**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Ilo McCoy <

**Date:** 7/23/2011 12:23 PM

To:

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Subject: Do not split Santa Cruz county in redistricting

## Message Body:

Santa Cruz and its outlying communities of Scotts Valley, Felton, Ben Lomond and Bonny Doon are a cohesive community with similar interests, values and needs. We share a culture that is far removed from that of bigger cities such as Los Gatos, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Mountain View. Separating us from our neighbors and attaching us to richer "over the hill" communities is essentially giving away our voice. It is essential that you keep these cities combined with Santa Cruz and even Monterey rather than redistrict us. Do not disenfranchise us from the greater political picture by silencing us thorough the redistricting process. Keep all of Santa Cruz Capitola, Scotts Valley and the surrounding communities districted together for our community's cultural cohesiveness, issues that matters to our coastal community, and for a viable political voice. Do not bury and silence us as a minority in a greater "over the hill" community unrelated to our cultures and geographi!

cal issues.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 7 - Santa Cruz

From: Hilary Bryant <

Date: 7/23/2011 10:33 PM

To:

From: Hilary Bryant <

Subject: Santa Cruz Redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the continued efforts you are making during this challenging process. I am writing to strongly oppose dividing the City of Santa Cruz into two separate Congressional Districts. Our voice in state government will be lost if the split in Santa Cruz is implemented.

It is my understanding that you have been presented with a revised map, which not only keeps the City of Santa Cruz unified, but would also do the same for Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. Please give this option your serious consideration, as our community's future depends on your actions.

Best regards, Hilary Bryant

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