

Subject: City of Santa Clarita

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Conversation: City of Santa Clarita

To whom it may concern:

As a long time resident and active community member, I strongly encourage you to redistrict the City of Santa Clarita to make it whole as one Congressional, Assembly, State Senate and Board of Equalization District.

I strongly agree with the recommendations made to you by our City Council:

- In recognition of the CRC's criteria that districts should try not to divide cities, the City of Santa Clarita City Council urges the City of Santa Clarita be located within only one Congressional, State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization district and not divided among two or more districts.
- In recognition of the CRC's criteria that districts should not try to divide "communities of interest" the City Council requests the entire Santa Clarita Valley be located within only one Congressional, State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization district.

We understand that the Commission has established, as one of its key criteria in the redistricting process, that political subdivisions, including cities, communities of interest and neighborhoods be kept in tact. The Santa Clarita City Council requests that the City of Santa Clarita be placed within only one Congressional, State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization district and not divided among two or more districts. Currently, the City of Santa Clarita is split between two State Senate districts. By placing the City within single districts, the Commission will successfully meet one of your key criteria.

In addition, the Santa Clarita City Council requests that the entire Santa Clarita Valley be placed within only one Congressional, State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization district and not divided among two or more districts. Currently, in addition to the two Senate districts which divide the City, the neighborhoods of the Santa Clarita Valley find themselves divided between two Assembly Districts. The population of the City of Santa Clarita and the surrounding unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley is approximately 260,000 people. Since the valley is a self-contained geographic area, the residents of the incorporated and unincorporated areas share many unifying conditions, including geographic, economic, social, climatic, watershed and political boundaries.

One of the most important bonds shaping the future of our community is coming through a joint planning process between the City of Santa Clarita and Los Angeles County that we refer to as "One Valley, One Vision." This joint partnership is enabling both jurisdictions to update our individual General Plans to strengthen the common goals shared by all the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley. Again, by placing the entire Santa Clarita Valley community within single districts, the Commission will be able to successfully meet one of its key criteria and preserve important neighborhood connections.

Respectfully,
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