



Region 5: Ventura

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: REGION 5 DISTRICT MAPS

Dear Honorable Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Simi Valley City Council, I am writing to offer the City of Simi Valley's position on the drawing of electoral district boundaries as it relates to our City and region. As the Commission considers adjustments to California's electoral district boundaries, our City requests that the communities within Ventura County be kept together to the maximum extent possible.

The ten cities of Ventura County, of which Simi Valley is part, share similar and common social and economic interests. Our communities work with many of the same social service providers, and deliver a number of governmental programs through a single provider. As examples, half of the County's ten cities contract with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department; six of the cities are serviced by the Ventura County Fire District; and five of the cities receive library services through the Ventura County Free Library System. In addition, the governmental jurisdictions within Ventura County collaborate on regional policy issues through such bodies as the Ventura Council of Governments and Ventura County Transportation Commission. These longstanding and effective associations create an integrated and interconnected community of interest that should be maintained to the greatest extent possible.

Thank you for your consideration of our City's position as you draw the boundary maps that will serve our state through the decade. The Simi Valley City Council greatly appreciates the diligence with which the Commission is carrying out its responsibility in service to the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Huber
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Manager, Government Affairs