

# CA Redistricting Commission

## North Central Coast

Monterey

San Benito

Santa Cruz

## South Central Coast

Ventura

Santa Barbara

San Luis Obispo



# Redistricting Prioritized Legal Criteria

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1. Equal population

AD = 465,674

SD = 931,349

CD = 702,905

2. US Voting Rights Act Section 5 and Section 2

3. Contiguity

4. Intact political boundaries and communities of interest

5. Compact

6. Where possible, 2 assembly districts nested in 1 senate district

7. Do not protect or work against incumbents, partisan candidates or political parties

# **Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties Working Class, Concentrated Poverty, People of Color and Immigrant COI's**

- **For working class, low wage working families, farmworkers, immigrants and people of color communities of interest in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, the best representation keeps together the Salinas Valley, Cities of Watsonville, and Hollister and their immediately surrounding unincorporated areas.**
- **These cities and unincorporated communities with over 65% people of color, predominantly Latino, with similar socio-economic (working class, farmworker, low-income), language and cultural (immigrant from Mexico and indigenous communities), are also the areas with by far the highest unemployment and home foreclosure rates, lower educational attainment and poverty. These communities are the most in need of services and responsive government.**
- **The cities and CDP's of King City, Pajaro, Chualar, Castroville, San Lucas, Greenfield, Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, and Watsonville are among the communities statewide with over 25% adult noncitizen population. Following only Los Angeles and Fresno counties, Monterey County has the most cities with over a one-quarter adult noncitizen population (ACS 2005-2009). These Monterey County cities are the priority communities relevant to the US Voting Rights Act Sec. 5.**
- **The tri-city areas of Salinas (including the Salinas Valley), Watsonville and Hollister together represent a rural, farmworker, and low-income community of interest, because of a) near exclusive agricultural economy, b) concentrated poverty and unemployment, c) high foreclosure rate d) minimal public transportation, e) poor water quality and f) the high concentration of Latino (ranging from 71% to 96.7%) immigrants and monolingual Spanish-speakers.**
- **Together, Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties include 732,708 people, of which 47% are Latino. Together, the three counties represent:**
  - **1.57 Assembly Districts at ideal value (465,674 people/district)**
  - **.787 Senate Districts at ideal value (931,349 people/district)**
  - **1.04 Congressional Districts at ideal value (702,905 people/district)**

# Monterey, Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties VRA Sec. 5 & 2 & Communities of Interest

1. Expand the existing 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly Districts northward
2. Expand the existing 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District that already includes all of Monterey & San Benito Counties and would now include 89% of Santa Cruz County, south of Scotts Valley.
3. Revise existing Senate District 12 to protect VRA Sec. 5 & 2, while addressing communities of Interest and making the district more compact:

Recommended Senate District 12	Proposed SD % Latino & CVAP	Current SD % Latino & CVAP
All Monterey County (sec. 5), Merced County and San Benito County		
Inland & South Santa Cruz County: City of Watsonville and CDP's of Freedom, Interlaken & Amesti		
Madera County (93%) up to East of 99 Fwy at the Hwy 41 & Hwy 145 junction. Does not include CDP's of Ahwahnee, Bass Lake, Coarsegold, Nipinnawasee, Oakhurst & Yosemite Lakes. COL's with Yosemite Valley in Mariposa County.		
TOTAL Population: 932,430 (0.12% dev.)	58% Latino 51% CVAP	59% Latino 51% CVAP

