

**Subject: Do not redistrict Ridgecrest away from Kern County**

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**Conversation:** Do not redistrict Ridgecrest away from Kern County

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been informed that the Citizens Redistricting Commission is considering moving Ridgecrest and the Indian Wells Valley (IWV) out of our current Congressional District shared with Kern County into one shared with Los Angeles County. I believe this would be inappropriate, and ask that you do not redistrict Ridgecrest/IWV away from Kern County.

Ridgecrest is currently in the 22nd Congressional District (Federal), the 32nd Assembly District (State), and the 18th Senate District (State). My family, friends, colleagues and I feel that we are well represented because our voices are heard. Melding Ridgecrest with Los Angeles or San Bernardino County may well cause our voices to be lost in the crowd.

I would like to remind the CRC that Ridgecrest and the IWV are integrally associated with Kern County in many different ways: (a) government revenues and services through Kern County; (b) Kern Community College District; (c) knowledge of the military mission in California by Kern County officials and residents; and (d) shared cultural and non-urban values.

Kindest Regards,

Caesar Santiago