

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE  
URGING THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO  
COMBINE ALL OF LAKE COUNTY WITHIN THE SAME UNITED STATES  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND TO KEEP ALL OF LAKE COUNTY WITHIN  
THE SAME STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the passage of Proposition 20 by California voters in 2010, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is responsible to establish new District boundaries based on information gathered through the decennial Census; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County was split into two Congressional Districts after the 2010 Census, with Lakeport, Kelseyville and the southern part of the County included in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District with portions of Napa and Sonoma Counties; and Clearlake and the northern part of the County included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District with all or portions of Colusa, Glenn, Solano, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the current 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District wraps around the City of Clearlake on three sides, but does not include the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria of the Commission state, *“Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible”*; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria of the Commission state, *“Districts should be geographically compact, that is, have a fairly regular shape”*; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County qualifies as a community of interest based on the definition in the California Constitution, *“A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process.”*; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria of the Commission and intent of the California Constitution are best accomplished by ensuring the entirety of Lake County is represented in each district rather than being segregated; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County is geographically distinct and includes natural features that have created a well-defined and largely homogenous community within its borders; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County, and particularly the City of Clearlake, is a region rich in Native American history and accompanying cultural resources. Keeping this region connected under a unified Congressional District will help protect and advocate for their interests; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County shares many interests with Napa and Sonoma Counties, including similar agricultural, geothermal and tourism industries, and regional watersheds and water rights; and

**WHEREAS**, State Senate and Assembly Districts both incorporate all of Lake County as one unit and include all or portions of both Napa and Sonoma County;

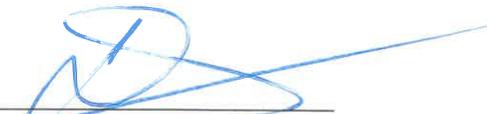
**WHEREAS**, these points of common interest provide strong ties both within Lake County and with our southern neighbors, and long-term relationships among our three counties, making common, effective, and fair representation and advocacy in a shared Congressional District with the entirety of Lake County truly critical.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The City Council of the City of Clearlake strongly urges the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to rejoin all of Lake County with our neighbors in Napa and Sonoma County within the same United States Congressional District, and to keep all of Lake County within our current State Senate and Assembly Districts, to provide the most logical, efficient and effective representation possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on September 16, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Perdock, Councilmembers Overton, Cremer and Claffey  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

  
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Mayor, City of Clearlake

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk, City of Clearlake

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