# 2011 Senate District 12

## VRA Sec. 5 & 2

### Communities of Interest & Compact



# Ventura & Santa Barbara County Working Class, Concentrated Poverty, People of Color, & Immigrant COI's

- **Together, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties include 1,516,850 people. Respectively, each county includes 40.3%, 42.9% and 20.8% Latino. The total population includes:**
  - **2.7 Assembly Districts at ideal value**
  - **1.3 Senate Districts at ideal value**
  - **1.8 Congressional Districts at ideal value**
- **Working class, low-wage working, farmworker, immigrant and people of color communities of interest in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties are best represented when kept whole and together.**
- **Cities and nearby CDP's with over 70% people of color, immigrants are also the areas with by far the highest unemployment and home foreclosure rates, lower educational attainment and poverty. These communities are the most in need of services and responsive government. These communities include Santa Maria, and Guadalupe in Santa Barbara County and the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme and the Santa Clara Valley (Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru) in Ventura County west of the Conejo Grade.**
- **East of the Conejo Grade or East Ventura County includes the cities and unincorporated areas of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Oak Park, Santa Susana, Bell Canyon and Lake Sherwood, are the concentrated wealthy and less diverse communities with community ties with the northwest Los Angeles County cities of Westlake Village, Agoura, Agoura Hills, and Calabasas. These Ventura and LA County cities collaborate and the concentration of Ventura County residents that commute to Los Angeles for employment live in East County.**
- **In Santa Barbara County the cities with the highest concentration of working class, immigrant and race/ethnically diverse populations include Santa Maria and Guadalupe in the northern end of the county. Similar socio-economic concerns faced by these cities are also faced by minority Latino populations in Lompoc, Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria at the southern end of Santa Barbara County.**
- **Santa Barbara and West Ventura counties together represent a regional community of interest, because of a) agriculture, b) pockets of suburban and rural poverty and unemployment, c) coastal and in-land environmental issues, d) minimal public transportation, and the concentration of people of color and immigrants in certain cities and unincorporated areas.**

# Ventura & Santa Barbara COI

Ventura County	Santa Barbara County	San Luis Obispo County
<b>823,318 (54%)</b>	<b>423,895</b>	<b>269,637</b>
<p><b>Largest City</b> <b>Oxnard</b> 197,899</p> <p><b>84%</b> <i>people of color</i> <b>53% Latino &lt;18</b> vs. CA 51%</p> <p><b>14.1% City vs.</b> <b>10.4% County</b> Unemployment</p>	<p><b>Largest City</b> <b>Santa Maria</b> 99,553</p> <p><b>77%</b> <i>people of color</i> <b>62% Latino &lt;18</b> vs. CA 51%</p> <p><b>14.9% City vs.</b> <b>9.6% County</b> Unemployment</p>	<p><b>Largest City</b> <b>San Luis Obispo</b> 45,119</p> <p>21% <i>people of color</i> <b>50% Latino &lt;18</b> vs. CA 51%</p> <p>10.7% City vs. 9.8% County Unemployment</p>
<p>Workweek commuters from Ventura – SB</p> <p>Seasonal Farmworker migration between Ventura &amp; SB counties</p>	<p>African American community network between SB and Ventura counties</p> <p>SB &amp; Ventura County collaboration for environmental protection &amp; justice advocacy</p>	



# Ventura & Santa Barbara Concentrated Communities of Color



**Ventura County – 49%**  
El Rio CDP – 88%  
Piru CDP – 86%  
**Oxnard - 84%** (197,899)  
Santa Paula – 81%  
Fillmore – 76%  
Port Hueneme – 63%

**Santa Barbara County – 50%**  
Guadalupe – 90%  
**Santa Maria – 77%** (99,553)  
Lompoc – 61%

**San Luis Obispo – 26%**  
Shandon CDP – 58%  
San Miguel CDP – 55%  
Oceano CDP – 51%  
Nipomo CDP – 44%

# Communities of Interest: Low-Income concentration in Communities of Color

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## Ventura County

	Unemployment	People of color
<b>County</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>49%</b>
Piru	17.9%	86%
Santa Paula	17%	81%
Fillmore	14.3%	76%
Oxnard	14.1%	84%

## Santa Barbara County

	Unemployment	People of color
<b>County</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>50%</b>
Lompoc	16.7%	61%
Guadalupe	16.3%	90%
Santa Maria	14.9%	77%

## San Luis Obispo County

	Unemployment	People of color
<b>County</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Oceano CDP	18%	51%
Nipomo CDP	12.9%	44%
Paso Robles	11.6%	39%

# Communities of Interest: Farm Workers



## Agriculture Product Value

\$1.3 billion Ventura County - only 12 counties > \$1 Billion ag value

\$ 951 million Santa Barbara County

\$ 561 million San Luis Obispo County

*(Source USDA, Nat'l Ag Stat. Service)*

## Farm Workers

36% of all farmworkers are in CA (by comparison, the next largest proportion of farmworkers nationwide – 11% - is across a 9 state region)

99% Latino; predominantly Spanish speaking

75% earn < \$15,000 annually and 70% uninsured

**62,605 in Ventura County**

**12,000 – 18,000 in Santa Barbara County**

Migrate from Ventura County to Santa Barbara County

*(Source: Nat'l Ag Worker Study (NAWS), VC Workforce Investment Board)*

## Mixteco / Indigenous Communities

➤ 46% in central coast (Ventura – Santa Cruz County)

