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Citizens Redistricting
Commission

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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo, a resident of the city of Thousand Oaks which is located in Ventura County, and is part of the Conejo Valley. I have a long involvement in community affairs, including a Founder and National President Emeritus for the Labor Council of Latin American Achievement, and I'm founder and past chairman of the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute, currently the State President for the Congress of California Seniors, a state wide advocacy non-profit, non-partisan organization with offices in Sacramento, Oxnard, and Los Angeles County. I also serve on the boards of El Concilio del Condado de Ventura, and La Hermandad Mexicana de Ventura County and several other CBOs in Ventura County.

This statement I would have made at the hearing being held today in the City of San Fernando. A traffic mishap keping me from getting there on time. I'd like to focus on Congressional districts, as our area will be affected by decisions you make in other parts of the state.

Monterey County is a Voting Rights Act county and should be included with surrounding counties with large Latino populations. It should not be linked with San Luis Obispo County. San Luis Obispo is the least Hispanic County

in the southern third of the state of California. It is the least Hispanic County that adjoins Monterey County. Please honor the intention of the Voting Rights Act.

San Luis Obispo County residents testified to you that they wanted to be included in a coastal district. Since San Luis Obispo County should not be connected to Monterey County, it should be connected to Santa Barbara County. Happily, the populations of San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County are roughly equal to the proper population for a Congressional District.

Ventura County forms a natural Congressional District, except that its population exceeds the population of a Congressional District by about 110,000, so almost all of Ventura County will be in one. The question is what part of Ventura County should be connected with Los Angeles County. The clear answer is the Conejo Valley communities of Oak Park, and potentially all of the city of Thousand Oaks.

Such an approach has the additional advantage of keeping the poor and most Latino parts of Ventura County in the same district, and I know that you've heard testimony that this unity should be achieved. I'm sure you heard this in San Luis Obispo, not only from people in Oxnard, but from the Ventura County communities of Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, and El Rio.

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This also has the additional advantage of respecting the input you've received from the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, which points out convincingly that Simi Valley should not be connected to Los Angeles County.

In conclusion, on Congressional Districts please create a San Luis Obispo / Santa Barbara District, a Ventura County District with all of Ventura County except the Conejo, and a Conejo / West San Fernando Valley district. (If I

was testifying in person I would *Point to map showing Thousand Oaks and move along the 101 to Woodland Hills – then I would move my hand around the West Valley from Woodland Hills to Encino and then up the west side of the 405.*) This is exactly what the Special Masters did in 1991 and it happens to work with the population of 2011.

I thank the Commission for considering the foregoing as you continue deliberations on the best and equitable manner in determining Congressional district jurisdictions.

Respectfully submitted,

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