

The main concern I had about Option 5 was the separation of certain parts of Los Angeles County from the larger population centers of Santa Clarita and Lancaster-Palmdale (which Option 5 would leave intact for a different district or districts. This disruption, while I felt it to be smaller than those created by the other options, was one of some concern to me.

Option 6 would minimize this by replacing those areas with other areas that for the most part are so remote it scarcely matters which district they are put in as long as it is one that is primarily a South Lahontan district. Inyo County, the Needles county subdivision, and much of the Newberry Springs – Baker subdivisions fit into this category. (I have explained in the past that the Searles Valley – Trona area is in most respects more closely connected with Ridgecrest than with most of San Bernardino County.) The only minor disruption would be for the 12,000 or so residents of the Barstow exurban area included in this district and for them the disruption probably would be minor.

There are a few other benefits to this arrangement, albeit minor. This district would include Fort Irwin's desert exercise area and the proving grounds area over which the high performance aircraft from Edwards AFB and China Lake NAS fly, along with much of Inyo County around the Panamint Valley. This raises occasional concerns, probably best all addressed to the same congressman. It also includes much of the Mojave Preserve which, like eastern Kern County, in an area where wilderness preservationists and off-road vehicle drivers occasionally have clashing interests. Again it probably would help to address these debates to one representative.

Finally the balance of the South Lahontan and Transverse Ranges areas would cover a considerably smaller area, that being the area in which the largest population concentrations (the Santa Clarita, the Lancaster-Palmdale, and the Victorville-Apple Valley-Hesperia areas) reside. Overall this remaining area would have a population of about 870,000 in the High Desert area and 311,000 in the mountain area to which the addition of about 225,000 persons from the east Ventura County foothills, the northern San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles County, and the foothill areas of the San Bernardino County Southland could be drawn to create another two Congressional districts with generally shared interests. Further detail is beyond the scope of what I can address.

Along with my last letter, I hope this helps you with your task.

Sincerely,



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Option 6

The screenshot shows the U.S. Census Bureau American FactFinder interface. At the top, it says "U.S. Census Bureau" and "U.S. Census Bureau Helping You Make Informed Decisions". The main navigation bar includes "MAIN", "SEARCH", "WHAT WE PROVIDE", and "USING FACTFINDER".

The search results section shows "Search Results: 1-7 of 7" and "per page: 25". The selected dataset is "Race, Hispanic or Latino, Age, and Housing Occupancy: 2010". The search criteria include "OCCUPANCY STATUS" and "RACE".

The map displays Kern County, California, with two congressional districts highlighted: one in orange and one in green. The orange district is in the southwest, and the green district is in the northwest. A hatched orange line separates the two districts. The map includes a legend, a scale bar, and a "Find a Location" search box.

Proposed congressional districts affecting Kern County. County lines are bolder than county subdivisions. Note southwest part of orange district consists of a single census tract (CT 33.06) and hatched line separating north from south CT 32.04 (in Greenfield subdivision)

About 72% of the population of the orange district is in Metro Bakersfield with another 20% in rural areas of Kern County and 8% in Inyo and San Bernardino Counties. Hatched orange line identifies Barstow subdivision.

About 63% of the population of the green district is in Tulare County, 27% is in Kern County and 10% is in Fresno County

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Dear Members of the Commission:

My name is Brandi Stahl and I own and operate Carriage Inn, a small business 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,

Brandi Stahl

Business Owner

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May 13, 2011

RE: Region 6 Public Comment in favor of alignment with Kern County

Dear Chairman Aguirre and Members of the Commission:

The Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corporation (formerly IWW 2000) is a public/private organization representing individual residents and businesses in Ridgecrest, China Lake, and Inyokern. We carry out and support projects related to community pride, economic development, and the Naval Air Weapons Station. We work closely with many of the departments of the County of Kern, Cerro Coso Community College District, Sierra Sands Unified School District, all of which have integral ties to Bakersfield.

We request that the Citizens Redistricting Commission adhere to county lines as much as possible when drawing legislative district lines. We wish to be able to share representation at the state and federal level with Kern County entities that are involved with our projects. We are currently part of the 22nd Congressional District, the 32nd Assembly District, and the 18th Senate District. This puts our community in the same district as Bakersfield, Tehachapi, California City, and Mojave. We share services and a county infrastructure with these other communities so it follows that we in the Indian Wells Valley should be represented by the same legislators.

One of Kern County's major employers is the navy base at China Lake, home to the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. The majority of China Lake's occupied and functional land is located in Kern County with the Weapons Division employing over 6,600 personnel. These workers, who live and work mainly in Kern County should be represented by the same legislators as the other residents of the county.

We appreciate the work of the Commission and its dedication to a fair and nonpartisan redistricting process, and we encourage the Commission to remain faithful to its criteria of respecting "the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division to the extent possible."

Respectfully,

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