➤ 17, 500 concentrated in Oxnard, El Rio, Nyeland Acres

➤ 28, 000 in Santa Maria Valley

*(Source: Indigenous Farmworker Study)*

# Ventura & Santa Barbara Communities of Interest

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## **Public & Farmworker Transportation**

- ✓ ASERT – Ventura & Santa Barbara regional transportation alliance
- ✓ Ag Industries Transportation Services (AITS) serves Ventura-Santa Barbara counties as one of their statewide regions

## **Immigration Reform**

- ✓ Ventura County site of New Sanctuary Movement
- ✓ Presently Ventura County working with Congressman Luis Gutierrez of Illinois on local event for Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- ✓ In City of Santa Barbara, > 15,000 marched for immigration reform in 2006

## **Environmental Protection & Environmental Justice**

- ✓ Santa Barbara based Environmental Defense Center has worked with Oxnard – Port Hueneme to press for clean-up Halaco US EPA Superfund Site;
- ✓ 2500 organized in Oxnard to defeat proposed Liquified Natural Gas off-shore terminal

# Ventura and Santa Barbara

1. **Keep Oxnard, El Rio, Nyeland Acres, & Port Hueneme** whole, together and in Ventura County based districts
2. **Keep the Santa Clara Valley including Piru, Fillmore & Santa Paula**, whole, together with the City of Oxnard and in Ventura County based districts
3. If a Los Angeles County based district comes into Ventura County, **do NOT include Oxnard, El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Port Hueneme or Santa Clara Valley**. The Conejo Grade is the natural physical geographical boundary between West and East Ventura County that also include distinctly different COI's.
4. **Keep West Ventura County together with Santa Barbara County**
5. **Keep Santa Maria, Guadalupe and Lompoc** whole, together and in districts that are Santa Barbara County based

