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Ladies and Gentlemen: It has come to my attention that efforts are being made to convince your Commission that the County of Ventura should be torn apart and placed in two, or perhaps more, election districts for State and Federal offices. The argument for this new gerrymandering effort is "community of interests" and according to a Ventura County Star newspaper columnist, this means attempting to place all the most Hispanic cities in Ventura County in the same district after redistricting. To me this is simply an attempt to create a Hispanic "safe" district, and an agreement to gerrymander along political and racial lines once again.

As a former applicant for the Redistricting Commission, I vividly recall that the mission and purpose of the Commission was to redistrict the State of California in a fair and impartial manner while creating politically competitive districts; keeping the districts geographically compact; and respecting existing political subdivisions as much as possible. Attempting to split Ventura County to create politically "safe" districts for any group of people is, in my opinion, a betrayal of the Commission's purpose and should be rejected out of hand.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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