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**Subject:** Support the ARC Redistricting Proposal  
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Dear Supervisors:

As a homeowner and property tax payer in two of the current county districts within Santa Rosa, I strongly oppose the board's attempts in the last few weeks to replace the consensus proposal for redistricting in Sonoma County by the non-partisan, community-based advisory commission you appointed earlier this year with your own effort, which is clearly perverted by the political interests of incumbent supervisors, in particular the current chair of the board.

Good chairs preside in a manner that supports transparency and the interests of the greatest majority of the voters and stakeholders they serve. Bad chairs use their control of the agenda and deliberations of boards to support their own personal or political interests. Lynda Hopkins clearly falls into the latter category.

While I no longer live in Chris Coursey's district, I agree with him as well as most of the members of the City Council in Santa Rosa that dividing the downtown area under the board's alternative proposal for redistricting, ignores the strategic priorities the entire board should be placing on our most pressing issues - affordable housing, homelessness, and developing a more sustainable environment for all county residents. The board's intervention also defies many of the statewide requirements that the ARC did a far better job of taking into account.

Like most other local political jurisdictions, Sonoma County continues to see most population growth in urban areas, where populations that are more racially or culturally diverse or vulnerable are also more likely to be found.

It is simply unacceptable that Chair Hopkins engages in attempts to gerrymander for the benefit of her White, woke, exurban constituencies – as well as her own political ambitions. Framing her political maneuvers as litigation may have worked once with the elected Sheriff, but doesn't pass the smell test in her attempt to bully and abuse the newest member of the board or subvert the ARC process, which is required by state law to address bias and equal access in redistricting.

Count me with the supporters of Mr. Coursey, whether they live or serve his district or simply believe that local government needs to be more accountable to the people – throughout the county – where we all live.

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