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INTRODUCTION

Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen: I am Larry Grooms, a retiree with lifelong ties to this region of the Mojave Desert. I was a journalist for most of my career, including a decade as editor of the Antelope Valley Press. For the past 8 years until my retirement, I worked in the local field office of the 36th Assembly District.

Communities of interest in the two great Valleys of Southern California's High Desert – the Greater Antelope Valley and the Victor Valley to the east – are shaped and defined by natural features, climate and geography.

Historically and currently, we are drawn together by common needs, interests and realities of daily life, which may differ greatly from those who live in three metropolitan areas on the other side of two mountain ranges.

Our high desert is divided only by lines of jurisdiction for three counties. Yet the record shows that our common interests transcend those county lines every day.

Please consider these realities as evidence that the Greater Antelope Valley should have its own Assembly District incorporating the southeastern Kern and Northern Angeles County areas.

MEDIA

The Antelope Valley Press newspaper serves 21 distinct high desert communities in Southeastern Kern and Northern Los Angeles Counties with one print edition daily, which is also offered online. That circulation base is almost unique in local print media.

HEALTH CARE

Antelope Valley Health Care District was established in 1949 to serve patients throughout the Greater Antelope Valley region, and its hospital in Lancaster is still serving Kern County patients.

WATER

Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) was granted its charter as a regional water agency by the State Legislature in 1959. In 1962, the AVEK Board

of Directors signed a water supply contract with the state to assure delivery of imported water to supplement Antelope Valley groundwater supplies. AVEK covers a land area of nearly 2,400 square miles in northern Los Angeles and eastern Kern Counties. AVEK has the third largest water entitlement of 29 SWP agencies in California.

AIR QUALITY

Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District was established July 1, 1997 to address local business concerns about the congruity of applying the same regulatory requirements to Antelope Valley businesses as those required for industries in the highly polluted Los Angeles Basin. The Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District, California's 35th air district, was created to be separate and distinct from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance region encompasses over 3,000 square-miles and includes both Northern Los Angeles County and Eastern Kern County - home to over 475,000 residents. GAVEA was founded in 1998 with mission of prompting the Greater Antelope Valley to investment and wealth-producing industry. A major goal and accomplishment of GAVEA was the creation of data bases which cross artificial political boundaries and provide business with a true picture of the region's demographics and economic realities.

BUSINESS ADVOCACY

The Antelope Valley Board of Trade, serving the Antelope Valley since 1957, has the mission of "maintaining and promoting diverse business and industry, quality infrastructures and a strong legislative voice for the benefit of its members and the Greater Antelope Valley."

EDUCATION

Antelope Valley Union High School District covers an area from the Angeles Forest in the south, to the Kern county line in the north, and from the Ventura/Kern county lines in the west, to the San Bernardino county line in the east. Over 23,600 high school students are educated in the district's 8 comprehensive and 4 continuation high schools, with additional opportunities in the Regional Occupation Program (ROP) and Adult Education campuses.

Antelope Valley College District covers a 1,945-square-mile area with a main campus in Lancaster and a leased site in Palmdale serving a combined 14,000 students. In addition to serving the area's two largest cities, the district enrolls students from the unincorporated towns of Acton, Antelope Acres, Lake Elizabeth, Lake Hughes, Lake Los Angeles, Leona Valley, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Quartz Hill and the southeastern Kern County community of Rosamond.

In conclusion, I strongly support the proposal of the Antelope Valley Board of Trade. Your mandate would be fulfilled in every meaningful respect by drawing boundaries for two Assembly districts covering the High Desert region. One district bounded by the City of Ridgecrest on the north and the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains on the south, and by the San Bernardino County Line on the east, and Interstate 5 on the west.

The second Assembly district should be bounded by the City of Barstow on the north, the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains on the south; the San Bernardino County Line on the west, and the eastern boundary of the City of Victorville on the east.

