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Message Body:

Commissioners,

I thank you for taking on this important work for our communities and for making it easy for the public to communicate with you.

I am a 33 year resident of Thousand Oaks in eastern Ventura County. I have worked in Oxnard, Simi, Ventura and presently have an office in Camarillo. My current position as the executive director of a county-wide non profit agency affords me the opportunity to visit all ten cities in Ventura County and adjacent areas of Los Angeles County and Santa Barbara County.

The Conejo Grade is a natural dividing line in Ventura County, and, in my experience, a psychological barrier as well. Residents of eastern Ventura County are more likely to travel to Los Angeles for service than they are to visit west Ventura County. Similarly, residents of West County are more likely to stay west of the Conejo grade and to travel to Santa Barbara rather than east Ventura County or Los Angeles. Your decision should reflect this reality when considering re-districting.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

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