To the Redistricting commission,

Dear Commissioners,

As a citizen of the Santa Clarita Valley I want to urge you to keep our valley in a single Congressional and Assembly district.

The Santa Clarita Valley is bordered by Ventura County to the west, Aqua Dulce to the east, Castaic to the north, and the San Fernando Valley to the south.

Our valley should remain together for the following reasons:

Education: Our valley is served by the William S. Hart Union High School District (that has 5 elementary school districts as feeder schools) and the Santa Clarita Community College District.

Business: The SCV has a diversified economy and local businesses enjoy the benefits of an Enterprise Zone that spans a wide swath of the valley.

Recently our community formed the SCV Economic Development Corp. to retain and attract business.

Planning: Los Angeles County and the City of Santa Clarita are developing "One Valley, One Vision" for regional planning.

Commitment to quality of life: Our suburban communities share a deep sense of family. Our valley is committed to preserving open space that provides recreational activities for every member of the family.

Again, I urge you to keep Santa Clarita Valley whole. Sincerely,

[Your name]

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