

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sutter

From: Dale Klever <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 9 Jul 2011 18:07:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dale Klever <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support of draft

Message Body:

Though born and raised in Ohio, I moved to the North Bay (Sonoma County) area while still in high school. I lived, worked and was married in Sonoma County. My wife and I watched our dream of buying a house jump out of reach in the '80s, during a housing boom. We moved to Sutter County over twenty years ago to realize our dream and live in an area that was compatible with our lifestyle. I find many similarities in the two areas and agree with the first draft of the Congressional District that Sutter shares with Napa and Sonoma. There is agriculture, like grapes, yes, Thompson Seedless were developed in Sutter. There are orchards and rice and beans. Luther Burbank lived in Sonoma County. Both areas are affected by Big Cities, as Sutter is close to Sacramento and Sonoma is close to San Francisco. Though, these areas do have their distinct differences too, I agree with the having this variety and the alignment of the District as drawn. Thank you for your consideration.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sutter

From: Jeannie Klever <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 9 Jul 2011 19:46:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeannie Klever <[REDACTED]>

Subject: First Draft Maps

Message Body:

Thank you for visiting us in Marysville last April. Although I attended the Public Input meeting only as an Observer, I especially appreciate how well the Commission listened to the bulk of public comments as was reflected in their first draft of maps by keeping Yuba and Sutter counties whole and together in all three maps. Thank you.

I am writing to you today specifically in regard to the First Draft of the Congressional Map. I've read the public comments from the counties involved and am particularly concerned with the comments from Sonoma County. Because I resided in Sonoma County from 1958-1990 and have lived and worked in both Sutter and Yuba counties for the past 21 years, I am very familiar with these counties and see more commonalities than differences among them.

All counties have ties to Agriculture; most of the farmers in Yuba, Sutter and Colusa are small family-owned Co-ops. Like Napa and parts of Sonoma county, Yuba, Sutter and Colusa share flood issues. Sutter County's population has 'boomed' in the past 10 years and as such, we have transportation issues (like Sonoma County mentions with Hwy.101), Sutter has Hwy.99 and Yuba has Hwy.70 with many commuter travelers back and forth to Sacramento each day for work. One Sonoma County comment mentioned 'fog'...In our area, we have 'valley fog'. While not coastal fog, fog is still an issue for us. I noted that Sonoma County's comments included concerns from the Audubon Society. A few years ago, the Audubon Society conducted a Study in the City of Marysville (Yuba County) and found 'the largest variety of birds ever recorded in the history of California!' Additionally, Sutter County has a Wildlife Sanctuary, Grey Lodge and Colusa County has one as well, The Colusa National Wildlife Refu!

ge. Fishing is very prominent in our area (with 4 rivers running through it) and we have many groups in place who work to protect our rivers and keep them clean. Additionally, in Sutter County, we have very prominent and influential group called, 'The Middle Mountain Foundation', a nonpolitical, nonprofit group dedicated to the preservation of the Sutter Buttes mountain range.

In essence, we are counties who care about environmental preservation and our farming is not how Sonoma County presents it.

This leads me to wonder (and this is my ultimate concern) if the underlying reason for the bulk of the negative Sonoma County comments are politically generated. It is common knowledge that Sonoma is a Democratic County and Yuba, Sutter and Colusa are primarily Republican. Out of respect to this Commission, I hope that this is not the case.

I encourage you to consider keeping the East-West Congressional lines on your second Draft.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration.

--

This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission