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Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am a student at Cal-State University Channel Islands and I would like to voice my deep concern about redistricting in California. As a twenty-year resident of Ventura County, I would like to keep East Ventura County united with the rest of Ventura County. East Ventura County is united by geography, mountains surrounding Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. East Ventura County is regionally connected and has developed a special community. Camarillo is the gateway to East County from the West. Camarillo is linked to East County instead of West County and the Santa Rosa Valley is the connection of Camarillo to Thousand Oaks and Moorpark geographically. East Ventura County's transportation network keeps these counties together - the 101 and 118 corridors provide major east-west traffic routes and are connected by the 23 freeways and SR 34.

Another reason why I want to keep East Ventura County together is because the business communities are interconnected. The local Chambers of Commerce work together regularly and often share members. Many businesses are members of multiple chambers in the area.

East Ventura County also shares watershed issues and we share similar land use policies and patterns. Master planned communities surrounded by open-space and hillsides are common across Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley.

East Ventura County residents share similar thoughts about their westerly neighborhood. Many residents in this community moved away from west Los Angeles County and the San Fernando Valley to live a more rural lifestyle. East Ventura County residents travel across its communities to accomplish daily tasks. Many families have children in school in one town, live in another, and shop in another on a regular basis. Please keep East Ventura County together: Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, and Camarillo in the redistricting process. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jennifer O'Neal