Population numbers and communities of interest further argue that the two respective Assembly districts be combined to create the boundaries of a State Senate District serving all of the High Desert areas in the Victor Valley and the Greater Antelope Valley regions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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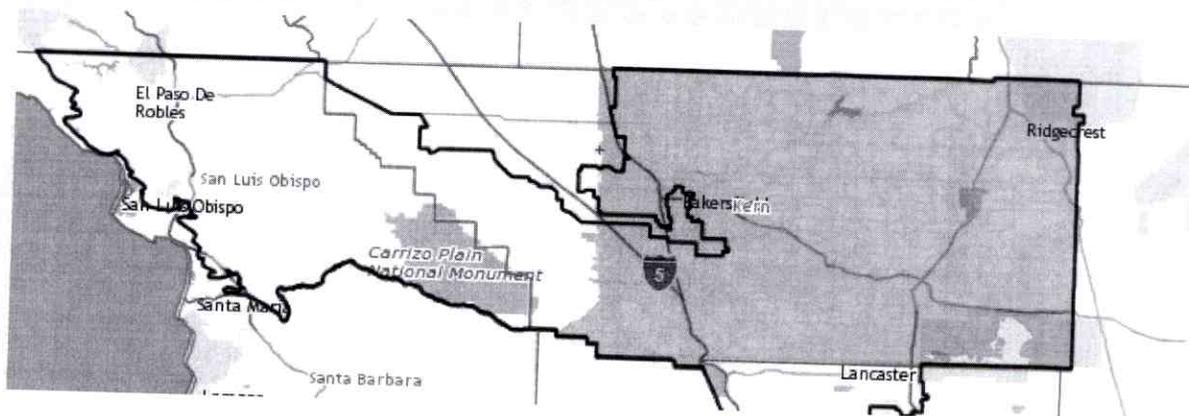
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David L. Burdick, Ridgecrest

[May 1, 2011]

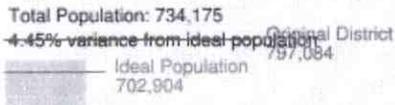
Proposed Congressional District 22

This proposal creates a congressional district in the eastern portions of Kern County. Because of the 2010 census figures, it essentially divides Kern County along a north-south line to the west of Bakersfield. Geographically, it is composed of a large desert area (Ridgecrest, Mojave, Edwards AFB), substantial mountain areas (Tehachapi, Kernville, etc), and a major urban area (Bakersfield). There is no unifying economic theme to the proposed district.



Redistricting Data: My Congressional District 22

Population



Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	734,175
Ideal	702,904
Variance	4.45%
Original District	797,084

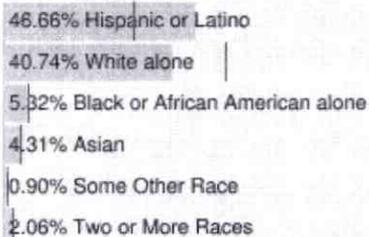
Citizen Voting Age Population



Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	My District 22	Original District
Citizen Voting Age Population	391,818	490,730

Ethnicity / Race



Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	My District 22	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	46.66% 342,582	32.02% 255,209
White alone	40.74% 299,095	54.26% 432,482
Black or African American alone	5.32%	6.19%

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May 1, 2011

From: Barbara Auld, Region 6
To: Citizens' Redistricting Commission

I have permission from Jill Board, President of Cerro Coso Community College, who cannot attend the Commission's May 1, 2011 meeting in Lancaster, to inform you that she and the college district chancellor concur that the information included in the attached e-mail to you from our son, Bruce Auld, former Sierra Sands Unified School District superintendent, relates in the same manner to Cerro Coso College Community, and that the college's and our area's rural needs would be better met by our present voting district than they would be met by a more metropolitan district. Current SSUSD superintendent Joanna Rummer also concurs with the information in Bruce Auld's e-mail to the Commission and is e-mailing you in that regard. Our locale was attested by Peggy Breeden.

