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Subject: Redistricting for NW California

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Dear Commission Members,

As a strong supporter for your mandate to ensure that district boundaries are both sensible and apolitical I have some concern about rumors that you are considering readjusting our district boundaries from the north-south trend along the Hwy 101 corridor to an east-west orientation.

Simply put, the mountains of our region dictate that the 101 corridor is the functional and logical spine of the district. The interests of the people are similar here, while in some significant ways different from the folks who live to the east over the Coast Range. That this district is relatively homogeneous politically is not a function of design; but is by coincidence. It was not always so.

All options should be on the table. But no options for change should be considered without appropriate input, study and analysis of the effects. If you wish to consider significant changes it's essential that you communicate publicly the changes that you may have in mind, hold meetings in Eureka to present your case for changes and to receive feedback.

Sincerely,
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