

**Public Comment 11-19-21 3:00 PM through 11-28-21 9:00 AM**

Date	Name	Notes
11/19/2021	Susan Upchurch	Previously worked as district 5 director for 11 years and there was incredible discrepancy between the districts. The new (proposed) district 3 to include only 6% of unincorporated areas is a travesty and should not pass.
11/21/2021	Lynette McLean	Objects the currently proposed redistricting map (as of Nov. 21) which adds part of Rohnert Park to District 5.
11/21/2021	Kate Haug	Supports the inclusion of Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/22/2021	Chris Stoessel	Disagrees with the proposal to include Rohnert Park in District 5.
11/22/2021	Lisa Fiorelli	Requests to leave the current district map as it exists. Do not put the city of Rohnert Park into District 5.
11/22/2021	Nick Anton	Strongly objects to Map 51162 which cuts Rohnert Park in half and prefers map 73407 which keeps Rohnert Park as the city it is.
11/22/2021	Alexis Averbuck	Opposed to adding more of Rohnert Park to district 5. Requests to consider Eric Koenigshoefer's map.
11/23/2021	John Pawson	Feels Eric's (Koenigshoefer) map makes better sense than the consultants map.
11/24/2021	Anastasia Rolland	Left a voicemail stating she is opposed to placing Rohnert Park in district 5.
11/24/2021	Christina Meyer	Feels the ARC did not do their job properly by not providing multiple maps, choices, options. Provides his opinion regarding map #73407, 81153, and 51162 and requests the supervisors listen to the outcry and proposed solutions.
11/25/2021	Rosemarie White	Requests to keep the entire Bennett Valley area intact as part of district 1.
11/26/2021	Ken and Karen Adelson	Supports keeping Bennett Valley intact and as part of district 1.
11/27/2021	Michael Mansfield	Requests to vote for a redistricting map that keeps Bennett Valley intact and a part of district 1.
11/28/2021	Fred Allebach	Support the ARC map and feels it is the right choice at the right time, and provided 5 points to support his opinion.

11/28/2021	Sandra Stribling	Requests to keep district 5 intact and is opposed to the proposed map.
11/28/2021	Dave Ransom	Responded to Fred Allebach comments.
11/28/2021	Dallas Saunders	States rural Sonoma county is under represented overall.
11/28/2021	Tim Bosma	Request to keep Bennett Valley under one supervisor.
11/28/2021	Alina Haigler	Opposes the current plan to redefine Sonoma County districts. Requests to keep the map as is or consider Eric Koenigshofer's map.
11/29/2021	Luci Nelson	Request to keep Bennett Valley intact and part of district 1.
11/29/2021	Richard Rudnansky	Requests to keep Bennett Valley and Bennett Ridge unified within in district 1.

**From:** [Susan Upchurch](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Cc:** [Lynda Hopkins](#); [James Gore](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Leo Chyi](#); [Andrea Krout](#); [Jenny Chamberlain](#); [Sheryl Bratton](#); [Christina Rivera](#)  
**Subject:** District 3 impacts...  
**Date:** Friday, November 19, 2021 2:50:03 PM

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EXTERNAL

Hello:

I worked as the District 5 District Director for 11 years. There was an incredible discrepancy in the workload between the Districts. This was primarily due to constituent services and demands.

For the new District 3 to include only 6% of unincorporated areas is a travesty.

That District will have no experience serving the needs of the unincorporated areas or understanding the impacts of Board decisions on them, but will have an equal vote in matters that directly affect them. This is just plain wrong headed and very unfair to the constituents who rely on the Board for their services.

Under the current district division, there was already a huge imbalance.

Unjust and unfair...this should not pass.