I, Barbara Auld (86) and my husband, Howard (85) are 66-year citizens of the Indian Wells Valley, home of the City of Ridgecrest, the town of Inyokern, and the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake. Howard (retired China Lake engineer with 35 years service) came to China Lake in the Navy in 1944 and Barbara (retired technical editor with 20 years service) lived on the naval base 27 years and have lived in Ridgecrest almost 40 years. Our three children were born and schooled in the Ridgecrest/ China Lake community. They have all returned by choice to their home town to live, work, and raise their children in Ridgecrest, which adjoins the Navy Base on three sides.

Our son, the former superintendent of SSUSD, was also superintendent of Lamont school district, El Segundo school district, and deputy superintendent of the Palos Verdes school district, while still maintaining a home in Ridgecrest; his wife is a retired school teacher; his son is assistant principal of the local high school (Burroughs); his son's wife is a school teacher; his daughter teaches in Inyokern. Our older daughter taught at the local high school for 20 years; her son was dean of students at the local high school and is now associate superintendent of the El Dorado County School District, and his wife is a school counselor. That daughter's daughter is vice president of Cerro Coso College and her husband is principal of the local high school. Our younger daughter has been a technical illustrator for local defense contractors and has worked at China Lake; her husband owns a local automotive repair shop. Five of our great-grandchildren are in local schools and one in a local preschool. In light of our son Bruce's e-mail supporting our district status quo for our local school district's sake, you can see why we also support that status quo for our voting district as our regards schools. I was also heavily involved in the college drama program and in these hard economic times continue to support the college. Our four-generation family is replicated by many other four-generation families in our community. Many Base scientists and engineers and military personnel have retired to Ridgecrest. The Base Commander recently publicly said the Base is dependent on Ridgecrest and Ridgecrest is dependent on the Base. Three Naval Air Weapons Station Commanding Officers now live and work in this city.

My husband, Howard, served 10 years on the Ridgecrest Planning Commission and 8 1/2 years on the City Council. Together we spent years attending Air Pollution District meetings, worked with the Bakerfield Board of Trade, Kern Council of Governments, and other entities in western Kern County. Others in the community have had the same experiences. Our ties with Western Kern County are strong. Ridgecrest has received 30 Kern Council of Governments Awards of Merits, some in each of its award categories. We want our voting district to remain a part of Kern County. Thank you for your attention in this matter so vital to our Ridgecrest/China Lake community.

Bruce Auld

From: Bruce Auld
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 8:57 PM
To: Jody Rummer
Subject: Fwd: Ridgecrest (Kern County)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Bruce Auld [REDACTED]
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Subject: Ridgecrest (Kern County)

Please rest assured that your efforts on behalf of the citizens of California are greatly appreciated. Please accept as input the following:

Although population existed in the Indian Wells Valley prior to 1943, the “modern” communities in the valley came as the result of the establishing of the now Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division (NAWCWD), China Lake. Since that time, most if not all political subdivisions have been aligned with Kern County. I am a former superintendent for the Sierra Sands Unified School District (SSUSD), one such political subdivision. The Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) office provides required oversight of SSUSD under the provisions of the California *Education Code*. Regardless of the final recommendations of the commission, this arrangement will not change. KCSOS is located in Bakersfield. All of us are accustomed to traveling to Bakersfield regularly to attend to business. Over the past sixty years, all of those who represent (except our senators) the Indian Wells Valley, likewise have offices in Bakersfield. This allows us to conduct district business with KCSOS and work with our state elected officials and congressman in Bakersfield on the same trip. The district has frequently relied on its elected officials for assistance in critical circumstances. Our congressman is currently assisting the district on critical facilities funding issues. Both China Lake and Edwards Air Force base are located in east Kern County, and geographically, could look to better align with possibly the Lancaster area. Both, however are “married” to KCSOS in Bakersfield. The school districts that educate the children of Edward’s and China Lake’s workforce benefit from very specialized federal funding (impact aid, which was signed into law by President Truman). Our congressman has been an advocate for both districts in retaining our funding. In the event that the communities of eastern Kern County were aligned with either San Bernardino or Los Angeles Counties, the school districts would travel to Bakersfield for KCSOS business and travel to either Lancaster (or further) or San Bernardino to meet with our elected officials. Neither location represents a significant reduction in travel time when compared to Bakersfield. Travel time would be increased by the fact that KCSOS would in Bakersfield and our elected officials somewhere else.

