
Subject: Ventura County Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Conversation: Ventura County Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

Presently, there seems to be some difficulties coming to a reasonable way to make 5 equal in population as well as keeping cities intact. This latter is probably never going to make anyone happy. However, I think the solution could be tweaked just a little and everyone might just be satisfied. I have included in the attachment of several diagrams of Ventura County with dividing lines:

District 5: East Ventura County to include a small part of the PCH through Sherwood Lake, Westlake Village, Oak Park, Bell Canyon, and East Simi Valley.

(All these cities are impacted by LA County and many households in these areas actually work in LA County. They are also considered high income with high quality schools. The downfall of this area is that it is prone to fires, floods, and intense Santa Ana winds that come in from across the inland mountains. It is also connected by the Cheseboro Canyon.)

District 4: Inland East Ventura County to include Pt. Mugu, Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Piru, and Lake Piru.

(All these cities are less impacted by LA County but identify themselves with East Ventura County. They are mostly east of the Conejo Grade and include some farmland, ranchers as well as regional parks, rivers, and recreational activities. It contains 2 major universities – California Lutheran University and Cal State University Channel Islands. It is also home to Pt. Mugu Naval Air Base.

District 3: Inland Ventura County to include Port Hueneme, parts of Oxnard, Channel Islands, Camarillo, and Fillmore to the north.

(All these areas are center most in Ventura County – the crossroads of Ventura County from sea to mountains, from farmlands to golf courses, from rivers to forests, from small homes to mansions.)

District 2: Inland West Ventura County to include most of Oxnard, north along the Santa Clarita river to Santa Paula, then north through to Toland Park in the Sespe Mountains.

(All these areas reflect the diversity of Ventura County. The large population of Oxnard extends to the northeast and north of Santa Paula and is home to many of the ranchers and workers.)

District 1: Most Western portion of Ventura County to include the PCH up to

Santa Barbara County Line to north and inland the city of Ventura to include the Ventura County Government Center, Ventura Community College, Park Oaks, Ojai, and Santa Paula and St. Thomas Aquinas College.

(All this area is west of the Santa Clarita river and experiences low plains, rivers, mountains, and a scenic highway and beaches.)

In my diagrams I may not have the right amount of population in each district but that could be easily solved by moving the "RED" lines I have placed on the included map in the attachment a quarter of an inch here and there. It's an idea and I haven't heard of any plan such as I am proposing. It seems fair and logical! Maybe that's too much to ask????!

Anyway, I will send this out now so you will have time to digest it and print it out in time for the next meeting.

Sincerely,

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(From 1986 to 2001 our residence was in District 3, then is was changed to District 2. It makes more sense for us to be in District 4 that I have now outlined!)

