

**Humboldt County**  
**Community of Interest Public Testimony**  
**Email Submission as of 9.30.21**

**COI Public Testimony**

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## Humboldt County COI worksheet response

As a resident of the City of Arcata, my current COI is the area within the city boundaries as well as the sphere of influence for the city, and I am in District 3 of Humboldt County. Boundaries are artificial and arbitrary. If we have to have the county divided into districts, we might be better served if supervisors were required to rotate and serve each district for a specified amount of time. After viewing the COI power point slides, from my perspective the examples of what constitutes a COI perpetuates systemic racism and socioeconomic classes [read "Freedom to Discriminate" by Gene Slater].

In 1992, I moved to Humboldt County and lived in the unincorporated area of Dow's Prairie, McKinleyville; in 2006 I moved to Arcata where I could have more voice/representation with the at-large city council, where I could walk to work at HSU and all the businesses/services that I need, walk to and through the marsh and community forest and agricultural lands in the bottom, walk to Arcata Playhouse for musical/theatrical performances, walk to the plaza [a true town center because it was included/built before the automobile]. We came together as a community to remove the statue of former president McKinley from the plaza out of respect for Native American peoples in our community. At the whole county level, we came together to create a sanctuary county. Issues of importance to me and many others are: inclusion, equity, diversity in all aspects, the responsibility to practice care and respect for our environment [built and natural] and all beings within it, the responsibility to practice democracy. The Board of Supervisors creates policies that affect all of the above issues. For example, mixed use zoning instead of separate single family, multiple family, commercial zoning, helps foster inclusion, job access equity [live close to work], diversity, and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions driving drought, fires, flooding and sea level rise.

Of the three draft plans provided for comment, Plan C appears to be the least troublesome, although I need more in-depth study of the trade-offs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Diane Ryerson  
1659 I Street  
Arcata, CA 95521

**From:** [County Administrative Office](#)  
**To:** [Miller-Rubio, Neftali](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting Advisory Committee: Community of Interest worksheet  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:19:42 AM  
**Attachments:** [Community of Interest Form.docx](#)

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From: Bonnie Burgess <bonnieburgess@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 1:25 PM  
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
Subject: Redistricting Advisory Committee: Community of Interest worksheet

Dear Redistricting Advisory Committee,

I tried to fill out your "Document Your Community Interest" worksheet form on line and found it impossible to use. Using the "fill" function on the PDF only allows a small amount of text to be seen and it does not wrap. Please use the following as a replacement. I have included everything that is on the form below, with questions in italics. I also attached the questions/comments as a Word document to this email and dropped off a hard copy of my comments at the County Administrative Office, 825 5th St., Room 112, Eureka. I hope you will consider my comments, even though they are not on your PDF form. My apologies.

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Bonnie Burgess, District 4 [bonniekburgess@gmail.com](mailto:bonniekburgess@gmail.com)

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Bonnie Burgess  
1103 B Street  
Eureka CA 95501  
[bonnieburgess@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieburgess@gmail.com)  
District 4

# COMMUNITY OF INTEREST MAPPING TOOL



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Eureka, CA 95501  
COMMUNITY TITLE

Carla P Douglas  
NAME

carlapdouglas@yahoo.com  
EMAIL

University: HSW 1 comm.

College: CR marijuana,

organic farming, North County

Fair Open Fest, nature lovers,

Reggae, Ecointerests, Very

happy with Huffman, Wood,

McGuire and their records - they

bring brought a lot to our community. with

SUBMIT YOUR MAP: Would not be happy with the

By Mail: District 1

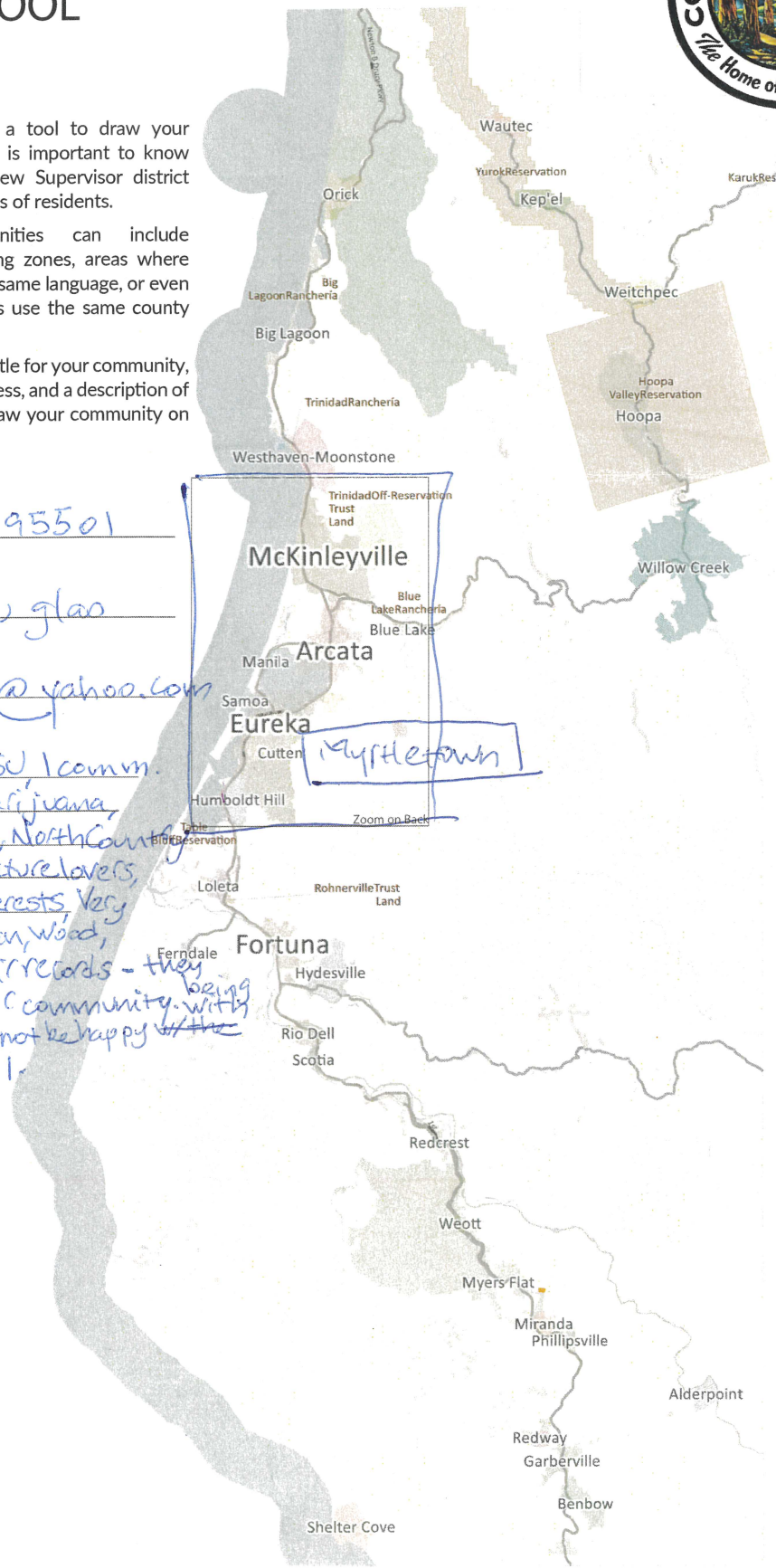
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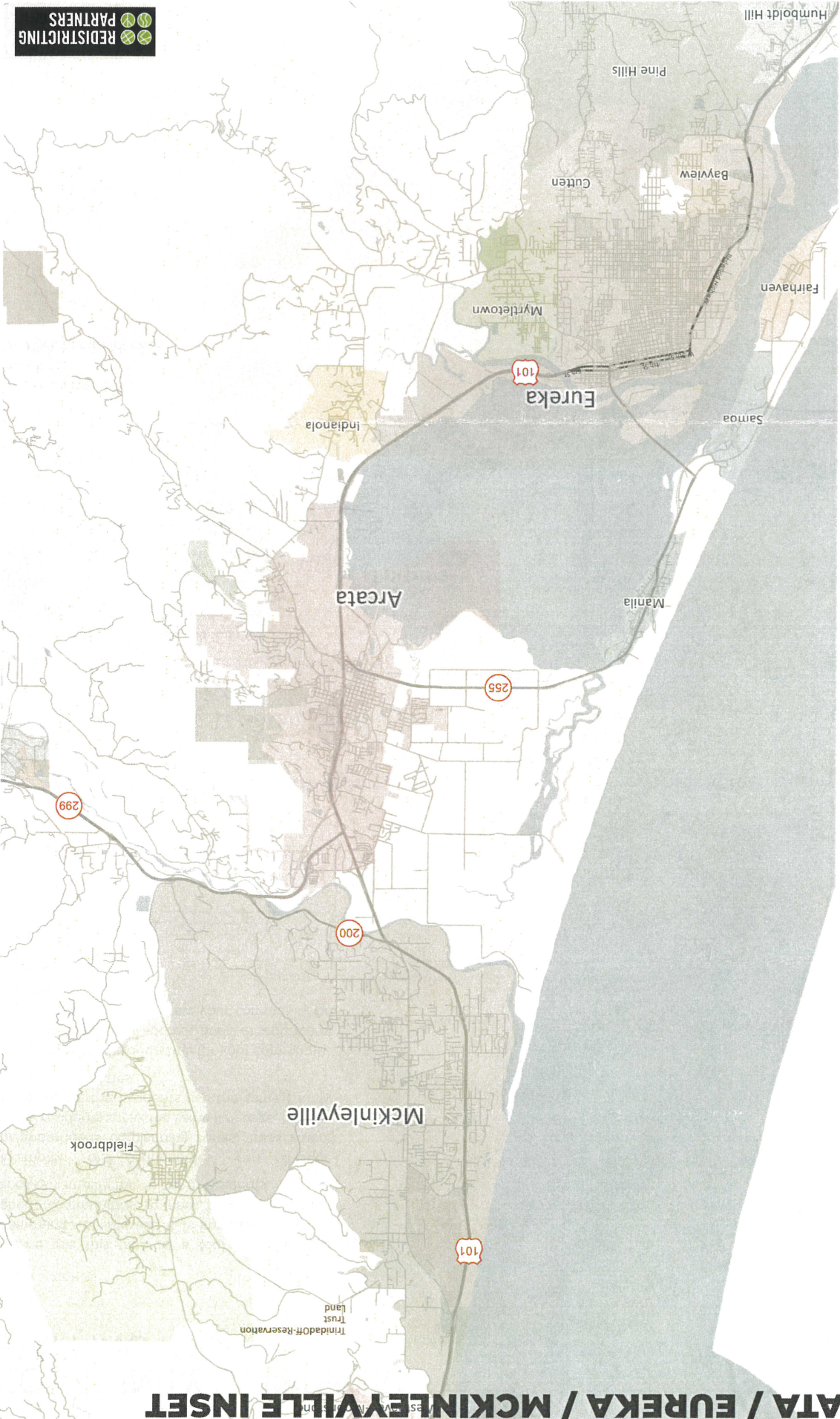
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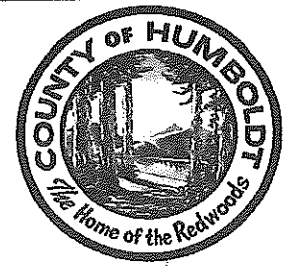


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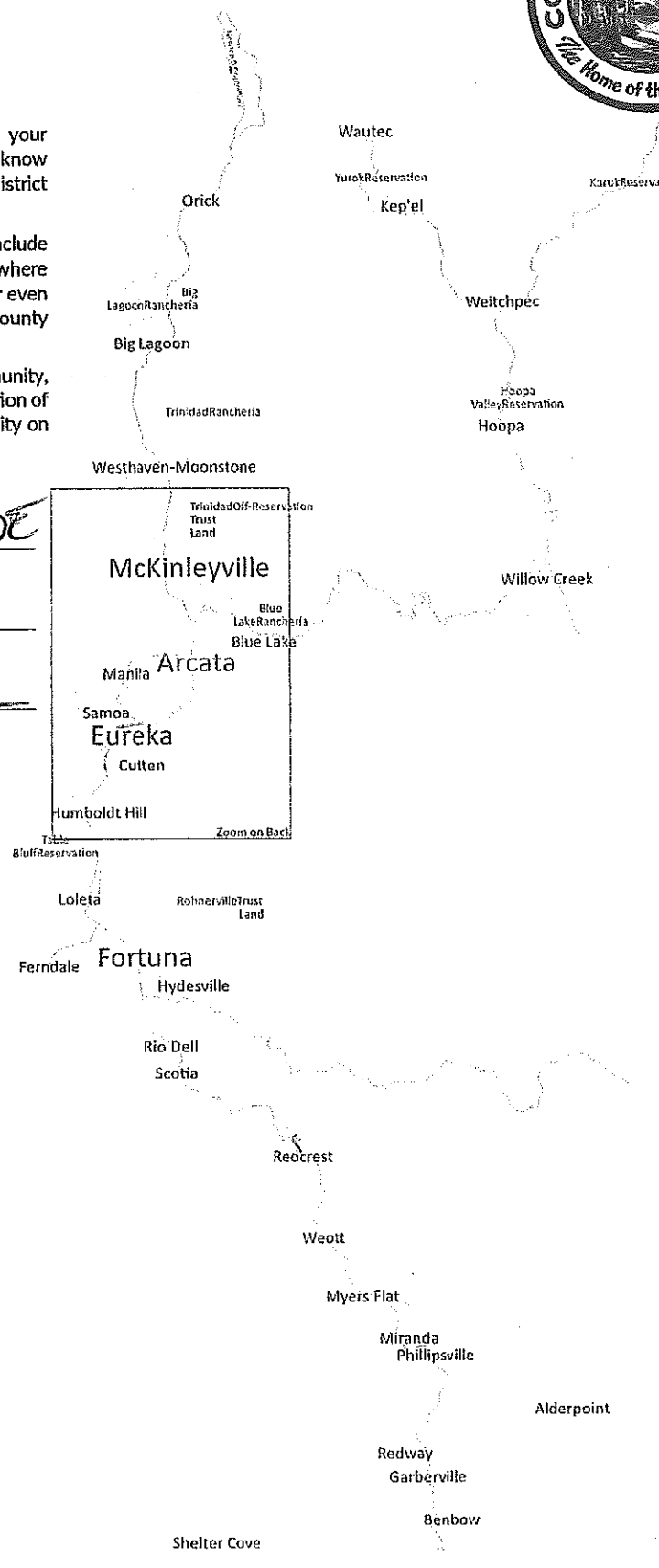


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EUREKA'S WEST SIDE

COMMUNITY TITLE

J Egan

NAME

phnege707@gmail

EMAIL

SHOULD BE IN 3RD DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION

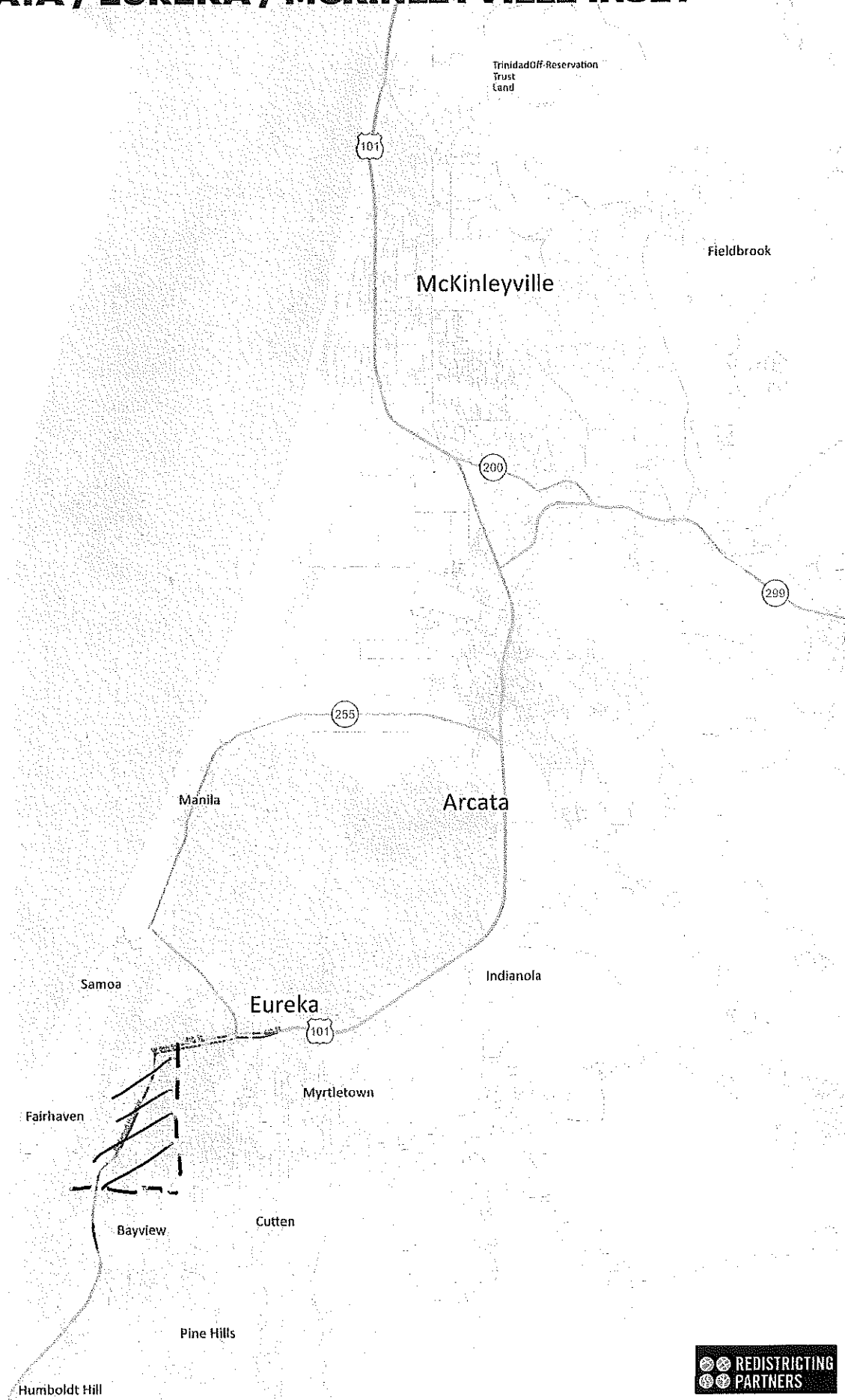
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**From:** [County Administrative Office](#)  
**To:** [Miller-Rubio, Neftali](#)  
**Subject:** FW: DISTRICTING COMMITTEE  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:08:45 PM

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From: Coldwell Banker Six Rivers Real Estate <[office@6rivers.com](mailto:office@6rivers.com)>  
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 4:33 PM  
To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Subject: DISTRICTING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE

It would be a great benefit to the Lumbar Hills area to be added to the 3rd District.

Our community interests are much more in line with Eureka than any other area.

