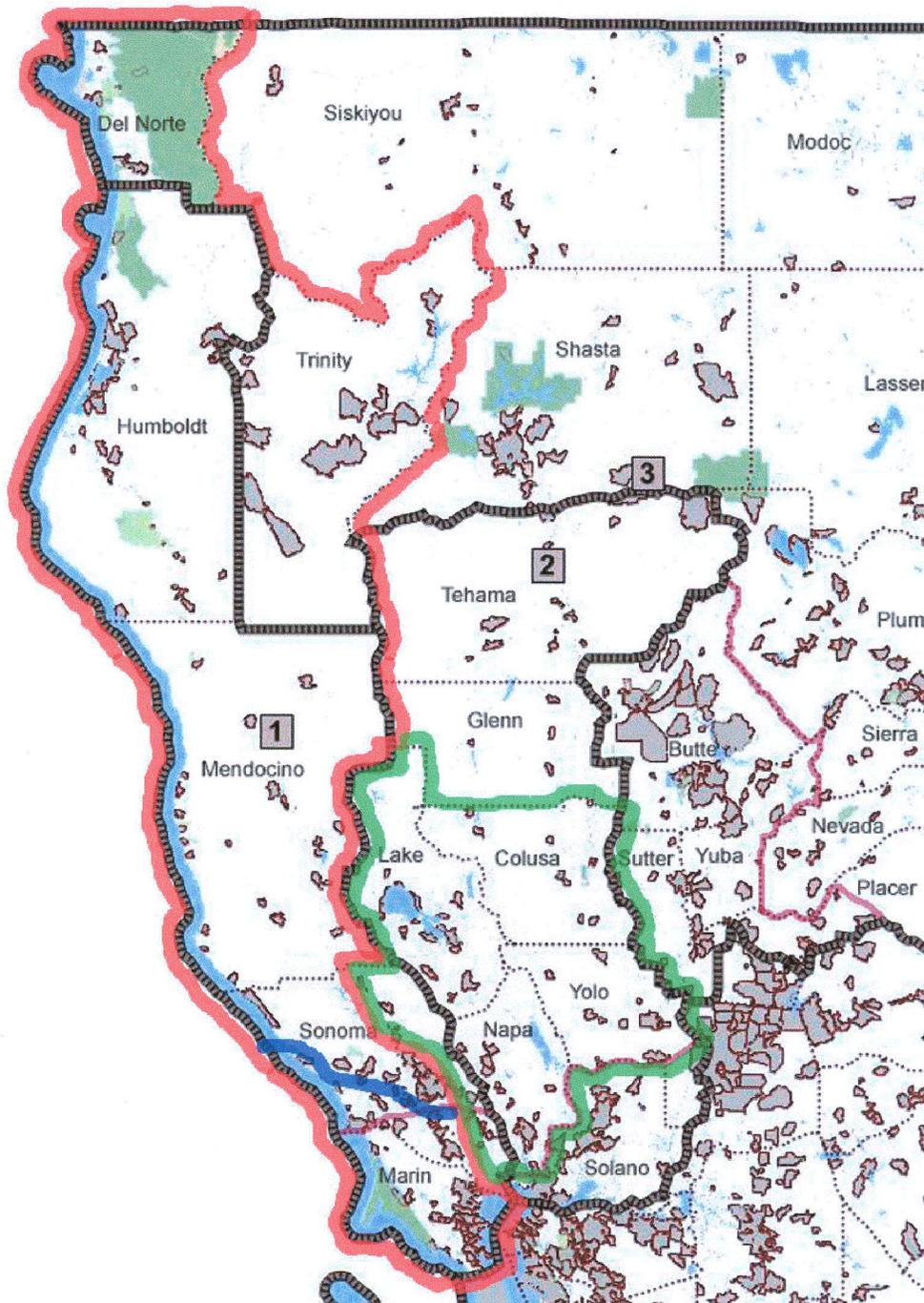
Map prepared for May 20, 2011 testimony, modified for June 7, 2011 testimony based upon intervening Commission actions.

Red: Proposed North Coast Senate District

Blue: Assembly split line, showing two districts nested within the Senate district

Green: A possible Napa-based district connected to Sonoma

(Ignore former black and purple lines)



**Subject:** Public Comment: 8 - Marin

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**Date:** Thu, 9 Jun 2011 19:26:41 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Subject: maintaining our district

Message Body:

First of, thank you for taking on this extremely important task in such a transparent, open manner. I am writing in response to the possibility of changing the Marin-Sonoma district to either be annexed, and therefore drowned out by the SF district, or to be extended all the way to the Oregon border, joining us with towns at such a far remove from the concerns of our degree of density and proximity to the urban bay area. We are an active, involved community, working towards a model of sustainability that is proving to be a model to counties all over the country. I believe we need to continue to have a clear voice in our national and state conversation. Please maintain our district.

Thank you for your work.

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