

Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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Dear Chairman and Member of the Commission:

I have reviewed the first draft of the maps released as part of your commission's work, and strongly support the lines as presented.

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It is imperative that these workers, who live, work and spend their money in Kern County, are represented by the same legislators as the other residents of the county. We all live here and share common services and interests; we are entitled to the same representation.

I appreciate the work of the Commission and its dedication to a fair and nonpartisan redistricting process, and I 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."

Sincerely, *Barbara Auld* for  
66 year resident of Ridgecrest/China Lake community  
and avid supporter of the Ridgecrest/China Lake  
symbiotic relationship which supports the  
well-being of our community; our strong  
connections with Kern County; and our  
school and college districts, which rely on  
these connections.

P.S. I spoke at the Commission's Lancaster meeting  
and presented the Commission 14 copies of my letter  
supporting leaving our Congressional, State  
Senate, and Assembly districts as much like  
they have been and thank you for doing that.  
I also sent subsequent FAXes and supplemental  
materials.

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*I am pleased to support and recommend the action expressed in the comments and positions made above.*

Howard Auld