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Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Del Norte County. Since we are located so far north, please do not forget we too want and need a voice in order to survive. Unfortunately I was not able to attend any of the Citizen Redistricting Commission public meetings due to the far proximity of each and was not able to take time off from work. I was not sure when the public comment period closed, but wanted to inform the Commission, from a Del Norte voter's point of view, what interests are viable to our county and how Redistricting could make or break this county.

I am writing to urge your support to redistrict Del Norte County amongst "like" counties. My step-daughter and many of her friends attend Shasta Community College. Why? Because the rural lifestyle of Shasta County is similar to what is found in Del Norte County. In addition, we travel to Shasta, Yreka and other surrounding communities for school sport related activities.

Though we are a Coastal town with fishing being a huge community of interest for Del Norte, we are not a "quaint" coastal town as is found along the coastline from Mendocino county southward. We are a working community with fishing interests extending into and along the streams and rivers, in addition to farming and dairies, which are found in Trinity, Shasta and Siskyou counties. We also share logging and forestry interests with these same counties. We do not share interests with Mendocino, Sonoma and more southern coastal counties, nor with the Bay Area.

I am most concerned with Del Norte County's rural way of life and fear we will lose it if Del Norte continues to be linked politically with coastal towns and the big cities. We are not a big city, we do not need more bus systems, mass transit, or the smart growth mentality. We want to preserve what we have, not lose it to more regulations from a base that does not understand Del Norte county's precious resources. As you travel east, those communities, those counties share the same interests and way of life as does Del Norte county.

Currently, Del Norte's representation in the 1st Assembly district and 1st Congressional district do not represent our interests. We are a forgotten community, with very little interaction with our representatives. We do not have a voice, little Del Norte County, amongst the larger counties represented. Actually they do not need our vote and unless we have a major disaster, our "representatives" do not step foot in our county, therefore we are currently under represented. But Del Norte county is represented in the 4th Senatorial district. For the first time, the Senator opened an office in Crescent City with an assigned staff person. We are now being heard, we now have a voice! Why, because the interests within the 4th Senatorial district are similar, as mentioned above. We are not a forgotten community within this district.

Therefore I support a fair and competitive Assembly, Congressional and Senatorial district comprised of Del Norte, Humboldt, Shasta, Modac, Siskyou, Trinity, and Lassen Counties which would better represent the Del Norte community.

Thank you,
Karen Sanders

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