Bailey Sanderson

Office Manager

Coldwell Bank Six Rivers Real Estate

707-725-9376

## Miller-Rubio, Neftali

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**From:** County Administrative Office  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Miller-Rubio, Neftali  
**Subject:** FW: REDISTRICTING

**From:** SLM <palmerabc391@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** REDISTRICTING

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Eureka, CA 95501

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LUNDBAR HILLS AND EUREKA (DIST 4) SHARE COMMON INTERESTS IN THAT EUREKA PROVIDES ALL DAILY NEEDS SERVICES FOR LUNDBAR HILLS. THE RESIDENTS THERE (LUNDBAR HILLS) NEED A VOICE IN DIST. 4.

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LUNDBAR HILLS COMMUNITY.

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LUNDBAR HILLS IS CURRENTLY IN DIST 1, WITH DIST 1 BEING A MOSTLY RURAL COMMUNITY. THE TWO DO NOT ALIGN. LUNDBAR HILLS MORE ACCURATELY BELONGS IN DIST 4, WHERE THEIR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD.

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

MOVE LUNDBAR HILLS TO DIST 4, PLEASE.

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Providing the following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

First name:

Email:

Which district do you live in? If you're not sure, write your address and we'll look it up:

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LUNDBAR HILLS

COMMUNITY TITLE

CHRIS PRIOR

NAME

CHRISPRIOR68@GMAIL.COM

EMAIL

LUNDBAR HILLS NEEDS TO  
BE IN THE "EUREKA" DIST. 4  
AS LUNDBAR IS SERVED  
BY THE CITY OF EUREKA  
AND NEEDS A VOICE IN EKA.

DESCRIPTION

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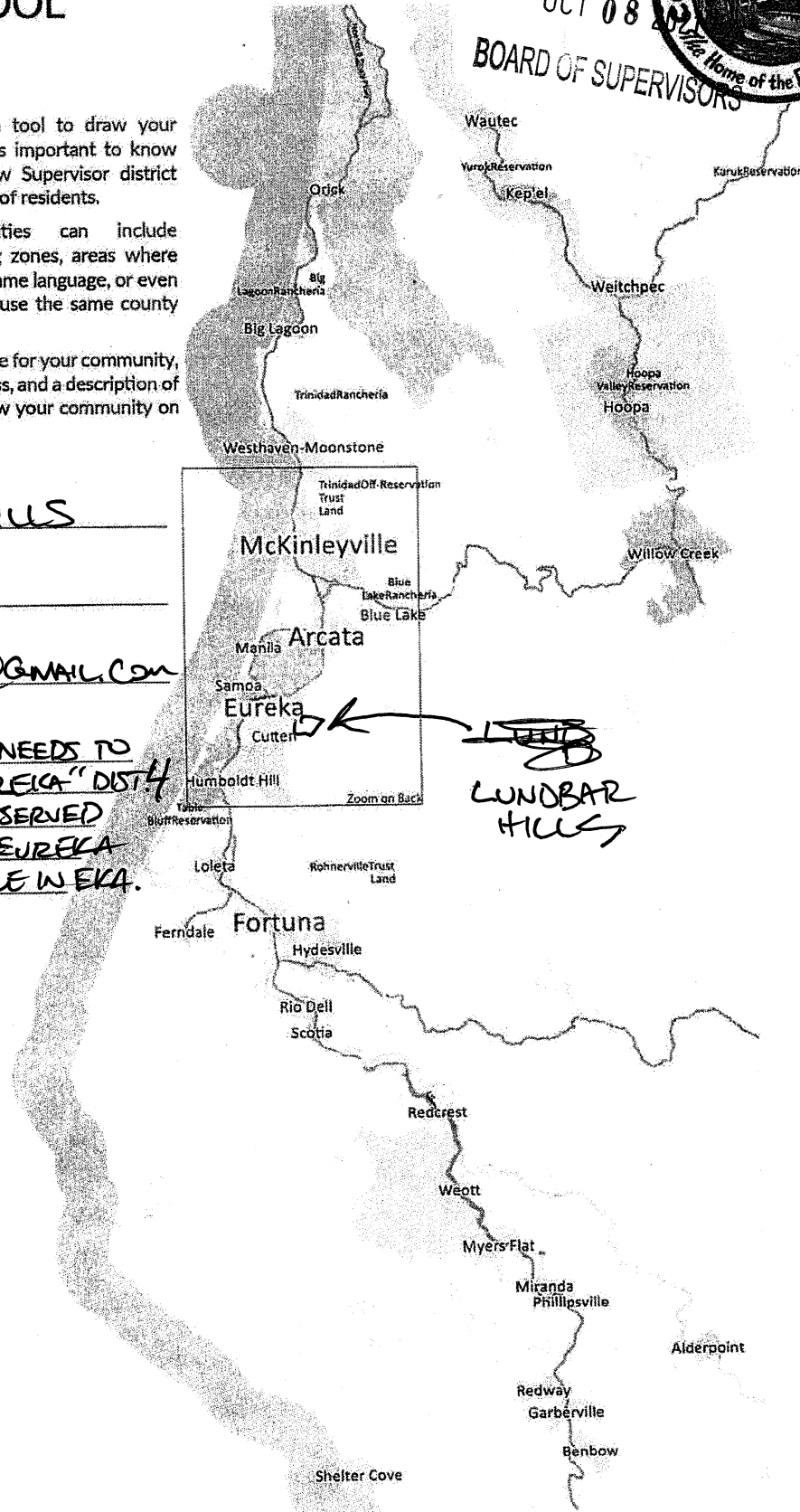
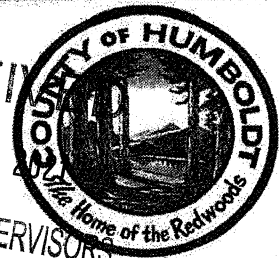
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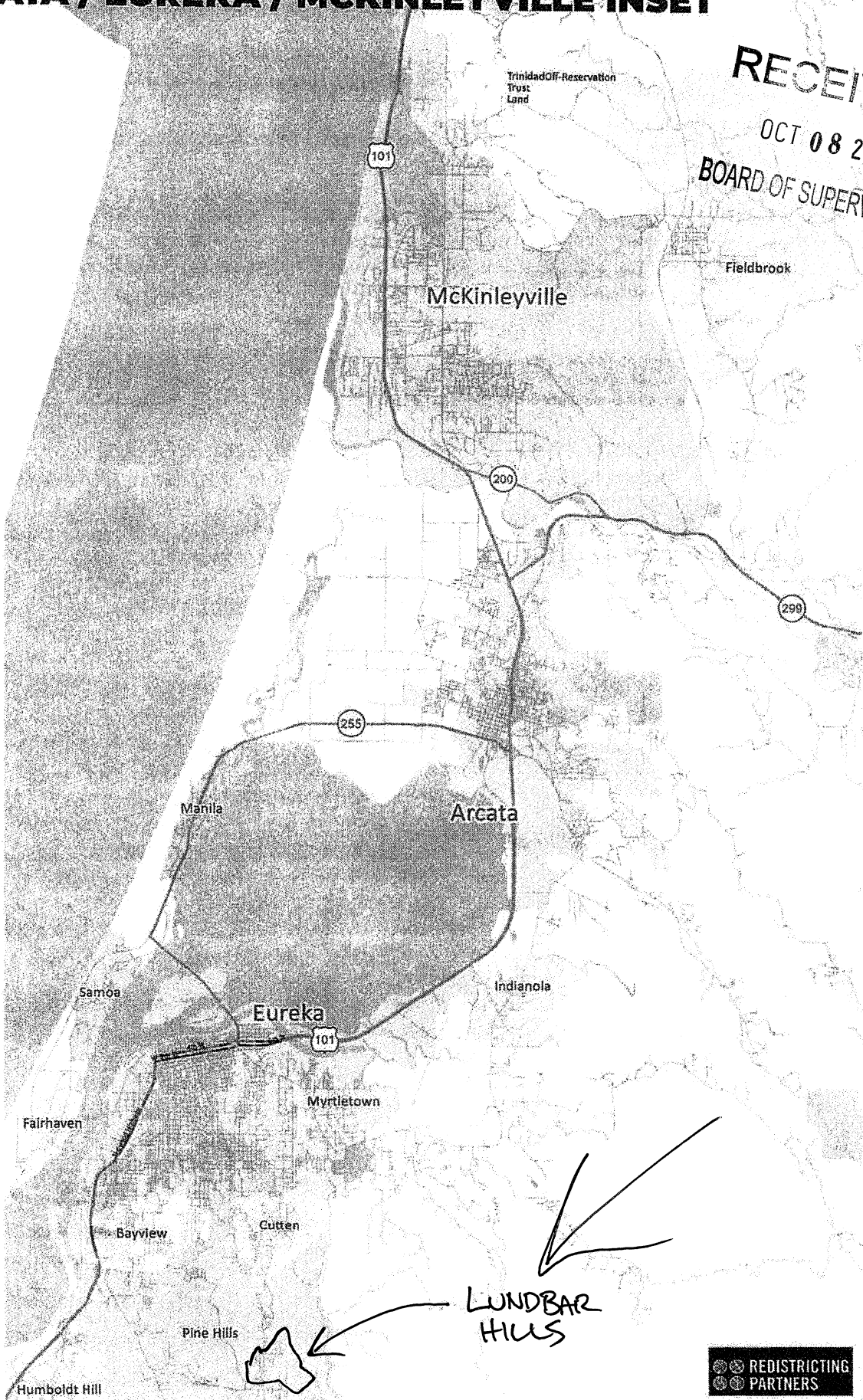


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**From:** County Administrative Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 9:52 AM  
**To:** Miller-Rubio, Neftali  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting Comments to Advisory Committee

**From:** Jack Rice <jayellarr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 4:43 PM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Comments to Advisory Committee

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Rural Area not in the city

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and not influenced by Arcata. Arcata is mainly renters while my community is home owners. Our concern is Robo & Sheriff's Response, Arcata's priorities are totally different

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

we should be in District 1 or 2, Not 3

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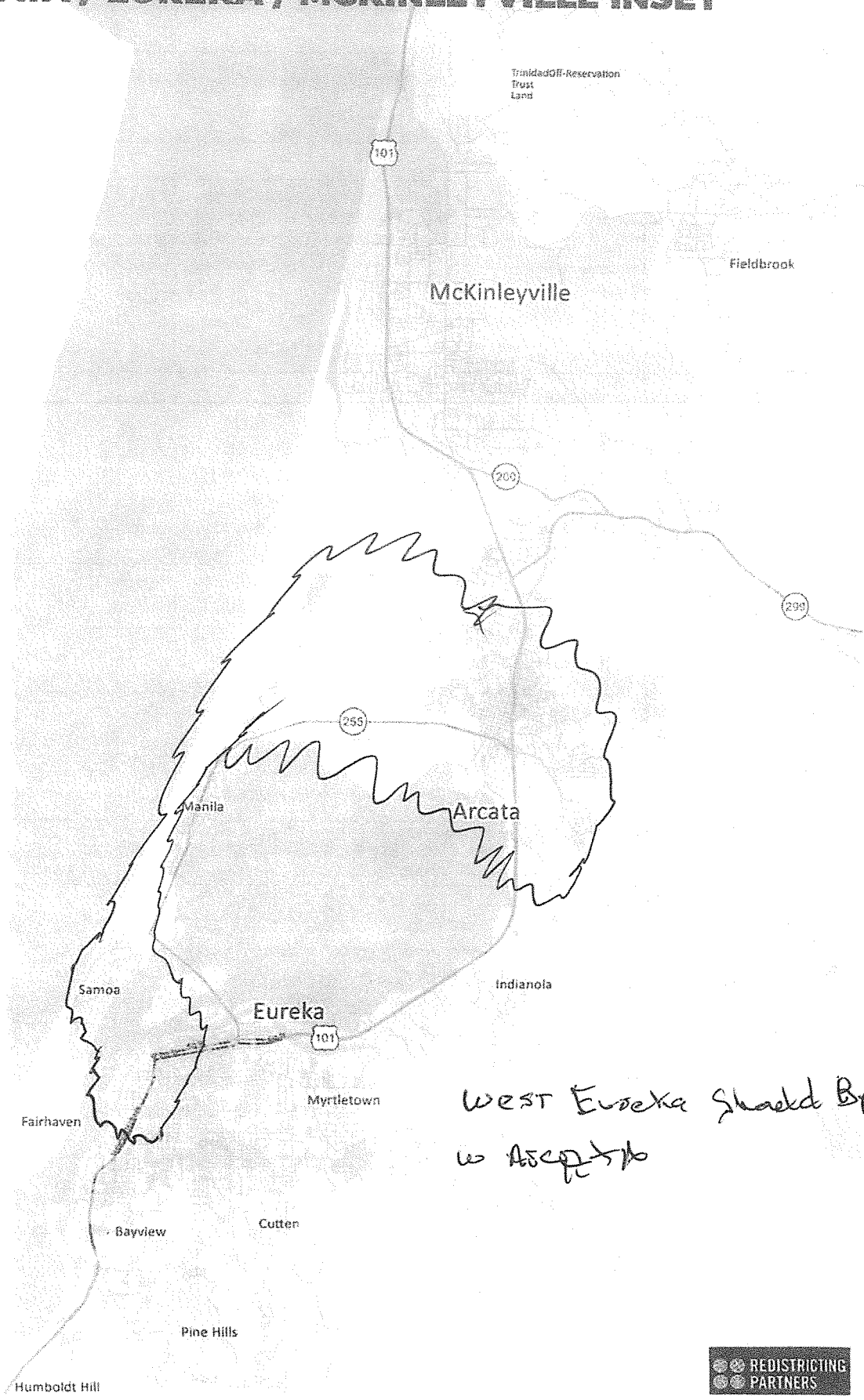
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Email: [romdacth77@gmail.com](mailto:romdacth77@gmail.com)

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From: Robin Praszker <rmp459@humboldt.edu>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:28 PM  
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
Subject: Redistricting information - pop changes in each district

Hello,

I have just learned of the redistricting process so I have not attended any of the meetings yet. I am hopeful since this process has been active for a few months now that you might have the data available for the change in population for each existing district. My apologies if this was already shared at a public meeting but I would love to be able to learn more. I did find the census data for population change for each census tract but I am unable to deduce how this translates to our existing district lines.

Thanks

Robin P.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tom Wheeler](#)  
**To:** [County Administrative Office](#); [Rubio-Mills, Neftali](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on Redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:01:18 AM

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Dear RAC Commissioners,

Please accept these comments on communities of interest as they related to redistricting. I live in Eureka's Westside neighborhood, which some have proposed to be cleaved off and added to Arcata. I am opposed to the Eur-Cata proposed district as this would break up the Eureka COI and it would present practical difficulties in establishing new precincts.

### **Communities of Interest**

It is difficult to conceive of a more definite community of interest than those found within a political boundary. As a Eureka, I share more in common with other Eureka than I do with residents in Samoa/Manilla or Arcata. Eureka are governed by the same city code, share educational ties (Go Loggers!), share the same community leaders in our city council, and have economic and social ties that bind us to the rest of the city. All this is clear as we identify under the same autonym, Eureka. (We also clearly distinguish ourselves from our rivals, those dastardly Arcatans!) While a Eur-Cata district is certainly intellectually interesting, it fails to recognize the true COI that the RAC is charged with protecting. Therefore, I urge you to maintain the jurisdictional bounds of Eureka within a single district.

### **Practical Difficulties with a Eur-Cata District**

I also write to highlight a practical difficulty in a Eur-Cata district. For many election cycles, I have volunteered with the County Office of Elections. One frequent complaint is that their neighbor on one side of the street will have in-person voting but they don't because they are in different precincts. Precincts can't cross jurisdictional lines—that is, we can't have a precinct cover areas in both Eureka and unincorporated county lands. Carving off the Westside area would result in terribly small precincts that likely could not be serviced by in-person voting and result in full vote by mail precincts in this area. As someone who has worked the polls, I can tell you that this would result in voting chaos and upset.

Best,  
Tom

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Environmental Protection Information Center  
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Arcata, CA 95521  
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[tom@wildcalifornia.org](mailto:tom@wildcalifornia.org)  
[www.wildcalifornia.org](http://www.wildcalifornia.org)  
Pronouns: he/him/his

"If EPIC had not undertaken its lonely efforts on behalf of the Marbled Murrelet, it is doubtful that the species would have maintained its existence throughout its historical range in California." - Judge L. Bechtle, *Marbled Murrelet v. Pacific Lumber Co.*

## Miller-Rubio, Neftali

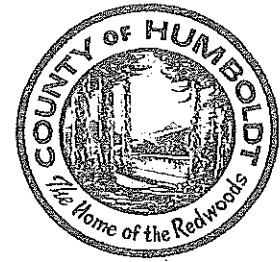
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**From:** County Administrative Office  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Miller-Rubio, Neftali  
**Subject:** FW: redistricting

**From:** WAT LM <watkinway124@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** redistricting

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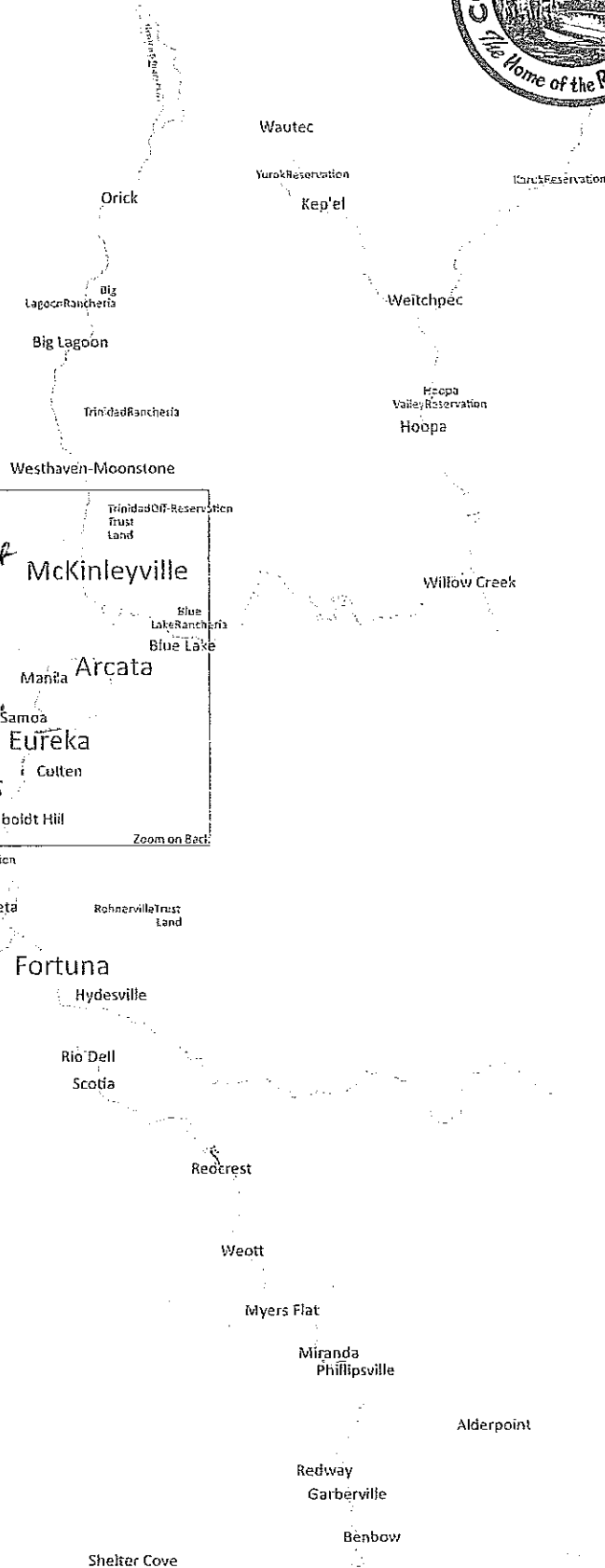


