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Message Body:

My name is Brent Langellier. I am a resident of Los Angeles and a doctoral student in the UCLA Department of Community Health Sciences, and I work as a graduate student researcher in the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities, which is conducting multiple studies in East Los Angeles aimed at improving nutrition and health in those

communities. I support the idea of publishing density-variation/compactness measures for each redistricting plan put forward by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. I had an opportunity to discuss the idea recently with Professor Tom Belin, who directs the Research Methods Core in the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities and who just had an article published on this topic. The logic behind the idea resonates with me, and it would be appropriate to count me in as part of the community of interest that would be served by publication of DVC scores. In the same discussion I had with Professor Belin, we discussed the pattern of rising student fees at the University of California, which I believe has very negative consequences beyond the immediate

impact on students, and I see there being a connection between the political polarization

induced by the current redistricting plan and the management failure that has forced the state into ever-rising student fees and tuition at state universities. Regardless of your perspective on the cost of a University of California education, I hope you will see fit in your role overseeing redistricting to provide information, namely DVC scores, relevant to those of us who see the redistricting process as a key ingredient to policymaking in education and to policymaking in a wide variety of other areas affecting our lives.

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