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Subject: RE: High Desert Districts (N. Los Angeles, E. Kern, E. San Bernardino counties)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to urge you to keep the High Desert region of North Los Angeles and East Kern counties together. We have similar economic interests and share a mission to protect our military installations of Air Force Plant 42, Edwards Air Force Base, and the China Lake Naval Weapons facility from encroachment. These are important military assets to the nation and critical to the economic health of the region.

There should be one Assembly District covering the Antelope Valley/East Kern area of the High Desert, bounded by the Tehachapi Mountains and the San Gabriel Mountains that includes Palmdale, Lancaster, Rosamond, Mojave, Boron and California City. This is one of easiest areas to identify on a map and it is clear how the region is geographically connected. We share similar water, agricultural interests, and business attraction concerns.

In addition, there should be one Assembly District covering the Victor Valley portion of the High Desert that includes all of northern San Bernardino County including Victorville, Hesperia, Adelanto, Apple Valley and Barstow, and these two Assembly districts should be nested into one High Desert Senate district. It is also critical that the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster not be carved up as they are now into more than one Congressional district. For the last 10 years this has made no sense and does not serve the constituency well.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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