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*Lumber Hills into 4th District*

COMMUNITY TITLE  
*Wendy Medders*

PHONE  
*Wendymedders@yahoo.com*

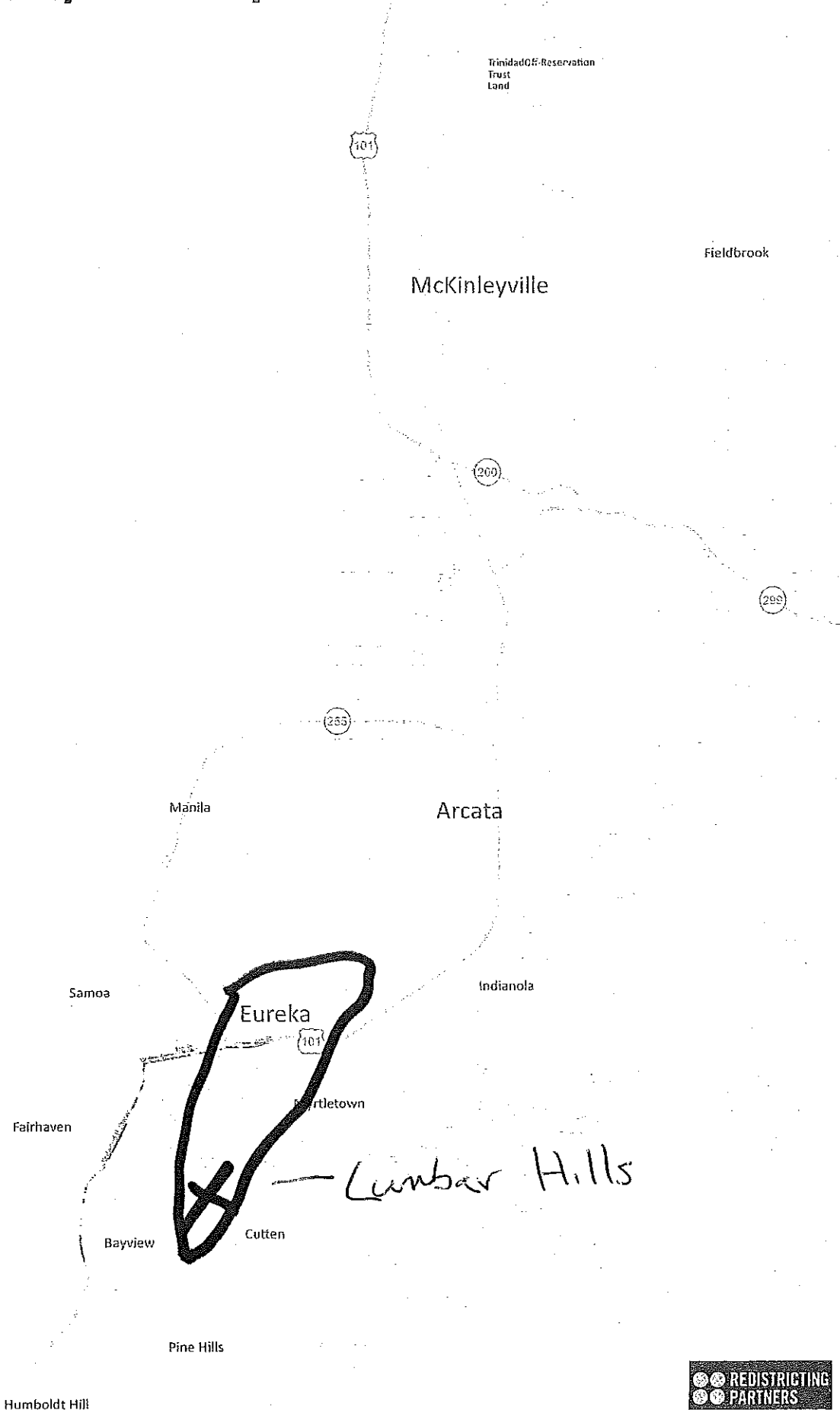
*We believe that Lumber Hills has more of a community interest w/ the greater Eureka area than the rural area its now in. Home ownership being one of these interests.*

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**Redistricting Advisory Commission**  
**Public Comment Sent Via Email**  
**Round 2 Draft Maps**  
**October 16-25, 2021**

**In Favor of Map A2**

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From: Pat Hughes <[hughespat788@gmail.com](mailto:hughespat788@gmail.com)>  
To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 02:13:38 +0000  
Subject: REDISTRICTING  
Committee,

I have been following the redistricting process.  
Map A is definitely the best option for the county and for my community in Old Town.  
Our connection with Arcata needs to have a common voice. We have recently been physically connected via the trail along Highway 101, now it is time to unite our voice through one representative.

Please adopt Map A2

Thank you  
Pat Hughes

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From: patricia azevedo <[paz1011990@gmail.com](mailto:paz1011990@gmail.com)>  
To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:35:48 +0000  
Subject: Redistricting  
Commissioners,

I am a poly sci major at HSU and live in Eureka. I commute there almost every day. I would like to comment on the current redistricting process. As someone who plans on making Humboldt my home its important for the people to have representation that reflects those shared beliefs and culture.

The proposed Map A2 best represents a future for Humboldt County. Its a unique approach to put people together that should be together and will produce a more conducive environment for work travel and lifestyle. Renting on the west side of eureka has shown me I have a lot in common with the residents of Arcata than central eureka or the suburbs. It will also allow a more

focused and central point for all the issues surrounding the bay and the challenges facing us with climate change and sea level rise.

Please consider my comments and the future of Humboldt in your deliberations.

Respectfully

Patricia

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From: Richard Carlton <[carltonrichard22@gmail.com](mailto:carltonrichard22@gmail.com)>

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:22:43 +0000

Subject: West Side of Eureka Humboldt County Redistricting  
Redistricting Committee

West Eureka and Arcata provide rental housing for HSU students. We have many of the same issues, such as public transportation, social services, housing shortages in common. Map A best represents those interests and would put us with a supervisor who understands them. Currently we don't seem to get much of a response from our supervisor. I have lived on the west side for many years and would like to see a change. Thanks for your time and consideration

Rich

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From: Don Reynolds <[dreyrun@gmail.com](mailto:dreyrun@gmail.com)>

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:13:01 +0000

Subject: redistricting

Dear Commissioners

As a life long resident of Eureka mostly living in old town I would like a change and see map A2 adopted as the new supervisors district. District C has most of Old town has the same feel and vibe as Arcata and deal with a lot of the same issues. ie homeless drug use public transportation and affordable housing. I understand from a population standpoint Eureka will have to be split and putting us with Arcata will put us with people who share our issues and lifestyle.

thanks

Don

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From: Brian Jones <[bjarcataway@gmail.com](mailto:bjarcataway@gmail.com)>

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 23:01:35 +0000

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Humboldt County Redistricting:

As a resident of Arcata, I support Map A as it allows one supervisor to oversee development around the Bay -- one of our most precious resources. Our current supervisor has a great track record of environmental protection and I believe that there should be one supervisor looking out

for the best interests of the Bay. I would like to see District C in Map A2 expanded to include all of the 101 around the Bay.

Brian Jones

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From: Amanda Faitt <[afaitt75@gmail.com](mailto:afaitt75@gmail.com)>

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 22:48:38 +0000

Subject: Redistricting

To whom it may concern the following are my comments on redistricting.

1. Map A is preferable to map C. Living on kneeleand I would much prefer to be included with my rural friends than put in map C and arcata. We have more in common with our interests as well as our issues. Roads rural security and illegal dumping to name a few.

Map C will dilute our voices when compared with the urban areas and we will suffer. Please keep the country people together.

Thank you

Amanda

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From: TRAVIS CARMESIN <[traviscarmesin@aol.com](mailto:traviscarmesin@aol.com)>

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 15:18:51 +0000

Subject: Humboldt County Redistricting

Hello,

My name is Travis Carmesin, I am a third generation Humboldt County resident and am proud to say I have lived in McKinleyville my whole life. I am writing this email today regarding the three maps drafted for our potential new county supervisor districts. Our county is a hidden gem in the state that offers great opportunities for people to make a living through agriculture, the timber industry, local fisheries, real estate, tourism and education. With that being said I believe that adopting map A would be best for all economic development and the future of our county.

Thank you

Travis Carmesin

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From: Jackie Saunderson <[jackie95503@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie95503@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:49 PM  
To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Subject: Redistricting

I believe map A2 is the best for redistricting purposes.  
Thank you  
Jackie Saunderson

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From: Lane Christiansen <[lcferndale@yahoo.com](mailto:lcferndale@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:06 PM  
To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Subject: Map A support

To whom it my concern,

I'm a lifelong resident of Humboldt County and I want to show my support for Map A. I appreciate how Map A gives a fair voice to those of us in rural areas. Map A will provide us with representation and leadership that can address issues that pertain to our rural communities.

Thank you,  
K Christiansen

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From: Phillip Ayers <[pgayers54@gmail.com](mailto:pgayers54@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:08 PM  
To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Subject: Redistricting choice

Hello,

I like the idea of joining part of Eureka with Arcata. My vote is for map A2.

Map C2 does not make good sense to put southern Eureka, Cutten, or Pine Hill in with Petrolia or Honeydew, which are very rural.

Thank you  
Phil Ayers

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**From:** Kelley McBeth <[kelleymcbeth2017@yahoo.com](mailto:kelleymcbeth2017@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:26 AM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Map A2

I think Map C2 is really out of touch and I don't like it at all. I kind of like the way A2 hooks up part of Eureka with Arcata I think that would work well.

Thank you, Kelley

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**From:** Ben McWhorter <[ben@sequoiagas.com](mailto:ben@sequoiagas.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 10:19 AM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** redistricting

I would like to comment on the redistricting of Humboldt County. I would encourage and highly recommend that the RAC promotes map A rather than map C. I believe that map A represents our rural population to a much better extent than that of map C. Although the First Dist. covers an extensive area, those areas are better served due to their ruralness, rather than having influence over densely populated areas. Within our county it is hard to get the numbers needed in each district without taking large swaths of Land, and I believe map A does a great job by separating Dist 1 and 2 by keeping communities within them intact. Furthermore I believe that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Dist are better served within the densely populated areas of Eureka and Arcata as shown in map A. I also encourage the connection of Samoa with Arcata as we are seeing much development in that area tied to Arcata such as the onshore high speed cable. Map A is a progressive way of redistricting and in my opinion, much needed to help keep our County well represented for its constituents for years to come.

Thanks to the committee for the time and effort into this project  
Ben McWhorter  
Fortuna

### **In Opposition of Map C2**

**From:** Nicole Pettit <[nicole.pettit@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole.pettit@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 3:16 PM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Thank You

As someone living in the Pine Hill area I really don't want My representation to be so influenced by Southern Humboldt and I don't like the way the C2 map lines are drawn.

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**From:** Kya Hulcy <[kyahulcy@gmail.com](mailto:kyahulcy@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 3:15 PM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:**

As someone living in the Pine Hill area I really don't want my representation to be so influenced by Southern Humboldt and I don't like the way the C2 map lines are drawn.

## **General Comments/Questions**

From: Linda Miller <krazykat745@gmail.com>  
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
Date: Sat, 16 Oct 2021 21:59:53 +0000  
Subject: Submission of COI for the Glendale-Blue Lake Community  
Hello,

At Friday's meeting of the RAC, I commented that none of the first round of draft district maps put the community of Glendale and the city of Blue Lake together. Lisa Dugan asked that I submit a map that encompasses what I see as this COI. My COI map and description has just been submitted in DistrictR and this is the link: <https://districtr.org/COI/65190>

I would like to say that I am not the only one who thinks that this COI should be kept in one district, however, many others may draw the map differently on the outer boundaries. For instance, perhaps the community of Glendale includes those residents all the way to the top of Liscom Hill Road, or further into Fieldbrook, or would continue the boundary farther to the West along Glendale Drive. I am only one person drawing this COI by myself, and I do hope that others will chime in as to where this boundary should be.

Thank you,  
Linda Miller  
Glendale

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From: Tracy OConnell <Tracy1952@mail.com>  
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 01:26:37 +0000  
Subject: Redistricting maps for Districts 1 and 2  
Hi, I write the newsletter for the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce and am interested in learning more about the proposals to alter the lines between county board supervisory Dist. 1 (serving Scotia) and Dist. 2 (serving Rio Dell). I see a lot of information online about surveys, response mechanisms, generalized maps and how to describe communities of interest that should be kept together.

What I'm not able to find anywhere is a description of what would be different in the various scenarios. It says one can search streets, etc. but I don't see where or how to do that - just the broad shapes of each district with differently colored areas.

How can I get a visual or word description of these proposals and how they differ from now - for instance, "the area north of XXX in Scotia will be moved to Dis. 2 in Plan A"?

Thanks so much for any help you can provide!  
Tracy O'Connell  
Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce secretary  
707.267.6052

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From: Tom Wheeler <[tom@wildcalifornia.org](mailto:tom@wildcalifornia.org)>  
To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Cc: "Wilson, Mike" <[Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Madrone, Steve" <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bass, Virginia" <[VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 21:39:30 +0000  
Subject: Redistricting packet missing public comments

Hi all,

I write again to share my frustration at the administration of the Redistricting Advisory Committee. Ahead of the Wednesday meeting, I went to review the public comments received by the County. First, the comments that are available are largely unhelpful because they lack the questions that the commenters are responding to. I've attached the public comments for your review. It is a pain to work through. Additionally, I wonder if this is complete as the .pdf starts on page 116 of a larger document. What was on the first 115 pages?

Second, I understand that there are comments missing from the record. The County has multiple open portals for submission of public comments: Two pages on "Open Humboldt," [one for draft maps](#) and [one general](#), and the agenda asks for comments to be submitted to the CAO's office. One person has told me that she had submitted comments on the general Open Humboldt forum that are not in the collected. I have generally directed interested parties to submit comments to the CAO's email address, and while it is possible that no one has, I also note that there are no emails included in the public comment packet.

The Commissioners can only do as good of a job as staff allows them to do. Without access to all public comments, their ability to discern and preserve communities of interest is hampered.

Best,  
Tom

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**From:** Jeff and Marisa St John <[upperredwoodcreek@gmail.com](mailto:upperredwoodcreek@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:31 AM  
**To:** Madrone, Steve <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Redistricting Web Broken Links

Hello Supervisor Madrone,

An "Announcements from Humboldt County" e-mail was sent out on 10/23. The two draft maps on "2nd Draft - Supervisor District Boundaries, 2 options to review" are broken (" We're sorry, but there is not a web page matching your entry."):

1. Open e-mail, click on the Read More button. The "2nd Draft - Supervisor District Boundaries, 2 options to review" page opens ([https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/131/Issue\\_11286](https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/131/Issue_11286))
2. Click on Draft Plan A2 (<https://humboldt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/100255/Humboldt-County-Draft-Plan-A2-with-Existing-Lines---1021-HTML>) which goes to a page that says " We're sorry, but there is not a web page matching your entry."
3. Repeat for Draft Plan C2 and get the same result.

The map links on the Redistricting webpage (<https://humboldt.gov/3106/Redistricting>) do work.

Maybe the:

1. Person posting emails and website content should be made aware that errors like this dissuade people from participating.
2. Redistricting webpage could include links for "More Information" (answer questions that are answered in the currently linked materials) and "Technical Assistance" (like broken links, help using the interactive maps, etc.)?

Thanks again!

Regards,  
Marisa Darpino  
District 5

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**From:** Lin Glen <[glennalin@hotmail.com](mailto:glennalin@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:51 PM  
**To:** County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** redistricting maps

I would like a paper copy of the proposed redistricting maps and am making this request as suggested by the county website's redistricting page.

I would also like a paper copy of the current Supervisorial district map.

Thank you.

Lin Glen  
PO Box 1004  
Blue Lake, CA 95525



**Redistricting Advisory Commission**  
**Public Comment Sent Via Email**  
**Round 2 Draft Maps**  
**Additional Comments from Oct 25 & Comments from October 26, 2021**

**In Favor of Map A2**

**From: Meaghan Langer** <meaghanlanger@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:40 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Support for Map A

To whom it may concern;

We are writing in regards to give our input on the decision of the rezoning map. We are in full support for adopting Map A and getting rid of Map C.

Map A directly affects the growth and economy of this county. We believe map C is a terrible choice and will go directly against our rural communities! There is a huge difference with our rural communities compared to, example; Arcata. We would like leader ship that goes hand-in-hand with the community that it is in and represents! Please take this into consideration. Thank you for your time!

Justin & Meaghan Langer

**In Favor of Map C2 (As second option, if minimal change map not available)**

**From: Edith F Butler** <edith.butler@humboldt.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:57 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject:redistricting

Committee Members,

I am pleased that you are holding a meeting to receive testimony though I won't be able to "attend" the meeting.

I think the districts should remain as close to their current boundaries as possible. My second choice would be Map C2.

Edith Butler

Freshwater Area

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**From: Kim Puckett <kimleepuckett@gmail.com>**

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:59 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>, County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting map comments

My name is Kim Puckett. I live in the Arcata Bottom and have lived here for over 17 years. Thank you for your efforts in this redistricting endeavor. I know you are volunteers and this is a daunting task.

I am hoping that the committee will recommend to the Board of Supervisors a map that makes the fewest changes to the current existing districts. The current districts are, for the most part, working well and require only minor alterations to balance populations. The proposed maps actually make population imbalances between districts worse.

At a minimum, the Committee should outright reject version A2. This version is a truly bad idea for Humboldt. For example, having Arcata in a district that is separate from the Arcata Bottom but includes part of Eureka makes absolutely no sense.

Version C2 is somewhat better but is still far from ideal. Please keep the districts as they are currently with a few minor adjustments (such as putting Rio Dell and Scotia in the same district).

Thank you again.

~Kim Puckett

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**From: diane ryerson <adryerson7@gmail.com>**

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:59 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>, County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting Comments

Dear Redistricting Advisory Committee Members,

Thank you for volunteering and carrying out this difficult process.

As a Humboldt County resident since 1992, I've lived in McKinleyville, 1992 to 2006, and the City of Arcata, 2006 to the present. Our current districts work well and require only minor changes to balance population.

