

May 5, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

I live in Ventura County and I wanted to relay my opinion about the makeup of the state Senate districts within the county. My family has lived in Thousand Oaks most of my life. I have watched how T.O. and the other surrounding cities have changed, both in the population growth, interests & the people whom have chose to call these cities their home.

Ventura County is made of two distinct areas, both with their own unique interests. West Ventura County is dominated by the cities of Ventura and Oxnard, both of which are coastal cities and deal with development and environmental issues, similar to the county of Santa Barbara to the north.

East Ventura County is made up of the cities of Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Moorpark. These cities are all inland and are largely suburban, much like the city of Santa Clarita and the northwest portion of the San Fernando Valley.

My feeling is that the west county region should be grouped with the county of Santa Barbara into one senate seat and that east Ventura County should be grouped with the more suburban areas of L.A. County.

Sincerely,

Cathi Scheurn