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Commissioners,

My observations:

- Western Kern (China Lake NAS and Edwards AFB) should be in same Congressional District as Bakersfield. ... or with most of San Joaquin valley.
- Remember the "other guy" (not a member of any group).
- Low income and communities of color around Bakersfield should not be lumped in with Bakersfield city because they would lose support and voice.
- Many communities around the 99 corridor and the valley share the same problems and lack effective representation.
- Kern County should "BE" the Congressional district.
- San Joaquin valley is a COI.
- Best quote: "Square boxes".

- Commission needs to decide how to handle prison populations. Some spoke to count prisoners where they are incarcerated, some spoke to count prisoners in the communities where they were sentenced.

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