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Region 6 - Tulare
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Subject:Public Comment: 6 - Tulare**Date:**Tue, 28 Jun 2011 23:51:40 +0000**From:**Vianey Nunez <[REDACTED]>**To:** [REDACTED]

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Subject: Disapproval of Map for Cutler Oroshi Area

Message Body:
Dear Redistricting Commission:

My name is Vianey Nunez and I write as a native of Oroshi and on behalf of several family members who requested my help with expressing their public comment. My extended family of over 120 members grew up in Cutler and Oroshi with most of them now living in the communities of Cutler, Oroshi, Dinuba, Visalia, and Tulare. This weekend, I talked to several of my relatives about the proposed Assembly map for the Cutler-Oroshi area, and they all expressed disappointment in having been carved out of the Assembly district that we had previously belonged to (Minority Majority District FSEC2), and having been dropped into a district (District TLRE) that would absolutely not represent us or our policy needs.

Tulare County is the county with the second highest percentage of Latino/a residents at 60.6% Latino. The county escalates up into the Sierra Nevada range where the foothill communities and mountain communities have no bearing to the Latino-heavy and sometimes farmworker communities that are located inland.

Further, regardless of the Latino population, the Citizen Voting Age Population coupled with the voter turnout has resulted in Tulare County being politically conservative in spite of the cultural and ethnic diversity.

Cutler, Oroshi, Dinuba, Sultana, and East Oroshi, are all Tulare County communities located at or near the Fresno County border. On the other side of the county line are the Fresno County communities of Orange Cove, Reedley, Parlier and Selma. All of these communities are anywhere between 74% to 96.6% Latino, and have very high percentages of agricultural workers. Some have even been identified as "colonias" and "environmental justice communities" that is, small rural communities in the San Joaquin Valley that are highly Latino, highly agricultural and that are disproportionately impacted by pollution. I would without a doubt consider the aforementioned communities as "communities of interest" that happen to be divided by a county line.

I am not surprised to see segregated, like-minded communities divided by the county line given that some of these communities have traditionally been excluded and pushed out by the conservative, agri-business interests that have dominated San Joaquin Valley counties. In fact, the Tulare County General Plan has considered its unincorporated communities as "non-viable" communities not worthy of the county's investment. As a result, these communities are socially and politically excluded and geographically estranged from the bigger cities, hence placed at the peripheries of the county.

Consequently, Cutler, Oroshi and East Oroshi have lots in common with, do commerce with, and interact a lot with the adjacent communities of Orange Cove, Parlier, Selma and Reedley in Fresno County.

My request, and that of my family members, is that you please not divide our communities and that you please keep Cutler and Oroshi in the Assembly district that it belonged to in order to ensure that we have a representative that can truly represent our policy needs.

Thank You,

Vianey Nunez, Native of Oroshi, M.P.P. Candidate, UC Berkeley

Enrique Nunez, Construction Worker, Oroshi, CA

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