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Dear Commissioners,

I thank you in advance for completing the complicated task of redrawing the district lines. I do hope that you keep my comments in mind while undergoing this process. I am writing to stress the importance of keeping my community of interest united under one district. I live in Westlake Village and I attend church in Newbury Park and our parent Church is in Thousand Oaks.

I work with CERT and DART and CRT for disaster preparedness. It would be a mistake to divide this County so that the Police and Fire departments and all of us would have to go to perhaps 3 or 4 people when there are needs for this County. Also it is not cost effective to have legislatures have to deal with different needs in different areas .

There is the Ventura County Coalition to end domestic violence that has received help in the past from the Government and if you split this County it would make it more difficult to have their needs met. There are many other organizations like the County Hospital etc.

Whenever possible it only makes good common sense to keep the cities in that county together., We do not want to make this about politics again isn't that why this is taking place? To get back to the needs of the people and not gerrymander for political party gain. I always vote the candidate not always the party.

I have been a member of my church for years and I know the majority of the other members. My church is located in Thousand Oaks, but the congregation comes from other nearby cities to attend. We do a lot of outreach in the community which covers the Conejo Valley and other neighboring cities. I am deeply connected to these communities and work on a regular basis to make them a better place to live. I know the people of these communities quite well and we work together for faith based ideas as well as disaster preparedness It would be a travesty too divide this particular county and make it into different districts. It would be like tearing apart a family

Thank you,

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