Best,

Susan Upchurch

“Ring the bells that still can ring  
forget your perfect offerings  
There is a crack in everything, that’s how the light gets in”

Leonard Cohen

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**From:** [Kate Haug](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** Put Rohnert Park into District 5  
**Date:** Sunday, November 21, 2021 6:30:10 PM

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**EXTERNAL**

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I live in Sebastopol and support the inclusion of Rohnert Park in District 5. I think that the inclusion of Rohnert Park into District 5 would be good for Western Sonoma County. We need more overlap and interface between the more urban parts of Sonoma County and the more rural parts of Sonoma County so that solutions to problems like climate change, infrastructure, water and the economy are made with both urban and rural communities in mind; solutions in the County must work for both populations to be successful. We need common problem solving between the rural and urban on these major issues to make sure that all communities are represented.

Best,

Kate Haug  
Sebastopol

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**From:** [Lynette McLean](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Cc:** [Lynette McLean](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Map Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 21, 2021 1:25:23 PM

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## EXTERNAL

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
Re: Proposed Redistricting Map

We are writing to voice our objection and concern regarding the currently proposed redistricting map (as of November 21) which adds part of Rohnert Park to District 5.

This proposal will not assist either the residents of Rohnert Park nor the residents of West County. It enlarges in an unwieldy way an already large district and will make it more difficult for District 5's Supervisor to manage the needs of the district. The proposal appears to be done by people with no local knowledge or understanding. Enlarging a district to balance population needs should be done with the best interests of the bulk of the district in mind. By that we refer to the LAND. Adding Rohnert Park would add 48% of the voting population to District 5 that would have a completely different set of needs than the majority of the population (52%) that live on the majority of the land. This would make it much more difficult to take care of many of the big issues that face District 5 currently.

We support Eric Koenigshofer's map proposal as it provides more practical boundaries for each district and also meets the need to unite Roseland and Moorland as well as balances the population between districts (which appears to be the primary considerations for the redistricting).

His map expands the boundaries of District 5 in ways that add population and still keeps the district more compact than the currently proposed map. This is important because no other supervisor has to cover such a large territory. EVERY POSSIBLE effort should be made to keep the district as compact as possible. This helps the voting population as the issues we are faced with are more common to all of us as opposed to only approximately half of us. As he has also had the privilege of being supervisor for District 5 - he is well qualified to make this recommendation.

Adding Rohnert Park to District 5 would effectively split the district into 2 seperate sections and serve neither.

Thank you,

Lynette and Kenneth McLean  
P O Box 1684  
Guerneville, CA 95446  
707-486-4904

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**From:** [Nick Anton](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** map unreasonable  
**Date:** Monday, November 22, 2021 3:35:06 PM

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EXTERNAL

My husband and I were out of Santos Rosa from mid-Sept. to early Nov. SO we are just now hearing the plans for redistricting.

I want to STRONGLY object to Map 51162 which cuts Rohnert Park in half. How does this “fit” with the idea of balancing diversity to give voice to those NOT in cities?

I much prefer Map 73407 which keeps Rohnert Park as the city it is, putting it with Roseland to give strength to Rohnert Park’s large Hispanic population.

Please don’t be hasty in approving a map that is so strongly objected to and will last 10 years!

Marcia Anton

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**From:** [Alexis Averbuck](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed redistricting map and the 5th District Addition of Rhonert Park  
**Date:** Monday, November 22, 2021 6:22:22 PM

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**EXTERNAL**

Hi,

I am completely opposed to adding more of Rhonert Park to the 5th District. The current redistricting map that is being proposed smacks of something created by an out-of-the-area contractor who does not consider the level of disconnect between Rohnert Park and the rural and unincorporated West County.

Can you please consider Eric Koenighoefer's map:

<https://districtr.org/plan/81153?fbclid=IwAR1OGJ3gt8NUp2uIwKZayZeSBzs-d5RqCUdQiRoh6p21bt1KUHzyVLovKhfU>

Can you please maximize the rural area of West County and the Coast (expanding the 5th District's boundaries as Koenighoefer shows or thereabouts), and leave the majority of Rohnert Park with Petaluma, who have many more shared interests?

Thank you,  
Alexis

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**To:** [Susan Gorin](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)  
**Cc:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Date:** Monday, November 22, 2021 3:24:04 PM

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## EXTERNAL

Please DON'T....! Please leave the current district map as it exists! Don't not put the city of Rohnert Park into District 5. That makes no sense and I worry what it will do to the rural character of this district which not only provides a way of life for its residents but also tourist revenue for the entire county of Sonoma.