Please reject map A-2. Parts of Eureka and Arcata should not be in the same district; we do not share similar issues and interests. Parts of McKinleyville and Arcata should not be in the same

district; city residents have more representation through our city council than county residents have, and unincorporated McKinleyville is located in the County.

Map C-2 is less bad than map A-2 but still makes more changes than are necessary to balance the district populations.

Please recommend to the Board of Supervisors a map that makes the least changes possible to our existing districts.

Thank you.  
Diane Ryerson

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: william strider <wmstrider@yahoo.com>**

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:36 PM

To: Bushnell, Michelle <[mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:22 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: re: redistricting, or not

Dear Supervisor Bushnell,

I am a citizen of Humboldt County and my message is simple regarding redistricting: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

The maps you are presently considering, A2 and C2, are considerably worse than the status quo, which is more equal and less awkward than A2 or C2.

Thank you for your attention.

Bill Strider  
Arcata

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**From: M Simmons <[matthewsimmons42@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsimmons42@gmail.com)>**

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:04 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Humboldt County Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Advisory Committee,

My name is Matthew Simmons and I am a resident of Arcata. First, I want to thank you for volunteering for the redistricting committee and for all of the hard work that you have put in.

I have reviewed the two final maps that the committee will be deciding between at its Wednesday meeting and I am deeply distressed by them. Both of these maps do not represent my community of interest and they fail to meet the requirements set out by the California Constitution. These maps split up civic jurisdictions like Eureka and Arcata which the redistricting guidelines explicitly recommend against. These maps also worsen the population disparity between the districts which further disenfranchised certain folks in Humboldt.

In particular, map A2 does a terrible job of representing communities of interest. Why is Arcata lumped in with Old Town Eureka but Old Town Eureka is separate from the rest of Eureka? This is true while areas that are much closer to Arcata in terms of economy, culture, and history (like the Arcata Bottoms) are tied in with the McKinleyville district.

My advice to the committee would be to create a new map designed to make the least changes possible to the existing districts. The current district map is working well to represent Humboldt. There is no need for this bold reshaping.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Simmons  
Arcata Resident

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**From: Eugene Perricelli <ceperr@sbcglobal.net>**

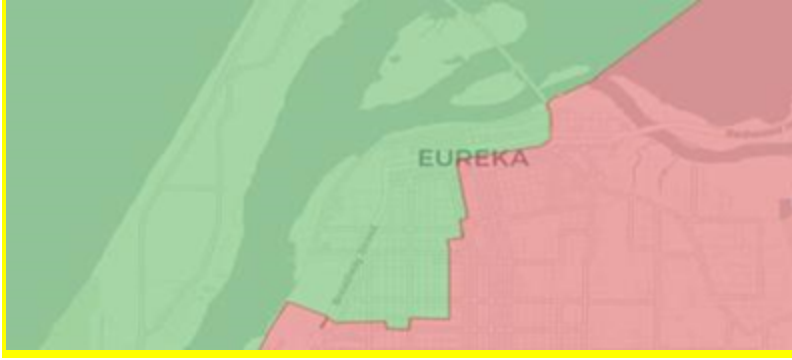
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:23 AM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bushnell, Michelle <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Wilson, Mike <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: There is no excuse for this:

Dividing communities and making the districts less balanced? Really??? Please, just say "NO".  
Thanks, Claire Perricelli, Eureka 95501

The County's Redistricting Process Has Been a Shambles, and the Maps it is Now Considering are Both Measurably Worse Than the Status Quo



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**From: John Webb** <[winnemuccaslim@hotmail.com](mailto:winnemuccaslim@hotmail.com)>  
To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>,  
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:18 PM  
Subject: Redistricting

My Name is John Webb and I live in Trinidad, Ca.

First I would like to thank the Committee for it's efforts in finding a fair way to draw political representation maps.

From my perspective it would seem there is little need to make any major changes in existing districts. Things work ok with current district lines as drawn. Only minor changes are needed to make the required adjustments due to population changes.

I would urge that the proposed districts in A2 and C2 be rejected. These proposed districts are awkward and unusual in their design furthermore they make population imbalances worse than would currently exists.

John Webb  
Trinidad, CA  
95570

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**From: John Webb** <[winnemuccaslim@hotmail.com](mailto:winnemuccaslim@hotmail.com)>  
To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>,  
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:21 PM  
Subject: Redistricting

My Name is John Webb and I live in Trinidad, Ca.

The Redistricting Advisory Commission is about to present it's new proposed district maps for approval by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

From my perspective it would seem there is little need to make any major changes in existing districts. Things work ok with current district lines as drawn. Only minor changes are needed to make the required adjustments due to population changes.

I would urge that the proposed districts in A2 and C2 be rejected. These proposed districts are awkward and unusual in their design furthermore they make population imbalances worse than would currently exist.

John Webb  
Trinidad, CA  
95570

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**From: Mary Hurley <hurleymch@gmail.com>**  
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:20 PM  
Subject: Redistricting Public Comment for 10-27-21 Meeting

My name is Mary Hurley; I live in the third district in Eureka on Mitchell Road.

I want to thank the Redistricting Advisory Committee for their work on Humboldt County redistricting.

**I am extremely concerned that the committee has not taken into account all public comments given thus far on the redistricting proposed maps.** The purpose of the redistricting committee is to fairly draw up new maps if needed that are balanced and accurately represent districts in a nonpartisan manner.

The current proposed new draft maps A2 and C2 do not achieve this purpose. My concern is that there is a small minority in this County that wishes to consolidate a district with a higher concentration of liberal voters to allow the gerrymandering process to ensue in the future giving greater power to a more conservative block in other districts. The extreme compilation of draft map A2 illustrates this point.

This draft map A2 needs resoundly to be rejected and not passed to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

A better solution to the redistricting process is to make the minor changes to the current map to redress the minor population imbalances and keep intact fairer districts:

1. Put Rio Dell and Scotia in the same district

2. Give 3.5% of Arcata's third district to Eureka's fourth district with the Manila end of the peninsula

I expect this committee to review all public comments.

Thank you.

Mary Hurley  
[hurleymch@gmail.com](mailto:hurleymch@gmail.com)

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**From:** [gkclark@reninet.com](mailto:gkclark@reninet.com)

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:22 PM

Subject: Redistricting 2020

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for your volunteer commitment to ensuring that Humboldt County Districts have relatively equal populations, just as in Eureka's recent ward corrections that were long-overdue.

Please consider retaining the current configuration that appears to be more balanced than any of the proposed alterations.

Very truly yours,

George Clark

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**From:** Daniel Chandler <[dwchandl@gmail.com](mailto:dwchandl@gmail.com)>

To: County Administrative Office [cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us), "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

CC: Madrone, Steve" <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:02 PM

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Humboldt County Redistricting Advisory Committee,

I have tried twice to participate in the redistricting process using a questionnaire that was sent to me via email (how was I chosen, was I part of a scientific sample?). The first time I struggled through, even though given a) no good explanation of what the intent was or what the problem with the current districts was, and b) given no explanation of why and how the new maps were drawn (and also none in relation to existing districts). I did submit a comment saying that the "communities of interest" that the redistricting committee was seemingly relying on did not make sense to me because Humboldt County has so many small communities that may differ in important ways and there is no way to group those. I live in District 5 and Orick, Trinidad, and McKinleyville seem to have only a general geographic location in common.

The second time, with revised maps, I couldn't get the maps and questionnaire to work. Whoever did the staff work for the committee should not be in this business.

Now we have two proposals, both of which seem worse than our current districts. One of them puts together parts of downtown Eureka with Arcata. Really!!!! The other option puts more people in my District 5, expanding it by over 7% and diluting my vote compared to other districts, especially the revised first district.

I am writing to say I am very frustrated and unhappy with the staff who advised you in this process. The process has been totally inadequate to produce legitimate maps, and I will make that view known to the Supervisors. Since the committee does not have time or funds to start over, I see no alternative to proposing to the Supervisors that we keep the existing districts with as few changes as necessary to balance the population across districts.

Thank you for considering my opinion. I am planning to attend your meeting on October 27 but wanted you to have in writing my experience and frustration with this process.

Dan Chandler

cc: Steve Madrone, District 5 Supervisor

Daniel Chandler, Ph.D.

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**From: Sky Blue <skyblues@gmail.com>**

To: County Administrative Office [cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us), "Miller-Rubio, Neftali"

<[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:09 PM

Subject: Please REJECT A2!

My name is Skylar Blue and I live in Hydesville CA. (3498 A ST #7, 95547)

I want to thank the committee for volunteering and for their work. I know that bad maps are not necessarily a reflection of your beliefs and you have volunteered your time on a frustrating and difficult process.

I would like to ask the committee to recommend to the board a map that makes the lease changes possible to existing districts. the current districts are working well and require only minor alterations to balance the population.



I believe it is also important to emphasize that the committee should reject a2 which would result in awkward in unusual districts.

\*Take good care of yourselves and don't let people make you crazy.

Thank you so much for your help, support, and time.

Sincerely, Skylar Blue

Hydesville CA

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**From:** Walter Paniak <wpaniak@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali"

<[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

CC: Wilson, Mike" <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:33 PM

Subject:Map comments

I am Walt Paniak a 7 year resident of Arcata.

I urge you to reject both map versions. The changes are unnecessary and break up natural communities. The current supervisor district only need a few adjustments for population and minor community changes.

I read that the maps are a result of a Sacramento consulting firm.

Having been a consultant on other subjects in past years the mind set is **not** “ If it’s not broke don’t fix it.” Thank you for your time and consideration.

Walt Paniak

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**From:** david price <routedave@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:28 PM

Subject:Redistricting in Humboldt County

David Price

1749 Birnie Ln

Mckinleyville, CA 95519

Thank you for volunteering for the committee.

Please leave all the districts the way they are.

reject map A2 and C2

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**From:** Marsha Davenport <davenfritzke@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:49 am

Subject:Redistricting maps being considered

I am sending this email to express my complete dismay at the new redistricting maps being proposed. The first known as A2 is just ridiculous. We live at the end of Jacoby Creek Road in Bayside and it proposes removing us from the current district 3 and attaching us to a district that runs east and south of us. The City of Arcata owns a large swath of property less than a 1/4 mile from our home and we coordinate with the city on the use/maintenance of a shared private road that accesses our properties. There is no logical reason that the entirety of the Bayside area should not be included in the same district as Arcata. We are 10 minutes from the center of Arcata and that you want to include us in a district including parts of Eureka down to Ferndale and beyond is absurd.

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**From: Rosemary Holifield <rmhapp46@gmail.com>**  
To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us  
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:44 am  
Subject: Redistricting attempt

This ridiculous attempt of gerrymandering is obvious to all involved who make Humboldt area our home, and are appalled by the attempts to re draw district lines with no thought to the people who actually live here.

Give it a rest and leave the district lines the way it is. Redistricting should be done by elected local citizens who live, work and play and have interests in the area.

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**From: Richard Salzman <richard.w.salzman@gmail.com>**  
To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us  
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:29 am  
Subject: Redistricting  
To the Redistricting Committee:

I'm not sure what has lead you to the current options or why you have not included the most obvious choice keeping what are (essentially) our current lines?

Most of us who live here love Humboldt County love it the way it is. So why are you proposing such extreme solutions to a problem that does not exist

You still have time to correct this "oversight" and provide a solution that will be the least disruptive to all our lives. I hope that you do.

Sincerely,  
Richard Salzman

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**From:** mike@lost-coast-ranch.com <mike@lost-coast-ranch.com>

To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:24 am

Subject: Redistricting

To the Redistricting Committee:

I've reviewed all the alternatives from the beginning and made online comments on the drafts. None of the drafts are as good as the present configuration of the Districts.

It's a case of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Please report back to the Supervisors that the present configuration conforms to the law and is more balanced in population numbers than any of the alternatives that surfaced in the committee's work.

Thank you for your service,  
Mike

**Michael Evenson**

*Lost Coast Ranch* ®

*PO Box 157, Petrolia, California 95558*

*707-629-3506*

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**From:** Robin Praszker <rmp459@humboldt.edu>

To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:44 pm

Subject: Redistricting comments for the committee

Thank you so much for providing the survey.

I want to bring to your attention that during the community mapping survey, you received 19 registered responses.

Your survey with 3 draft maps received 58 registered responses.

You received 3 times the amount of input with the draft maps, of which 60.9% of responses disapproved of Draft Map A

During your October 15th meeting the group repeatedly referenced the community of interest mapping outreach and seemed to disregard the survey results with the 3 drafts due to no mention

or discussion of this survey. This second survey solicited more voices which overwhelmingly disapproved of Map A.

I am not understanding how the October 15th meeting concluded that Map A is still a viable option.

I urge all committee members to review the 129 page survey results from the 2nd survey with the 3 draft maps which includes pages and pages of different people explaining why draft map A is unacceptable.

I urge you to not bring draft map A or A2 to the Board of Supervisors. If you do, I believe you must show in numerical data the support you have received for this map. The current data released to the public does not show any substantial support for this map.

Since I feel my survey results have been disregarded, I am resharing my thoughts below

Community of interest for the entire City of Eureka:

- Highway 101 goes right through town- this is unique and comes with many challenges (we have a very high pedestrian vs. vehicle rate and vehicle vs. vehicle rate)
- Parks and the Eureka Waterfront Trail
- Cultural Arts District Designation
- Old Town Eureka
- Eureka Main St.
- The Eureka Chamber of Commerce
- Walkability- you can walk from one end of the City to the other easily, meaning community networking and relationships are strong without being next-door neighbors
- The Humboldt Bay
- The Eureka Public Marina
- Woodley Island
- Humboldt Bay Harbor District
- History, many nationally registered historic places
- Government- The City of Eureka and Eureka City Council and related commissions and public services
- Public Art- over 100 murals

Sincerely

Robin (who lives in Eureka and knows it well)

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**From:** Carol McFarland <[cmfarl@gmail.com](mailto:cmfarl@gmail.com)>

To: County Administrative Office [cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:46 pm

Subject: Redistricting

To the Commission:

I have lived on the Arcata Bottom for nearly 40 years and feel that our district has been well-served by the Supervisors who currently representing their constituents.

The drastic a rearrangement that will change our representation in ways that interfere with how we are served by public officials such as Jared Huffman, Mike McGuire, and so on. Therefore, I appreciate the difficult tasks you face in this work.

I hope the Committee will be able to make as few changes as possible to present maps of our districts as they seem to balance the population and coincide with coastal values and needs.

~~ Carol McFarland

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**From:** Diane Des Marets <[maretsprice@gmail.com](mailto:maretsprice@gmail.com)>

To: "Madrone, Steve" <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bass, Virginia"

<[VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Wilson, Mike" <[Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bushnell, Michelle" <[mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bohn, Rex" <[RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us)>,

County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:52 pm

Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

My name is Diane Des Marets. I have lived in the 5th District since 1977. This unique community shares the incredible coastline with beautiful rivers and mountains. The McKinleyville area, where I live, is unincorporated and so relies heavily on the District Supervisor for governmental issues and needs. My assessment of the proposed maps for redistricting will not increase the ease of governing this district. Any population imbalance needing adjustment should not be done in a way that interferes with the 5th District lines, or confuses the areas that encompass Eureka and Arcata.

Map A2 and Map C2 both appear to dilute communities of interest and cause increased population imbalances between districts.

I am, therefore, requesting that the Redistricting Committee reject both Map A2 and Map C2 and recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the current Supervisor District lines be continued.

Thank you for your volunteer service on the Redistricting Committee.

Thank you for considering my input on this important issue.

Sincerely, Diane Des Marets

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**From:**dkh <dorrekiddhoward@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office cao@co.humboldt.ca.us, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:46 pm

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Dorre Howard and I live just north of Fortuna city limits.

Thank you for the work that you have done drawing redistricting maps for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. You volunteered your time on a difficult and frustrating process.

However, the proposed maps make population imbalances between districts worse. Please reject map A2 as it would result in awkward and unusual districts. Map C2 is not as bad, however it also does not work.

I ask that the Committee recommend to the Board a map that makes the least changes possible to existing districts. The current districts are working well and require only minor alterations to balance population.

Respectfully,  
Dorre Howard

## **General Comments/Questions**

From: Jeffrey Lytle <jlcdb70@gmail.com>

To: "Madrone, Steve" <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bass, Virginia" <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Wilson, Mike" <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bushnell, Michelle" <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bohn, Rex" <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>

CC: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting map thread, thoughts

\*\*\* Multiple emails on Oct 26 from JL:

#1 On Tue, Oct 26, 2021, 8:44 AM Jeffrey Lytle <jlcdb70@gmail.com> wrote:

<https://kunsoo1024.wordpress.com/2021/10/23/second-round-of-redistricting-maps-oppose-the-m-both/?unapproved=166098&moderation-hash=3842f860ddf83cbcf685010b9ddb812#comment-166098>

Of course, fine-tuning and shaping is very doable for a coastline to east county-line layout to apply for all 5 Districts, adjusting only the metes and bounds of the boundaries that separate each District's North/South edges.

Sincerely,

JL

#2 On Tue, Oct 26, 2021, 9:37 AM Jeffrey Lytle <jlcdb70@gmail.com> wrote:

The thoughts can be "tied to" how the redistricting maps evolve, are the maps a result of:

- A) a plan to isolate 5 population centers and fill in around them.
- B) a plan to both equalize populations, as well as equalize (as closely as possible) District geography square mileage service areas.
- C) a plan that separates urban from rural.
- D) a plan that incorporates both urban and rural geographic service areas.
- E) a plan that combines "coastline to east county line" coverage for each District's service area, which defacto would include D) above, and allows all 5 Districts to have coastline access, eastern county edge access.
- F) a plan that uses semi-circle lines as boundaries with the point of origin being Eureka and working outward toward county-line land edges with other counties.

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X = Inner semi-circle encompasses Humboldt Bay proper

Y = middle semi-circle that envelopes around X

ZN/ZS = outer semi-circle that envelopes around Y, is split into north and south districts

Optional: is to have Humboldt Bay proper combine portions thereof Arcata/Eureka into same District, have north/south remaining Arc/Eur portions in middle semi-circle with a north n/e & south s/e division line. The caveat is HWY 101 may separate Inner semi-circle from middle semi-circle, or say a certain distance as measured from the center of Humboldt Bay will create a northerly/southerly split of both Arcata and Eureka, meaning both cities would have 2 Supervisors with independent coverage service areas where geographic interests are better aligned.

Humboldt County likes to be different.

Offering two completely new ideas (semi-circle layout & full coastline to east county line layout) is different. Both new ideas make the Pacific Ocean a part of all districts.

Humboldt County could be the first county in USA coastal States to incorporate the semi-circle layout...making Humboldt Bay the epicenter, and working outwardly from ocean's water edge. I could easily draw the map ideas on paper since words can be less optical.

Sincerely,

JL

#3 On Tue, Oct 26, 2021, 10:09 AM Jeffrey Lytle <[jlcdb70@gmail.com](mailto:jlcdb70@gmail.com)> wrote:

Here is an attempt from last night for Full-Width Districting. Representation is from coast to east county line, includes both urban and rural qualities, aspects, better equalizes travel, etc... Obviously voter blocks can be tinkered with, but the gist of the Full-Width idea is provided.

