Subject: Please re-district Santa Clarita! Two Districts!

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Conversation: Please re-district Santa Clarita! Two Districts!

I have been a resident of Santa Clarita for more than twenty years now, and I cannot conceive of a reasonable cause to keep the Santa Clarita Valley as one district in the upcoming redistricting. Re-districting Santa Clarita into two distinct voting districts is the only reasonable way to keep apace with our ever-changing populations and allow them to express their diverse perspectives, which makes us all stronger. By keeping the Santa Clarita Valley as one district, we will choke a portion of the California political map into stagnation, assuring precedent for such antiquated assumptions in future redrawings of district maps for years to come. We need to stay with the times, assuring that our voting districts are accurate reflections of the populations within them. Redistricting is part of an important political process designed to assure that our communities thrive together instead of stagnating alone. Let us not cut ourselves off from one another to shrivel and perish, but accept the dynamic diversity that makes us one strong people for the many generations to come. Please re-draw the Santa Clarita Valley into two voting districts.

Sincerely, Paul Newland

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