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Date: May 1, 2011

Location: Lancaster, CA Hearing # 11

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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission Board Members:

Thank you for your time in listening to us today. As someone who worked tirelessly to make this commission a reality it is exciting to see all of you here in action.

I come before you a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley, lovingly known as the "SCV". This includes the areas from Aqua Dulce and Acton to the East, the Ventura County line to the west, Castaic to the north, and the I5/Hwy14 Interchange to the south. If you are ever fortunate enough to visit our area you will find that only politicians speak of the "City of Santa Clarita" or the "unincorporated areas". The people who live here refer to it as the "SCV" because we are one valley. Our community functions as one whether it is a joyous festival or an emergency like wildfires. It is one of the things that makes living here so special.

To keep my requests straight to the point, I would like to ask you for the following:

1. **Please keep the SCV whole in our assembly district.** We currently have 2 and it greatly diminishes our opportunity to be represented by someone who understands the issues that are important to us, thereby silencing our voice.
2. **Please partner us with our true communities of interest which are Piru, Fillmore, Porter Ranch, and Simi Valley.** These communities interact with us on a continual basis and have communities that mirror ours. Our residents, community/civic groups, and city/town councils work together on common issues. Grouping these areas together would help ensure that all the communities mentioned get representation from someone who understands the issues of the district and is close enough to be accessible to the residents. These issues include:
 - a. **Common Watershed**
 - b. **Common Environmental Protection Projects**
 - c. **Shared Open Space Preservation Projects**
 - d. **Transportation Corridors of Hwy 126 and Hwy 118**
 - e. **Common Issues Share by Commuter Communities**

I have provided a map of the proposed assembly district along with some additional details that link the communities of interest mentioned, for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alice Khosravy

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Suggested Items for consideration

Water:

- SCV and Ventura County interests are responsible for managing the Santa Clara watershed. This resource supplies water to over 270,000 SCV residents and to Ventura County agricultural interests in CLWA's service area.
- Splitting the CLWA service area and the SCV into two Assembly Districts would complicate (1) the resolution of regional (i.e., Santa Clara River watershed basin) water issues, (2) IRWMP (Integrated Water Resources Management Planning) for the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed and UWMP (Urban Water Management Plan Act) compliance for the SCV, (3) SCV water supply planning and management (by CLWA and the four SCV water retailers) coordination with local (i.e., City of Santa Clarita and Los Angeles County) land use planning agencies (e.g., the SCV OVOV processes for both the City and County would be conducted within a single Assembly District) and (4) Clean Water Act compliance consistent with Basin Plan requirements.
- Lennar's 21,000 homes Newhall Ranch project which is on the far western edge of the SCV and on the Los Angeles County/Ventura County border has been entitled. The water and environmental impact of this new community will need to be managed on a regional basis. The Newhall Ranch water demand and supply is addressed in the SCV UWMP.

Transportation:

