

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Mendocino

From: Larry Kellogg <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:37:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: California congressional, state senate and assembly districts

Message Body:

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From: morris kaplan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 23:12:05 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: morris kaplan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

the coastal counties of northern california that have common interests in conservation and environmental protection, should have our own representative in d.c.

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From: John Dickerson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 00:12:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Dickerson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: North Coast - "Napa-Glenn-Yuba" Congressional Districts

Message Body:

I write this as a 25-year resident of Mendocino County who has produced numerous economic analyses of our region and been very active in our wine and tourism industry and various other civic efforts. I expect most residents of the Sacramento Valley would have similar views from their perspective.

The first draft "North Coast Congressional District" and the "Yuba" District create severe problems:

- They split a very strong natural, economic, cultural and historical "community of interests" among Napa and Lake Counties to the east and Mendocino and Sonoma Counties to the west.
- It associates Lake and Napa Counties and the City of Santa Rosa with a region in the Sacramento Valley with which they share very few regional interests.

Most Congressional and federal issues of importance specific to these areas are very different from those in the Sacramento Valley. The proposed Districts would be a significant barrier to effective Congressional representation; they violate "natural" communities of interests thereby diluting attention and understanding.

Some detail -

1) The "Wall": A steep mountain ridge separates two very different natural, historical, cultural and economic regions - Sacramento Valley to the east, North Coast ranges to the west. People living on both sides of this "Wall" know it is a stark dividing line between two very different regions.

This wall places Napa and Lake Counties and the City of Santa Rosa in a very different region from Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Sutter and Yuba Counties.

Further, the proposed Yuba District has only one paved road that crosses this "Wall" - Hwy 20. No one uses this road to travel between Santa Rosa on the western edge of the proposed District to Marysville, the seat of Yuba County on the eastern edge.

The "normal" route would take them through 3 other proposed Congressional Districts!

2) Wine Industry: The federally recognized North Coast winegrape growing region is Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties. It contains half the wineries in California.

The wine and winegrape industry brings billions of dollars into the region each year - the most of all private sector industries. In contrast the wine industry in Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Sutter and Yuba counties has little relative economic impact.

Some facts -

Sonoma & Mendocino Counties have 650 wineries & vineyards who employ 10,000 people and whose total annual payroll is \$400 million. They grow 260,000 tons of grapes.

Napa & Lake Counties have 500 wineries and vineyards who employ 11,000 people and pay \$500 million in annual wages. They grow 170,000 tons of grapes.

These four counties - split in half by the proposed Congressional Districts, have 1150 wineries and vineyard businesses that employ 21,000 people and pay over \$900 million in annual wages. They grow 430,000 tons of winegrapes.

This data does not include hundreds of small family operations nor significant wine industry support industries. All told wine and winegrape and related industries pay way over \$1 billion in wages a year in these 4 counties.

In contrast the 5 Counties that would be in the same District as Napa & Lake have 20 wineries and vineyards that employ 225 and pay \$9.5 million in annual payroll. These 5 and 12 other Sac Valley and far northern counties grow 48,650 tons of grapes.

The impact of the wine industry in these Sacramento Valley counties is 1/10th of 1% of that in the four North Coast counties.

The Sacramento Valley counties are major agricultural producers - but their crops are very different from the 4 North Coast wine counties.

3) Job Commuters: As one example of how the two regions are not economically integrated the number of people who commute to jobs "through the Wall" is vastly different from commuters within the Coastal mountain region.

The number of Daily Job Commuters who cross the Lake/Napa border with Mendocino/Sonoma is 8235.

The number that crosses the Lake/Napa border with Glenn/Colusa/Yolo is 193.

For every 1 person commuting between the Sacramento Valley and Napa/Lake counties there are more than 40 crossing the proposed District line between Napa/Lake and Sonoma/Mendocino.

The line between Napa/Lake and Sonoma/Mendocino MAKES NO SENSE!

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From: Larry Hanson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2011 19:51:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Larry Hanson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Lines for North Coastal District

Message Body:

The coastal communities have a lot in common and should be kept together.

This includes:

1. Rivers that flow to the coast that support endangered salmonids
2. Strong support for ocean and shoreline protection
3. Redwood parks throughout the district.
4. The 101 corridor is the main source of transportation that links the region together.
5. The region shares a coastal climate that affects agriculture and other economies.

Thank you.

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From: Stephen Scalmanini <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 02:53:38 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Stephen Scalmanini <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Good job so far

Message Body:

Congratulations on your first draft of new congressional districts. I am in Mendocino County and will appreciate being in the same district as the other coastal communities north of San Francisco, without being unduly influenced by the inland winegrape growing areas.

With sincere thanks,

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