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Commissioners,

My observations:

- Emphasize VRA compliance as a criteria.
- Fresno County is a good fit for a Senate district.
- California's Central Valley is a community.
- Hmong and Latino (and other) minority communities share interests.
- Cost to a candidate increases when their district spans multiple counties due somewhat to the expense of placing a resume in the election materials of each.
- Some definitions of COI and neighborhood were presented.
- Crest of Sierras is a significant dividing line and interests of "Mountain People" is not always the same as interests of "Valley People". The Foothill area may be better lumped with mountain area.
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- Many prisons in central valley affect population and economics, not votes.

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