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Subject: Community of interest is Port Hueneme/Oxnard/Ventura/Santa Clara Valley.

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear Members of the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Richard Carrillo. I am a resident of the Port Hueneme CA community of interest. I am retired, formerly employed as an Investigator for the California Department of Motor Vehicles. This was a peace officer function; I conducted field work and interacted with other government agencies. I served the communities of Port Hueneme, Oxnard, Ventura, Santa Paula, and Piru. I also assisted our satellite office in San Luis Obispo, which covered Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Paso Robles. I am married, with four children. My wife is currently a teacher's assistant in the Hueneme School District. All my children attended Hueneme School District and Oxnard Unified School District. I have one son, a graduate of Oxnard College, now a student at California State University Channel Islands in Camarillo. I have a son and a daughter in Oxnard College. I have a daughter in Hueneme High School, a school within Oxnard Unified School District which includes schools in the cities of Port Hueneme, Oxnard and Camarillo.

Thank you for the opportunity to let you know about my community. I care about my community and I am concerned about being fairly represented by my elected representatives in the legislature and congress.

In respect to my current senate and assembly district, my representatives are based in parts of Los Angeles county, city of Malibu and Santa Monica areas. No one in Port Hueneme could ever run or get elected to state senate or state assembly, to represent Port Hueneme interests. Santa Monica and Malibu are so very different than Port Hueneme in so many ways. Port Hueneme is attached to Oxnard, and the interests of Oxnard are very similar to Port Hueneme.

In general, I believe I live in a community with underemployment, and areas of high unemployment and with areas of some degrees of poverty. I know my neighborhood, in my town and other towns in my community, people are experiencing high home foreclosures. I know that many kids don't go beyond high school in my community. I believe my community is more a working class community, and lack hi tech jobs that pay better. We don't have much public transportation here. We don't have an airline carrier for any Ventura airport. We have only three hospitals (that serve what areas?). I see that I live in a high Latino based population, of which I

am very proud. If you were to explore the statistics, I think you will find my observations factual.

I must now try to describe to you my community to you. This is a difficult task as I am not a map maker. I know areas by city, township names. When I state Santa Clara Valley I understand it to be Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru and Saticoy, which someone else might describe it as Santa Paula to Piru.

I believe my community of interest is Port Hueneme/Oxnard/Ventura/Santa Clara Valley.

Port Hueneme is a small city, however I believe it should be considered as part of the city of Oxnard CA. Port Hueneme is located inside of Oxnard. The open space, farmland, east of Port Hueneme is soon to be new housing for the city of Oxnard, not for the city of Port Hueneme. When this housing project is complete, Port Hueneme will be surrounded by Oxnard.

I also believe the communities of Nyeland Acres and El Rio, which also border northern Oxnard, are part of the Oxnard/Ventura community. These communities are unincorporated communities, serviced by the Ventura County government. A street (name the street) is the borderline for these communities from Oxnard.

New development is also planned for the areas northwest of Oxnard. These new housing, commercial projects will cause the borders of the city of Ventura and Oxnard to meet. A river does cut between both cities, but bridges and roads bring both communities together.

For the city of Ventura, I believe Saticoy, which is a community that borders Ventura's northeast, and borders El Rio, northwest of Oxnard is shared by Ventura and Oxnard. A street (name the street) separates it from Ventura, but a bridge over a river separates it from El Rio.

Santa Paula, which is just outside of Ventura, along Hwy 126. Hwy 126 runs from the City of Ventura to Santa Paula to Fillmore to Piru to the north-east Ventura County line. Santa Paula and Piru are in agricultural areas, however to obtain major services, or shop at markets, the people of these towns commute to Ventura or Oxnard.

I believe that in the final map for any district, state or federal that the communities of Oxnard, Ventura, Santa Clara Valley and Port Hueneme be held together.

Oxnard/Ventura/Santa Clara Valley community of interest has these characteristics:

Oxnard (including El Rio and Nyeland Acres), Port Hueneme and Ventura are beach cities. The sea port, located in the city of Port Hueneme is governed in part by Oxnard Harbor Commission. Both Ventura and Oxnard have harbors designed for commercial fishing, private vessel docks which are both governed by the county of Ventura. Concerns of managing beaches, fishing, harbors, tourism, crime, safety, pollution, industry are similar for Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme. Farm workers live and work in the same areas, like Santa Clara Valley, the farm are outside of Ventura, Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

Oxnard - Port Hueneme cities include about 235,000, Ventura is about 111,890; Santa Paula about 29,000, Fillmore about 15,000 and Piru about 2,000. English and Spanish is spoken, Latinos are about 70 plus per cent in Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Piru where Ventura about 30%.

Government: Ventura is the county center, with county government center, county jail, court house, Oxnard has a juvenile center, with juvenile court house.

Healthcare: Ventura has two hospitals, one being a county hospital and Oxnard has one hospital. Santa Paula has a hospital. Ventura has a community college, as does Oxnard.

Marketplace: Ventura has a shopping center with anchor stores like Nordstrom, Sears and Macy's and Oxnard

has Nordstrom's Off the Rack in a small shopping mall; Oxnard has a COSTCO, SAMs Club, Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Frys Electronics. Santa Paula has a K Mart. Ventura has two Target stores, and Oxnard one Target store.

Colleges: Ventura and Oxnard have junior colleges, with Santa Paula having an extension campus of Ventura College. Ventura/Oxnard has private universities/colleges extensions. Ventura County has one state university, Cal State Channel Islands, located in Camarillo/Thousand Oaks area.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me via email:

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