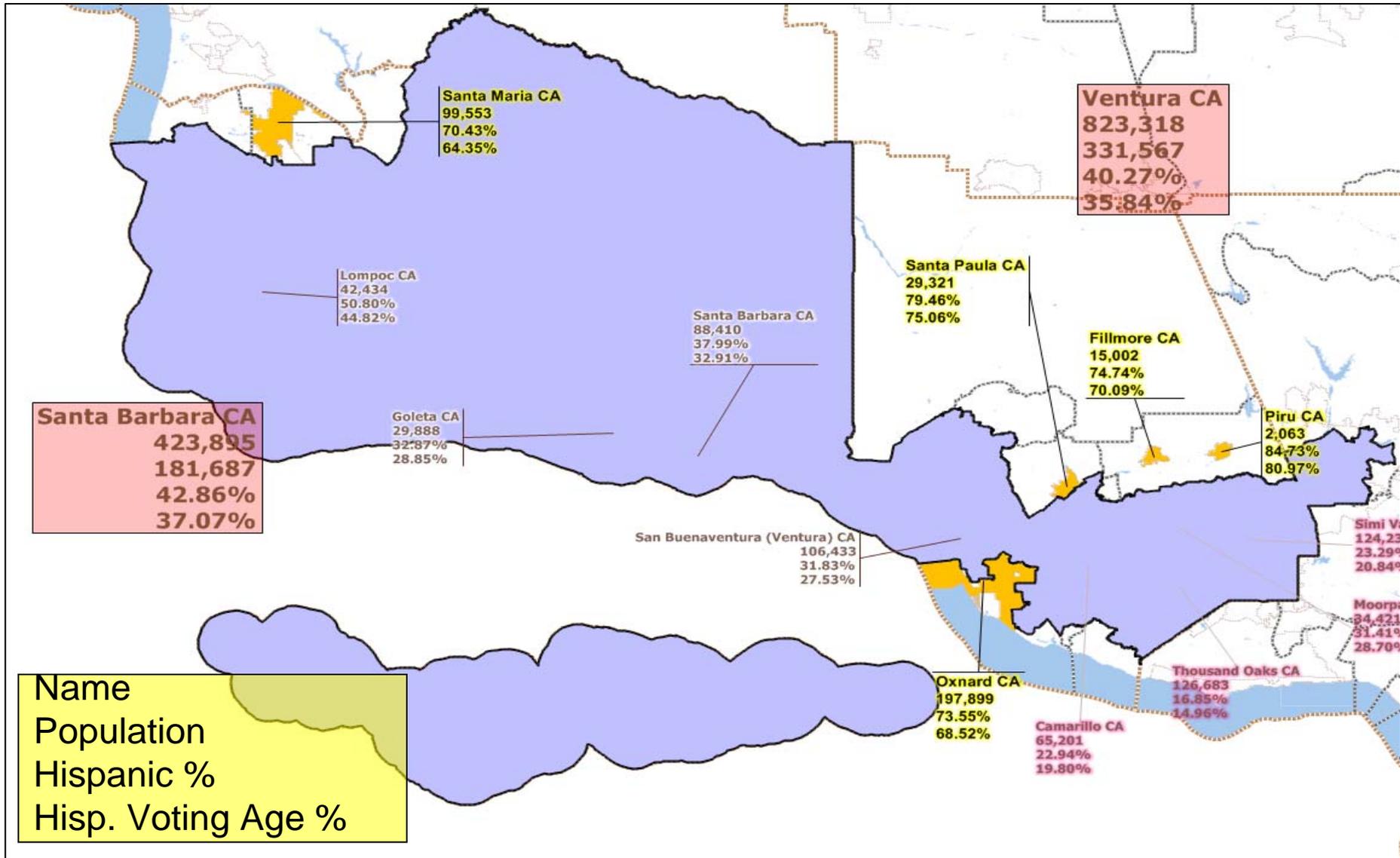


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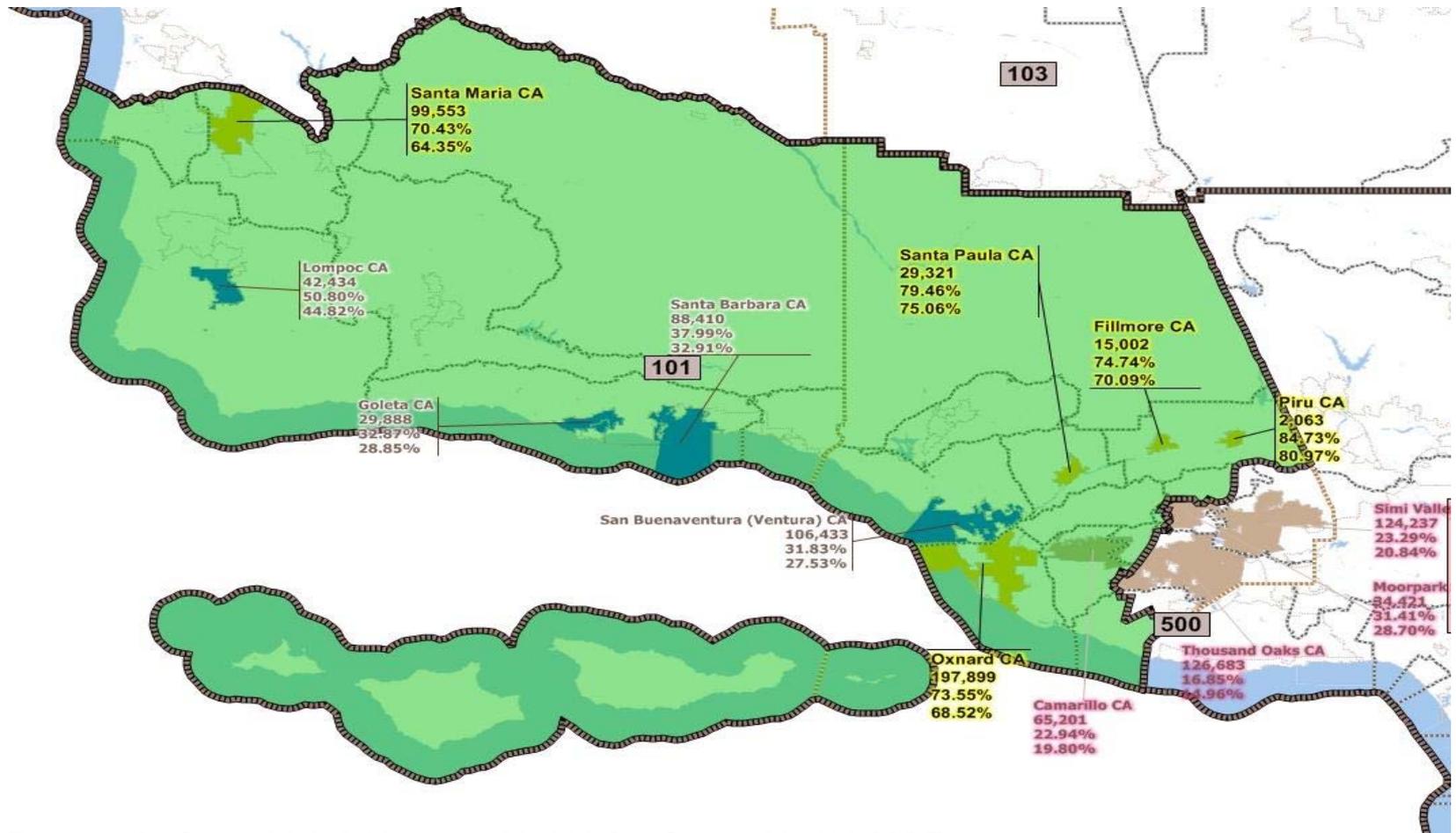
## Recommended Senate, Assembly & Congressional Districts: Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties



Current 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District: Distinct Race/Ethnic Gerrymander; Cracked low income and immigrant COI's; Cracked counties; Not compact



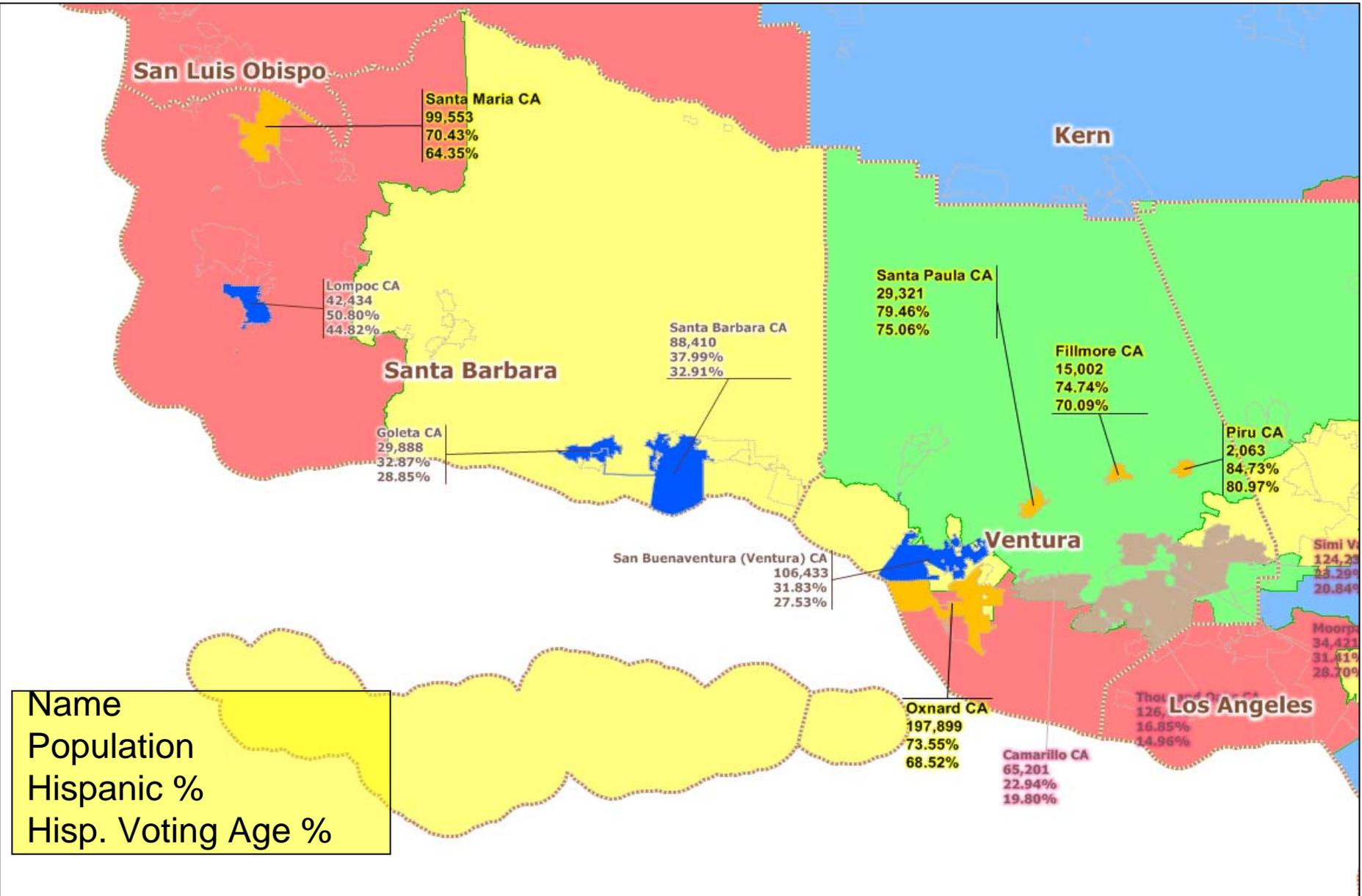
Recommended Senate District that is inclusive of working class, concentrated poverty, people of color and immigrant COI's. Keeps counties intact to the extent possible; natural geographic boundary at the Conejo Grade in Ventura County with distinct COI's kept together on either side of the natural boundary.