Thanks,

Lisa Fiorelli

Coffee Lane, Sebastopol

[girlie@earthlink.net](mailto:girlie@earthlink.net)

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**From:** [Chris H Stoessel](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting - District 5 - alternatives to flawed Rohnert Park proposal  
**Date:** Monday, November 22, 2021 10:49:42 AM

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## EXTERNAL

Dear Redistricting Commission, Supervisor Hopkins,

as a registered voter and full-time resident of Bodega Bay I am following with great interest the redistricting process, especially for District 5.

The proposal to include Rohnert Park in District 5 to balance the re-allocation of Roseland and Moorland is a very bad idea. Rohnert Park would completely shift District 5's balance and investment priorities to a relatively small and unrepresentative urban population center of an otherwise overwhelmingly rural / coastal District 5 that is in desperate need to retain the investments needed to support a dispersed and rural part of Sonoma County heavily impacted by tourism. While the flawed Rohnert Park proposal may technically satisfy population statistics, it completely ignores the structural and cultural inequities it would introduce to District 5.

Commissioner Eric Koenigshofer and Supervisor Hopkins recently presented an interesting alternative that accomplishes the required population adjustments while maintaining a cohesive character for District 5. I have reviewed the draft / proposal, and wholeheartedly **support Supervisor Hopkins' latest proposal** - it is a creative and much more constructive alternative to the deeply flawed Rohnert Park option.

I urge the Redistricting Commission to **adopt the new proposal developed by Supervisor Hopkins** as presented by Commissioner Koenigshofer for District 5.

Thank you for the diligence you invest into an equitable redistricting process, and considering public stakeholder input like mine.

Respectfully,

Chris Stoessel  
Bodega Bay



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**From:** [John Pawson](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** Please consider Eric koenigshoffers map.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:44:23 PM

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**EXTERNAL**

Dear BOS, I think Eric's map makes much more sense than the Arizona consultants. Why does the BOS favor the Arizona consultants map? It takes in all or most of Rohnert park which makes zero sense. Just because you paid them money doesn't make it right, right?

Link to map: [https://districtr.org/plan/80957?  
fbclid=IwAR0POQQ5tl1rGqLphTTGKakY3wMBDEX4L9VoOa32\\_jae0mbQ4FRA3I5rD88](https://districtr.org/plan/80957?fbclid=IwAR0POQQ5tl1rGqLphTTGKakY3wMBDEX4L9VoOa32_jae0mbQ4FRA3I5rD88)

John Pawson  
West county voter

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**To:** [BOS](#)  
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**Subject:** Redistricting 2021  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 5:04:27 PM

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## EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisors:

The Advisory Redistricting Commission was tasked with submitting maps to the Board of Supervisors. Maps, not map. Choices. Options. Variations to study and assess. By not presenting multiple maps to study they did not do their job properly. That is wrong and not what the Commission was meant to do.

The State's Redistricting Commission produced a first set of maps for redistricting on all levels of government. There was an outcry from several districts and the Commission took the maps back to rework them. Sonoma County's Redistricting Commission presented one map, there has been an outcry from the two districts most affected and the Board ignores them. Imagine if the entire state allowed for only one map to be presented and voted for that map and ignored any appeals from districts involved. It's ludicrous yet it seems to be what this Board is doing.

2 maps, 73407 and 81153 have been submitted for review. One was submitted by Rohnert Park in District 3 and other map was submitted by Koenigshofer in District 5. There was no collaboration at all yet these two maps are so similar you have to zoom into the street names to see the differences in the maps. When two separate areas submit maps that are this similar the Board should feel obligated to study and consider one of these as replacement for map 51162. These are the very communities affected by map 51162 and they are speaking out. Listen to them.

Another troublesome aspect of map 51162 is that the Supervisor of District 3 would be accountable to and listen to input from only one voice, Santa Rosa. As far as I can ascertain this has not happened before in the history of Sonoma County. Supervisors have always represented multiple geographic communities in their districts. Districts where they represent varied interests, not just one. In a city this may be appropriate but not for the County. It is inappropriate in a County this size that the Board would allow for that.

