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Dear members of the Commission:

I live at [REDACTED] on 3.5 acres small farm in the rural Clovis. For than 20 years, I have worked as a liaison to the refugee community for the County of Fresno. I have been actively involved in bettering the Southeast Asian and served as a board/committee member on number of organizations: including co-chair of the Asian Pacific Islander's Californian Action Network, Fresno County Economic Opportunity Commission, United way of Fresno, CA DSS Advisory Council, Central California Forum on Refugee Affairs and more. In this letter, I want to tell you more about the community where I live and about the SE Asian community in Fresno County.

First, about the community where I live: I live north east of the City of Fresno in rural Clovis at the base of the foothills. People around me live on large lots or half, 1, 5, or 10 acre parcels of homes varying in size from large to small and age from 2 years old to more than 50 years old. There are also some newer subdivisions of small lots in the Clovis City limits. While a few people around me farm on their properties as their primary source of income, most of us not. Income levels vary a great deal. While there are some SE Asians in my area, my community is made up mostly of Caucasians. We identify most with like rural areas to the north to Madera County and to the foothills of Fresno County and south into the community of Sanger. It is my hope that you will keep these "Like" area together when you redraw districts.

Now, to the SE Asian community in Fresno County: you are probably already aware that our county has the third largest SE Asian and first largest Hmong population in California. While the extensive foreclosures in our area have seem some of our population going back to the central part of the City of Fresno in home in zip codes of 93702, 93703, 93726 and 93727, the additional zip codes of 93701, 93710 and 93611 and rural parts of the county also have a number of SE Asians. Concentrations are south of Shaw to north of Kings Canyon and Shaw and Clovis to Valentine. We share an interest with Latino communities in SE Fresno and with VRA areas to the south. It is my hope that you will keep the majority of the SE Asian community together in the southeast area of Fresno and Fresno County. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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