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I'd like to start off by thanking each of you on this commission for the time and effort that you have invested and will continue to. I grew up in the San Fernando Valley and am now a resident of Thousand Oaks. The majority of my past was spent in West Hills, where I attended elementary and middle schools. I now live in Thousand Oaks with my sister that has recently started her family of four. Living in Thousand Oaks now, I am reminded often of the similarities it has to West Hills and the surrounding cities of Westlake Village, Chatsworth, and Simi Valley. All of these cities are great places to raise a family and have that feeling of close-knit community.

I strongly suggest that grouping these cities together in a district would make the most sense. Ventura County is a vast county and includes cities that I have never been to. In my district, quite a few of the cities have nothing in common. Solvang comes to mind. Santa Barbara does too. I feel closer to the cities I mentioned and that the commission should include those cities as a district and not the majority of the Ventura County that it is now. These like communities make for a better district and I would feel better represented to have these cities in my district.