

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Sonoma

From: Eleanor Guerin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 19 Jun 2011 17:07:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Eleanor Guerin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: do NOT include Sonoma with the Central Valley!

Message Body:

My attention has been drawn to the potentiality of including the heart of Sonoma Valley with the Central Valley. Sonoma is county known for tourism, wineries, coast and redwoods. We are bound together by our watersheds, through the Russian River and its tributaries, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa. We have districts that include the Sonoma County Open Space District, the SMART train board, which connects us to Marin county and a Board of Supervisors that governs agriculture and open space aquisitions, water, Climate Protection plans, education and transportation.

It makes no sense to suddenly take Santa Rosa and its surrounding communities away from our north/south transportation corridors, away from our connection to the river, to the coast, to our tourism jewels, and lump us as a visual appendage to the east, Central Valley, Sacramento, Lodi, etc.

Even as I write this, members of the community are working together to save the State Parks slated for closure in Sonoma County and also to our north and south. We are creating regional partnerships that have nothing to do with anything east of Napa.

Collectively, our local views are much different than those of Central Valley big agriculture. We look at ourselves as a county of beauty, connected by our natural lands and coastline to the north and south.

Why has the redistricting commission even begun to consider going over the coastal range that separates Napa and Sonoma counties and grabbing the population of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park and Cotati and pulling it eastward? Why has an arm been proposed that sets our area apart from everything in Sonoma County that surrounds us to the north, west and south?

Do not redistrict the Senate or Assembly to make these areas. We are unified to the north and south--NOT anything to do as some finger pointing to the Central Valley. Do not take away our voice in Sonoma County. This is ridiculous. We are the Heart of Sonoma County--its centralized area--it is a travesty to denigrate us as an appendage to a very different region of California.

Sincerely and most hopefully,
Eleanor Guerin
Santa Rosa

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Sonoma

From: Mike Martin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 19 Jun 2011 19:45:54 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mike Martin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: the proposed new districts

Message Body:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission,

Congratulations. You have managed to infuriate every liberal from San Francisco, north to the Oregon border. This tells me in no uncertain terms, that you are doing your job of re-drawing district lines properly.

My only request is that San Francisco NEVER be part of any North Bay districts. It will be very interesting to see the comrades of the People's Demokratische Republik of Sonoma deal with their new political reality.

GOOD JOB! I'm NOT being sarcastic either. I mean it when I say Congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,

Mike Martin
Occupied Sonoma
Land of Moonbeam

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