The only difficulty was the south coastline that had a very long voter block that limits purple coastline access to southwest corner. Not too big a deal since that is closer to Shelter Cove.

Semi-Circle attempt I'll partake tonight on a dinky screened smart phone. It would be great if the County could have a wall-mounted HUGE SCREEN MONITOR in Board Chamber for stuff like this to be presented without the need to pan in or out or slide screen, capable to see in plain sight all districting voter blocks simultaneously.

Sincerely,

JL



#4 On Tue, Oct 26, 2021, 12:07 PM Jeffrey Lytle <jlcdb70@gmail.com> wrote:

Full width example, lines still exchangeable, interchangeable.

All 5 Districts have:

Coast to east county line representation

Urban and rural representation

Equalized population loads

Non-partisan directive, more diversity

Travel coverages better equalized

All Supervisors responsible for representing coastal, midland and eastern inland issues

Limits adversely recognizable changes in the future for census related County Districting mappings, remappings

Sincerely,

JL

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**From: Jeffrey Lytle <jlcdb70@gmail.com>**

To: Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:40 AM

Subject: Redistricting link on thoughts, ideas

<https://kunsoo1024.wordpress.com/2021/10/23/second-round-of-redistricting-maps-oppose-them-both/?unapproved=166107&moderation-hash=fb16d9c91fb660c42447769a22227d22#comment-166107>

Sincerely,

JL

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**From: Linda Atkins <ncwoman@sbcglobal.net>**

To: Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:34 PM

Subject: Redistricting maps

I'm writing to ask that the redistricting map that makes the least changes to the current districts be recommended to the BOS. I live in Eureka and really think that keeping the City together in a district is the best way to represent us. We are the "big city" in the County and have a commonality of interest that comes from that fact.

Thanks for the work you're doing.

Linda Atkins

Eureka

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**From: Elaine Weinreb** <elainejw@yahoo.com>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:14 AM

Subject: Re-districting maps

Dear CAO:

I have spent a great deal of time trying to get a legible, comprehensible version of any of these re-districting maps. They just don't come through as legible.

I still don't know what the heck is going on. When I call county officials, they say they have no trouble getting them. Well, of course they don't. Their digital access is already inside the county's website.

If somebody would bother to try to access this site from a platform OUTSIDE of the county's website, they would see what I mean.

Elaine Weinreb

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**From: robie tenorio** <robieinthegarden@gmail.com>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:49 AM

Subject: Re-districting etc

Dear People,

I have made several attempts to examine the DRAFT maps and make comments on the redistricting website. Although I admit that I am not very computer savvy I was surprised and disappointed at how difficult it was to use the site.

-The maps were difficult to understand.

-The Questionnaire was hard to relate to and understand how the questions could address my concerns.

-When I clicked on certain prompts that were going to give me more information or more clarity  
- up popped a box that told me that site was an error or didn't exist.

- After going through and just focusing on answering the questions and writing comments on what I could access I hit the SUBMIT button and up popped the message that I was UNSUBSCRIBED.

I gave up after that.

Actually the way the district maps are drawn now seem like they could work - if we have a population amount to balance - such as more growth in the 3rd District - we could just add Manilla or somewhere out Myrtle to the 4th District. Something easy, something simple - Something that works and keeps it culturally balanced.

Also one troubling aspect was that as far as looking at particular populations according to race, which is kind of weird, the Native people and members of Tribes were not included. This is probably our largest non-white population. And they have not just moved here.

Thank you,  
Robie Tenorio  
[robieinthegarden@gmail.com](mailto:robieinthegarden@gmail.com)

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From: Joe Public <joe815700@gmail.com>  
To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:49 PM  
Subject: Redistricting  
Greeting committee members,

I have had the opportunity to watch this process from the inception to where we are now, and after a greatly limited initial input from "communities of interest", we now have two maps that are fundamentally different.

Unfortunately, now that the work has been done, it seems as if it is going to be hard to make any real changes that will provide communities of interest acceptable to everyone.

Without wasting too much time, it is pretty clear that Map C2 is pretty much the same as things have been, not really balancing the population centers and not looking to Humboldt as it is moving forward over the next ten years, ie. Move a few rural areas and shift a street right and left, is not looking to the future to help Humboldt become more people friendly.

Map A2 is pretty progressive in its thinking, and more importantly, it takes a real look at how Humboldt is going to grow over the next 10 years, much of which will be occurring around the bay.

On the surface it does not seem that Arcata, the Peninsula and part of Eureka are a common community, but, in reality, they will be the epicenter of action over the next ten years and should now be looked at as a whole community.

Starting with the re-construction of the 101 Freeway, Eureka to Arcata are going to be joined. In addition to the Freeway, the bike path that connects the entire length of Eureka, Arcata and McKinleyville, is just finishing up. This will provide no carbon transportation paths between county services and Arcata and North. The new potential offshore wind farm will be using the bay, and all of the roads in and out to carry goods and supplies. The new fiber line, starting on the peninsula and then moving to Arcata before moving over the 299 has the potential to provide super high speed web access to rural Humboldt. These projects will all continue to join the two cities as one. It is important to have a supervisor that will represent this area with a common voice.

Thanks for listening and I hope that you support some real change in the community.

Joe

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**From:** Robin Praszker <rmp459@humboldt.edu>

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:30 PM

Subject: Community of Interest mapping tool

(See photos below)

# COMMUNITY OF INTEREST MAPPING TOOL



## INSTRUCTIONS

Please use this map as a tool to draw your community of interest. It is important to know about communities so new Supervisor district lines can amplify the voices of residents.

Examples of communities can include neighborhoods or planning zones, areas where many residents speak the same language, or even areas where the residents use the same county services or facilities.

To start, please include a title for your community, your name and email address, and a description of your community. Then draw your community on the map.

Eureka

COMMUNITY TITLE

Robin

NAME

Praszker

EMAIL

Rmp459@humboldt.edu

DESCRIPTION

## SUBMIT YOUR MAP:

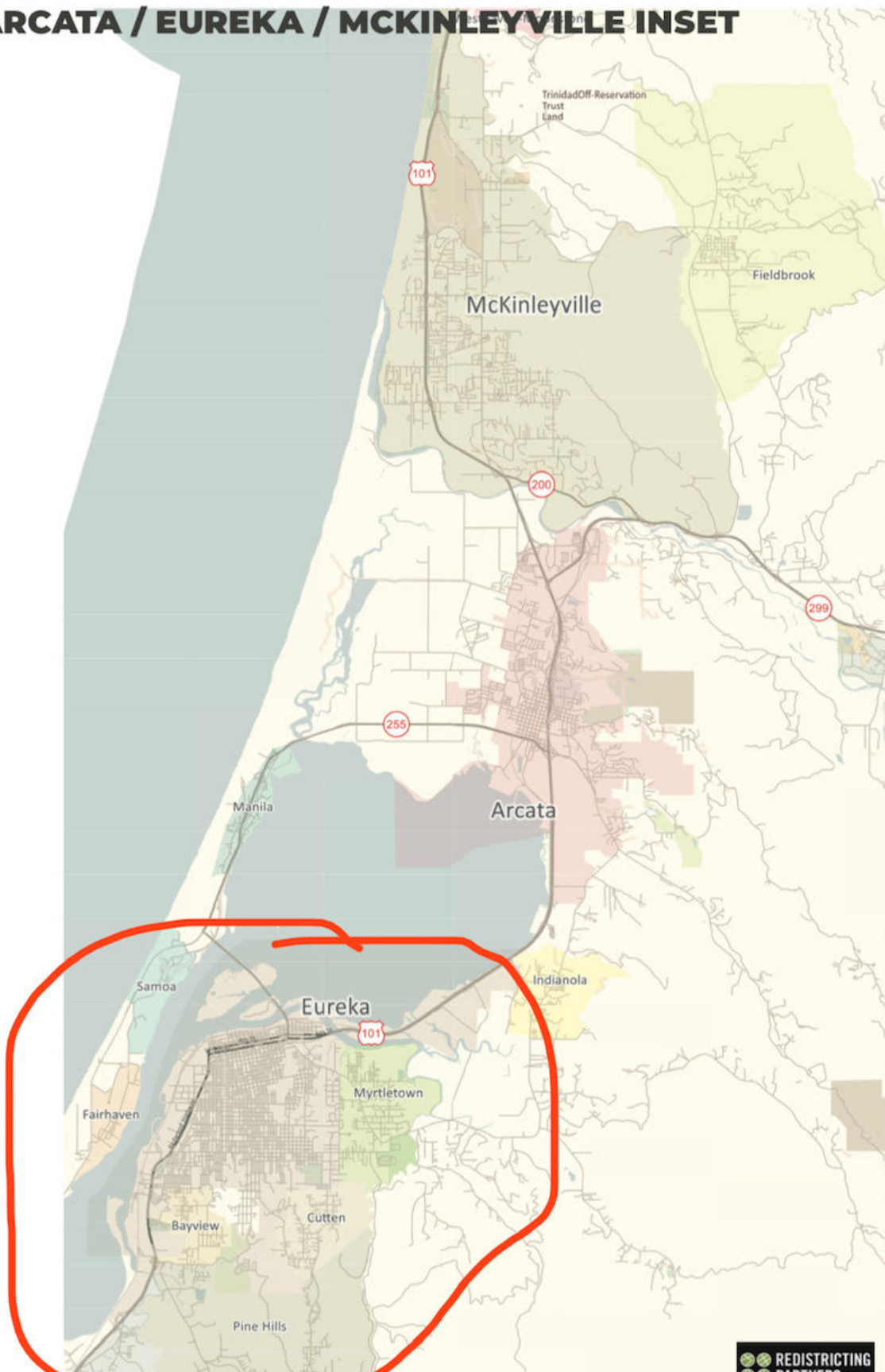
By Mail:  
825 5th Street Eureka,  
CA 95501

Or take a picture and  
email it to:  
CAO@co.humboldt.ca.us

Eureka is its own  
community



# ARCATA / EUREKA / MCKINLEYVILLE INSET



**Redistricting Advisory Commission  
Public Comment Sent Via Email  
Round 2 Draft Maps  
Additional Comments from Oct 26**

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Kate McClain** <katemcclain1@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:45 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting Advisory Committee

Greetings,

Thank you Redistricting Advisory Committee members for volunteering your time to represent the population of Humboldt County. I specifically reject A2's awkward and unusual boundaries and also reject C2's changes. I do support the opportunity to keep the majority of the current District boundaries intact and reconnect our communities around obvious and long standing linkages and geographic connections.

I do not support the A2 or C2 redistricting maps presented that alter the existing District boundaries. The alternatives A2 and C2 do not represent the way our communities are historically or currently linked.

The existing 2012 District Boundaries are aligned with geographic features, watershed boundaries, past community connections, and road network connections. These features help explain many of the reasons for why various communities are in certain districts. They are the basis for much of the district boundaries that have been around for decades and in some cases over a hundred years.

Over the years some of these “geographic communities of interest” were split simply to balance population. In 2010 Scotia was placed in one District and Rio Dell another. The Blue Lake Rancheria was split between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts and Blue lake was disconnected from Glendale in 2010. I support small changes to the existing District Boundaries to balance the population among the Districts and to reunite long standing “geographic communities of interest and connectivity.”

Respectfully,  
Kate McClain  
McKinleyville, CA

## **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Ken Miller** <tamer1@suddenlink.net>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:38 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting

It ain't broke, leave it alone

### 2020 REDISTRICTING in HUMBOLDT COUNTY

There are two basic drivers of this redistricting:

1. Population balance between districts
2. Combining communities of interest

So far some communities of interest identified are;

- A. Native American communities
- B. Rural communities
- C. Renters

There are other communities of interest. **Geography and transportation networks (roads) play a crucial role in connecting our communities.** For example starting in the south county...

Shelter Cove, Whitethorn, Thorn, Redway, and Garberville are connected by the Shelter Cove Road as this is the inland communities connection to the coast;

Ferndale, Petrolia, and Honeydew have always been connected as ranching and farming communities where in fact back in the late 1800's the lower Mattole Valley was the bread basket for Humboldt County before the Railroad was built and highways constructed inland;

Fortuna, Rio Dell, Scotia and other Eel River Valley communities are connected by the 101 corridor and flood plain farming as part of the Eel River Valley;

Manilla and Arcata have long had a connection sharing the Arcata bottoms which lies between them;

Samoa and Fairhaven are connected as part of the peninsula;



Arcata, Bayside, and Freshwater are connected by Old Arcata Road and Kneeland and Fickle Hill by extension is connected with Freshwater and back around Fickle Hill Road to Arcata;

Blue Lake, Glendale, and Fieldbrook are connected communities and by extension Fieldbrook is connected with McKinleyville. In fact many addresses in Fieldbrook are listed as McKinleyville;

Redwood Valley has long been connected with Willow Creek via the old highway called Chezem Road, Three Creeks Road, and Brannon Mountain Road. Today they are connected by Highway 299. In addition, the Willow Creek Community Planning Area includes the Chezem Road community in recognition of this long standing connectivity based on geography and road networks;

Friday Ridge, Willow Creek, Hoopa, Weitchpec, and Orleans are connected as parts of the Trinity and Klamath River Corridors and the farming and fishing communities that are supported by these fertile valleys and flowing rivers. These areas also are home to several of our areas tribal communities including the Tsnungwe, Hoopa, Yurok, and Karuk Tribes;

Moonstone, Moonstone Heights, Westhaven, Trinidad, Patricks Point (Sue-meg...Yurok name), and Big Lagoon are all a part of the Trinidad area uplifted marine terraces and have multiple connections due to geography and place;

Orick, Ball Hills, and Weitchpec have long been connected by Bald Hills Road which was in fact a part of the Trinidad Trail back in the mid 1800's.

Summary:

When you look at the existing District Boundaries from 2010 these geographic features, watershed boundaries, past community connections, and road network connections help explain many of the reasons for why various communities are in certain districts. They are the basis for much of the district boundaries that have been around for decades and in some cases over a hundred years.

Over the years some of these "geographic communities of interest" were split simply to balance population. In 2010 Scotia was placed in one District and Rio Dell another. The Blue Lake Rancheria was split between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts and Blue lake was disconnected from Glendale in 2010.

With a little effort and understanding of these long standing "geographic communities of interest and connectivity", these communities can be reconnected and population can be also be balanced.

Lets use this opportunity to keep and reconnect our communities around obvious and long standing linkages and geographic connections.

Ken Miller  
1658 Ocean Drive  
Mckinleyville, Ca 95519  
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### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Mary Burke** <[mburke5@gmail.com](mailto:mburke5@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:22 PM

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Subject: redistricting

My name is Sue Hilton and I live in the bottoms outside of Arcata.

Thank you for your work on redistricting--I'm sure it's a really hard job.

I've been commenting on the proposed district maps, both the first round and the second, but I just saw the Lost Coast Outpost article and want to say a few more things.

As I'm sure many folks have pointed out (and as I said in my open humboldt response) your proposed map A2 makes no sense at all. Map C2 is better, but as Hank Sims pointed out, the current districts are actually better than that. I will add that I'd still love to be in the Arcata district (I'm currently with McKinelyville) but it's not as critical to me as getting basically reasonable and balanced districts for everyone. Please consider mostly using existing districts with minor changes for balance and to get rid of oddities.

thank you

Sue Hilton

6210 Lanphere, Arcata

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**From:** Andres Rodriguez <[andres.rafa.rodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:andres.rafa.rodriguez@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:40 PM

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Subject: Public comment about proposed redistricting maps to be discussed on Wed Oct 26  
Hello Redistricting Advisory Committee,

My name is Andres Rodriguez, and I live in the Arcata Bottoms. Thank you for volunteering your time to recommend potential redistricting maps to the Board of Supervisors.

I am writing to urge you to recommend a map to the Board that makes the least changes possible to the existing districts. The current districts have worked well and only require small changes to remedy population imbalances and to reunite long standing communities of interest such as Rio Dell and Scotia. If this requires asking the mapmakers to make a new map, please do ask that they make a new map.

I also urge you to reject Map A2 for the following two reasons. First, it does not make sense to combine areas of Arcata and Eureka which are two distinct communities separated by Humboldt Bay. Second, it also does not make sense to combine Arcata Bottoms and McKinleyville which are two distinct communities separated by Mad River. Please recommend a map to the Board that keeps the Arcata, Eureka, and McKinlyville communities intact.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Andres Rodriguez

**Reject A2 (minimal changes preferable)**

**From: Kelley Garrett** <[kellybrookgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:kellybrookgarrett@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:35 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Hum CO Redistricting

Dear Committee

I live in McKinleyville, Humboldt CO, California. Thank you for your work.

Please recommend to the Board a map that makes the least change to our existing districting. It works the way it is, so why "fix" it if it's not broken?

Please reject A2—no awkward redistricting.

Thank you,

Kelley Garrett

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Gayle Olson-Raymer** <go1@humboldt.edu>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:24 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Committee Members - My name is Gayle Olson-Raymer and I have been a resident of McKinleyville for 30 years. I am extremely concerned about the work each of you has so generously volunteered to do - working to remap our County districts. Many thanks to each of you for working on behalf of our County. This is a really important job and I want you to know that I appreciate your efforts.

I have examined each of the three maps that I have been able to access. Upon examination, the first question that came to mind is - why would we redraw our district boundaries when they have been working well for years? Since balancing population in districts is extremely important, it seems the best approach to take to any current imbalances would be to make some minor alterations - not make huge population shifts as shown in the proposed maps. In fact, my analysis of the maps indicates that any of them could actually make population imbalances worse.

Furthermore, it is unclear why the Committee might support such a realignment. Humboldt County residents have more in common - both economically and socially - with the coastal and inland communities along Highway 101 than they do with the inland communities to the east along Highway 5.

In terms of the proposed maps, none are realistic alignments of population. I especially find Map A2 puzzling as it looks like the proposed district is extremely awkward and unwieldy. Map C2 is less awkward but still puzzling. Is the purpose of such maps to balance population - and if so, I can only see that Humboldt residents would have to compete with the majority conservative voters, thus placing Humboldt residents in a minority position. In short, these maps keep me asking my initial question about why we are trying to fix something that is not broken.

Another serious problem is that by putting Humboldt in another district, we would lose the excellent representation given to us by Congressman Huffman, Senator McGuire, and Assemblyman Wood. I have called, sent texts, and emailed each of these representatives dozens of times and have always found them and their staff to be attentive to my concerns and grateful for my input. I would hate to lose such responsible and responsive representation.

Thus, I respectfully ask the Committee to reject these maps, retain the vast majority of our current and well-functioning district, and make only the minor changes that would address the few areas where population may need to have minor adjustments.

Again, thank you for your work - and thank you for giving my letter some thought.

Sincerely - Gayle Olson-Raymer

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Gayle Olson-Raymer, Ph.D.  
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Humboldt State University  
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**In Favor of C2 (alternatively leave the map as is)**

**From: Katrina Hanson <katrinah13@gmail.com>**

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Thank you,  
Katrina Hanson  
Williams St  
Eureka

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Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

I'm an Arcata resident and have only been slightly following the redistricting issue until I read of how bizarre the currently considered maps are.

