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

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

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

Thank you,  
Chris Stribling  
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