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Commission,

There should be no distinction between an East and West Kern. Kern County should remain whole, as it has done all these years. Kern has great representation as it stands now with the Assembly, Senate and U.S. Congress. Dividing the county and sending East Kern into other congressional districts doesn't work for the people and is not what the people want. Kern County took a leadership role in preparing the state for the previous round of Base Realignment and Closure. It was Kern County legislators that chaired both the Assembly and Senate Select Committees on military support. Having legislators that represent both the metro Bakersfield area and the rural mountain and desert regions creates a balance between urban and rural needs that promotes regional economic growth, delivery of services, and quality of life for all Kern County residents. I urge you not to divide the county and to leave it whole.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Lori Acton