Work for the best interests of our County. Listen to the outcry and proposed solutions. There are valid reasons for it.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINA MEYER  
1008 Hawthorne Circle  
Rohnert Park

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**Cc:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Message from WIRELESS CALLER (917073211425)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 2:11:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [VoiceMessage.wav](#)

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Caller: Anastasia Rowant of 565 Vikingstrand Bodega Bay

RE: Opposition to placing Rhonert Park in district 5

707-321-1425

**From:** Voicemail <unityconnection@voicemail.sonoma-county.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** bos-2241-um@voicemail.sonoma-county.org  
**Subject:** Message from WIRELESS CALLER (917073211425)

**From:** [Arielle Kubu-Jones](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bennett Valley  
**Date:** Sunday, November 28, 2021 9:48:00 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rosemarie White <dollydoxie@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 11:50 AM  
To: Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>  
Subject: Bennett Valley

EXTERNAL

Ms. Goren, please keep the entire Bennett Valley area intact as part of District One. We do not want it split up.

Thank you,

Rosemarie White

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**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** FW: KEEP BENNETT VALLEY WHOLE!  
**Date:** Monday, November 29, 2021 8:46:27 AM

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**From:** Michael Mansfield <[michael@mansfieldfamily.com](mailto:michael@mansfieldfamily.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 27, 2021 5:49 PM  
**To:** Susan Gorin <[Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org)>  
**Subject:** KEEP BENNETT VALLEY WHOLE!

**EXTERNAL**

Hi Susan and I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Please vote for a redistricting map that keeps Bennett Valley intact and a part of District 1.

Thanks,

Michael Mansfield  
6628 Bennett Valley Rd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
[michael@mansfieldfamily.com](mailto:michael@mansfieldfamily.com)  
707 545-7217  
Cell 650 400-5440

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**From:** [Arielle Kubu-Jones](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting BOS Districts  
**Date:** Sunday, November 28, 2021 9:46:29 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Adelson <kjadelson@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 3:30 PM  
To: Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>  
Cc: Karen Adelson <karenadelson@gmail.com>  
Subject: Redistricting BOS Districts

EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisor Gorin:

As long-time residents of Bennett Valley, we strongly support keeping BV intact and as part of District 1.

We understand that you share our desire in this regard, for which we are most appreciative. We have reviewed communications to you from other BV residents that describe the many cogent reasons for keeping BV intact and as part of District 1. We subscribe to those same reasons.

Thank you for considering our view on this important topic.

Sincerely,

Ken and Karen Adelson  
6640 Sonoma Mountain Road  
Santa Rosa 95404

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**To:** [Redistricting2021](#); [district5](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [district4](#); [James Gore](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [BOS](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting public comment (345 words/ three minutes)  
**Date:** Sunday, November 28, 2021 5:55:19 AM  
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## EXTERNAL

Fred Allebach

11/28/21

**Redistricting public comment** (345 words/ three minutes)

In a county riven with shocking inequity indicators centered on the Latinx demographic, the ARC map is the right choice at the right time.

Five points.

**One.** Making a nod to stronger enfranchisement of the Roseland/ Moorland community of interest is a solid move and one that shows the BOS can make hard decisions based on compelling Census data rather than caving to the loudest voices.

**Two.** Cities exist independently of county supervisors, run their own affairs, seek their own monies and funds, and compete as often as cooperate. Four supervisors end up primarily representing unincorporated areas anyway.

**Three.** It doesn't matter what district Rohnert Park is in bc the city will continue to stay centered in its own affairs. With RP whole, district boundaries are mostly symbolic.

**Four.** I expect all supervisors to work for the good of the whole county, to be fair in dividing up any bacon, and to see all county residents as constituents, and not treat each district as a separate fiefdom bc many issues call for three votes that then affect individual districts. (For example, the coming vote on the Permit Sonoma/ Sonoma Developmental Center land use alternative.) The idea that RP will dominate the 5<sup>th</sup> District would mean that three votes could never see what was fair for unincorporated areas.

