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Message Body:

Having read what the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has been tasked with, I'm not understanding how Senate District 12 was drawn. Clearly the commission has population numbers to deal with per US law. However, just as important as population numbers is the requirement that the commission keep "communities of interest" together.

If a "community of interest" is a commonality of social & economic interests, then the new District 12 map does not meet the law's requirements. Clearly, Merced County does not share the same social or economic interests as the areas of Santa Clara county that have been included in the new District 12 map. Merced's unemployment rate is more than double that of Santa Clara County. Merced is mainly a rural agricultural community while Santa Clara is very urban. Merced has very different water and air quality issues than does Santa Clara County.

Instead of finding the needed population count to comprise Senate District 12 from Santa Clara County, I would implore the commission to consider following the law regarding communities of interest and redraw the District to comprise more of the Central Valley, either north or south of Merced County.

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