

My wife and I were both born and raised in Marin (central and southern respectively). We went to Davis to attend school and returned to the North Bay, in Santa Rosa, where we've resided some 30 years. We are currently anticipating a significant remodel to our home and continue having close ties to Marin through family, and San Francisco and the North Bay through culture. We also happen to own property in Marin, a rental, which we care for carefully, as if we may live there again someday.

My namesake came with the gold, the other side with the bridge from Oakland. My wife's family came from the early Italian stock, the grandmother fleeing the destruction of the quake. We met and 'fell in love' while we were both at the Marin JC, I was in Inverness. Many, many of our friends from all our years are in the same boat, so to speak, as the bay and sailing were important to us all, and remain so.

We went to Davis, go Aggies, but that is our only physical connection to the valley and we hope it would remain so. Through my work I have many acquaintances through Solano and even into Sacramento, but that's it... no other connection. Poor bastards, they have to (get to) live through all that, drive on those crappy highways; I'll live in Luther Burbank's 'God's country' and attend to the beach and marine influence, thank you.

We would entirely expect to vote and be represented in the coastal region as an entire group, not as some appendage.

Thank you,

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