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<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Date:</b> June 27, 2011
<b>Re:</b> Simi Valley Chamber of CommerceCC: Comments to Draft District Maps	
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Comments:

Attached please find a letter from the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce commenting upon the first draft legislative district maps. Please circulate the letter to the Redistricting Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance in circulating our concerns to the Commissioners.

Marybeth Jacobsen  
 Government Relations Manager  
 Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce

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 A Five Star Chamber of Commerce

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June 27, 2011

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Via facsimile, 916-651-5711

Re: Simi Valley, Ventura County- District Boundaries

Dear Commissioners:

The Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce commends the Redistricting Commission for the effort that it has put forth to draw new Assembly, Senate and Congressional district boundaries for the state of California that honor the communities of interest within the state. Most particularly, the Chamber would like to applaud the Commission's efforts to keep counties and cities whole within districts. The Chamber offers the following comments to help the Commission fine tune its first draft maps to further honor communities of interest, and city and county boundaries.

**1. ASSEMBLY & SENATE DISTRICTS**

The Chamber of Commerce appreciates the Commission's efforts to capture much of east Ventura County in a single Assembly District. However, a close analysis of the new East Ventura District discloses that the first draft map carves out approximately 2,000 residents of the Simi Valley Wood Ranch master-planned community, situated near Bard Reservoir at the west end of Simi, and places them in the Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mountains District. Many of Simi Valley's civic leaders, including our mayor, city counsel member, city manager, planning commissioner and leaders of various non-profit organizations reside in the Wood Ranch community.

Although Wood Ranch is comprised of four active, well-run homeowner associations, it is a single integrated master-planned community. The first draft map proposed Assembly Districts divides two of the four Wood Ranch Homeowner Associations between the East Ventura and the Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mountain Assembly Districts. Homeowner Associations are among the

most basic identifiable communities of interest. The Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the next draft Assembly District map keep the Wood Ranch Homeowner Associations intact and place the entire Wood Ranch community within the East Ventura Assembly District so that Wood Ranch remains whole and the entire city of Simi Valley is located in a single Assembly District.

## **2. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Like the Assembly District, the East Ventura Congressional District splits the city of Simi Valley into two Congressional Districts by placing part of Wood Ranch in the East Ventura District and the balance of Wood Ranch and Simi Valley in the Antelope Valley District. The Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce again respectfully urges that the Wood Ranch community remain intact within the Congressional voting district that houses the city of Simi Valley.

More generally, the Chamber requests that the Commission maintain the historic communities of interest that it grouped in the East Ventura Assembly District and include Simi Valley in the East Ventura Congressional District that houses its sister Ventura County cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, and Newbury Park. These communities share deep and varied social and economic interests that range from the Ventura County Council of local governments to the county judicial system, transportation system, social services and trash disposal. The extensively coordinated, cooperative participation of Ventura County cities and businesses demonstrate that these cities form a community of interest that should be respected in the drawing of district maps.

The Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to present its concerns pertaining to the first draft maps to the Commission and hopes that the Commission will consider its comments when making amendments to the district maps.

Sincerely,



Leigh Nixon  
President & CEO  
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
A Five Star Chamber of Commerce

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# FAX

**To: Citizens Redistricting Commission**

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# MOORPARK

Moorpark, California 93021

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Draft Congressional District Map-Ventura County

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Moorpark would like to go on record in opposition to any Congressional Redistricting Plan that would divide Ventura County. The First Draft Map indicates a plan to include the Cities of Moorpark and Simi Valley in a District that includes Santa Clarita, the Antelope Valley and parts of the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles County. This plan is not in the best interests of either City or Ventura County.

Eastern Ventura County is separated from Los Angeles County by geographic barriers and also by our sense of community. The County of Ventura and the individual cities of Ventura County have a commonality of interest far more than with Santa Clarita, the Antelope Valley and the San Fernando Valley, and this should be respected when considering Congressional as well as State Assembly and Senatorial Districts.

On behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Moorpark, I am asking that you keep all of Ventura County together in the same Congressional District and Moorpark and Simi Valley with other cities in Ventura County for the State Assembly and Senatorial Districts.

Respectfully,

Janice S. Parvin  
Mayor

c: Honorable City Council  
Steve Kueny, City Manager

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# REGION 5: VENTURA

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ERCELL M. STOUT

Simi Valley, CA 93065

June 12, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commissions  
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Re: Congressional Redistricting

Gentlemen:

I lived in Lancaster in the Antelope Valley and I lived in Northridge. Both of these were in Los Angeles County and, at that time I wanted representation in that area. Now, I now live in Ventura County, and I would like to be represented in this area. Our Ventura County issues are different than the Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita.

I am not able to be at the meeting in Oxnard tonight, but I am requesting that Moorpark, Simi Valley and other Ventura County communities be in the same district. Your message regarding the meeting also stated "When voters with **similar interests** are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable."

Sincerely,



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# Region 5: Ventura

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CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
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JUNE 24,2011

RE: INVESTIGATION REQUEST

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

IT APPEARS THE COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE MADE UP OF PERSONS WHO ARE WORKING TO OBLITERATE REPUBLICAN DISTRICTS, VENTURA IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE. VENTURA COUNTY IS DIVIDED AMONG FOUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, SIMI VALLEY AND MOORE PARK, WHICH COMPRISES OVER 20 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY POPULATION, AND ARE MOVED OUT OF VENTURA COUNTY AND INTO A LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT. SIMI VALLEY AND MOORE PARK ARE REPUBLICAN STRONGHOLDS, BANISHING THEM TO MOJAVE DESERT GIVES THE REST OF THE DISTRICT A 7 POINT DEMOCRATIC ADVANTAGE. BUT EVEN THE SO CALLED VENTURA COUNTY DISTRICT IS NOT CONTIGUOUS TO IT BOARDERS. IT RUNS FROM OJAI TO THE BEACH, NEARLY TOUCHING THE BORDER OF SANTA MONICA AND TAKING IN MALIBU ALONG THE WAY. CLEARLY THIS WILL DESTROY A VENTURA COUNTY REPUBLICAN DISTRICT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY.

THE STORY IS THE SAME STATE WIDE. CURRENTLY, 34 DEMOCRATS AND 19  
REPUBLICANS REPRESENT CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, IN THE MEAN TIME, DEMOCRATIC PARTY REGISTRATION IN  
CALIFORNIA IS 44.5 % WITH 30.8 % FOR REPUBLICANS. UNDER THE NEW MAPS.  
IT APPEARS THE BIAS REDISTRICTING HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE  
DEMOCRATS TO PICK UP 3 TO 5 SEATS  
THIS IS NOT WHAT THE VOTERS ASK FOR WHEN THEY CREATED THE  
COMMISSION. AS A VOTER I FEEL THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS HAS DRAWN  
THE LINES IN FAVOR OF THE DEMOCRATS PARTY, AND THE REPUBLICANS  
PARTY ARE THE BIG LOSERS. OUR COUNTRY DOES NOT NEED THIS  
SINCERELY

O. L. SCHIMMEL



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