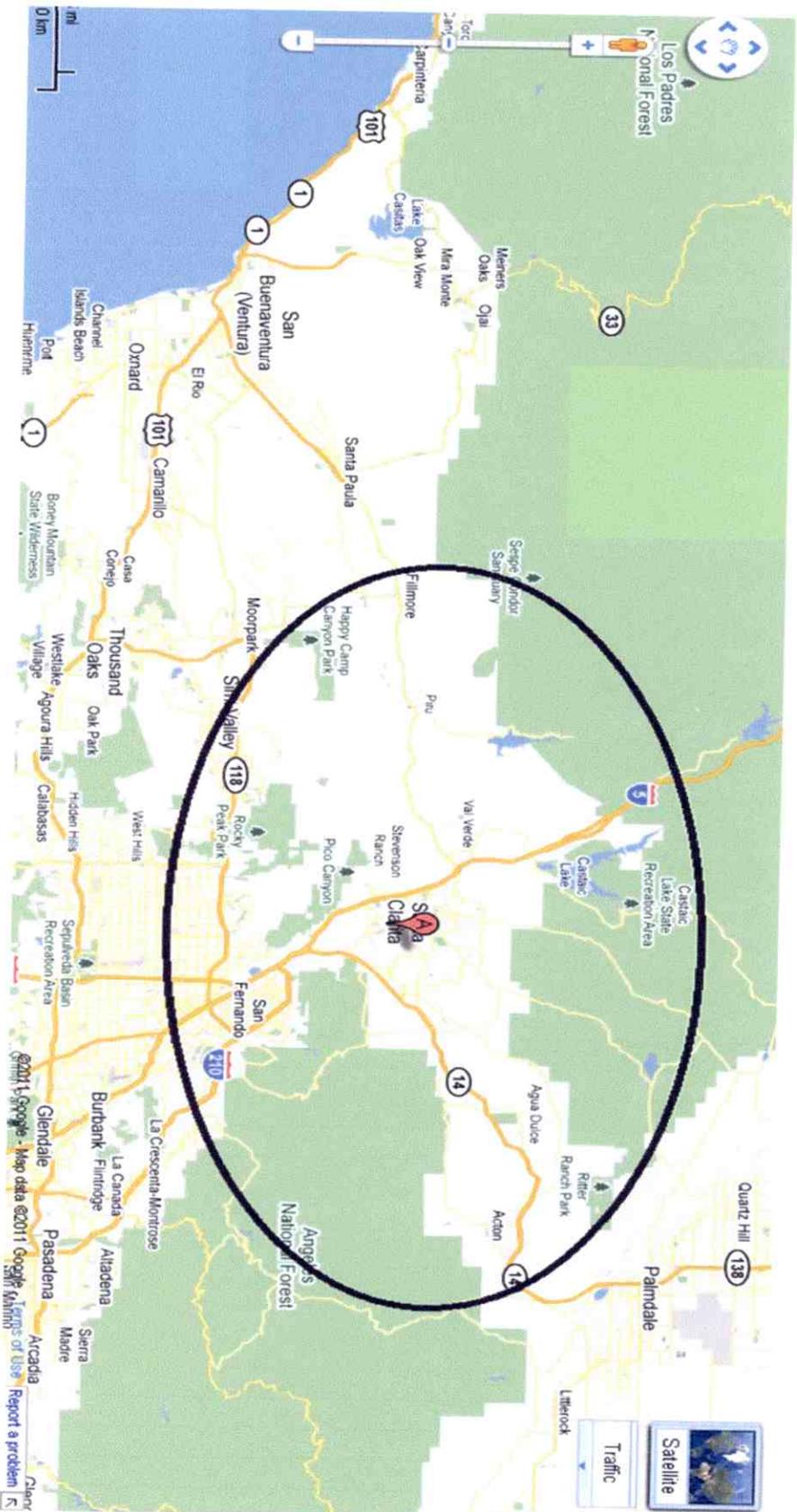
- SCV is geographically isolated by mountains and the valley's limited transportation corridors have a direct impact on the lifestyle and economic vitality of its residents.
- The I5 freeway runs north and south through the western part of the valley and is the backbone of the Federal Interstate Highway system. The Newhall Pass which leads into the San Fernando Valley is a choke point for truckers and drivers alike. Every day over 250,000 vehicles enter the pass. This affects the "goods movement" as well as daily commuters.
- The 126 Freeway which links SCV with eastern Ventura County will increase in importance over the coming decade.
- Lennar's 21,000 homes Newhall Ranch project which is on the far western edge of the SCV and the Los Angeles County/Ventura County border has been entitled. This new community will have an impact on both I-5 and 126 Freeway.

