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Thanks for listening to my voice.

I live in the Antelope Valley. We are part of a region that is bounded to the South by mountains and to the West by mountains. South of us is Los Angeles, and San Bernadino, West of us is Bakersfield. As a result of the mountains, our area is the stepchild of neighboring metros.

Our needs are very different from the major population centers of these counties. Historically we are not a priority of the counties that share portions of our area. It is very easy for the metros to swallow our tax resources and provide less in return. Further our voices carry little weight when we live over an hour away on the other side of the mountain. To further frame the issue, our needs are very different from those of the metros. Air quality, water usage, agriculture, mining and aerospace needs are significantly different from the usage and needs of a major city.

Given the geographical importance of our area (aerospace, future population growth, alternative energy), a voice that represents this high desert corridor is critical. It provides an umbrella that allows for cohesiveness given the varying interests of the different counties.

Clearly the gross area includes 2 separate zones: An East Zone of the Victorville Corridor (up to the Barstow area), and a West Zone of the Antelope Valley North South Corridor up to California City. Each zone needs its own Assembly person. The area as a whole should have its own Senator.

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