

**Subject:** Re: Proposed Redistricting

**From:** Sonia Taylor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sun, 19 Jun 2011 19:02:34 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Gentlepersons:

When the California Citizens Redistricting Commission met in Santa Rosa on May 20, 2011, I did not testify because I listened while others told the Commission that Sonoma County is currently "split" between multiple districts and that we feel that the existing "split" was appropriate.

I had no idea that you would choose to ignore the later part of that statement and view my home for the last 22 years as "fair game," throwing away the Communities of Interest that naturally occur within Sonoma County.

The Senate District you created, you used Santa Rosa as a "throw-away community" to add population to a district that runs from Lodi to the San Joaquin Valley through Contra Costa County and Solano into Napa -- with an appendage carved into Sonoma County -- is appalling to me and everyone in my neighborhood.

That you similarly carved up my Congressional District is equally appalling.

For just one example of why this is unacceptable, the City of Santa Rosa is part of the Russian River Watershed. We have no natural relationship to the San Joaquin River Watershed. In fact, our interests are often diametrically opposed, which presents significant insoluble problems in the proposed "new" district.

Also, the City of Santa Rosa participates in a nationally recognized wastewater reuse program that delivers water to a geyser field north of Cloverdale. That system, initiated and managed by the City of Santa Rosa, constitutes an economic community of interest that binds us with other users of the system, Windsor and Healdsburg as well as Rohnert Park, Cotati and Sebastopol. The operation of this resource management system directly affects the cost to all ratepayers in this regional community of interest. We have no relationships whatsoever with the ratepayers in Lodi.

I know that the proposed districts recently released are a "first draft." I expect that you will correct this error in line drawing with the "second draft."

I would be happy to be contacted by your staff. My phone number is [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Sonia E. Taylor

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**Subject:** 6th District and Sonoma County redistricting plans

**From:** "Barbara Baer" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sun, 19 Jun 2011 11:05:02 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** "Jennie Orvino" <[REDACTED]>

Letter to the commissioners deciding the lines for the 6th Congressional District:

I'm troubled by the plans for redistricting our 6th, mostly Sonoma County voting district. We're a county that keeps in touch with its inhabitants, its constituents, through overlapping connections, whether as readers of the *Press Democrat* and the more local papers from Sebastopol, Healdsburg, Sonoma, Petaluma etc; local and county web sites; interest groups that support environmental and habitat protection; the extraordinary creativity of hi-tech in our county; our wine and smaller, often organic, agricultural producers; our transportan and road issues, our schools and colleges, the great variety of entertainments we enjoy at music venues, local theaters, artists' galleries. We follow our housing problems and job recovery as a county. All these connections matter within Sonoma County to our sense of place, our sense of community. Not least of our connectioins is who represents us both in Sacramento and Washington and the debates we have about our shared interests and how well our representatives fit our needs. It's appalling that redistricting might cut Santa Rosa from much of the country, sending many of our voices, our votes, into parts of northern California we're hardly acquainted with. Such a plan to cut off Santa Rosa from the rest of Sonoma County and the coast would do real harm, real divisive harm, to our community. I urge you to re think your plan to redistrict. We're a recovering economy and we have a vibrant community. Don't perform a kind of civil amputation on us as voters if you want to us to be active citizens. Thank you, Barbara Baer, [REDACTED], Forestville CA 95436 [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: re-districting

**From:** Nancy King <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sun, 19 Jun 2011 08:37:19 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nancy King <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** June 19, 2011 8:34:01 AM PDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** re-districting

Hello. I feel compelled to write about your preliminary plan re: redistricting.

I have lived in Santa Rosa since 1971 & seen the growth & change here. I moved here from the Bay Area to escape the city. Well; in case you haven't been here- Sonoma County is now quite populated & very urban. Our inclusion with Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba & Yolo counties makes no sense. We are very linked to the Bay area & have coastal concerns that are so different from these inland counties. Please re-consider your boundaries-this could give our area very little real representation.

Thank- you for your time & hard work on this issue.

Nancy King R.N.

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