To Whom it may concern.

I am the Mayor of Petaluma. I am serving in my second four year term in that capacity and have also served as an elected city council member. On behalf of the constituents who have elected me three times to office I am concerned about the positioning of Petaluma in the State Senatorial District as well as the exclusion of Petaluma from its Sonoma County neighbors in the congressional map that has been proposed.

The most important issue we face is transportation. Transportation by road as well as rail. We are working on a corridor project on highway 101 that requires cooperation at the state and federal level and we will wind up with different representatives than our immediate neighbors in various legislative bodies as we try to navigate our way through various jurisdictions and bodies. This could make an already difficult task more difficult or possibly impossible.

I am concerned the same will be true of the challenge for the funding and cooperation needed to implement the Sonoma Marin Rail Transit. Our community of interest is Sonoma County and we share many concerns and issues with our neighbors to the south in Marin. The assembly district recognizes this and joins us with Marin county. We need the same logic applied to our Congressional and State Senatorial Districts. There is a commonality of interests and challenges which can not be denied and should be accommodated.

Furthermore while Petaluma is not on the coast we share many issues and concerns of our neighbors on the coast. We are located at the top of the Bay and are a city which is in the process of revitalization with city centered development that appreciates the attributes of our river. On behalf of the many people that have voted for me many times I respectfully submit a request that the values that are represented in this correspondence be given every consideration as your body reviews for one final time the decision that has left Petaluma at the far end of district boundaries with other communities that are far away and may have issues that are perhaps far different than the special challenges we are facing at this particular point in time.

Sincerely,

David Glass
Mayor of Petaluma
While I can only guess how difficult your work must be, I request that Petaluma be repositioned with coastal, rather than inland communities, when the final maps for Congressional and State Senatorial Districts are drawn. Petaluma’s cultural and economic affiliation has long been rooted with the agricultural region lying between Petaluma and the coast.

Thank you for your consideration.

Edwin Orrett
Petaluma, CA  94952
I've lived in Petaluma for over 21 years. The present proposed new redistricting boundaries do not serve us well.

Petaluma should be included in a Congressional district that encompasses Sonoma County up to and just beyond Santa Rosa, and all of Marin county.

Our Senatorial district should look very much like the proposed Assembly district. If you need more population, include western Napa county, but not as far as Fairfield. However, including Santa Rosa in a district that reaches to the No. California border is also a mistake. If anything, it should be included with Petaluma's Assembly district.

So far, the Congressional and Senatorial proposals suck. Let's put like with like and make the above changes.

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Thank you for your service and diligence....I may not agree with all of the maps...I agree they are so much better than the ones we have had in the past.....

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AS A LONG TIME VOTER I WISH REGISTER MY DEEP CONCERN TO REDRAWING THE LINES; I AM
ADAMANT ABOUT THE NEED TO KEEP PETALUMA IN ALIGNMENT WITH MARIN COUNTY AND PROTECT THE
INTERESTS OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES

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