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Members of the commission,

I, Christopher Kissick, was born and raised in the western region of the San Fernando Valley. I attended Pierce Community College and have taken part in many community events in the surrounding areas. I love this area of the valley and I feel at home here. There is something to be said about the feeling felt when I travel outside of my area of the valley. It is shocking how quickly the scenery changes. It takes but a few minutes to travel east and notice the significant changes.

Driving around the western cities of the San Fernando Valley, one notices how similar they are in their appearance, residents, and offerings. I feel so connected to each of the cities from Porter Ranch down to West Hills. With Topanga Cyn. offering easy access to the cities it runs through, it takes little time to travel the western part of the valley. These cities of Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, and West Hills are all so wonderfully connected that it would be a shame to see them grouped into a district of the cities on the other side of the valley. In fact, I think it would be a better idea to group these cities in with a district that is also composed of the cities in the eastern part of the Ventura County. Thousand Oaks, Oak Park and Simi Valley are cities that are as delightful as those of the western San Fernando Valley.

If possible, I would like to see these cities grouped together in a district. These are all cities that have the same scenic landscape, community offerings, and residents that are looking to keep their neighborhoods in pristine condition. In separating any of these cities, a representative would have to deal with a dynamic difference in resident and communities. Thank you for your time.

Christopher Kissick

