

Subject: 6th Congressional District

From: Carole Robison <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:27:49 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am concerned that the Santa Rosa area will become disenfranchised if the lines for the 6th Congressional District remain as they are on the draft maps from the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Santa Rosa and Sonoma County have very little in common with Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba or Yolo counties, yet we are included with them. We are part of the North Bay and our concerns and priorities are with the Russian River, coastal preservation, San Francisco Bay, wine production and organic--not large commercial--gardening.

You are mandated to fulfill the requirements of contiguous boundaries, respecting county lines, communities of interest, social and economic interests and other criteria.

Please revisit your draft and consider a realignment which addresses the above. I will look forward to hearing from you as to your intent.

Thank you,

Carole Robison
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Sonoma

From: Roger Carrillo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 18:04:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Roger Carrillo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Suggestion

Message Body:

I strongly disagree with your first draft for the North Coast Congressional District. You should include Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, and all of Petaluma in that district. Put the rural counties to the north in the Yuba District where they have more common interests such as agriculture and recreation. Humboldt, Del Norte, and Mendocino have more in common with their adjacent neighboring counties to the east such as Lake, Siskiyou, Shasta.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Sonoma

From: "Demerus M. Lescure" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:57:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Demerus M. Lescure <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Rosa area separated from our Coast!

Message Body:

The proposed redistricting of the North Bay area leaves me, as a resident of Santa Rosa, feeling unrepresented. Creating a SINGLE North Coast Congressional District serves to "ghetto-ize" its residents. It removes their ability to influence policies regarding the inland cities that serve their commercial, educational and social needs.

Furthermore, creating a District combining Santa Rosa with inland rural areas may purport to "balance" political tendencies of both areas but will likely lead to bitter, cash driven political contests to see which area can claim the allegiance and attention of a single Congressional representative. Santa Rosa and Marysville might as well be in different States for all they actually have in common. One or the other will be effectively unrepresented and this will increase voter cynicism...not lessen it.

Think this through again, please!

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Sonoma

From: Janelle Aman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:34:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Janelle Aman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Heart of Sonoma County torn away from district

Message Body:

Proposition 11, Section 2 (b) says, "We need to keep our communities together so everyone has representation."

I believe this requirement is violated in the DelMendo Assembly district and the Northcoast Senate & Congressional districts.

The DelMendo Assembly district and the Northcoast Senate districts cut the heart of Sonoma County-- Santa Rosa-- away from the rest of the County, into Napa and East Contra Costa districts.

The Northcoast Congressional district pulls the entire southeastern quadrant of the county into the Yuba district in central CA.

I am like many Sonoma County residents who have roots in one part of the county, live in a second area and may work in a third section of the county.

We are one community and should have one voice in the Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts.

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Subject: Public Comment: 8 - Sonoma

From: Helen Mader <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:05:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Helen Mader <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Rosa

Message Body:

Santa Rosa community of interest in great part is with the San Francisco Bay Area and the Pacific Ocean Coastal Area.

Santa Rosa's main transportation line is the State Highway 101 corridor. The Smart Train commuter and the freight service planned will further strengthen this connection. Also, Santa Rosa is part of Sonoma County, a San Francisco Bay Area County.

Many people who live in the geographically large areas in West Sonoma County including the Sonoma Coastal areas, some of which are remote, travel to Santa Rosa for governmental requirements and rely on Santa Rosa for other needs, i.e. medical, shopping as well. Many who live in Santa Rosa use the West County and Sonoma Coastal areas for recreation.

Please add my observations above to the decision making. Thank you.

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Subject: First Draft Maps - North Bay and Northwestern California, multi-Member Districts

From: Sukey Robb-Wilder <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 10:38:01 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I live in Sonoma County on the Russian River, about 7 miles in from the ocean. It's hard for me to tell how I will be affected from the maps on your website because the outlines are so general. However, I have heard that the map you are drawing throws us in with people in Northwest California, and moves Santa Rosa away from us and in with Central Valley cities, separating us from our communities of interest. I ask you not to do this.

We here consider ourselves part of the San Francisco Bay Area, specifically the North Bay. We work and socialize east, particularly in Santa Rosa and south in the other parts of the bay area. We have more common issues, particularly with Santa Rosa (water use, urban sprawl, stimulating urban and semi-urban economic growth) than with Northwestern California (logging, rural economic growth). I have been very happy to be part of Lynn Woolsey's congressional district as it is now drawn.

As much a concern for me as the lines of our new districts is how California's diverse communities of interest will be represented in the state legislature. I urge you to give us larger, multi-member districts. By electing multiple members from one district, Californians can have more open debate about issues, more positive and cooperative campaigning, and opportunities for more communities of interest to be represented in the legislature.

If I were to become part of a district that elected multiple members to the state Assembly, and possibly the Senate, I would feel more enfranchised.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Robb-Wilder
[REDACTED]

June 28, 2011

Citizen Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your dedicated service to the Citizen Redistricting Commission. We have reviewed the first draft of redistricting maps and we would like to address some concerns with the lines that have been drawn.

The proposed North Coast Congressional district includes counties from the Oregon border to the Golden Gate Bridge. We expressed our concerns at the Santa Rosa public hearing on May 20, 2011 that Marin County and the counties to the north have little to nothing in common. The proposed map did not take that concerns into consideration.

There is a deep difference in how Marin County's population and the populaces of counties north of Marin county work and live their daily lives. Marin County is a bedroom community to San Francisco. Most of the residents work in San Francisco and they frequent that city for dining, entertainment, and shopping creating a positive economic impact to the San Francisco region which is far greater then the impact to it's northern neighbors.

In fact, Marin County has more of a negative economic impact to its northern neighbors which is seen in how the Marin general public stakes its belief and direction in its economic views, life styles and political beliefs. One only needs to review these views on how it has affected Marin's Agricultural and Manufacturing industries over the last ten to twenty years.

We ask you to keep Sonoma County and the city of Santa Rosa connected to the other counties which are part of the wine industry, Mendocino, Lake and Napa counties. Additionally, you have removed the city of Santa Rosa from the remainder of Sonoma County on all 3 maps drawn. We would like to remind you that Santa Rosa is the County Seat of Sonoma County. Where is the logic in removing our County Government from these proposed maps while carving Sonoma County's largest city up for the next ten years? Please reconsider the lines drawn and keep Santa Rosa whole and connected to it's own county. Common sense dictates this request.

Regards,

Liz Gatley, Speaker # 6 in Santa Rosa and # 27 in San Francisco
Jim Judd, Speaker # 12 in Santa Rosa
Joyce Garcia, Speaker # 41 in Santa Rosa
Sally Hopkins, all day attendee in Santa Rosa