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Citizen's Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the Commission:

My name is Carol CHRISTIANSEN and I live in Ridgecrest, California. Ridgecrest is located in Region 6, in the northeastern portion of Kern County.

I am writing to you today in favor of keeping Ridgecrest located with the rest of our Kern County neighbors with respect to our federal and state legislative districts. Our area forms a definite "Community of Interest" with the rest of Kern County. We share county resources and services with our neighbors in communities such as Bakersfield, Tehachapi, and Mojave, and should therefore share political representation. In addition, our community is home to the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, which is part of an aerospace corridor with installations at Mojave Spaceport and Edwards Air Force Base. Keeping Ridgecrest located as is makes the most sense for our community.

Thank you for your time and interest in California's future.

Sincerely,

Carol Christensen
Ridgecrest, CA. 93555

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Dear Members of the Commission:

My name is MARTHA JAUREGUI and I live in Ridgecrest, California. Ridgecrest is located in Region 6, in the northeastern portion of Kern County.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Jauregui". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

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Ridgecrest, California 93555

May 1, 2011

From: Barbara Auld, Region 6
To: Citizens' Redistricting Commission

I have permission from Jill Board, President of Cerro Coso Community College, who cannot attend the Commission's May 1, 2011 meeting in Lancaster, to inform you that she and the college district chancellor concur that the information included in the attached e-mail to you from our son, Bruce Auld, former Sierra Sands Unified School District superintendent, relates in the same manner to Cerro Coso College Community, and that the college's and our area's rural needs would be better met by our present voting district than they would be met by a more metropolitan district. Current SSUSD superintendent Joanna Rummer also concurs with the information in Bruce Auld's e-mail to the Commission and is e-mailing you in that regard. ~~Our letter was attested by Peggy Breeden.~~

Bruce Auld's e-mail letter has been posted.

I, Barbara Auld (86) and my husband, Howard (85) are 66-year citizens of the Indian Wells Valley, home of the City of Ridgecrest, the town of Inyokern, and the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake. Howard (retired China Lake engineer with 35 years service) came to China Lake in the Navy in 1944 and Barbara (retired technical editor with 20 years service) lived on the naval base 27 years and have lived in Ridgecrest almost 40 years. Our three children were born and schooled in the Ridgecrest/ China Lake community. They have all returned by choice to their home town to live, work, and raise their children in Ridgecrest, which adjoins the Navy Base on three sides.

Our son, the former superintendent of SSUSD, was also superintendent of Lamont school district, El Segundo school district, and deputy superintendent of the Palos Verdes school district, while still maintaining a home in Ridgecrest; his wife is a retired school teacher; his son is assistant principal of the local high school (Burroughs); his son's wife is a school teacher; his daughter teaches in Inyokern. Our older daughter taught at the local high school for 20 years; her son was dean of students at the local high school and is now associate superintendent of the El Dorado County School District, and his wife is a school counselor. That daughter's daughter is vice president of Cerro Coso College and her husband is principal of the local high school. Our younger daughter has been a technical illustrator for local defense contractors and has worked at China Lake; her husband owns a local automotive repair shop. Five of our great-grandchildren are in local schools and one in a local preschool. In light of our son Bruce's e-mail supporting our district status quo for our local school district's sake, you can see why we also support that status quo for our voting district as our regards schools. I was also heavily involved in the college drama program and in these hard economic times continue to support the college. Our four-generation family is replicated by many other four-generation families in our community. Many Base scientists and engineers and military personnel have retired to Ridgecrest. The Base Commander recently publicly said the Base is dependent on Ridgecrest and Ridgecrest is dependent on the Base. Three Naval Air Weapons Station Commanding Officers now live and work in this city.

My husband, Howard, served 10 years on the Ridgecrest Planning Commission and 8 1/2 years on the City Council. Together we spent years attending Air Pollution District meetings, worked with the Bakersfield Board of Trade, Kern Council of Governments, and other entities in western Kern County. Others in the community have had the same experiences. Our ties with Western Kern County are strong. Ridgecrest has received 30 Kern Council of Governments Awards of Merits, some in each of its award categories. We want our voting district to remain a part of Kern County. Thank you for your attention in this matter so vital to our Ridgecrest/China Lake community.

Barbara Auld



Citizen's Redistricting Commission

[Redacted]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: [Redacted]

May 19, 2011

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"Dr. Bill"
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"Dr. Hope"
Family Practice

Gul I. Anwar, M.D.
"Dr Anwar"
AAFP
Family Practice

Priyadashini Srinivasan
"Dr Priya"
FAAP
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"Dr VanHuse"
Internal Medicine

Dear Members of the Commission:

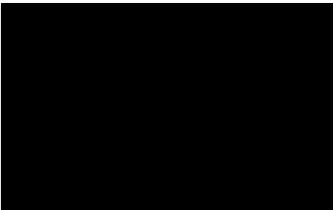
We are the physicians of Southern Sierra Medical Clinic, which has been serving the Ridgecrest area since 1993. At our monthly corporate meeting May 18, 2011, we all agreed that Ridgecrest should continue its connection to the rest of Kern County. We oppose redistricting our area to San Bernardino County or to Los Angeles County.

You will get many letters about the connections between Ridgecrest and Bakersfield. This letter is to emphasize the medical care connection to Bakersfield. Although we send patients to Lancaster and the Los Angeles areas, we also send many patients for medical care in Bakersfield. We are part of the Kern County Health Department district and we have to send our indigent patients to Kern Medical Center. Kern County Medical Society is our professional organization and it is our link to the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association. All medical governmental and association ties are to Kern County. We also have close associations to the private hospitals and physicians in Bakersfield.

In your task as members of the commission, you should not extend a district across county lines unless there is an overwhelming reason to break those county ties. Kern County is a "community of interest"; and Ridgecrest is a part of that "community of interest."

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. And good luck with your challenge of being fair and rational in formulating new district lines.

William W. Ferguson, MD, FAAFP



Ridgecrest, California 93555