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Message Body:

As part of your redistricting project, please do not change the shape of the San Fernando Valley.

I am a resident of Porter Ranch (91326) in the northern part of the San Fernando Valley in the City of Los Angeles. My family has lived in Porter Ranch for over 20 years and in Granada Hills for 16 years prior.

I am also the President of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (www.prnc.org) whose boundaries are:

- * Northern boundary is the City line
- * Southern boundary is the 118 Freeway
- * Eastern boundary is Aliso Canyon
- * Western boundary is on the East side of Brown's Canyon road

Your new redistricting plan must include Porter Ranch and the other communities north of the 118 Freeway as part of the San Fernando Valley. The "communities of interest" to Porter Ranch are our neighbors: Northridge, Chatsworth and Granada Hills. We share the same issues, problems and concerns and are important contributors to the San Fernando Valley community as a whole. Porter Ranch and our neighbors are best served by a redistricting that maximizes the number of districts that are wholly within the San Fernando Valley. This is not how it works today.

It is essential that the San Fernando Valley contains more whole districts than today. The northern part of the San Fernando Valley should be kept together as part of a contiguous district because of our geographic features and natural boundaries. The Porter Ranch community supports the creation of a district that maximizes the connection that our legislators have with the San Fernando Valley.

Again, please do not change the shape of the San Fernando Valley.

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