I appreciate that volunteers are doing their utmost to create a reasonable map. I thank the Redistricting Advisory Committee members for their time and effort. But I really am concerned that the two maps I've seen, A2 and C2, are solutions to problems that don't exist. For one thing, the moderately decent population balance of the 2010 redistricting map is swung wildly awry with these two attempted solutions. Also, the idea of joining much of Arcata with Eureka's west side is frankly bizarre. And Titlow Hill with the Shelter Cove area? Weird. I believe that districts really ought to be made of contiguous areas of land.

Please, if anything, just make some nudges adequate to adjust the population fairly and then bring Scotia and Rio Dell into the same district.

Don't make us wonder if the mapmakers got hold of some of those hallucinogenic mushrooms the Arcata City Council just made legal in our city.

Thanks, Patrick Carr

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**From: Susan Seaman <susanseamaneureka@gmail.com>**

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Subject: Redistricting Comment

I apologize that this email is so late, but I wanted to make sure I reached out about the Redistricting Advisory Committee recommendations.

Redistricting is such an important project for a jurisdiction. We are also going through it in Eureka. I appreciate anybody who takes the time to be part of the process.

I really do want to impress that unless it's trying to correct some previous inequities, which has not been demonstrated in the current supervisorial district map, a quality redistricting should not be dramatic or exciting. Keeping things as close to the original functional district is less confusing for voters and doesn't feed into narratives about unnecessary gerrymandering, which can make people less trustful of the government. None of us in a government role need that additional hurdle to gain our constituent's trust.

As the County seat, the City of Eureka should remain intact. The core of this community of interest is in the historic core of the city,

which roughly consists of Old Town/Downtown and the adjacent neighborhoods. These community interests include economic development, infrastructure and other important topics that certainly affect the broader community, but can have a very different impact on say Arcata vs. Eureka.

If jurisdictions need to be split to achieve rough proportionality, it would make more sense to pull from the areas of Cutten and around the Municipal Golf Course,

I am asking you to please reject map A-2 and C-2. Thank you.

**Redistricting Advisory Commission**  
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Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:45 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>

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Subject: Redistricting

It ain't broke, leave it alone

### 2020 REDISTRICTING in HUMBOLDT COUNTY

There are two basic drivers of this redistricting:

1. Population balance between districts
2. Combining communities of interest

So far some communities of interest identified are;

- A. Native American communities
- B. Rural communities
- C. Renters

There are other communities of interest. **Geography and transportation networks (roads) play a crucial role in connecting our communities.** For example starting in the south county...

Shelter Cove, Whitethorn, Thorn, Redway, and Garberville are connected by the Shelter Cove Road as this is the inland communities connection to the coast;

Ferndale, Petrolia, and Honeydew have always been connected as ranching and farming communities where in fact back in the late 1800's the lower Mattole Valley was the bread basket for Humboldt County before the Railroad was built and highways constructed inland;

Fortuna, Rio Dell, Scotia and other Eel River Valley communities are connected by the 101 corridor and flood plain farming as part of the Eel River Valley;

Manilla and Arcata have long had a connection sharing the Arcata bottoms which lies between them;

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Arcata, Bayside, and Freshwater are connected by Old Arcata Road and Kneeland and Fickle Hill by extension is connected with Freshwater and back around Fickle Hill Road to Arcata;

Blue Lake, Glendale, and Fieldbrook are connected communities and by extension Fieldbrook is connected with McKinleyville. In fact many addresses in Fieldbrook are listed as McKinleyville;

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**From:** sue <suejh@humboldt1.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:12 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: redistricting

My name is Sue Hilton and I live in the bottoms outside of Arcata.

Thank you for your work on redistricting--I'm sure it's a really hard job.

I've been commenting on the proposed district maps, both the first round and the second, but I just saw the Lost Coast Outpost article and want to say a few more things.

As I'm sure many folks have pointed out (and as I said in my open humboldt response) your proposed map A2 makes no sense at all. Map C2 is better, but as Hank Sims pointed out, the current districts are actually better than that. I will add that I'd still love to be in the Arcata district (I'm currently with McKinelyville) but it's not as critical to me as getting basically reasonable and balanced districts for everyone. Please consider mostly using existing districts with minor changes for balance and to get rid of oddities.

thank you

Sue Hilton

6210 Lanphere, Arcata

**In Favor of C2 (As second option, if minimal change map not available)**

**From:** Andres Rodriguez <[andres.rafa.rodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:andres.rafa.rodriguez@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:40 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Public comment about proposed redistricting maps to be discussed on Wed Oct 26  
Hello Redistricting Advisory Committee,

My name is Andres Rodriguez, and I live in the Arcata Bottoms. Thank you for volunteering your time to recommend potential redistricting maps to the Board of Supervisors.

I am writing to urge you to recommend a map to the Board that makes the least changes possible to the existing districts. The current districts have worked well and only require small changes to remedy population imbalances and to reunite long standing communities of interest such as Rio Dell and Scotia. If this requires asking the mapmakers to make a new map, please do ask that they make a new map.

I also urge you to reject Map A2 for the following two reasons. First, it does not make sense to combine areas of Arcata and Eureka which are two distinct communities separated by Humboldt Bay. Second, it also does not make sense to combine Arcata Bottoms and McKinleyville which are two distinct communities separated by Mad River. Please recommend a map to the Board that keeps the Arcata, Eureka, and McKinlyville communities intact.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Andres Rodriguez

**Reject A2 (minimal changes preferable)**

**From: Kelley Garrett** <[kellybrookgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:kellybrookgarrett@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:35 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Hum CO Redistricting

Dear Committee

I live in McKinleyville, Humboldt CO, California. Thank you for your work.

Please recommend to the Board a map that makes the least change to our existing districting. It works the way it is, so why “fix” it if it’s not broken?

Please reject A2—no awkward redistricting.

Thank you,

Kelley Garrett

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From:** Gayle Olson-Raymer <go1@humboldt.edu>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:24 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Committee Members - My name is Gayle Olson-Raymer and I have been a resident of McKinleyville for 30 years. I am extremely concerned about the work each of you has so generously volunteered to do - working to remap our County districts. Many thanks to each of you for working on behalf of our County. This is a really important job and I want you to know that I appreciate your efforts.

I have examined each of the three maps that I have been able to access. Upon examination, the first question that came to mind is - why would we redraw our district boundaries when they have been working well for years? Since balancing population in districts is extremely important, it seems the best approach to take to any current imbalances would be to make some minor alterations - not make huge population shifts as shown in the proposed maps. In fact, my analysis of the maps indicates that any of them could actually make population imbalances worse.

Furthermore, it is unclear why the Committee might support such a realignment. Humboldt County residents have more in common - both economically and socially - with the coastal and inland communities along Highway 101 than they do with the inland communities to the east along Highway 5.

In terms of the proposed maps, none are realistic alignments of population. I especially find Map A2 puzzling as it looks like the proposed district is extremely awkward and unwieldy. Map C2 is less awkward but still puzzling. Is the purpose of such maps to balance population - and if so, I can only see that Humboldt residents would have to compete with the majority conservative voters, thus placing Humboldt residents in a minority position. In short, these maps keep me asking my initial question about why we are trying to fix something that is not broken.

Another serious problem is that by putting Humboldt in another district, we would lose the excellent representation given to us by Congressman Huffman, Senator McGuire, and Assemblyman Wood. I have called, sent texts, and emailed each of these representatives dozens of times and have always found them and their staff to be attentive to my concerns and grateful for my input. I would hate to lose such responsible and responsive representation.

Thus, I respectfully ask the Committee to reject these maps, retain the vast majority of our current and well-functioning district, and make only the minor changes that would address the few areas where population may need to have minor adjustments.

Again, thank you for your work - and thank you for giving my letter some thought.

Sincerely - Gayle Olson-Raymer

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Gayle Olson-Raymer, Ph.D.  
Retired, Department of History  
Humboldt State University  
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**In Favor of C2 (alternatively leave the map as is)**

**From: Katrina Hanson** <katrinah13@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:25 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the work that you're doing to serve the residents of our county.

I am a resident of Eureka (District 4), and I am asking you to approve map C2 or to leave the map in the current status quo. As a resident of the current District 4, I am concerned about the changes laid out in map A2. I feel that my concerns and needs are much more aligned with other residents of Eureka, rather than those of Arcata, and feel that my community would be better served by representation that leaves the current county districts intact.

Thank you,  
Katrina Hanson  
Williams St  
Eureka

**In Favor of C2 (alternatively leave the map as is)**

**From: Maya B** <yekdorbb@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:19 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali"  
<[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: County Redistricting

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the work that you're doing to serve the residents of our county.

I am a resident of Eureka (District 4), and I am asking you to approve map C2 or to leave the map in the current status quo. As a resident of the current District 4, I am concerned about the changes laid out in map A2. I feel that my concerns and needs are much more aligned with other residents of Eureka, rather than those of Arcata, and feel that my community would be better served by representation that leaves the current county districts intact.

Thank you,  
Maya Brodkey  
Williams St  
Eureka

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Patrick Carr** <[nedlud432@gmail.com](mailto:nedlud432@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:13 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali"  
<[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

I'm an Arcata resident and have only been slightly following the redistricting issue until I read of how bizarre the currently considered maps are.

I appreciate that volunteers are doing their utmost to create a reasonable map. I thank the Redistricting Advisory Committee members for their time and effort. But I really am concerned that the two maps I've seen, A2 and C2, are solutions to problems that don't exist. For one thing, the moderately decent population balance of the 2010 redistricting map is swung wildly awry with these two attempted solutions. Also, the idea of joining much of Arcata with Eureka's west side is frankly bizarre. And Titlow Hill with the Shelter Cove area? Weird. I believe that districts really ought to be made of contiguous areas of land.

Please, if anything, just make some nudges adequate to adjust the population fairly and then bring Scotia and Rio Dell into the same district.

Don't make us wonder if the mapmakers got hold of some of those hallucinogenic mushrooms the Arcata City Council just made legal in our city.

Thanks, Patrick Carr

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Susan Seaman** <susanseamaneureka@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 5:25 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting Comment

I apologize that this email is so late, but I wanted to make sure I reached out about the Redistricting Advisory Committee recommendations.

Redistricting is such an important project for a jurisdiction. We are also going through it in Eureka. I appreciate anybody who takes the time to be part of the process.

I really do want to impress that unless it's trying to correct some previous inequities, which has not been demonstrated in the current supervisorial district map, a quality redistricting should not be dramatic or exciting. Keeping things as close to the original functional district is less confusing for voters and doesn't feed into narratives about unnecessary gerrymandering, which can make people less trustful of the government. None of us in a government role need that additional hurdle to gain our constituent's trust.

As the County seat, the City of Eureka should remain intact. The core of this community of interest is in the historic core of the city,

which roughly consists of Old Town/Downtown and the adjacent neighborhoods. These community interests include economic development, infrastructure and other important topics that certainly affect the broader community, but can have a very different impact on say Arcata vs. Eureka.

If jurisdictions need to be split to achieve rough proportionality, it would make more sense to pull from the areas of Cutten and around the Municipal Golf Course,

I am asking you to please reject map A-2 and C-2. Thank you.

### **In Opposition of A2**

**From: Marion Nina Amber** <marioninamber@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:56 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

My name is Marion Nina Amber and first of all, thank you for participating as a volunteer.

I'm writing about the effort to redraw our district. I feel that we're in a good place and that it's a pity to any changes. But assuming they will happen, please reject the plan labeled Map A2.

Much thanks,  
Marion Nina Amber

**In Opposition of A2**

**From: Leslie Zondervan-Droz** <lesliezd@reninet.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:23 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Committee,

Having seen a summary of the Map A2 proposal, I have to speak up. Please change the extant map as little as possible and definitely keep the more north/south arrangement. Keeping the coastal counties in the same district makes more sense to me as we have similar concerns and obligations.

I do appreciate that redistricting is challenging and that you are providing an important community service. Please do listen to the public and not just those that are particularly noisy.

Please take time to hear from a variety of citizens in many locations to fully understand the challenges of the diverse communities. Please don't assume that you can guess what their priorities are.

Sincerely,

Leslie Zondervan-Droz

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**From: Tom Wheeler** <[tom@wildcalifornia.org](mailto:tom@wildcalifornia.org)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:20 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Re: Suspicious public comments

I am told that gmail no longer provides IP addresses. Ignore my request for this information.

**In Opposition of A2 (Alternatively leave as is)**

**From: Rita** <ritaepa@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:15 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Madrone, Steve" <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Wilson, Mike" <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bohn, Rex" <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bushnell, Michelle" <mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bass, Virginia" <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Please: Reject Plan A2 Redistricting Map

Dear Humboldt County Redistricting Advisory Committee  
and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors -

Respectfully.

As a working, taxpaying, voting Humboldt County resident since 1975, I have lived on Kneeland mountain for over 25 years.

It is a given, that everyone is doing the best they can.

Please accept my appreciation for the Redistricting Advisory Committee's (Committee) current efforts regarding our collective County's redistricting map and the eventual recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (Board) with the entrusted goal to represent our greater community concerns.

Please allow me to offer input on the presented options.

After careful review, I would prefer the Committee recommend to the Board a district map that will:

- . make the *fewest changes to our existing districts*\*
- . *leave it generally as is*—to avoid attempting to improve what is currently sufficient
- . *retain the current*, workable districts' boundaries that reflect community representation
- . address *minor population adjustments*
- . *reject Plan A2*

**Reject Plan A2**

Plan A2 = 'urban-centered' | 'other'.

It could be said Plan A2—is kitchen-sink—HUGE.

As a Kneelander—much as I verily appreciate Elk River, Loleta, Ferndale, Fortuna and many hamlet-communities south, as well as our neighbors in eastern hamlet-communities—Plan A2



proposal appears to be a collective afterthought and is dismissal in scope and relationships. It does not reflect an attempt to or adequately addresses the Bays' neighboring communities of Old Arcata Road-Myrtle Avenue-Indianola-Freshwater-Kneeland concerns for proper representation.

Plan C2—it is bad-but-better than Plan A2.

Why must we settle for *less* bad?

**Restated. I would prefer a map that represents one resembling our current districts.**

\* [https://webgis.co.humboldt.ca.us/Supervisor\\_District\\_Map/](https://webgis.co.humboldt.ca.us/Supervisor_District_Map/)

With appreciation for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Every good intention -

Rita Arena

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Martha Walden** <marthawalden@suddenlink.net>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:00 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: redistricting process

Hello. My name is Martha Walden. I live in Westhaven, part of the 5th district. I'm concerned about the redistricting process, which I just read about in Lost Coast Outpost. Sounds like the committee needs to go back to the drawing board if the status quo fulfills the requirement of balanced population more than either of the two proposals.

The 5th district is large geographically but contains about the same amount of voters as the other districts. I am very satisfied with Steve Madrone as our supervisor who represents the interests of those of us who live north of the Mad in a rural, unincorporated part of the county.

Please take your time to get this right.

Martha Walden

### **In Opposition of A2 (Consider map with fewest changes)**

**From: Kathleen Kelcey** <kathleenkelcey@att.net>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 3:55 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

I'm grateful for your service to this community. Please reject A2 completely and consider the map that will make the fewest changes. Keep it fair and impartial. Common sense redistricting. Thank you,

## **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Tracy Smith** <tracy.symons.smith@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 7:30 AM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting

Good Morning,

My name is Tracy Smith and I live at 1645 Tasi Lane, McKinleyville. I deeply appreciate the challenging work of the Redistricting Advisory Committee. I am confident the current proposed redistricting maps do not necessarily reflect the committee members personal beliefs. I can only imagine how this difficult and perhaps frustrating task has taken a toll on committee members and their families. Thank you again for your time and energy.

As a proud resident of Humboldt County, I respectfully request that the Committee recommend to the Board a map that makes the least changes possible to existing districts. The current districts are working well and require only minor alterations to balance population. From what I understand, the proposed redistricting maps actually make population imbalances between districts *worse*.

Based on what I've read, however, it seems changes must be made (which I disagree with). Within this reality, I also request the Committee reject A2. This map would result in really awkward and very unusual districts. The alternative map, C2, though not ideal by any means, is the lesser of two evils, in my opinion.

Again, thank you for your time and navigating this difficult decision. I appreciate each of you and hope you and your families are well.

Sincerely,

-Tracy Smith

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**From: Tina Garsen** <[tina62696@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tina62696@sbcglobal.net)>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 6:50 AM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting maps

Thank you for looking into this matter. I have lived in Eureka for 20 years. It is my hope that you will make only one change which would be to reunite Scotia and Rio Dell.

Respectfully

Tina Garsen

1731 McFarlan

Eureka

## **In Opposition of A2**

**From:** jon yalcinkaya <jyalcinkaya@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 6:40 AM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Letter for today's Redistricting Advisory Committee meeting

Hi my name is Jon Yalcinkaya and I am County employer and Eureka Resident. I wish I could come speak in person, but I will be working today and cannot afford to give up the benefit time.

These maps are incredibly important as we all know.

Map A2 is nothing short of outrageous from both a geographical and political perspective. This was clear even before Hank Sims published an article on Lost Coast outpost which chronicled the dubious background the map. It doesn't seem like there was much public input at all supporting this map and the limited input that was a given was anonymous and lacked credibility.

Geographically west Eureka does not in anyway align with Arcata. It's part of a different city and with completely different demographics. One is predominately a college town and Eureka other a working class town and these demographics have completely different political priorities. The politics Arcata and was Eureka are similar in the sense that they are anything but conservative and clearly that's what this map seeks to exploit by combining condensing as many people who vote progressively into two districts.

Of course that's not the worst of this A2. It also changes the current map so that Natalie Arroyo, someone who represents a significant challenge to the current Fourth District Supervisor, out of the Fourth District and into a similarly progressive district, the Third. If the Lost Coast reporting is correct, Ms. Arroyo is excluded from the Fourth by a block which makes it seem like this was the ultimate goal of the map.

Please do not recommend map A2 to the Board of Supervisors. It is both a huge change to our current map and there is neither a reasonable explanation nor a public record of demand for this change other than political expediency.

Thank you,

Jon Yalcinkaya  
725 O St Eureka  
Eligibility Specialist Humboldt County

### **In Opposition of A2**

**From: Todd Larsen** <toddlarsen@suddenlink.net>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 5:36 AM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Reject redistricting process map

I'm Todd Larsen, and I live in Fieldbrook.

I'm writing in concern over the redistricting process for Humboldt County.

Thank you for all your hard work on the process, however, we're learning that the redistricting process may have had some issues. The current districts are working well, and only need some minor alterations to rebalance.

The proposed maps make the imbalances between districts worse.

Please reject map option A2 to avoid creating awkward and imbalanced districts.

Thank you.

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Bob Burke** <rjustburke@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 12:22 AM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

My name is Robert Burke. My home address is 68 East 15th Street in Arcata, CA.

Below is my message to the Redistricting Committee. I am providing copies to the County Supervisors. My reasons are explained in the following text.

Thank you for your consideration.

