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Subject: Proposed Redistricting for Sant Mateo/Monterey Areas

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Dear Commissioners:

I recently learned of the proposed redistricting for my home town, Ben Lomond, and wanted to be sure my opinion was heard.

As you do not live in this area, you may be unaware of the character of our small communities. The towns along Hwy. 9, commonly known as the San Lorenzo Valley, represent a close-knit community. We have local parades, help each other through natural disasters, fall under one school district (San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District), and share common values. Dividing up the community between Monterey and San Mateo doesn't make sense when these factors are considered.

In truth, the San Lorenzo Valley has much more in common with Santa Cruz than with Saratoga or Sunnyvale. In fact, many people in Sunnyvale or Mountain View would be hard-pressed to tell you where Ben Lomond or Brookdale even are.

I ask that you reconsider the proposed lines, so that the towns of Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, Boulder Creek, and Bonny Doon stay united. Our communities' needs are very similar and would be best served by people who represent us, not the moneyed towns of the Peninsula.

Thank you for your work on this enormous project and for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Best regards,

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