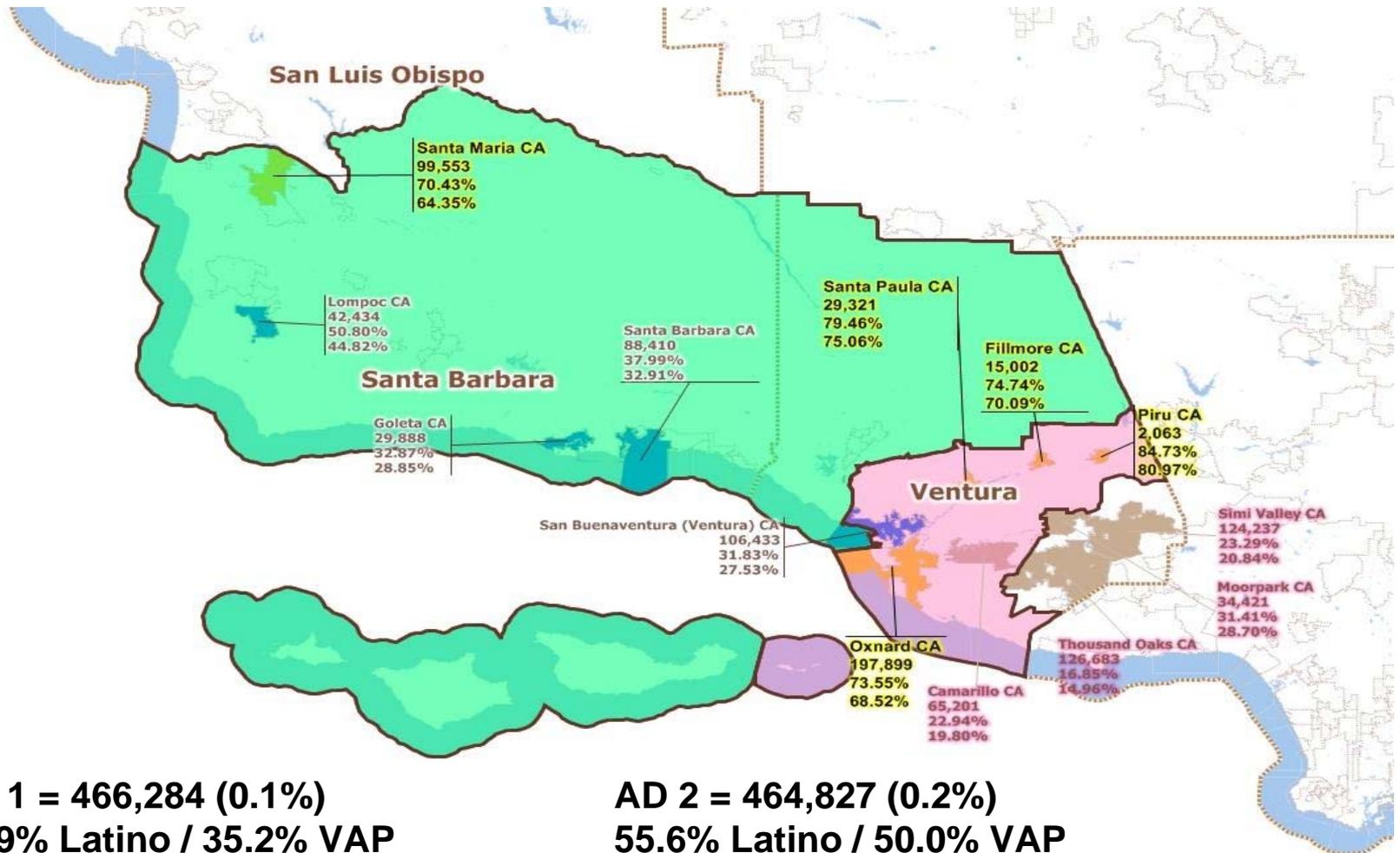
SD population: 931,140

48.2% Latino / 42.4% VAP

Current Assembly Districts: 2 small counties cracked in 5 districts. In both counties, the largest cities with over 70% people of color and concentrated poverty, Santa Maria and Oxnard, are separated from similar COI's and included in districts based in external counties.