**Five.** Maybe the incorporated / unincorporated issue is critical after all and that should have been more part of the Redistricting-equity discussion. Areas like the Springs in the 1<sup>st</sup> District consistently get the short end of the stick compared to neighboring Sonoma. Cities tend to externalize housing and equity onto adjacent unincorporated areas. IMO, the real solution to addressing under-represented, disadvantaged communities in contiguous urban areas is not BOS redistricting but rather for cities to annex these communities and for cities to then have their own district elections.

**Conclusion**

Stay the course with the ARC map. A county-wide city annexation study should be made, and cities helped by the county to annex areas like the Springs.

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**Subject:** FW: Redistricting Map  
**Date:** Monday, November 29, 2021 8:45:36 AM

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**To:** Susan Gorin <[Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org)>; David Rabbitt <[David.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org](mailto:David.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org)>; Chris Coursey <[Chris.Coursey@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Chris.Coursey@sonoma-county.org)>; Lynda Hopkins <[Lynda.Hopkins@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Lynda.Hopkins@sonoma-county.org)>; district4 <[district4@sonoma-county.org](mailto:district4@sonoma-county.org)>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Map

## EXTERNAL

Dear Supervisors,

Bennett Valley is in danger of being split in two by the redistricting efforts going on now. It makes no sense to divide a community that has its own school district, fire station, the Grange, and a Supervisor-adopted Area Plan that clearly describes the boundaries of our community.

Bennett Valley has been a recognized community for 40+ years and we've been residents for most of those years. This would be destructive to our community and possibly the longstanding Bennett Valley Area Plan.

Please keep Bennett Valley under one supervisor!

Tim Bosma

Sally McCarthy

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**To:** [Redistricting2021](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Love West County? Please help protect it!  
**Date:** Monday, November 29, 2021 8:46:13 AM

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**From:** Alina Haigler <alinahaigler@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Love West County? Please help protect it!

## EXTERNAL

To the Honorable Supervisors Gorin, Rabbitt, Gore, Hopkins and Coursey,

I am writing to express my opposition to the current plan to redefine Sonoma County's districts. The current proposal on the table that merges Rohnert Park with District 5 (West County) will not serve to help either those living in Rohnert Park or those of us in West County. I live in a very rural and remote part of West County, just at the edge of the SW footprint of the 2020 Walbridge Fire. The issues my neighbors and I deal with on a daily basis are very different than those of the residents of Rohnert Park.

The unincorporated areas in the LRR have historically struggled to get equitable shares of county revenue to deal with the myriad problems which are magnified in the absence of city government. We have roads that are in dangerous levels of disrepair, we are decades behind on the effort to reduce fuel along emergency evacuation routes, we have drought induced water shortages that impact humans as well as wildlife habitat, and we have continuing difficulties of dealing with unsheltered people who are creating dangerous conditions in the forests and along the waterways.

Please think about how the needs of those of us in the rural community will be diluted by the voters in a suburban area before you continue with this current plan. The lower Russian River area is a jewel in Sonoma County. If you, like me, love West County, help protect West County. Consider either leaving the map as is, or consider Eric Konigshofer's map.

Sincerely,

Alina Haigler  
19711 Old Cazadero Road  
Guerneville

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**Cc:** [Redistricting2021](#); [district5](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [district4](#); [James Gore](#); [David Rabbitt](#); [BOS](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting public comment (345 words/ three minutes)  
**Date:** Sunday, November 28, 2021 11:29:33 AM

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**EXTERNAL**

Hi, Fred —

I understand points One and Three.

In Two, I don't understand how four supervisors end up primarily representing unincorporated areas. Do you mean they end up representing areas that are primarily unincorporated by area (but are dominated by more populous incorporated areas)?

In Four, the votes of the supervisors of which three districts could never see what was fair?

In Five, if the stats you gave us earlier are correct, it's not the City of Sonoma which drives District One, it's Santa Rosa (Oakmont and Bennett Valley).