Open Space:

- The City of Santa Clarita closed escrow on the Rodda/Agua Dulce Partners property on October 27, 2010. This purchase of 243 acres, further enhances the protected eastern greenbelt and expands the regions open space lands. This property is contiguous to the existing City-owned open space Wagoner property, and completes another portion of a future "bridge" making connections to the Angeles National forest. This land is part of the Santa Clara River watershed, the Castaic and San Gabriel mountains ranges and this "missing linkage" is recognized as part of the Conservation Area Protection Plan. This purchase was made using Open Space Preservation District funds and also with a grant from the State of California Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Proposed Assembly District:

All of SCV (Agua Dulce to Castaic)
Eastern Ventura County (Piru, Fillmore, Porter Ranch, Simi Valley)



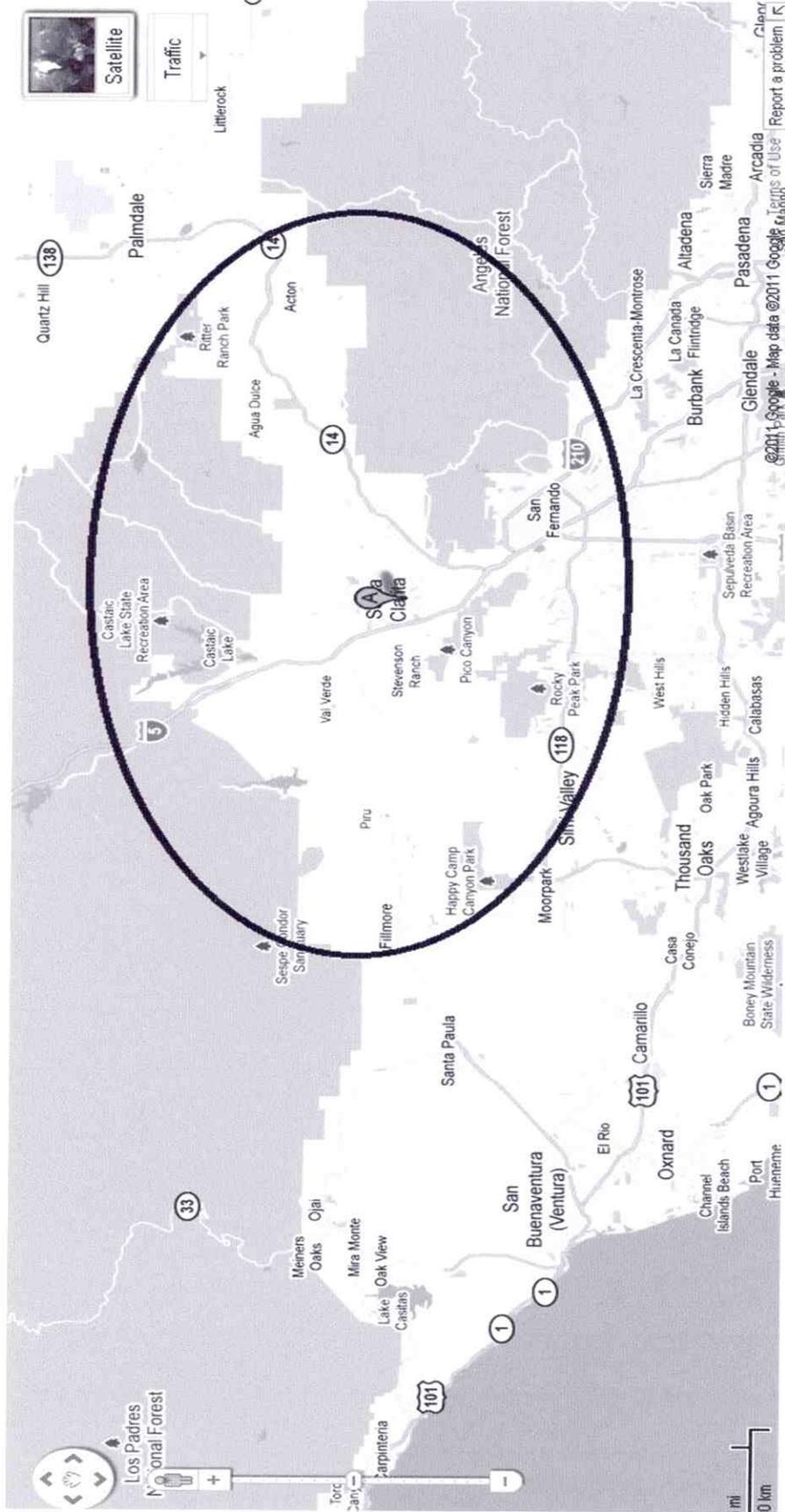
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RESOLUTION NO. 2010/11-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT REQUESTING
THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO
TO INCLUDE THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA
WITHIN A SINGLE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is charged with drawing new boundaries for Congress, Board of Equalization, State Senate and State Assembly districts; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley, and the Santa Clarita Community College District, should be placed within only one Congressional, and one Assembly district and not divided among two or more districts; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley and the Santa Clarita Community College District should be placed within compact districts, which should include other communities of north Los Angeles County and/or the northwest communities of the San Fernando Valley, and/or eastern Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Community College District is bordered by Ventura County to the west, Agua Dulce to the east, Castaic to the north, and the San Fernando Valley to the south; and

