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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to talk about the importance of our community of interest, East Ventura County. I have served on several boards of non-profits, our local Camarillo Chamber of Commerce and have attended both of our local four-year Universities, currently enrolled in the Masters program at CLU in Thousand Oaks.

In Ventura County, we are connected for so many reasons. Most important to me are the thriving community groups across East County. In Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Camarillo, many groups like the Boys and Girls Clubs, Chambers of Commerce and Rotary clubs work together to make our cities better places to live. Members of one group in one city many be members of another group in another city- we are really interconnected.

At the University level, students at both CSU Channel Islands and California Lutheran University are spread out throughout East County, many of them commuting from their homes because they chose to stay local when getting their education.

The task of redistricting is an important one. I appreciate the work you are doing and ask as you consider new districts to keep our community of interest, East Ventura County, together.

Thank you,

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