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Subject: Community of Interest Testimony
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I am a resident of San Joaquin County from Lodi, and I am a part of One San Joaquin County, a group of concerned citizens who believe San Joaquin County is a community of interests. I would like to submit my testimony along with data and maps concerning redistricting in the Central Valley and my recommendation that you keep San Joaquin County whole. I appreciate your time and commitment in reading my testimony and hope that you will take it into consideration.

Sincerely,

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April 15, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Alex Aliferis and I have been a resident of San Joaquin County for over a year. Yet, I attended elementary and high school before leaving for college and work. My family lives in the county. I belong to the Greek Orthodox community that is centered in Stockton, CA. I would like to submit testimony and urge you to protect my community in redistricting.

With almost 700,000 residents, the county should be the basis for 1 State Senate seat, 1 Congressional district and 2 Assembly districts. The Commission needs to preserve the community of interest such as San Joaquin County. The Commission needs to keep San Joaquin County whole. Our community is unique and it does not resemble communities to the west which is part of the East Bay, or to the north, which has the city of Sacramento, or to the south, in Southern California, which has many different interests.

As a member of the Greek Orthodox Community, our community is confined within San Joaquin County. Our community centers around St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Stockton, CA. Members of the church live in Tracy, Manteca, Lodi, Stockton, and surrounding farms. Many own farm land that grows various crops. Our community does not include people living in Dublin or Pleasanton. We need elected officials that directly represent the residents of San Joaquin County.

I recommend that you keep San Joaquin County and its 700,000 residents whole and have 2 Assembly and 1 State Senate and Congressional member based in our community. Our economy depends on having representatives based here that will fight for us. Thank you for your consideration and please see the attached maps for more information about our community.

Sincerely,

Alex Aliferis

Resident of San Joaquin County, City of Lodi



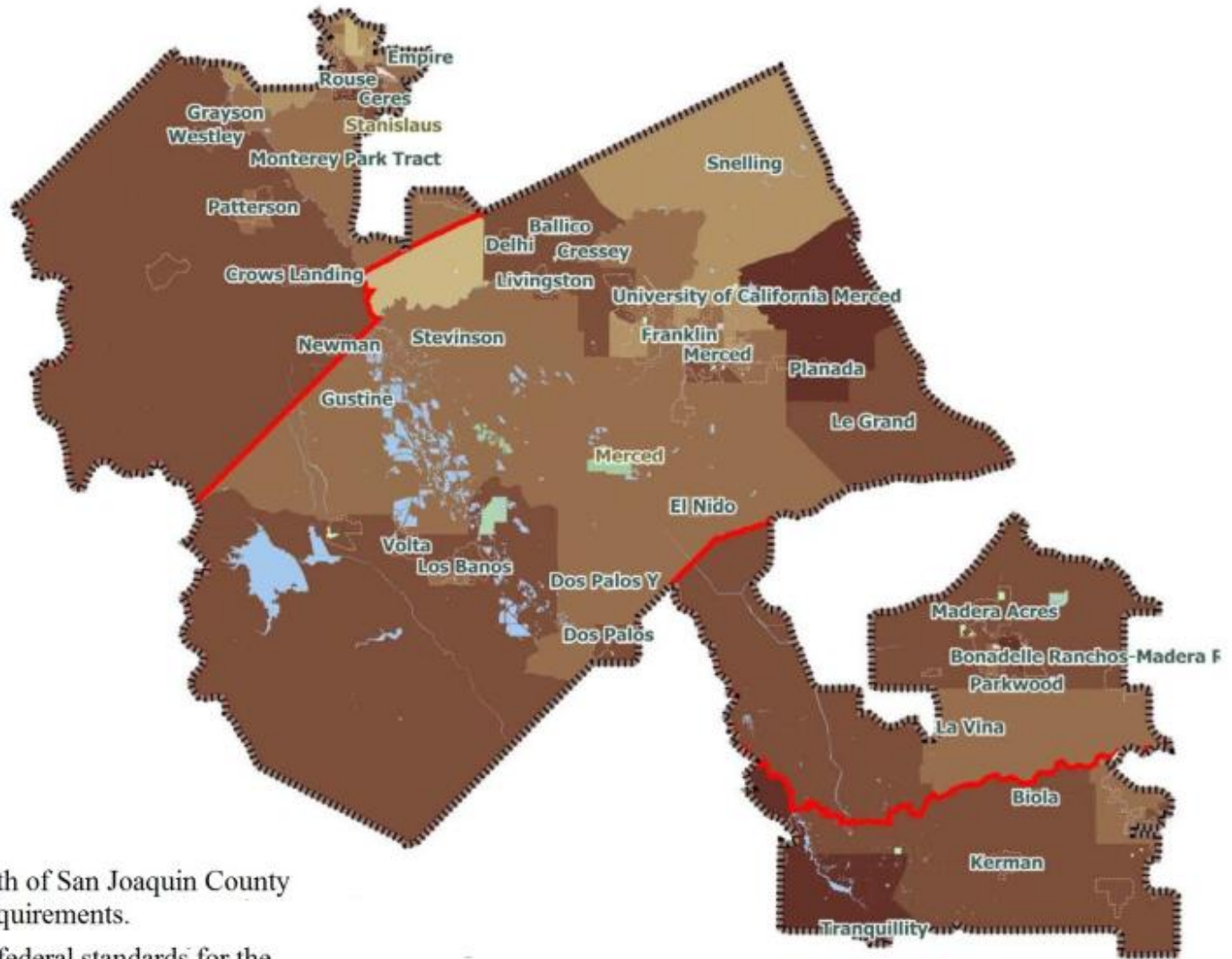
San Joaquin County

Population	685306
Deviation	-17,599
% Deviation	-3%
Black	51,744
% Black	8%
Asian	98,472
% Asian	14%
Hispanic Origin	266,341
% Hispanic Origin	39%
LAT_CVAP_EST	46,229
% LAT_CVAP_EST	23%



Federally Compliant Southern Area

Population	702905
Deviation	0
% Deviation	0%
Black	29,653
% Black	4%
Asian	43,398
% Asian	6%
Hispanic Origin	392,586
% Hispanic Origin	56%
LAT_CVAP_EST	93,210
% LAT_CVAP_EST	36%



Due to federal law, the area south of San Joaquin County must meet certain population requirements.

This map will meet and exceed federal standards for the creation of State Senate, State Assembly, and Congressional Districts and allow San Joaquin County to be kept whole.