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Subject: Redistricting  
To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

> Re: The 35th Assembly District

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> Dear Honorable Commissioners:

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> In the very near future you will be announcing the first draft of

> assembly, state senate and congressional districts. Over the last 10  
> years the

> Central Coast has received national attention for gerrymandering at its

> worst. The old senate and congressional districts until 2002, were

> essentially comprised of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. And

all of

- > Santa Barbara County was in one Assembly District.
- > Currently the Santa Barbara County is cut in half. At your recent
- > hearings in San Luis Obispo you heard almost every person testifying asking
- > that you keep all of SB County in one Assembly District. Significantly, that
- > request has strong bi-partisan support being led by former Assembly
- > Members, Democrat Pedro Nava and Republican Brooks Firestone. And we understand
- > that the Commission is going to work hard to assure minority vote is not
- > disenfranchised. On that front it is very significant that at your Oxnard
- > hearing the non-profit SCORE fully supported this same approach requesting
- > that all of Santa Barbara County be included in one Assembly District as
- > well.
- > At the end of the day, given the national attention of the
- > gerrymandered central coast districts, this is where people will look first to see
- > whether redistricting was really done in the objective way that the

voters

- > hoped would happen when they passed the initiatives creating the Redistricting
- > Commission and giving you the power to take politics out of the process.
- > We hope you will heed the voters wishes.
- > Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

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> Sincerely,

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