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Message Body:

I spoke at the hearing on May 1st in Lancaster as a citizen and not Vice Mayor of Ridgecrest. I wanted to state again that Ridgecrest should be part of the Kern County area like in the current mapping as well as any proposed new district. Ridgecrest is not part of the Antelope Valley (AV). Ridgecrest is in the middle of the Indian Wells Valley and shares nothing with the AV other than being hot in the summer. Citizens in the Ridgecrest area live and work in the IWV and not commuting for hours to LA or the Inland Empire like citizens in Lancaster and Victorville. We have been part of Kern County since being incorporated in 1963. We receive road funding from KernCOG as well as fire services from Kern County. We like being part of Kern County which seems to be contrary for the AV which seems to want to not be part of Los Angeles county. The Ridgecrest area relates as a community with Kern County and some other area 90 miles south. Please keep Ridgecrest which is in the

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Northeast Kern County part of Kern County rather than trying drag us into a justification to keep the population up for other areas considerably much further south which is not even close to even our southern county border let alone Ridgecrest which is in the Northern part of Kern County.

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