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Message Body:
The Congressional foothill district is a really good idea. Putting Madera County in with Amador, El Dorado, Calaveras, etc does not make sense. The southern foothill counties have little in common with the Mother Lode counties. When it comes to water rights, tourism and history, we have little in common or interest with the Fresno area or southern foothills. You might as well put them with Frisco. The foothill district should just be for the foothills. Just because including urban areas such as Sacramento, because you drive down the hill to shop does not make sense as some folks would like. I shop in Stockton, but have little in common with the city or its residents. We have no mutual interests other than commerce.

Galt should be included with their sphere of influence, which means they are part of Sacramento. Not Calistoga. A really bad idea. In addition, Lodi belongs with Stockton. They are joined at the hips. The two cities should be represented by the same legislators, period! Other than that the map looks really good.

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The way it is now, our district, in which resides my Calaveras County among others, is virtually controlled and influenced by the more populated, richer flatland Counties of the valley.

California's Mother Lode Counties have needs that are not relevant to the more westerly flatland counties, so little attention is given to our needs.

The new redistricting plan should give our counties our OWN representation, not diluted and overshadowed by more influential counties.

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