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Message Body:

I am very excited about the prospects of taking redistricting out of politics and giving the power, of setting districts, back to the local level, in a sensible way.

As someone that lives (and grew up) in the San Fernando Valley, I have some concerns, suggestions, and statistics, to add to your decision making process, regarding the division of the San Fernando Valley.

The Valley is the largest entity in America which is not a city or a county. In fact, the Valley is bigger than 14 different states.

With more than 1.8 million people in the Valley, you will need to divide the area in order to meet population goals for congressional districts.

I suggest you draw a West Valley district west of the 405 Freeway to the Ventura County border; and an East Valley district east of the 405 to Burbank and maybe Glendale. Virtually all organizations in the San Fernando Valley serve either the West Valley or the East Valley. As such, the two areas have developed into unique communities of interest within the Valley as a whole.

The southern border for the entire San Fernando Valley is Mulholland Drive. The northern border is the top of Los Angeles City.

Do not just use little pieces of the San Fernando Valley to give populations to districts based outside the San Fernando Valley.

For the last ten years, the Valley has been chopped up into little pieces for the sake of districts based outside the Valley, including West Los Angeles and Santa Clarita. You have a chance to right this wrong by drawing districts that maximize population within the Valley. Doing so with a West Valley congressional district and an East Valley congressional district would empower our communities.

Thank you.

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