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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commission Members,

We believe you have made an error in your attempted drawing of new district lines for Northern California. You have a difficult task and many issues to balance however the lines you have drawn for the North State are fatally flawed.

You have drafted districts that may meet the population guidelines but they violate everything that is truly important in Propositions 11 and 20. You have lumped portions of the far northern reaches of the state with Sacramento- why? Simply adding population from Sacramento into a district primarily comprised of rural agricultural counties is not a constant community of interest.

You have received hundreds of comments from the north state and the message is simple: keep us away from the coast and the delta and draft districts based on our major economic connections of transportation infrastructure. There should be an I-5, Hwy 395 and a Hwy 101 district. The North State should not stretch into Yolo or Sacramento Counties if it can be helped.

Major flaws exist in your maps published on July 11th, yet there are simple ways to alter the drawn districts that will be more consistent with regard to communities of interest and simply more logical.

State Senate:

Please remove Siskiyou County, Shasta County, the City of Lincoln, the City of Rocklin as well as surrounding rural agricultural areas of Placer County from the Mt. Cap district and place them in the more appropriate Yuba District. Next, remove Roseville, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, Carmichael and as much Sacramento County as possible from the Yuba District and place them in the Mt. Cap district.

These changes only affect the Yuba and the Mt. Cap districts and have no effect on any other lines. Yet these changes create a much more logical and community minded district layout. By keeping the I-5 communities together and removing large suburban and urban areas from the Yuba District you are creating a more balanced agriculturally consistent and economically similar district. Additionally, by shifting Roseville and Sacramento Counties to the Mt. Cap district you keep established communities together in Sacramento and the very important Roseville/ Sacramento infrastructure link consolidated in one district.

State Assembly:

Shasta County should be located in the Yuba District and populations should be shifted in Butte to make this accommodation. The economic connections created by the I-5 corridor are very important and are a significant link between our communities. Siskiyou County would also be a very logical addition to this district but since the commission has decided that Yuba County must be linked with Sutter County the populations cannot work.

These are very simple changes and are truly the most logical choices for creating districts. Those of us who have lived here for decades know the basis of our communities and work together to improve our lives. Please don't split our well-established regions. We hope you will grant us this easy change and improve upon the work you have done.

Sincerely,

