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Message Body:
Dear Commissioners:

I am an elected member of the Santa Rosa City Council.  It is, by city charter, non-partisan.  I am concerned by the first draft maps for Santa Rosa's assembly, state senate, and congressional districts.  Quite franky, all three have a gerrymandered look to them.  All three have a western corridor that includes Santa Rosa and not much of the surrounding communities.
The following are very material issues to Santa Rosa that do not concern the rest of the proposed districts:
 1 - Transportation:  Our region has significant north-south congestion.  The Marin to Sonoma commute is the fastest growing in the Bay Area, both counties transportation authorities (of which I'm also a member) are supporting a proposed light rail commuter train (SMART) which is a special district intiated by the legislature.
 2 - Water: Our region's water is supplied by the Russian River, delivered by the Sonoma County Water Agency.  There is no commonality on this very important issue with the rest of the district(s).
 3 - Economy: Santa Rosa is the largest city on the coast between San Fransico and Portland.  It is the commercial center of the north coast.  We have very limited commercial ties to the east.
 4 - Air Quality - Santa Rosa is part of the Bay Area Air Quality District.  No other communty in any district is.

While I do appreciate that the lines have to be drawn somewhere, Santa Rosa's community of interest is the north coast, not the central valley.  We have much more in common with Marin, Mendocino, Napa and Solano Counties than any other regions in the state.  Please adjust our districts so that our electeds represent communities that share common interests.

Thank you for your efforts.

Gary Wysocky
Santa Rosa City Councilman

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