To the Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to ask you to keep the North Coast together during redistricting because

- Timberland along the North Coast is consistent and unlike the pine-dominated counties to the east.
- The Redwood Highway which runs from the Golden Gate to Oregon provides the primary artery through the North Coast, carrying goods and people through the region.
- The coastal redwoods provide tourist destinations that should be managed in a unified way.
- Agriculture and fisheries share the same issues on the whole North Coast. Climate change will affect these counties differently than those inland.
- State agencies keep these counties together (North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Caltrans District 1).
- The culture of these counties is similar, but dissimilar to more inland counties.

Our ecology, culture, and business are fairly uniform through the North Coast, and we wish to preserve that.

Thank you,

Judy Popowski