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Message Body:
It is beyond ridiculous to link the northern segment of San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley with any part of the Silicon Valley. Please do not let this happen!

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I live in Santa Cruz Mountains, near to the San Lorenzo Valley area. We are currently 'represented' by a senator (Simitian) who is too busy with all of his voters in the Santa Clara Valley area (who have much larger voters numbers than those of us in Santa Cruz mountains). The problem is that we are an entirely different locality, environment, concerns and political views than the Santa Clara Valley people. We are entirely separated by a range of mountains. Our local concerns are very different and I feel we should be represented by a person who actually lives and works in the area (Santa Cruz, San Lorenzo Valley). Most of the county is represented by a local person, but not us in the San Lorenzo Valley area. We are represented by a person who does not live here and is mostly interested in issues affecting an entirely different area and environment. We have a great deal of somewhat wild area for an environment instead of paved built-up areas. It would seem to me that it is important that our Senator actually care about our environment, not the amount of cement covered area he represents. He does not have the time to be here. He has a very nice staff, but they are not the ones making decisions or voting for us.
Please consider including our area (San Lorenzo Valley)- Felton, Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Ben Lomond, Forest Lakes, Olympia, Bonnie Doon, Zayante, Lompico and other smaller localities) in the general Santa Cruz area instead of the Santa Clara Valley. Please look at a map and see that we are on the OTHER SIDE of the Santa Cruz Mountains from the Santa Clara Valley.
Thank you - I feel VERY strongly about this.
We are quite separated by geography and environment and should be appropriately represented.

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