

**Subject:** Public Comment: 6 - Fresno

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Message Body:

I feel that this is an improvement over the current 3 districts, but the city of Fresno is still divided in two. For many many years, representation in Fresno and other valley cities has been dominated by agricultural interests because urban voters are a minority in every district in the valley. Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, San Diego and even Sacramento have predominantly urban districts. Fresno is large enough to have a predominantly urban district so why split it into two semi-urban districts? As an urban professional, I'm tired of having farmers as my representative in Washington. I would like to see an urban district composed of all of Fresno, Clovis and Merced and another composed of Bakersfield, Visalia and parts of Lancaster and Palmdale. Let the rest of the valley have their one representative in Congress instead of 3.

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