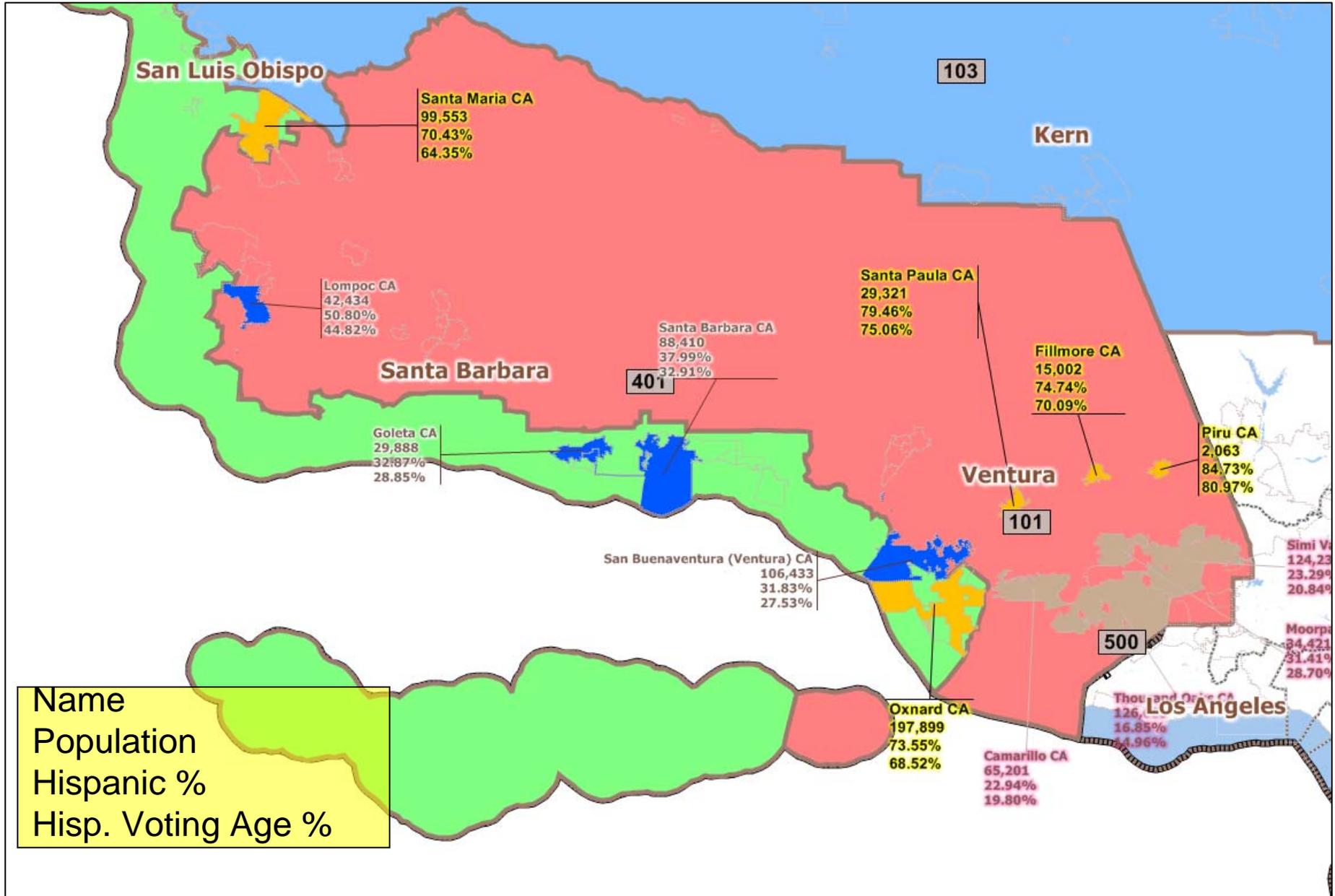
# Recommended Assembly Districts: Keep counties, cities, school districts and COI's intact to the extent possible & nest within one Senate District.



