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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Re: State Senate District Boundaries

Dear Commission,

Winegrowers is a non-profit organization of winery, vineyard, and grape growing members with the mission to advance policy that preserves sustainable agriculture as the highest and best use of the natural resources while protecting the ability of wineries to produce, market, and sell wine. We offer the following comments on the redistricting plans for California.

First, it is critical to maintain all of Napa County in one district. Napa County’s southern border starts in American Canyon and while its zip code may be associated with a Vallejo post office, American Canyon is an essential part of the community and Napa County. We urge you to preserve the geographic integrity of the valley by keeping Napa County intact.

Additionally, Winegrowers encourages the Commission to preserve the geographic integrity and respect the common social and economic interests shared by Lake, Yolo, Sonoma and Napa counties. Common interests include, the wine and tourism industries, regional watersheds, similar rural and agricultural lifestyles, and long-standing governmental partnerships.

In order to ensure that our elected official is responsive to the voters in our community, it is essential that our State Senate District be comprised of voters with similar interests. Therefore, we encourage the Commission to keep all of Napa County together as well as recognize the significant agricultural importance of maintaining the counties of Lake, Yolo, Sonoma and Napa in one district.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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