I appreciate your civil civic spirit in using your time for this fundamental purpose of representative government, which representation is the essence of the purpose at hand. No one would deny that *fair* is baked-in to the fabric of the USA in the founding documents and ever since. How to define fair is ultimately a political issue, an issue for the polis to come to amicable agreements about. Therefore, the proposed redistricting maps are inexplicable in light of the need to heal divisions across the country, this wannabe nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

I'm guilty: I flunked the test of vigilance. I never thought the divisiveness causing great distress elsewhere would become manifest in our liveable, lovely, bucolic yet energetic county. So much progress is being made in many areas for the environment and racial justice across all groups of us lucky human inhabitants. The gerrymandering implications of the proposed future districts is therefore a matter of deep concern to me personally, to our family extended here since the 1960s, the Humboldt County community as a whole—a fairly comprehensive "salad bowl" representing the US as a whole—which is presumed to be entire and united, whole. I watch the news, but the country has been through worse.

The moment truly is at hand for healing both open and scarred-over wounds. I do not believe the great citizens of Humboldt County want a divided community. The recent, ongoing national story of division arose in reaction to the march of democracy in civil rights and resistance to unilateral projection of military might. Despite the widespread prosperity and progress toward the more perfect union, those developments inspired the smoldering resentment of the New Deal idea that government is your friend and your helper—that is, you are helped as a result of being a member of the US community. All the while resenting the regime, the resentment caste often prospered many times the general idea of a merely good life.

I ask you, therefore, to take down the two alternative maps that have been presented as the only options.

I urge you to not fix a thing that is not broken. The credo of Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O. cf M.D.) is: Listen, learn and assess. If something needs fixing, fix it. When nothing needs fixing, deliver the good news. The D.O. creed is approximately that, from memory.

Humboldt County includes several cultural groups. Our goal is to achieve harmony among the groups. Harmony is good for business. Strife is bad for children and other living things. I urge you again not to proceed with either of the maps: not A2 and not C2.

To extend the redistricting process will need some more funding. What price liberty and the fabulous life available to inhabitants of the USA. This process is a key gear in the machinery of the operation of our country, 340 million people all interested in the opportunity implicit in our founding documentation—the continual documentation of the continuing founding of this marvelous work in progress.

Please note the message below my signature circulated by Mary C. Burke, our daughter. Mary's message includes hard-earned insights on a number of issues that compel rejection of both the A2 and the C2 options.

Please. Take as much time as it takes to get this major civic process completed so that Humboldt County can continue to become all it can be.

Respectfully,  
Robert J. Burke

To the Redistricting Advisory Committee,

I do not support the A2 or C2 redistricting maps presented that alter the existing District boundaries. The alternatives A2 and C2 do not represent the way our communities are historically or currently linked.

The existing 2012 District Boundaries are aligned with geographic features, watershed boundaries, past community connections, and road network connections. These features help explain many of the reasons for why various communities are in certain districts. They are the basis for much of the district boundaries that have been around for decades and in some cases over a hundred years.

Over the years some of these “geographic communities of interest” were split simply to balance population. In 2010 Scotia was placed in one District and Rio Dell another. The Blue Lake Rancheria was split between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts and Blue lake was disconnected from Glendale in 2010. I support small changes to the existing District Boundaries to balance the population among the Districts and to reunite long standing “geographic communities of interest and connectivity.”

Thank you to the Committee members for volunteering your time to represent the population of Humboldt County. I specifically reject A2's awkward and unusual boundaries and also reject C2's changes. I do support the opportunity to keep the majority of the current District boundaries intact and reconnect our communities around obvious and long standing linkages and geographic connections.

Respectfully,

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Valerie Rose** <polkaqueen@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 12:08 AM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Comments on proposed draft redistricting maps

I am commenting on the draft redistricting maps as a resident of Arcata. First of all, I'd like to thank you for your public service on the Humboldt County Redistricting Advisory Committee. I am keenly interested in the redistricting of our area, and seeing that it is done as fairly as possible, which I realize can be challenging.

Loyola Law School summarizes the state and federal criteria that are to be employed in redistricting (<https://redistricting.lls.edu/redistricting-101/where-are-the-lines-drawn/>): it should create districts that are **roughly equal in population**; that **represent minorities** and their interests fairly; that are **contiguous** physically; that maintain **political boundaries** (i.e., municipal, county etc.); are **compact**, meaning residents have some sort of cultural cohesion in common); and are **not excessively partisan**.

Other than reuniting Scotia and Rio Dell, which I support, the proposed redistricting boundaries of Draft Map A2 do not meet these criteria in any sensible way. There is just no plausible justification for lumping northwestern and downtown Eureka with Arcata - minus the bottoms! - in the Third District. The First District boundaries are even stranger, excluding Willow Creek, but uniting Titlow Hill with Kneeland, Blue Lake and Shelter Cove!

Draft Map C2 is no better, and would create a larger population imbalance. As reported by the Lost Coast Outpost, these proposed boundaries give the Fifth District almost 3,000 more people than the new First District.

I urge you to abandon these drafts. The boundaries as they exist today have successfully met the redistricting criteria listed above. With the latest census, adjustments must be made for changes in populations, but this could be done and should be done with minor adjustments, not the wholesale abandoning of the current lines.

Sincerely,  
Valerie Gizinski

**In Opposition of A2 (C2 needs to be fixed but is preferable)**

**From: Nick Thomas** <nickedwardthomas@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 11:06 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting - public comment

To whom it may concern,

First of all, I'd like to thank the members of the Redistricting Advisory Committee for their time volunteering in this process. It's not an easy task.

I'm concerned about Draft Map A2. Particularly, I'm opposed to combining the west side of Eureka with the City of Arcata (District C). To the extent possible, the City of Eureka should be kept whole because in my mind that represents an important community (shared schools, city council, etc). Due to its population, Greater Eureka needs to be divided somewhere, but doing so with the southern end of the city (as in the current map) or not including Myrtle town makes much more sense than this proposal. This would combine two population centers that feel very distinct, not least because they're separated by the entire bay.

I'm also opposed to extending District A to include Blue Lake and other areas in the Mad River and Redwood Creek watersheds. To the extent possible, Blue Lake should remain with neighboring communities like Glendale and Fieldbrook, as was the case prior to the last round of redistricting. Or, alternately, remain connected to Arcata, as is the case now.

Draft Map C2 has issues which need to be rectified. Primarily, District E far exceeds the target population, failing to reflect the population growth in Northern Humboldt over the last 10 years, relative to the rest of the county. That said, it is still far superior to the other option presented. At this point, keeping the current map (with a few tweaks to balance populations) is a perfectly reasonable option. Anything but Map A2.

Thank you,

Nick Thomas  
Trinidad, District 5

**Support for C2, In Opposition of A2**

**From: Jennifer Kalt** <jenkalt@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 10:18 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Support for redistricting draft map C2

Good evening,

I am writing to express strong support for draft map C2 because it keeps the County's major communities from being divided into different districts (Arcata, Fortuna, Blue Lake/Glendale, McKinleyville, the City of Eureka). Draft map A2 makes no sense in terms of keeping communities intact - it puts parts of Arcata in the 5th District, a core neighborhood of Eureka in the 3rd, and it splits Fortuna apart down the middle. A2 is really a poor choice in many ways, despite some commenters' claims that renters in these two cities are a cohesive community.



People who rent their homes in Arcata are predominantly HSU students, whereas renters in West Eureka are predominantly working people. These two areas are not even adjacent to one another unless the district map is drawn to include the obviously uninhabited waterbody that separates them (Humboldt Bay).

I just spent an hour and a half on Districtr attempting to make a draft map that improves slightly on C2. In that amount of time I came up with a map that has a maximum population deviation of 6.32%. I think if you tweak some of the boundaries of C2 slightly, the population imbalance could be improved without senselessly dividing communities. For example, perhaps adding Shelter Cove to the 1st District with the rest of the coastal communities in Southern Humboldt would make some sense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important process, and for volunteering to serve our community!

Jennifer Kalt, McKinleyville

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Jim Elferdink** <elferdink@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 10:08 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: No on A2 or C2 Redistricting

To the Redistricting Advisory Committee,

**I do not support the A2 or C2 redistricting maps presented that alter the existing District boundaries.** The alternatives A2 and C2 do not represent the way our communities are historically or currently linked.

The existing 2012 District Boundaries are aligned with geographic features, watershed boundaries, past community connections, and road network connections. These features help explain many of the reasons for why various communities are in certain districts. They are the basis for much of the district boundaries that have been around for decades and in some cases over a hundred years.

Over the years some of these “geographic communities of interest” were split simply to balance population. In 2010 Scotia was placed in one District and Rio Dell another. The Blue Lake Rancheria was split between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts and Blue lake was disconnected from Glendale in 2010. I support small changes to the existing District Boundaries to balance the

population among the Districts and to reunite long standing “geographic communities of interest and connectivity.”

Thank you to the Committee members for volunteering your time to represent the population of Humboldt County. I specifically reject A2's awkward and unusual boundaries and also reject C2's changes. I do support the opportunity to keep the majority of the current District boundaries intact and reconnect our communities around obvious and long standing linkages and geographic connections.

Respectfully,  
Jim Elferdink  
1692 Timothy Rd.  
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Make the least changes)**

**From: Heidi Webb** <heidivwebb@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 9:47 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting maps

Hello, my name is Heidi Webb, and I live in McKinleyville, CA

Thank you **for volunteering and for your work.**

1. **Please recommend to the Board a map that makes the least changes possible to existing districts.** The current districts are working well and require only minor alterations to balance population. (By contrast, the proposed maps actually make population imbalances between districts *worse*.) I think it is important that the Committee should reject A2, which would result in awkward and unusual districts. The Committee's other alternative, Map C2, is also bad, but not as bad.

Thank you,

Heidi Webb

**In Opposition of Both Maps (adopt current map+keep Eureka together)**

**From: Linda Atkins** <lindaatkins61@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 7:02 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: noname

I'd like to ask the Redistricting committee to adopt the current District map for the new Supervisor Districts, or at least keep Eureka together because we are the urban community of interest in Humboldt County. Decisions that affect our community should be considered by a representative who lives here with us. Arcata and Eureka both have renters, but the needs of college students and the needs of the working people of Eureka can be very different.. Please keep them in separate districts.

Linda Atkins  
Eureka

**In Opposition of A2 (Preferred current districts to remain or C2)**

**From: Aisha T. Cissna** <atc178@humboldt.edu>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 6:56 AM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting Comment

Good morning,

I would like to submit the following comment as it applied to the current Humboldt County redistricting effort:

I do not support Map A2 and I want either the current districts to remain in effect or Map C2.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Aisha Cissna  
714-204-7597  
2835 K Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

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**From: Mike Evenson** <mike@lost-coast-ranch.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 11:24 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting comments

To The Advisory Committee:

Relevant to your deliberations, you should keep in mind the following from the Senate and the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committees about the enabling legislation passed into law: see [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB849](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB849)

From Page 2 of the Assembly Committee Summary(attached text)

"e) Requires districts to be assigned numbers or letters in a manner that results in the greatest number of residents possible ending up in a district that shares the same number or letter as the resident's old district area number or letter, except as specified. "

From Page 5 of the Senate Committee Summary (attached text)

"f) Requires districts to be assigned numbers in a manner that results in the greatest number of residents possible ending up in a district that shares the same number or letter as the resident's old district area number, except as specified."

The Committee has made the calculations on the relative population size of each Alternative  
Alternative A2

	<b>Pop.</b>	<b>Diff.</b>	<b>Diff. %</b>
<b>1st</b>	26,791	-571	-2.1%
<b>2nd</b>	26,087	-1,275	-4.7%
<b>3rd</b>	28,315	+953	+3.5%
<b>4th</b>	27,278	-84	-0.3%
<b>5th</b>	28,339	+977	+3.6%

**Largest deviation: 4.7%**

**Average deviation: 2.84%**

Alternative C2

	<b>Pop.</b>	<b>Diff.</b>	<b>Diff. %</b>
<b>1st</b>	26,447	-915	-3.3%
<b>2nd</b>	27,421	+59	+0.2%

<b>3rd</b>	26,706	-656	-2.4%
<b>4th</b>	26,941	-421	-1.5%
<b>5th</b>	29,295	+1,933	+7.1%

**Largest deviation: 7.1%**

**Average deviation: 2.9%**

with [Mr. Sims providing those for the Status Quo](#) -

	<b>Pop.</b>	<b>Diff.</b>	<b>Diff. %</b>
<b>1st</b>	27,116	-246	-0.9%
<b>2nd</b>	26,817	-545	-2.0%
<b>3rd</b>	28,296	+934	+3.4%
<b>4th</b>	26,407	-955	-3.5%
<b>5th</b>	28,174	+812	+3.0%

**Largest deviation: 3.5%**

**Average deviation: 2.56%**

The above calculations indicate that the Status Quo is the fairest by population numbers. My question to the committee is, “What are the calculations to determine how many residents will have to be assigned to a new numbered district under the Alternative A2 Plan vs those under Alternative C2 Plan vs those under the Existing Status Quo Districting Plan?” Those calculations will determine which Plan causes the least disruption, and “the greatest number of residents possible ending up in a district that shares the same number as the resident’s old district area number.” I hope this will make your deliberations easier. It’s quite a jumble otherwise. I’m glad there’s a mathematical path to guide you to stay within the bounds of the law.

Thank you again, for your consideration and time devoted to this service to Humboldt County,

Mike

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Michelle Fuller** <michellefuller707@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 11:21 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting

To the Redistricting Committee,

I do **not** support the A2 or C2 redistricting maps presented that alter the existing district boundaries. Alternative A2 creates awkward divisions in our communities and does not represent the way our communities are historically or currently linked. While alternative C2 is not as unusual, it does not improve upon current district boundaries.

The existing district boundaries have balanced population sizes, are aligned with geographic features, watershed boundaries, past community connections, and road network connections. These features help explain many of the reasons why various communities are in certain districts and should not be ignored.

I understand that "geographic communities of interest" have been split in the past in order to balance population, and I support small changes to the existing district boundaries to balance population among districts and to reunite longstanding "geographic communities of interest and connectivity." I do not support the changes proposed with the A2 alternative, and find C2 lacking but a better choice if we only have these two to consider. I hope the Committee will take time to consider minor improvements to C2 and/or our current district boundaries that will continue to maintain population balance and geographic communities of interest and connectivity.

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve on this Committee and hearing from the community.

Respectfully,  
Michelle Fuller

### **In Opposition of A2**

**From: Carla Avila-Martinez** <cia12@humboldt.edu>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 10:24 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting in Humboldt County Comment

Hello,

I'm an 11 year resident of Arcata and I have been working in Eureka for 6 years. I strongly oppose any redistricting that places Eureka and Arcata in the same district.

I love both towns for different reasons but having someone representing both would not work for the community. This would be especially problematic if half of Eureka is represented along with Arcata as shown in Map A2. I oppose Map A2 or any other option that would split Eureka in half.

You're welcome to reach out with any questions that you may have for me.

Thank you very much for your time,

Carla

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Prefer alternatives)**

**From: Meg Harper <mjh80@humboldt.edu>**

**Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 9:46 PM**

**To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>**

**Subject: Comment on proposed redistricting maps**

To whom it may concern,

This is Margaret Harper, I am a resident of unincorporated Eureka. Thank you all for your work to develop updated maps of our county's districts. After reviewing the proposed maps and considering the current organization of our county, I would request that you consider a new option that maintains the current districts, with only a few small adjustments to balance out changes to the population since 2010.

The current districts seem to appropriately group communities and maintain a relatively balanced representation of individuals in the county. The two alternatives currently proposed appear to make the population imbalances worse, rather than more even (see analysis recently posted in the Lost Coast Outpost: <https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2021/oct/25/redistricting-failure/>). I request that you reject both maps and develop new options. If this is not feasible, I would prefer map C2, though urge you to instead propose alternatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Meg

Margaret Harper  
3097 Pigeon Pt Rd

Eureka

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Prefer keeping boundaries intact)**

**From: KM Burke** <[kmchburke@gmail.com](mailto:kmchburke@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 9:34 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: redistricting

Dear Redistricting Advisory Committee Members;

Thank you for volunteering your time to represent the people and voters of Humboldt County. It is a difficult assignment you have stepped up to accomplish.

My name is Katherine M Burke. I live at 68 E 15th St., Arcata, CA

I do not see a reason to change our Supervisor Districts boundaries. They have worked very well for a very long time.

The maps showing A2 and C2 are especially strange.

Please keep our current District boundaries intact!

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Katherine Burke

[kmchburke@gmail.com](mailto:kmchburke@gmail.com)

**In Opposition of C2 (Retain Map A2)**

**From: Jack Rice** <[jayellarr@gmail.com](mailto:jayellarr@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 9:01 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Comments on Redistricting Maps

Redistricting Advisory Committee:

I encourage you to retain Draft Map A2, or something essentially the same, and not use Draft Map C2.

When I look over the maps, it becomes obvious that there is no perfectly obvious way to create 5 districts, but Map A2 does a far better job of aligning similar urban communities, and similar rural communities.

One way or another the Eureka area is split up between two districts. It makes a lot more sense to connect the north western parts of Eureka with Arcata (Map A) than southern Eureka areas with Petrolia or Arcata with Kneeland (Map C).



Map A does a much better job for our county by connecting communities of interest and avoiding the situation where rural voters are overwhelmed by an urban bloc.

Thanks for the work on bringing the maps forward. Map A does an impressive job finding a fair balance of community interests. Map C is really concerning because it just perpetuates the same misalignments of urban and rural that we have had before.

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Ellen E. Taylor** <ellenetaylor@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:52 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: redistricting

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I have studied the maps of Plan A2 and C2, and have completed the survey.

Neither of the map sets demonstrate to me superiority to the current district delineations sufficient to disrupt the status quo. I do not believe there is an obligation to change anything. if there are numerical alterations which need to be made, they should be engineered with as little disturbance as possible : just enough to meet the accepted variability between district populations. The revisions contemplated as suggested on the maps are drastic and the results will be chaotic, unpredictable and probably expensive as well.

Thanking you for the opportunity to participate in the process,

Yours

Ellen Taylor  
P O box 60  
Petrolia California 95558  
707 629 3500

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Kate McClain** <katemcclain1@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:42 PM

To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting Advisory Committee

To the Redistricting Advisory Committee,

Thank you to the committee members for volunteering your time to represent the population of Humboldt County. I specifically reject A2's awkward and unusual boundaries and also reject C2's changes. I do support the opportunity to keep the majority of the current District boundaries intact and reconnect our communities around obvious and long standing linkages and geographic connections.

I do not support the A2 or C2 redistricting maps presented that alter the existing District boundaries. The alternatives A2 and C2 do not represent the way our communities are historically or currently linked.

The existing 2012 District Boundaries are aligned with geographic features, watershed boundaries, past community connections, and road network connections. These features help explain many of the reasons for why various communities are in certain districts. They are the basis for much of the district boundaries that have been around for decades and in some cases over a hundred years.

Over the years some of these “geographic communities of interest” were split simply to balance population. In 2010 Scotia was placed in one District and Rio Dell another. The Blue Lake Rancheria was split between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts and Blue lake was disconnected from Glendale in 2010. I support small changes to the existing District Boundaries to balance the population among the Districts and to reunite long standing “geographic communities of interest and connectivity.”

