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To the California Redistricting Commission,
I did not have the opportunity to speak at the public hearing in Bakersfield. I therefore, am submitting these comments.
The task that the commission has before it is a tall order. The legal requirements of one man, one vote demands that in drawing congressional districts approximately 136,000 people in Kern County be separated from Kern County and joined with district that is based in another county. The county is typically divided by the people who live and work in Kern County into two pieces: East Kern & West Kern. The divider being the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Western Kern has the approximately 702,000 people required to create a congressional district as I am advocating the commission should do.
Which leads to the question what to do about eastern Kern County. The geography, land use and employment patterns of the eastern part of the county give it much in common with rest of the Mojave Desert areas of northern Los Angeles County (the portion north of the San Gabriel Mountains), Inyo County and that portion of San Bernadino County that is north and east of the Cajon Pass.

I also am advocating that all of metro Bakersfield, meaning the incorporated City of Bakersfield as well as all of the area east of I-5, North of State Hwy 223 & west of Comanche Dr be in a single State Assembly district.
In reference to the State Senate districts: I believe putting the whole county in one senate district would be helpful.

- Karl Davisson