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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

The city of Santa Clarita and the greater Santa Clarita Valley, located in northern Los Angeles County, represent about 250,000 residents, comprising about half of an Assembly District. As a consequence, our community will need to be linked with another to create an Assembly District.

As a member of the Board of Trustee of the Santa Clarita Community College District, I advocate the following Assembly District lines:

- All of the Santa Clarita Valley (Agua Dulce to Castaic)
- Northwestern San Fernando Valley (Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, Northridge & Granada Hills)
- Northeastern Ventura County (Fillmore and Santa Paula)

There are many reasons why this district makes sense (watershed management, transportation corridors, regional economic development, etc.), but I will address higher education.

I believe these areas share a "community of interest" including:

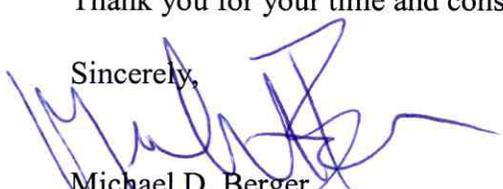
- ✓ Nearly 25% of our students reside outside of the community college's Santa Clarita Valley service area. Most of these hail from the northwest San Fernando Valley, which does not have a community college.
- ✓ The college has numerous partnerships with California State University, Northridge (CSUN), including CSUN, offering advance degrees at the University Center, which is located on the Valencia campus.
- ✓ Through the college's Small Business Development Center, the college serves this portion of the San Fernando Valley.
- ✓ The Santa Clarita Valley and the Chatsworth corridor is home to hundreds of defense sub-contractors that partner with one another to supply the Department of Defense and the prime aerospace manufacturers.

- ✓ Our college district's master plan calls for a third campus. This campus will likely be built in the new 21,000-home Newhall Ranch development. Newhall Ranch is located on the western edge of the Santa Clarita Valley at the Ventura County line. This campus will draw many students from northeastern Ventura County.

It is in the best interest of the students and the businesses being served by the Santa Clarita Community College for a new Assembly District to be linked to the communities in northwestern San Fernando Valley and northeastern Ventura County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Berger  
Governing Board Member  
Santa Clarita Community College District