Respectfully,  
Kate McClain  
McKinleyville, CA

**In Favor of A2**

**From: Donny Mobley <mobleyconst@gmail.com>**

**Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 8:11 PM**

**To: County Administrative Office <cao@co.humboldt.ca.us>**

**Subject: Redistricting - In Favor of Map A**

I am in favor of the adoption of Map A as I feel this area of Eureka and Arcata are more in alignment due to them both being areas of rental communities. With the growth and development coming to our area it makes sense to have one representative oversee these areas. Therefore, I would like to see the adoption of Map A.

Thank you

Donny Mobley

707-497-8368

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Melanie Kasek** <kasekm@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:45 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bohn, Rex"  
<RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Redistricting

The redistricting maps proposed do not make any sense. I live in Loleta and want our district to remain as it is.

Melanie Kasek

Loleta

**In Opposition of A2 (Keep Districts the way they are)**

**From: Kelley Garrett** <kelleybrookgarrett@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:34 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting Humboldt

Dear Committee

I live in McKinleyville, Humboldt CO, California. Thank you for your work.

Please recommend to the Board a map that makes the least change to our existing districting. It works the way it is, so why "fix" it if it's not broken?

Please reject A2—no awkward redistricting.

Thank you,  
Kelley Garrett

**In Opposition of A2**

**From: Jeffrey Hinton** <jeffhinton85@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 5:50 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting Community Input

Greetings,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the A2 redistricting map. The arcata bottoms and arcata central are absolutely communities of interest and shouldn't be divided from one another. I also think a more unified eureka will be beneficial for it's representation and identity.

Jeff Hinton

Homeowner in Arcata, Eureka, and Rio Dell

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Least changes possible)**

**From: Susan Tatro** <silvermaven1949@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 5:42 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Citizen Input on Humboldt Co. redistricting

My name is Sue Tatro and I live in the "03". I thank the Committee for volunteering and for their work. Bad maps are not a reflection of your beliefs and you have volunteered time on a frustrating and difficult process.

I am asking the committee to recommend to the Board a map that makes the least changes possible to existing districts. The current districts are working well and require only minor alterations to balance population. (By contrast, the proposed maps actually make population imbalances between districts *worse*.)

The only changes that should be contemplated are those that would unite long-standing communities of interest. For example, Rio Dell and Scotia were split into different districts in 2010.

I request that the Committee reject Map A2 which would result in awkward and unusual districts. The Committee's other alternative, Map C2, is also bad but is less bad (unless you live in District 5).

Again, I thank you for your efforts.

**In Opposition of A2**

**From: Rosemary Holifield** <rmhapp46@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 5:24 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Humboldt County Redistricting Advisory Board

Rosemary Holifield

First, I would like to thank the Advisory Redistricting Committee for your time and effort in such a difficult endeavor. Your decisions will affect many and our way of life here in Humboldt County.

I live in Mckinleyville and have been trying to understand why the redistricting of this area, using the information from the 2020 Census would produce such a strange arrangement in a lining Mckinleyville, which is a robust, fast growing town with neighbors to the remote areas in Northern Humboldt County. We have nothing in common with these rural towns except the same county.

I ask that the current maps continue with minor changes involving Rio Dell and Scotia. Please reject Map A2 which would create awkward and unusual districts.

I also have concerns regarding the company who was hired to draw these new districts. Humboldt County is a very different and unique county, like no other in California when it comes to diversity, terrain. I feel this company does not understand Humboldt County and the diverse population, from college students indigenous peoples, and the thriving business community, especially here in Mckinleyville.

Thank you again for your time,

Rosemary Holifield

### **In Opposition of A2**

**From: Mark Andre** <mandre2391@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 5:18 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: County redistricting comment

I do not support Map A2.

I prefer either the existing districts remain as is or Map A2.

Regards

Mark Andre

RPF#2391

2246 Western Ave

Arcata, CA 95521

### **In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Kathryn Travers** <travers6271@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 5:00 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: county redistricting

Hi. My name is Kathryn Travers. I live in the Sunny Heights district of Eureka, 1726 Sunny Ave. specifically.

First, I want to thank you for volunteering for this difficult task, but I do have a couple of comments to share. The current map seems much more balanced than what is being proposed. Please make fewer changes with maybe more minor population balancing involved. And it seems especially clear that Rio Dell and Scotia should be reunited as communities of interest.

I hope the Committee will reject maps A2 and C2. The current map just needs a small adjustment.

Again, thank you for your time and efforts.

**In Opposition of A2**

**From: Marion Nina Amber** <marioninamber@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:42 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Good Afternoon,

My name is Marion Nina Amber and I live in Bayside (Arcata) California.

Thank you for volunteering for this committee work. I am writing to ask that you please recommend to the Board a map that makes the least changes to existing districts as possible. As well, please reject Map A2.

thank you,  
Marion Nina Amber

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**From: Jo Anne Godinho** <fullcircle1048@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:32 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting Maps

Hello Commissioners,

My name is Jo Anne Godinho and I live in Fortuna, CA. I appreciate all the time and effort you are putting into this process. I do hope that for your meeting tomorrow (10/28) and for all future meetings you have large maps to display with the names of local cities and locations clearly labeled and readable. Blobs of different colors to represent the different districts leads to

confusion and frustration. We all want to be kept informed and thus able to offer our best suggestions and solid support to your plans. Clarity and clear communication is so essential. With my gratitude,  
Jo Anne

**In Support of A2 (With minor tweak)**

**From: Ryan P. Rice** <rprcinc@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:12 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Humboldt County Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Advisory Committee

I thank you first of all for taking the time to address the potential for realigning our districts that streamline our county culturally and economically for growth towards a more efficient and successful future for all.

I would like to say that after reviewing the two potential maps that map A is the best map although not perfect. I believe that district 2 should encompass the Redway west to Shelter Cove. And that district 1 should start at Ettersberg and run north. The Southern Humboldt culture definitely runs through the Whitethorn, Sheltercove areas where the culture of Honeydew and Petrolia run towards Capetown, Ferndale areas. Map A also puts the west Eureka and Arcata areas together that have similar cultures and ideas. It also has the bay and the coastline that has critical infrastructure that should responsibly be overseen by one person. Kneeland and surrounding areas are similar in nature to rural areas in district 1 and 2 and it makes sense to have representation that predominantly oversees that type of setting already.

For these and many other reasons, I am in support of map A2 with a minor tweak.

Thank you for your time!

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**From: Tom Wheeler** <[tom@wildcalifornia.org](mailto:tom@wildcalifornia.org)>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:09 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Suspicious public comments

Dear Neftali,

I am concerned that someone created a number of "burner" email accounts to spam comments in on redistricting. On Sunday, the CAO's email address received a large number of emails in support of Map A2. These emails were sent roughly 10-15 minutes apart. I believe that Patricia Azevedo, Don Reynolds, Richard Carlton, Brian Jones, and Amanda Faitt may not be real. Would you please share IP addresses for these individuals? Here are instructions on how to find

IP addresses:

<https://ctemplar.com/how-to-trace-email-ip-address-and-learn-who-sent-you-the-email/>

**In Opposition of A2 (Preferred least changes possible)**

**From: Michele Berman** <mberman95502@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 4:08 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Re: Redistricting

To: The Redistricting Advisory Committee

From: Michele Berman 7119 London Dr Eureka 90053

I want to thank the committee for volunteering and for all your work

I ask that you recommend to the Board a map that makes the least changes possible to existing districts as the current districts are working well

Please REJECT A2 as this would result in awkward and unusual districts

Thanks for your consideration

Michele Berman

**In Opposition of Both Maps**

**From: Martha Walden** <marthawalden@suddenlink.net>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 3:53 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: redistricting effort

Hello. My name is Martha Walden. I live in Westhaven, part of the 5th district. I'm concerned about the redistricting process, which I just read about in Lost Coast Outpost. Sounds like the committee needs to go back to the drawing board if the status quo fulfills the requirement of balanced population more than either of the two proposals.

The 5th district is large geographically but contains about the same amount of voters as the other districts. I am very satisfied with Steve Madrone as our supervisor who represents the interests of those of us who live north of the Mad in a rural, unincorporated part of the county.

Please take your time to get this right.

Martha Walden

**In Opposition of A2 (Consider map with fewest changes)**



**From: Kathleen Kelcey** <kathleenkelcey@att.net>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 3:55 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

I realize this is a difficult task and thanks for doing it. I would like to see the fewest changes possible. I also would like you to totally reject A2.

Gerrymandering for any political entity is wrong. Changes must be common sense and impartial.

Thanks.

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Preferred old map with minimal changes)**

**From: Patti Rose** <p.rose@suddenlink.net>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 3:22 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: redistricting

I read with interest the article in the Lost Coast Outpost on redistricting. I particularly enjoyed the maps and the contortions that the committee went thru to make it look so bad. I oppose this map and would like to see one with as few modifications as possible. I am particularly upset at the undemocratic lengths that the Republicans will go thru to gain control of our government and minimize the effect that voting minorities will have on our future.'

Please give us back the old map with a few modifications to balance the district sizes.

Patti Rose  
Mckinleyville  
839-0588

**In Support of A2**

**From: Les Charter** <lcharter8@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 3:11 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

I am communicating my preference for redistricting. I believe Map A2 is clearly the best choice for everyone affected.

Thank you.

**In Opposition of A2 (C2 is better but minor changes to current map is preferred)**

**From:** dkh <dorrekiddhoward@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 3:03 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Dorre Howard and I live just north of Fortuna city limits.

Thank you the for the work that you have done drawing redistricting maps for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. You volunteered your time on a difficult and frustrating process.

However, the proposed maps make population imbalances between districts worse. Please reject map A2 as it would result in awkward and unusual districts. Map C2 is not as bad, however it also does not work.

I ask that the Committee recommend to the Board a map that makes the least changes possible to existing districts. The current districts are working well and require only minor alterations to balance population.

Respectfully,  
Dorre Howard

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Current district lines continued)**

**From:** Diane Des Marets <maretsprice@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 2:52 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Madrone, Steve" <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Wilson, Mike" <[Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bohn, Rex" <[RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bushnell, Michelle" <[mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bass, Virginia" <[VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

My name is Diane Des Marets. I have lived in the 5th District since 1977. This unique community shares the incredible coastline with beautiful rivers and mountains. The McKinleyville area, where I live, is unincorporated and so relies heavily on the District Supervisor for governmental issues and needs. My assessment of the proposed maps for

redistricting will not increase the ease of governing this district. Any population imbalance needing adjustment should not be done in a way that interferes with the 5th District lines, or confuses the areas that encompass Eureka and Arcata.

Map A2 and Map C2 both appear to dilute communities of interest and cause increased population imbalances between districts.

I am, therefore, requesting that the Redistricting Committee reject both Map A2 and Map C2 and recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the current Supervisor District lines be continued.

Thank you for your volunteer service on the Redistricting Committee.

Thank you for considering my input on this important issue.

Sincerely, Diane Des Marets

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Make as little changes to 2010 map as possible)**

**From: Lin Glen** <glennalin@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 2:00 PM

To: "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Madrone, Steve" <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Wilson, Mike" <[Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bohn, Rex" <[RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bushnell, Michelle" <[mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mbushnell@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Bass, Virginia" <[VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Fw: Comment on Proposed County Redistricting Maps

My name is Lin Glen and I live in the incorporated city of Blue Lake. I have lived in, and voted consistently in, Humboldt County for over 50 years.

I support the Board of Supervisors' and the Redistricting Committee's sincere efforts to create a Supervisorial District map for 2021 that represents the citizens and voters of Humboldt County fairly and as equally as possible.

For the reasons below, I believe the 2021 map should be the one that makes the fewest changes to map created in 2011 and I recommend:

-Choose a map that reflects the fewest possible changes to the current map. The 2011 map is working, it only needs minor shifts to better equalize representation.

-Reject the awkward A2 map. The odd districts it creates encourage public distrust of the system.

-Reject the C2 map. It's hugely imbalanced, population-wise, with an over-sized 5th district.

-The potential 2021 maps submitted to the public for our input are confusing with few identifying geographic features, a confusing letter system rather than Supervisorial District numbers, and no current map available for comparison so changes could not be easily understood. I was not able to figure out the online maps so requested paper maps from the CAO per the re-districting website instructions but never received them.

-The Pandemic has prevented many citizens from giving input into this 2021 process - including people without the internet or without good computer skills. The 2011 map was created after a county-wide series of open in-person public meetings, among other public outreach efforts, and is a fair representation of that input.

Thanks to the Board and to the Committee for efforts to create the best possible new Redistricting map. I believe when the Board assesses the evidence, the right thing will be done to achieve the stated goals and to strengthen public trust in the process by making minimal changes to the 2011 map.

-Lin Glen

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Make as little changes to 2010 map as possible)**

**From: John Webb <[winnemuccaslim@hotmail.com](mailto:winnemuccaslim@hotmail.com)>**

Sent: Tuesday October 26, 2021 12:17 PM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

My Name is John Webb and I live in Trinidad, Ca.

First I would like to thank the Committee for it's efforts in finding a fair way to draw political representation maps.

From my persepective it would seem there is little need to make any major changes in existing districts. Things work ok with current district lines as drawn. Only minor changes are needed to make the required adjustments due to population changes.

I would urge that the proposed districts in A2 and C2 be rejected. These proposed districts are awkward and unusual in their design furthmore they make population imbalances worse than would currently exists.

John Webb  
Trinidad, CA  
95570

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Make as little changes to 2010 map as possible)**

**From: William Cook <[william@HUMGEAR.COM](mailto:william@HUMGEAR.COM)>**

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 8:40 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Please keep County Supervisor Districts unchanged  
Greetings CAO,

Please do not change the County Supervisor Districts to either of the alternatives being proposed. Those new alternatives do nothing to re-balance the population and the entire premise should be considered sunk costs. The sunk cost fallacy indicates the tendency for people to continue to invest time and money in an idea where the benefits clearly do not outweigh the costs.

Please support keeping the Supervisor Districts as they are, as it represents the best value for taxpayers.

William Cook  
Voter and avid campaign volunteer!

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Prefer another set of draft maps)**

**From: Jeff and Marisa St John <[upperredwoodcreek@gmail.com](mailto:upperredwoodcreek@gmail.com)>**

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 10:39 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, "Miller-Rubio, Neftali" <[nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:nrubio-mills1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting Advisory Committee - Need for One More Draft Map  
Hello Redistricting Advisory Committee,

My name is Marisa Darpino District 5 (near Highway 299 and Titlow Hill Road).

Thank you for volunteering and all of the work you have done so far and will do in the future.

The draft maps (rounds 1 and 2) seemed to make moderate to significant changes to the districts. There was only one map that kept where I live and work with Willow Creek, the Redwood Creek Watershed, and Highway 299 Corridor (current District 5) and I completed surveys 1 and 2 with

this statement. Of the two maps presented in the second round, map C2 is less worse than A2 which should be rejected because of its awkward and unusual districts.

Please present one more set of draft maps based on the current districts with only minor alterations to balance the population changes.

Sincerely,  
Marisa Darpino

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Prefer to keep boundaries as close as they are)**

**From: Sandy Farrell** <sandy\_farrell@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 10:16 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Supervisorial District Boundaries

Alexander Farrell, Eureka

Please do not allow "Right Wing" Gerrymandering of our districts.

Do not radically change our supervisorial districts.  
Accept only small changes to the district boundaries.

Thank you for your efforts.

**In Opposition of A2**

**From: Terra Tech** <t-tech@sonic.net>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 10:08 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting Map Proposal A2 - Not Good.....

To whom it may concern,

Draft District Map Plan A2 seems to counter the stated objectives of a "district" map. It is very counter intuitive and I hope not intentionally malicious to divide the city of Eureka in half. I live near Henderson Center and Plan A2 divides my town in half for no reason that serves it's citizens with better representation. The reasons given early on in the public input stage of the re-redistricting planning regarding the community of renters or public transit users, seem very weak at best. I believe the folks who may fall into those "communities" of interest are also not served better by having their cities divided. Concerns of renters and public transit users can certainly be advocated for across the whole Board of Supervisors. Finally, it is apparent that the current survey results for Plan A2 point to the general dissatisfaction with this Draft Plan A2.

Thank you for your work on this issue and your time.

Randy Terra  
Eureka, CA

**In Opposition of A2 (Prefers to keep districts as close to as they are now)**

**From: Mel Kreb** <[floodplain@asis.com](mailto:floodplain@asis.com)>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 9:59 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: October27 Redistricting Meeting input

My name is Melvin Kreb and I live in Pepperwood in the 1st district. My mailing address is 31117 State Highway 254, Scotia, CA, 95565.

I would like thank the Redistricting Committee for the the time and effort they have put into this important process as volunteers.

Having been moved into a new district in the last redistricting I am attempting to understand the proposed maps and will continue to do so. My most important comment on the maps is I want you to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that makes as few changes possible to the current districts. Why reinvent the wheel when minor changes to the maps would balance populations? Looking at the proposed maps, they appear to make district population imbalances worse. The worst map is A2 and should be thrown out.

Thanks for considering my opinions.

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Prefers C2 but wants to keep districts as close to as they are now)**

**From: Sue Y Lee** <[sue.lee@humboldt.edu](mailto:sue.lee@humboldt.edu)>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 9:05 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Committee Member Cao,

Our names are sue y. lee mossman and Archie Mossman, and we have resided in Westhaven, CA which is about 3 miles south of Trinidad, CA for 52 years.

We thank you and all the others on the Redistricting Advisory Committee for your dedication to the frustrating and difficult tasks of this committee

We ask the Committee to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a map that makes the least changes possible to existing districts. The current districts are working well and require only minor alterations to balance population. (By contrast, the proposed maps actually make population imbalances between districts *worse*.)

We also wish to emphasize that the Committee should reject A2, which would result in awkward and unusual districts. The Committee's other alternative, Map C2, is also bad but is less bad.

Thank you for taking our comments.

Sincerely,  
sue y. lee mossman  
Archie Mossman  
PO Box 223  
Arcata, CA 95518  
Phone: 707.677.3669

**In Opposition of Both Maps (Prefers to keep districts as close to as they are now)**

**From: Maya Conrad** <[mayaconrad@gmail.com](mailto:mayaconrad@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wednesday October 27, 2021 8:31 AM

To: County Administrative Office <[cao@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cao@co.humboldt.ca.us)>, Lisa Dugan  
<[knockatureen@gmail.com](mailto:knockatureen@gmail.com)>, "Madrone, Steve" <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

Subject: Redistricting meeting public comment

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

As a resident of McKinleyville, community leader and local realtor, I request that you maintain the current district boundaries, making only minor adjustments for population changes. Neither of the maps of 2nd Draft Plans A2 and C2 make sense from a community, historical or geographic perspective and I do not support either of these Draft Plans.

Thank you for your work on this important subject.

Sincerely,

**Maya Conrad, Realtor (she/her)**  
**707-498-2025**  
**EXP Realty of California, Inc.**  
**DRE 01717594**