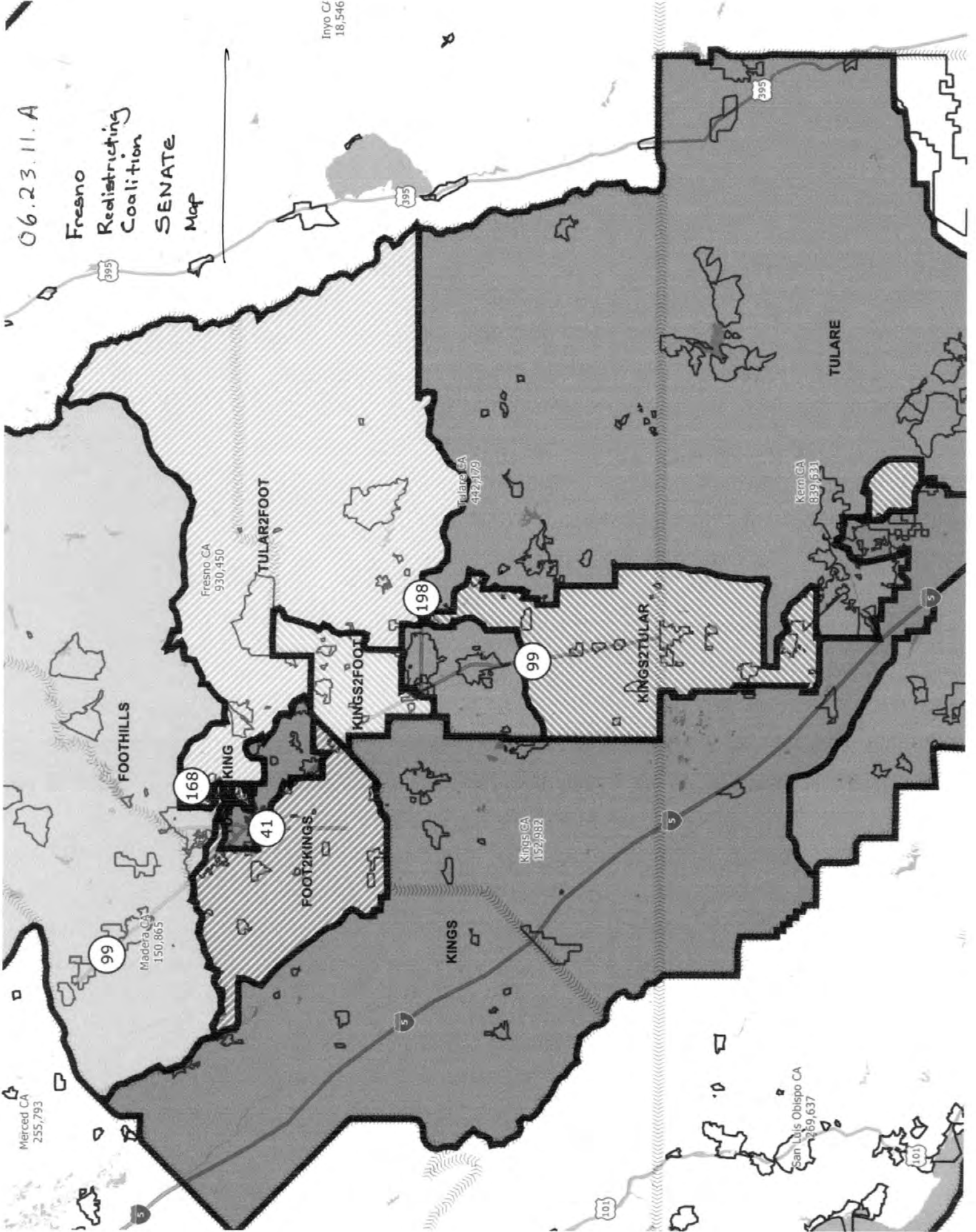


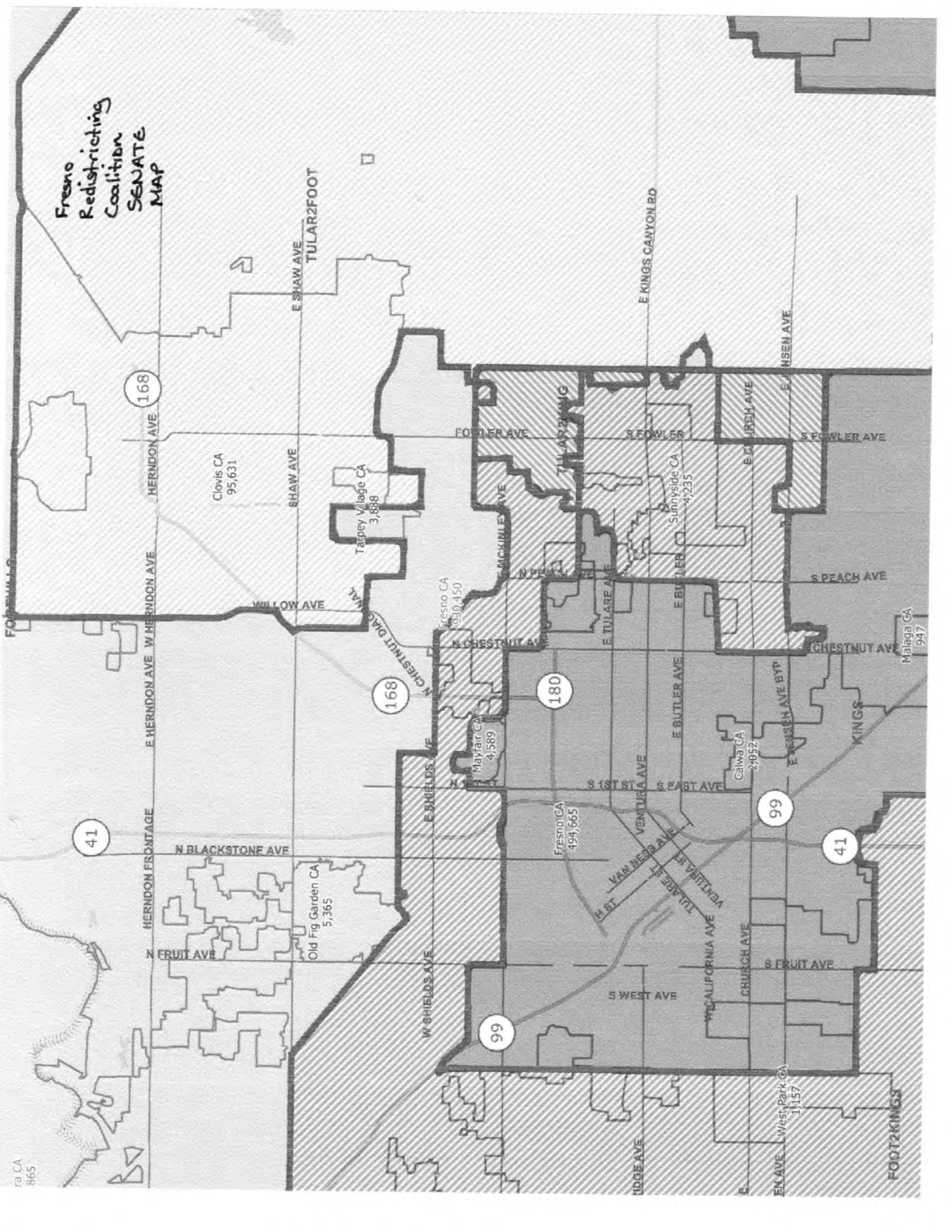
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# Fresno Redistricting Coalition

## Total Population by District

### Senate Change Numbers

| Districts                  | Population    | Hispanic |         |        |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------|--------|
| <u>1st Draft Foothills</u> |               |          |         |        |
| Foothills                  | 716524        | 187726   |         |        |
| Kings to Foothills         | 58763         | 47164    |         |        |
| Tulare to Foothills        | 159515        | 13509    |         |        |
| Total Foothills            | <u>934802</u> | 248399   | 931,349 | -3,453 |
| <u>1st Draft Kings</u>     |               |          |         |        |
| Kings                      | 691366        | 478097   |         |        |
| Foothills to Kings         | 237365        | 126401   |         |        |
| Tulare to Kings            | 1117          | 377      |         |        |
| Total Kings                | <u>929848</u> | 604875   | 931,349 | 1,501  |
| <u>1st Draft Tulare</u>    |               |          |         |        |
| Tulare                     | 760950        | 299631   |         |        |
| Kings to Tulare            | 167669        | 133756   |         |        |
| Foothills to Tulare        |               |          |         |        |
| Tulare Total               | <u>928619</u> | 433387   | 931,349 | 2,730  |

Foothills, Kings, Tulare :

Land included in both CRC Draft district  
and our Fresno Redistricting Coalition district

Foothills to Kings, Tulare to Kings:

Land ~~switched~~ that would switch from ~~CRC~~  
CRC Draft district to Kings district

Kings to Tulare, Foothills to Tulare:

Would switch to Tulare district

Kings to Foothills, Tulare to Foothills : Switch to Foothills

Citizen Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
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June 16, 2011

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Sincerely,

*I am pleased to support and recommend the action expressed in the comments and positions made above.*

Howard Auld

**California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
University of California Fresno Center  
550 Shaw Avenue, Suite 100  
Fresno, CA 93710**

**June 23, 2011**

**Good evening Commissioners,**

**My name is Renee Westa-Lusk from Ridgecrest California. Myself and members of my community strongly approve of the district lines the Commission has drawn for our area.**

**I want to thank you for listening to our voices in keeping Ridgecrest within Kern County State and Federal district lines.**

**We want these first draft lines you have drawn for Ridgecrest to be the final lines drawn for our community.**

**I think you listened to our voices because you realize that Ridgecrest a military base community relies on our ties in business, economics, health care, government services, tourism, and recreation with the rest of Kern County. We are also dependent upon Kern County for: 1) the supervision of both our local public school district and our branch of the county community college district and 2) on the furnishing of services if needed from Kern County Law Enforcement.**