WHEREAS, planning projections indicate a need for a third campus in the northwestern segment of the district's service area adjacent to Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley and the northern San Fernando Valley are home to hundreds of defense sub-contractors that partner with one another to supply aerospace manufacturers and the Department of Defense; and

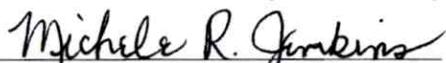
WHEREAS, College of the Canyons has a longstanding relationship with California State University, Northridge, through transfer agreements and the University Center; and

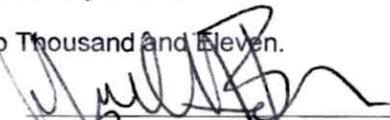
WHEREAS, the college serves businesses in the north San Fernando Valley through its state-funded Center for Applied Competitive Technologies, and Small Business Development Center; and

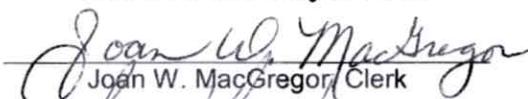
WHEREAS, College of the Canyons draws the largest percentage of its out-of-area students from high schools in the northwestern San Fernando Valley.

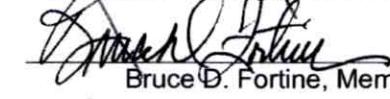
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District requests the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to include the Santa Clarita Community College District within a single State Assembly district.

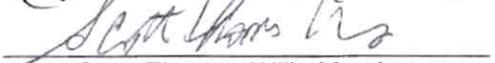
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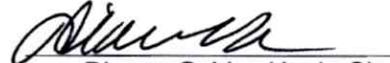

