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Santa Clarita Valley Fair Elections Committee

Valencia, CA 91355

May 5, 2011

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

RE: Santa Clarita Redistricting

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission;

I was unable to attend your Public Hearing in our district last weekend because I was out of town. Our non-partisan organization's mission is campaign finance reform, open and transparent government and the control of Big Money and corruption in elections and on every level of government

We hope that our new district will really encompass our "community of interest" which we define as emanating from the 5 and 14 after the Newhall Pass split. We would like to see our boundaries to include all of Santa Clarita going out the 5, through Castaic and beyond; down the 126. through Piru/Filmore because of our common issues about water and the environment and up the 14 to the edge of Acton or perhaps into the Antelope Valley.

We do not want to be incorporated with the 210 or northern San Fernando Valley. Having tried to work on civic issues in the 38th AD for 10 years as it is presently configured we know that those areas do not share our issues which are primarily development, water and the environment. The 5/14 split really does separate us geographically and psychologically from the San Fernando Valley and because we don't have the same issues we have difficulty seeing ourselves as one district. So too do we not feel that Simi Valley should be part of our district since their problems and focus are in Ventura County and they are geographically separated from us.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our request and thank you for your service to California. We are very hopeful that your efforts will result in districts that will be fairly drawn and serve our citizens instead of being gerrymandered to keep incumbents in office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Lutness".

Carole Lutness, Chair