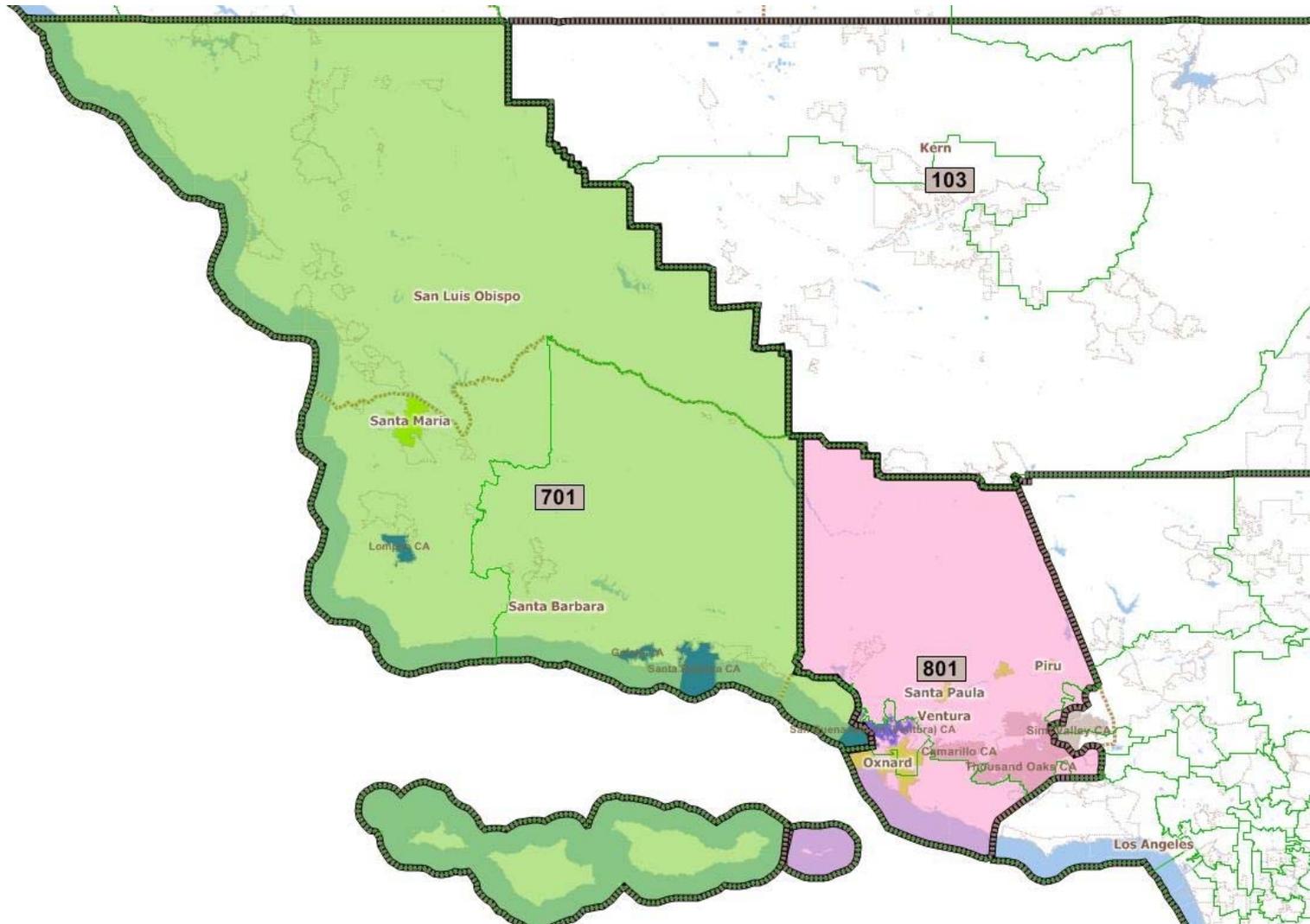
**AD 1 = 466,284 (0.1%)**  
**40.9% Latino / 35.2% VAP**

**AD 2 = 464,827 (0.2%)**  
**55.6% Latino / 50.0% VAP**

# Current Congressional Districts: Split Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties & raises concerns about gerrymandering.



Ventura, Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo Congressional Districts:  
Keeps counties, cities & COI's intact as much as possible; Ventura  
County seat of Govt. is within Ventura County based CD; Compact



**Thank you**

**Q & A**



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