



City of Camarillo

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Office of the City Manager

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

RE: REGION 5 DISTRICT MAPS

Honorable Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to thank the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) for the opportunity to provide input for consideration. We feel it is important to share with you what we see as the legislative districts that would best represent our constituents. Therefore, we respectfully request that the CCRC consider the City of Camarillo's priorities in the order depicted below:

Priority 1

With respect to one of CCRC's criteria, maintaining political subdivision boundaries, the City of Camarillo desires to be kept whole.

Priority 2

Ventura County remain a whole district and not separated into different districts. In terms of governmental services, environmental custodians, infrastructure, economic development, housing, transportation, land use, charitable services, and service organizations, Ventura County traditionally functions as a regional unit. Camarillo considers Ventura County an entity comprised of the county of Ventura and ten cities which serve the best interest of their residents.

Priority 3

If the CCRC decides to split Ventura County, we respectfully encourage the CCRC to divide the region between West County (cities Fillmore, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, and Ventura) and East County (cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks).

- a. **West County** is currently known for its tourist attraction of agricultural and coastal areas connected by Highway 126. West County is also home to the Naval Base Ventura County and has several installations including the Air National Guard Base and the Oxnard Harbor District (which operates the Port of Entry deep water harbor of the Port of Hueneme).

- b. **East County** is better known for being a bedroom/commuter area featuring an array of service sectors. In Camarillo, specifically, manufacturing (19.7%), education health (13.9%), professional management (11.6%), wholesale (6.7%), retail (16.6%), and leisure hospitality (9.5%). In general, the east county features biotech, science, and technology industries. The East County is connected by State Route 23, which connects the East/West Highway 118 on the north in Simi Valley, and the US 101 freeway on the south in Thousand Oaks. The East County has a common watershed subject to the Clean Water Act mandated regulations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the City of Camarillo in drawing these district maps.

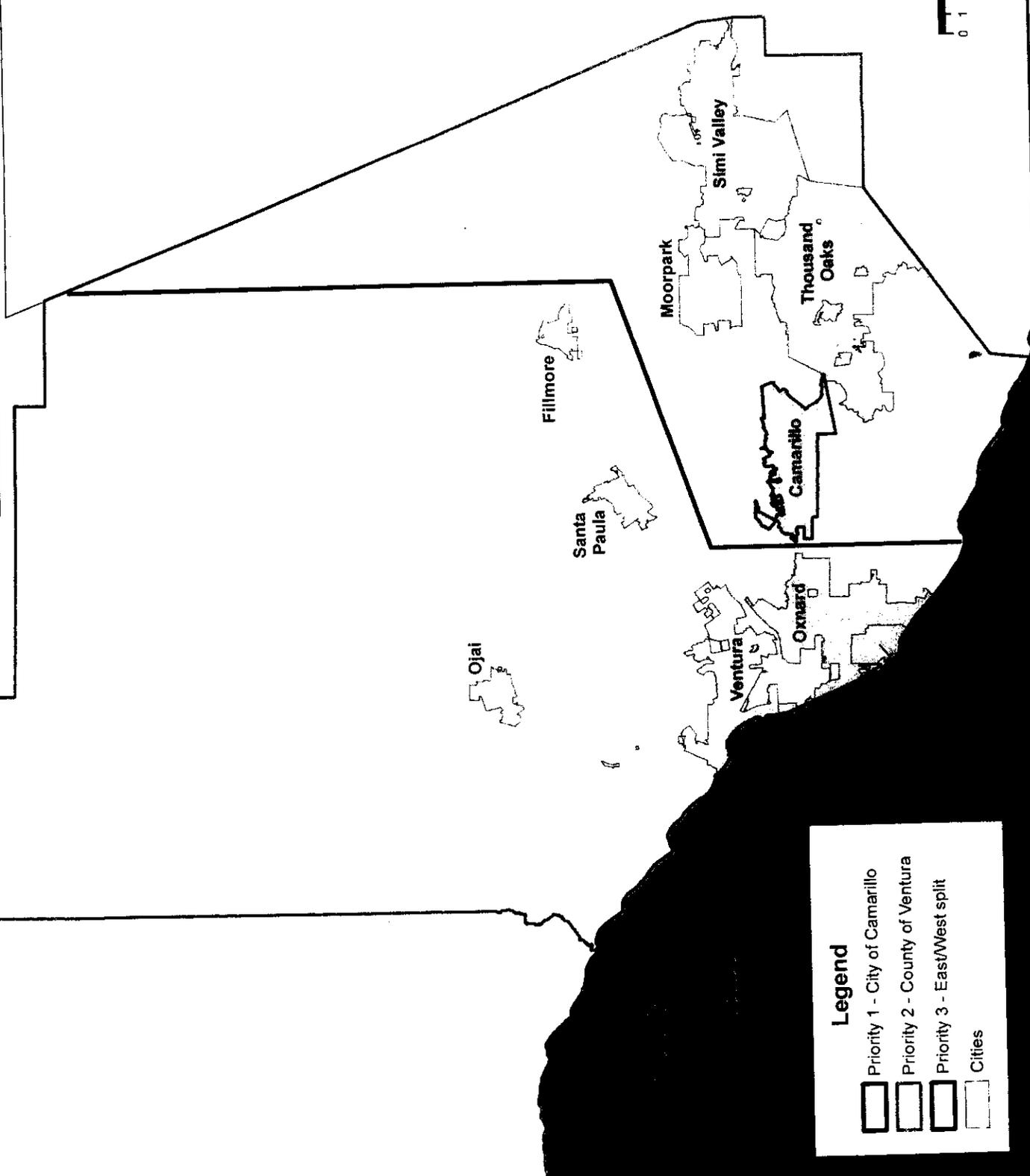
Sincerely,


Bruce Feng
City Manager

Attachment

cc: Camarillo City Council

City of Camarillo Redistricting Input Priorities



Legend

- Priority 1 - City of Camarillo
- Priority 2 - County of Ventura
- Priority 3 - East/West split
- Cities