

**Humboldt County Census Redistricting  
Community Outreach Workshops  
Public Input Summary  
September 26, 2021**

**Meeting Recording Link:**

<https://humboldtstate.zoom.us/rec/share/9ybnQNtYotroYpdICQMLPn4EmrK3mHOc-6jc1gkKw374EIxoTGIFKJGVMhIM8Gql.qbObkclwHoUZmMGA>

**Presentations (view meeting recording for details)**

- County of Humboldt 2021 Redistricting Community Outreach- *California Center for Rural Policy*
- Demonstration of DistrictR Mapping Software- *Redistricting Partners*

**Public Comments Related to Communities of Interest**

- I live out in the Kneeland area and I don't like being in the Arcata district. We've got a whole different school district, fire district, volunteers, Humboldt Bay Fire, and the Sheriffs. We worry about response time when we are here and we are overpowered by Arcata. We also have an active Grange out here. I don't think we should be in a district with Arcata.
- After speaking with several Freshwater people, it seems like there's consensus to support the rural districts and drop Arcata. The popular consensus is to support the rural districts.
- I moved here 8 years ago to go to HSU. I couldn't find a place to rent at the time and ended up moving into an apartment in Eureka by Target. I'm still living there and like the area but it's an overflow for HSU in that area. A lot of people in the neighborhood work or go to school at HSU. We have a lot in common with the community of Arcata. If Freshwater wants to drop Arcata, we could take them.
- I have been a renter for many years in west Eureka area (California & Clark Sts). I've come to realize that we align better with Arcata because there's a lot of renters and college students here. The public services needed in my area are the same as in Arcata, one of which is transportation needs. West Eureka has more in common with Arcata than it does with the rest of the Eureka area. Everyday interests are a better fit with Arcata interests. Thanks to the committee for considering input.
  - Follow up Q: What do you define west Eureka as?
  - Answer: West Eureka is the post office by Clark St. to Angelo's Pizza. There are a lot of renters in this area.
  - Redistricting Partners can pull data on renters in the area

- I live in South Eureka, south of the golf course. We've always been aligned with Rex's district, but we are more a part of Eureka. I never understood why we aren't aligned with Eureka. We depend on the water and sewer and all those kinds of issues and it seems we should be more connected to Bass's district than Rex's. Logistically, it makes more sense than being connected to a rural district south of us.
- I do not think Loleta and Ferndale and the rest of our rural communities have any common interest with the lumbar hills area or any part of Eureka city at large. Rural communities should be represented by rural supervisors.
- I have lived in Kneeland for quite a while and being aligned with Arcata doesn't serve our interests for a lot of the issues that surround rural property owners. They aren't things that come up a lot in Arcata so if there was a way to align more with rural districts that would be my vote.
  - Follow up Q: Are there any districts you would like to be more aligned with, or just not Arcata?
  - Answer: Just more rural.
- I live on the west side of Eureka. I came tonight to bring up this process of comparing the west side of Eureka with Arcata and the population there. We have a lot of families living in rental homes here and so does Arcata. We also have an abundance of public transport in the west side that would match up good with Arcata's public transportation. When it comes time for public consideration for redistricting, I'd appreciate it if you'd consider these ideas.
  - Follow up Q: Anything more specific on boundaries of west Eureka?
  - Answer: I live right in the middle of what I call the west Eureka. I would say that's W. Henderson St., down to Broadway, over to the riverwalk railroad, and downtown to second street.
- Calling in from Fortuna. I just hope that Fortuna stays in District 2. I appreciate the work and the efforts going through this process. I know it's an important one but I'd like to see Fortuna stay in District 2. I do know that District 1 encompasses a lot of rural areas and that it's a tough fit to get the amount of people and the population. With the Lumbar Hill area, there's a lot of differences with the folks that live in the rural district and the folks that live close to that Eureka area so maybe some changes in that area.