Michele R. Jenkins, President

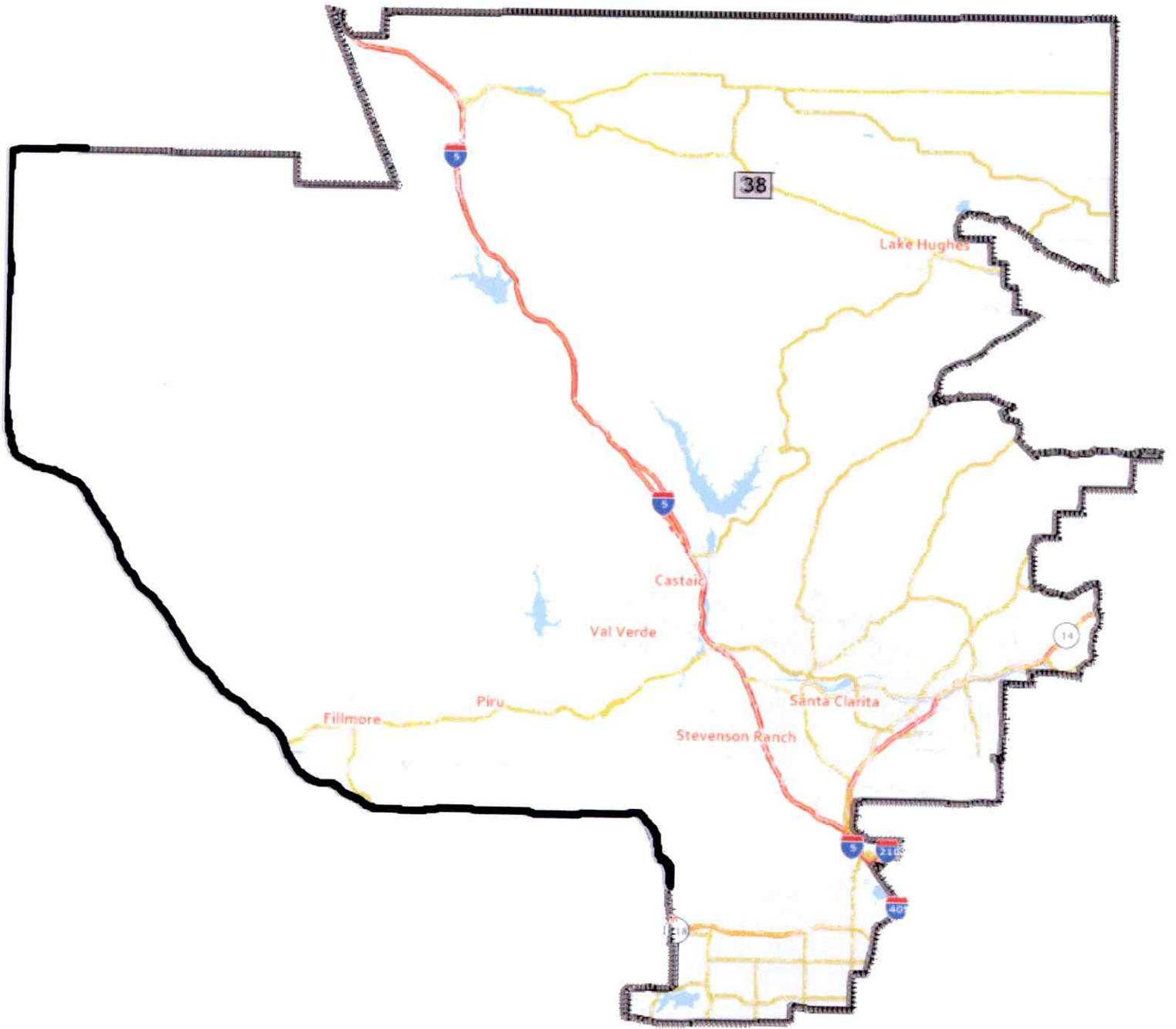

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Scott Thomas Wilk
Board of Trustees, Santa Clarita Community College District
Speaker: 17

Proposed 38th Assembly District:

All of SCV (Agua Dulce to Castaic)
Northeastern Ventura County (Fillmore) & ~~Santa Paula~~
Northwestern SFV (Granada Hills to Chatsworth)
West of the 405 Freeway along the 118 Corridor

Propose nesting 38th Assembly District to East Ventura County Assembly District (Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark & Camarillo) to create a Senate Seat:

- ✓ Despite being in different counties these communities mirror one another.
- ✓ Similar Industries – biotech; aerospace/defense & film industry
- ✓ Great K-12 Schools that are comparable in quality and challenges.
- ✓ Development and land-use issues are similar as these cities contained many master-planned communities and are committed to preserving open space.

Proposed 25th Congressional District:

Santa Clarita Valley with Antelope Valley.

- ✓ Aerospace/Defense industry dominate the local economy.
- ✓ Share transportation corridors – SR-14 and the future High Desert Corridor
- ✓ Shared history of political representation.