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CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Delia Dominguez, I am a Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indian. Following our family's eviction from the Sebastian Indian Reservation on the Tejon Ranchlands in the 1920's, our family relocated to the East/ Southeast Bakersfield area. After World War II, my uncle purchased our property at 115 Radio St, which is located in East -Southeast Bakersfield.

Since that time, and to the present day, East-Southeast Bakersfield continues to be an area primarily occupied by low-income individuals in occupations of agriculture, occupations of manual labor and low skilled occupations.

It is also the area that has become the destination for organizations concerned with the homeless population and providing them with services.

Low income and unskilled individuals are often unemployed or are only eligible for the least paying jobs, and jobs with no career ladder, causing an inability to meet the minimum needs to sustain an individual or family.

Low incomes and unemployment unfortunately also causes some individuals and families to turn to crime, and become involved in the illegal drug trade, making our neighborhoods unsafe for individuals and families.

Many of our neighborhoods have no sidewalks, and are comprised of residential and light manufacturing or medium manufacturing known as 'mixed use zoning'. Mixed use zoning causes families with children to become exposed to excessive diesel fumes from diesel semi-trucks, chemical exposures from auto repair shops and auto shops, exposure to loud noises, and it causes neighborhoods to have excessive vacant lots reducing the value of our properties, and causing our neighborhoods to become unsafe.

Our neighborhoods have a great need for more parks for families to have recreation.

Our County has been the recipient of being number 1 in teen pregnancy, number 1 in methamphetamine use, number 1 or near number 1 of high school dropout rates, and compared to and referred to as the Appalachia of the West.

At the same time our county is known as having produced great financial wealth from our agricultural products, and oil reserves.

We hope that with redistricting a more fair spread of the great wealth that was produced by our families, in having provided the low skilled and agricultural work that was necessary to have accomplished this wealth.

A map showing the area of like concerns is as follows:

Boundary on the West from Hwy 99

Boundary from the North from Kern River and Columbus and Hwy 178 to Commanche
Commanche and Hwy 58 to Tehachapi Mountains

Boundary from the South to the Tehachapi Mountains to Hwy 99

Boundary from the East to the Tehachapi Mountains

Note: We acknowledge that there are pockets of more well to do residents that would be involved in the Prison Industry, Petroleum Industry, Education Field, and other positions of higher income. They are however, in this area, in the minority.

Sincerely,



Delia Dominguez
Founder/ Director