

~~Manufactured Homeowners Association~~

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COMMUNITY OF INTEREST TESTIMONY – Ron Faas

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Dear Members of the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I. Introduction (30 Seconds)

My name is Ron Faas. I am an eight-year resident of Orcutt & the Santa Maria Valley communities of interest. I'm a resident of the Sunnyhills MH Community, & a retiree with 36+ years of federal service with Cooperative Extension at Washington State University & Iowa State University, Peace Corps staff in Northeast Brazil & U.S. Army active duty.

I'm very actively involved with the North Santa Barbara Manufactured Homeowners Team and the Santa Maria Community Coalition.

Thank you for the opportunity to let you know about our community/ies of interest, based in Santa Barbara County. I came here because we are concerned about being fairly represented for the next ten years.

II. Community of Interest(s) (2 Minutes)

Our manufactured homeowners community of interest is located throughout northern Santa Barbara County from Santa Maria to Buellton.

Our North Santa Barbara County Manufactured Homeowners community of interest has these characteristics...

Describe five (5) clear specific points related to one or more of the following:

A mix of urban/surburban/rural

Population data: primarily over 55+, many on fixed incomes, primarily concerned about affordable housing

MH Park Homeowners Associations or chapters of GSMOL

How the current districts have worked or not worked - LAT coordinator

City of Santa Maria 5th sup.dist; 33rd AD; 15th SD; 23rd CD

Uninc. Orcutt – north 4th sup.dist; 33rd AD; 15th SD; 24th CD

Uninc. Orcutt – S & Lompoc 4th sup.dist; 33rd AD; 19th SD; 24th CD

Buellton 3rd sup.dist; 35th AD; 19th SD; 24th CD

Our community is very concerned with (select one or more and give examples that demonstrate concern for that issue):

- a. affordable housing (ex. Park owners attacks on reasonable rents)
- b. health care access & cost

Our North S.B. Co. MH community of interest is similar to/linked to MH communities in southern S.B. County & Ventura, in that they have similar area organizations.

III. Redistricting Recommendations (30 Seconds)

Redistricting Team

We, along with our Ventura and Santa Barbara county partners, recommend:

Santa Barbara based Communities of Interest

1. Keep Santa Maria, Guadalupe and Lompoc whole, together and in districts that are Santa Barbara County based

1 SB, 2 AA, 1 CD

2. Keep Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties Together.