

Subject: redistricting opposed for Santa Rosa

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I have lived in Santa Rosa for 23 years and believe VERY STRONGLY that the population seat of Sonoma County should remain WITH the majority of the county in the districting---that should CONTINUE TO INCLUDE the west county, the north county and the coast. Our major river systems impact Santa Rosa, Petaluma AND the coast. The "west county" area is not separate from Santa Rosa. Through all these areas we share issues of water supply, agriculture, wildlife, infrastructure etc etc etc. It would be a big mistake FOR THE CITIZENS of Sonoma County to move Santa Rosa into a Central Valley district.

I am also the Conservation Chair for Madrone Audubon Society and its 2000 members in Sonoma County. This redistricting is NOT APPROPRIATE from a conservation and environmental standpoint.
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Commissioners
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2011 First Draft Redistricting Maps

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to offer our additional input in regards to the draft Assembly, State Senate and Congressional Districts maps the Commission released on June 10th. We appreciate your time and dedication to crafting the most logical, effective and appropriate districts and ask you consider our comments in your deliberations.

Previously during your Sonoma County Public hearing on May 20th, we expressed our interest in seeing the many communities of interest of which Sonoma County is part are properly represented. As you know, political districts which consist of similar communities of interest have stronger and more effective representation when their elected officials clearly understand and articulate county priorities from both local and regional perspectives. Further, we have seen our residents interests served more effectively by shared representation with our neighboring counties. Sharing districts with our neighbors provides Sonoma County the opportunity to work together on behalf of all residents to enhance the quality of life.

As the most populous county on the north coast, Sonoma County has been in legislative districts connected with surrounding counties who share similar issues such as agriculture, wine, natural resources, tourism, water, transportation, and coastal issues to name a few. Districts have traditionally run from north to south connecting coastal counties, such as Sonoma, to their adjacent neighbors (Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Marin) together. This has resulted in effective representation on quality of life issues and allowed us to better work together. Sonoma County has benefitted from being a "split" county and it will continue to be a benefit for Sonoma County residents. We wish to re-iterate the appropriate representation this afforded our residents. Coastal issues, wine industry, tourism, transportation, natural resources and broader economic

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issues were served well by District 1 and 6.

In your proposed re-configuration of Congressional Districts 1 and 6, you have two districts which split a major economic community of interest around wine issues and have connected Sonoma County with the Sacramento valley and the Sierra foothills. We ask you reconsider this proposal.

In viewing Sonoma County, there are communities of interest both in the dairy industry which is primarily in the southern portion of the county and the wine industry in the central, east and western portion of the county. The Commission may wish to link Sonoma County south of Santa Rosa with Marin and the Sonoma Coast and dairy farming region. The rest, the wine producing regions of the county, should be linked with Napa, Lake, Mendocino and the coastal counties north of Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte.

The prior configurations had our coastal communities connected, our communities of interest represented. Sonoma, Mendocino, Napa and Lake Counties benefitted from shared representation which was logical as counties with wine production and related tourism.

Thank you for your consideration of our additional comments. If we can provide any additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



EFREN CARRILLO,
Chair and Fifth District Supervisor
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors