

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "Suzanne Slater" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 20 Jun 2011 09:32:51 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting that would disenfranchise Santa Rosa.

We are part of the North Bay. We do not belong with the valley as we have very little in common. We are not big agriculture, rural or conservative. We are small, sustainable, organic and liberal. Our concerns are the Russian River, wine production, coastal preservation and organic gardening.

Please reconsider including Santa Rosa in the North Bay by respecting county lines, communities of interest, social and economic interests etc.

Thank you,

Suzanne Slater

Santa Rosa

**Subject:** Splitting Santa Rosa

**From:** Harry Reid <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 20 Jun 2011 15:59:29 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Those who are designing voting districts should visit Santa Rosa. Its interests follow the Hwy 101 corridor: grapes, agriculture, hospitality and county government. Splitting it and yoking it to Central Valley communities will weaken its effectiveness to represent both its own community and the Valley communities as well. Please consider this.

Harry Reoid

Penngrove, CA 94951

**Subject:** Comment re: redistricting proposal

**From:** Pam Burns-Clair <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 20 Jun 2011 11:03:35 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Members of Citizens Redistricting Commission:

In reading about the proposed redistricting of No CA, we are opposed to the proposed changes that would merge communities that have little in common. We're not clear on what value the redistricting would have--we are content with our current districts--but if there is to be redistricting, the Sonoma/Napa/Lake Co's wine country + Marin + Bay Area coastal area of has common industry and traffic interests (including Bay Bridges & boating/fishing), and we have little in common with the eastern Yolo Co/non coastal areas. These should have their own district to serve their separate interests.

Thank you for your consideration of public input,  
Pam & Robert Clair, residents of 95476 zip code

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** Eleanor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, 20 Jun 2011 13:54:22 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a voter living in Santa Rosa, CA. I recently saw the new draft of the redistricting map that was released by the commission. The exclusion of Santa Rosa from the Sonoma/Marin County district appalls me. We have very little in common with Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, or Yolo counties. The valley is big agriculture, conservative, and rural. We are small, sustainable, organic, and liberal.

The inclusion of Santa Rosa, the biggest city in Sonoma County, in this altogether different district will do nothing more than disenfranchise the many people who are voting in the best interest of the City/County that they reside in. By doing this, you will be removing their voice/votes from issues and political interests that align with where we reside. Please re-consider this decision, as it does not make sense to remove such a large city from it's county's interests only to include it in a district where there are not similar interests.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Rimkeit  
Santa Rosa, California

California Redistricting Commission:

As the Member of Congress representing California's Sixth District for the last 18 years, I am writing to express my concerns about the draft redistricting maps released by the Commission on June 10.

The long North Coast, comprised primarily of federal lands and abundant waters with enormous ecological and economic significance, deserves the voices of two representatives in Congress. Instead, the Commission has proposed a single "NORCAL" district stretching some 375 miles from the Golden Gate Bridge in southern Marin County to the northern border shared with the State of Oregon. This is roughly the same distance from San Francisco to Los Angeles, an area that would be represented by no less than five members under the new map.

While the existing Sixth District is tight and compact, the proposed NORCAL district most assuredly is not. Population from the nearby City of Santa Rosa was basically switched out for the aggregate populations of Mendocino, Trinity, Siskiyou, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties. This swap violates the Commission's Fifth Principle:

*To the extent possible and where this does not conflict with the criteria above, districts shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant populations.*

A trade of this magnitude is unnecessary. We could keep Santa Rosa, leaving the northern counties to be grouped with their own communities of interest, while picking up the needed 36,000 residents by adding population from elsewhere in Sonoma County. Moreover, removing the seat of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, from the district that includes most of Sonoma County makes no sense at all.

Marin and Sonoma Counties, anchored by the cities of San Rafael and Santa Rosa, share exceptional communities of interest. In the last two decades, their economies have become increasingly intertwined, to such a degree that majorities in both counties voted to tax themselves to finance a commuter rail system connecting these commercial hubs. Marin and Sonoma Counties, including the City of Santa Rosa, collaborate and cooperate on issues across the board. They share water and transportation infrastructure. They have a common agricultural profile, as both counties are rich in viticulture and organic commodities.

Their health care and education systems are integrated -- Santa Rosa Junior College, for example, has a campus in Petaluma, as well as partnerships with Sonoma State University, and Dominican University (in Marin County). The College of Marin is heavily invested in health and teacher training partnerships with Sonoma County. Marin and Sonoma Counties have common cultural values and economic identities, including various high-tech clusters that share an educated workforce drawn by the area's quality of life.

The bottom line is that the existing district works. The people of both counties, including the City of Santa Rosa, get better federal representation because they are together in one compact congressional district. The City of Santa Rosa has anchored the Sixth Congressional District for years, and I strongly urge the Commission to put Santa Rosa back in the district. In reviewing the interest statements from North Bay citizens, the Commission will see overwhelming support for keeping Santa Rosa in the NORCAL district, adding more of Sonoma County to achieve the required population.

Sincerely,

Lynn Woolsey

**Subject:** Districts

**From:** MATHILDA & THOMAS CASSIDY [REDACTED]

**Date:** Mon, 20 Jun 2011 10:30:39 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**To Committee:**

**Please reconsider the redistricting. Adding Santa Rosa with other rural agriculture conservative districts does not meet the requirement of designing districts that have shared interests and values, as mandated.**

**We, in Santa Rosa, are progressive in our political leanings. Our priorities lie in coastal preservation, SMART rail, recently voted, organic gardening, sustainable urban development, Southeast Greenway. All of which are not in-sync with the counties such as, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba or Yolo's interests.**

**I, with many citizens of Santa Rosa, would be deeply unhappy if the district zones are changed. Please heed to the citizens' outcry. You are mandated to do so.**

**Sincerely yours,**

**Mathilda Jae Cassidy**

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**Santa Rosa, CA 95405**