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Subject: RE: Santa Cruz County

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today to urge you to consider Santa Cruz County as a community of interest separate from San Luis Obispo County.

As someone who grew up in Arroyo Grande in San Luis Obispo County and has been a 30-year resident of Santa Cruz, I can assure you that it is not in the best interests of Santa Cruz County residents to share the same political district with SLO. It has not worked well, it will not work well in the future.

We are geographically, demographically and interest-based much better aligned with Monterey County, Santa Clara County, San Benito County and San Mateo County.

While we are ably represented by Vincent Barraba, I urge you to consider hosting a session in Santa Cruz County to better learn about our community and the issues we have faced under the current district structure.

Thank you for your consideration.

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