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Redistricting Advisory Committee:

Sunday evening (9/26), I listened to most of the redistricting advisory committee meeting but was unable to comment at the time. Thank you for the information on redistricting and for providing the opportunity to comment. Hopefully you will be able to consider these email comments as you work on redistricting recommendations.

I am a resident in the semi-rural area just north of Fortuna. Like others at the meeting, I believe rural communities throughout Humboldt County have very different interests than urban areas of the County. Rural voters generally have very different perspectives on issues like county road maintenance, public safety, fire protection, agriculture, and economic development opportunities than voters in the most urban parts of Humboldt County. Because of this, I encourage the Advisory Committee to put rural areas together so their voice is not lost.

When considering the differences between rural and the most urban areas, it is worth considering that communities like Ferndale and Fortuna, for example, do fit pretty well with the surrounding rural areas. In contrast, cities like Arcata and Eureka are the most urban areas (not SFO but urban for Humboldt) have very little in common with rural areas. I encourage the Committee to consider this when making mapping recommendations and work to make sure the voice of rural voters is not lost to overwhelming urban interests.

It isn't my personal community of interest, but one issue that resonated with me when I heard it on the call was the idea of connecting the residents in the West part of Eureka that rent with the residents of Arcata, many of whom also rent. It makes a lot of sense to connect this community of interest in a district.

Thank you for considering these comments. I was really impressed with the ideas I heard at the advisory committee meeting. I believe that if some of the ideas mentioned could be implemented (the population and mapping sounds complicated) it would really help align the interests of our communities better.

Thanks for all your work!

Jack