One possible alternative: two supervisorial districts for Santa Rosa (recognizing that it's two-fifths of the population and giving the majority of S/R that's working class a chance at electing a supe) . . . and three for the rest of the county, unconnected to S/R.

As it is, S/R is divided among four districts and has elected three supes at times.

— Dave

\* \* \* \* \*

On Nov 28, 2021, at 5:54 AM, Fred Allebach <[fallebach@gmail.com](mailto:fallebach@gmail.com)> wrote:

Fred Allebach

11/28/21

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**Two.** Cities exist independently of county supervisors, run their own affairs, seek their own

monies and funds, and compete as often as cooperate. Four supervisors end up primarily representing unincorporated areas anyway.

**Three.** It doesn't matter what district Rohnert Park is in bc the city will continue to stay centered in its own affairs. With RP whole, district boundaries are mostly symbolic.

**Four.** I expect all supervisors to work for the good of the whole county, to be fair in dividing up any bacon, and to see all county residents as constituents, and not treat each district as a separate fiefdom bc many issues call for three votes that then affect individual districts. (For example, the coming vote on the Permit Sonoma/ Sonoma Developmental Center land use alternative.) The idea that RP will dominate the 5<sup>th</sup> District would mean that three votes could never see what was fair for unincorporated areas.

**Five.** Maybe the incorporated / unincorporated issue is critical after all and that should have been more part of the Redistricting-equity discussion. Areas like the Springs in the 1<sup>st</sup> District consistently get the short end of the stick compared to neighboring Sonoma. Cities tend to externalize housing and equity onto adjacent unincorporated areas. IMO, the real solution to addressing under-represented, disadvantaged communities in contiguous urban areas is not BOS redistricting but rather for cities to annex these communities and for cities to then have their own district elections.

### **Conclusion**

Stay the course with the ARC map. A county-wide city annexation study should be made, and cities helped by the county to annex areas like the Springs.

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## EXTERNAL

As a resident of Northern Sonoma County, I feel that our unincorporated areas in Districts 4 & 5 end up being under represented. By using only strict statistics to set the boundaries those of us living in areas with a lower population and larger area are not well represented. County tax dollars for our districts end up being allocated to the areas to the South with denser population. We are not seeing our true share of tax dollars and we have to watch while funding and programs even for our minority population members are spent in the more centralized areas of our county with denser population.

Our rural residents need better representation and these district lines pull the attention of our supervisors away from the needs of a vast areas of the county and centralize them in areas where there are more voters.

Sincerely,  
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“To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan and not quite enough time.” – Leonard Bernstein

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## EXTERNAL

Please keep the rural nature of District 5 intact. While population increases require redistricting, the idea of placing the City of Rohnert Park with the West County is a clear destruction of the rural rights of Sonoma County. Add other rural parts, but leave out cities that will dilute and/or destroy the voting power value of the West County voters. The City of Rohnert Park should be kept separate and out of District 5. Please group rural parts of Petaluma, west of Highway 101 up north and inland without more incorporated cities.

The proposed map is destructive for every West County community. It is unacceptable. The West is far poorer demographically with no resources. The majority of the vote is controlled by incorporated cities and includes a casino with access to tens of millions to inject into elections. This makes no sense since it isn't part of the West County in any way.

I suggest more districts, not contorting and gerrymandering to stop rural voters from having any representation or say.

Thank you,  
Sandra Stribling  
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**EXTERNAL**

Please vote for a Redistricting Map that keeps Bennett Valley Intact and part of District 1!  
! KEEP BENNETT VALLEY WHOLE !

Please and Thank You,  
Luci Nelson  
Bennett Valley Citizen

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## EXTERNAL

Susan

I ask that not only vote for keeping Bennett Valley and Bennett Ridge unified within in District One but that you also strongly advocate for that result with the rest of the BOS.

I have looked at this issue from all perspectives including the so-called guidelines and from my perspective it makes absolutely no sense to split up BennetValley. Keeping Bennett Valley unified meets all the guidelines.

Please be a strong voice for keeping all of Bennett Valley/Ridge in District One.

Thank you.

Rich

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