

**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

**From:** Tom Wetter <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 21:56:03 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Tom Wetter <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Redistricting Proposal

Message Body:  
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
910 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this letter is to express the community of Lake Shastina's concerns and opposition to the proposed redistricting of Siskiyou County. Lake Shastina is the largest unincorporated community in Siskiyou County. As part of a geographically large, lightly populated County we are more aware than most of how difficult it is to get our needs and concerns acknowledged in Sacramento and Washington. To put it into perspective, our former and current Governors have never set foot in this County.

Our model of representative government is supposed to give the voters and taxpayers access to the system and a voice in the decisions that affect them. The whole purpose of designating voting districts is to help ensure access and that voice. The proposed redistricting of Siskiyou County provides less access and stifles what little voice we have now.

The voting districts in Siskiyou County, as they exist today, recognize the relationships, traditions, and local economic links that have developed over the last 161 years. The voters of our district have a right to local self-governance. The proposed new districts will split Siskiyou County in half. The new "NOCST/DELMENDO" district that splits the western half of our County would group 1/3rd of our population with coastal communities that are geographically remote and with whom we have little in common. The new "MTCAP" district would group our eastern residents with the desert communities that are east and south, again geographically remote, during winter months inaccessible, and whose needs and priorities don't line up well with those of us in Siskiyou County.

As President of the Lake Shastina Community Services District on behalf of my constituents and in concert with the other elected representatives in Siskiyou County, I ask the Commissioners to seek other alternatives to re-districting that would enhance our access to, and give us a louder voice in our government.

Sincerely,

Tom Wetter - President Lake Shastina Community Services District  
June 17, 2011

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

**From:** Anna Kay Short <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sat, 18 Jun 2011 00:19:49 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

June 17, 2011

**TO:** Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM;** Kay Short

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Weed, CA 96094

Dear Commissioners,

It is with great concern that I write to you regarding the redistricting of Siskiyou County. As president of the Governance Council of Golden Eagle Charter School, a Siskiyou County Home School based program consisting of 320 students ranging in grade from K-12. We have sites in Yreka, Weed and Mt. Shasta. We have students in areas at least as far east as Happy Camp and other students, as far north as Toelle Lake and as far south as Dunsmuir. The proposed redistricting would split our students and school sites into two districts, creating a major logistics problem.

I wonder how many members of the Redistricting Commission have ever visited Siskiyou County or tried to consider the ramifications of splitting the County. What sense does it make to split a County that already struggles to maintain unity in solving our problems? Our libraries are on life support and we, as a County are trying to deal with these problems.

All agencies in the County will probably share similar problems with your commission. I would like to invite you to come to Siskiyou County, spend a couple of days, visit agencies and schools and then continue to believe that the best wisdom is to split our County in half! We already struggle with "North County" and "South County" and the differences that exist. How can we now be asked to deal with "East County" and "West County". When the snows come we have trouble getting from Dunsmuir to Yreka on I-5. How do you expect us to get to the coast and over the mountains on the East.

Please reconsider the Redistricting and allow us to keep Siskiyou County in tact.

Sincerely,

Kay Short President  
Golden Eagle Charter School

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