**I think you realized Ridgecrest and China Lake Naval Air Warfare Center relies heavily on federal government representation and that with keeping Ridgecrest within our county's state and federal district lines we have more voices on the Federal Government level representing our military community's interests and the strategic contribution that China Lake Naval Air Warfare Center makes to our national defense.**

**Thank you again, please make Ridgecrest's 1<sup>st</sup> draft lines the final district lines.**

**Sincerely,**



**Renee Westa-Lusk  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

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Sincerely, *Barbara Beld* *pro*  
*66-year resident of Ridgecrest / China Lake community*  
*and avid supporter of the Ridgecrest / China Lake*  
*symbiotic relationship which supports the*  
*well-being of our community; our strong*  
*connections with Kern County; and our*  
*school and college districts, which rely on*  
*these connections.*

*P.S. I spoke at the Commission's Lancaster meeting*  
*and presented the Commission 14 copies of my letter*  
*supporting leaving our Congressional, State*  
*Senate, and Assembly districts as much like*  
*they have been and thank you for doing that.*  
*I also sent subsequent FAXes and supplemental*  
*materials.*

Region 6 supplemental  
related material on  
Ridgecrest area.

Ridgecrest, CA 93555

June 22, 2011

To all Citizens Redistricting  
Commission Members:

This letter to the editor appeared in  
the Ridgecrest News Review today. Although  
it addresses State and County redistricting,  
it contains pertinent information for  
both groups, especially in instructions  
headed Letter 1 regarding Supervisorial  
Districts.

## Urgent request for letters

To the Editor:

### Two redistricting processes going on

I am asking members of our community to write two separate letters regarding redistricting. There are two distinctly different redistricting processes occurring at the same time, and two sets of sample letters available at both Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and the City Information desk to assist you. Below are instructions to help you draft your two letters.

Letter No. 1

"Keep Ridgecrest with Kern Co. State and Federal District Lines". Deadline for CRC to receive Tuesday, June 28, 2011. California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC): is redrawing the district lines for Congressional Districts, State Assembly District and State Senate District.

You may submit letters in the following three ways:

1) Online two ways:

a) [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)

b) [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov)

click on: "what you are saying" then click "Submit Public Comment"

2) U.S. mail in writing: Citizens Redistricting Commission, 901 "P" Street Suite 154-A Sacramento, CA 95814

3) Fax: 916-651-5711

Tell the commissioners the following:

1) You strongly approve of and agree with the lines they drew for Ridgecrest, CA in the first draft maps.

2) You want those as the final lines drawn for our districts of representation.

3) Thank the commissioners for listening to our community voices.

4) Remind the commissioners why it is important that we keep the lines they have drawn in the first draft maps.

→ Letter No. 2 see next page.

*Letter to editor continues:*

**Letter No. 2**

**"Keep 2 Supervisors representing East Kern!" Deadline to be received by Supervisors Friday, July 1, 2011**

**Kern County Supervisorial District Redistricting:**

The Kern County Administration Office overseen by Allan Krauter (legislative analyst) is redrawing the boundaries of each Supervisor's district. Please send the same letter to each Supervisor and Allan Krauter in either of the following ways:

1. Email letters to all Supervisors at once to: [board@co.kern.ca.us](mailto:board@co.kern.ca.us) or  
To each individual Supervisor online: [www.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.co.kern.ca.us). (click on "contact County," click on name of Supervisor Dist., scroll to bottom of Supervisor's web page and click on email address)

To Allan Krauter: [akrauter@co.kern.ca.us](mailto:akrauter@co.kern.ca.us)

2. U.S. mail system to all Supervisors:

Members, Board of Supervisors, 1115 Truxtum Ave. 5th floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or can send individually addressed letters to each Supervisor

To Allan Krauter (same address as above)

3. FAX letters to all Supervisors at once: 661-868-3636  
and to Allan Krauter 661-868-3190

- a) Supervisor Jon McQuiston 1st Dist. (Ridgecrest's Supervisor)
- b) Supervisor Zack Scrivner 2nd Dist.
- c) Supervisor Mike Maggard 3rd Dist.
- d) Supervisor Ray Watson 4th Dist.
- e) Supervisor Karen Goh 5th Dist.

Explain to Allan Krauter and each Supervisor the following:

1) Request that the Supervisors vote for proposal No. 1 (which only changes the boundaries of districts 3 and 4 and leaves the boundaries of districts 1, 2, and 5 as they are currently).

2) Request that the Supervisors do not vote for proposal number 5. (because it eliminates one of two Supervisor Districts representing Eastern Kern Co. and puts all of Eastern Kern into one district).

3) The reasons why Eastern Kern County needs two Supervisors and why proposal No. 5 would adversely affect county representation:

- a) There will be four Supervisors representing the western half of the county, with only one Supervisor representing the eastern half.
- b) There will be a 4 : 1 vote on many issues (western vs. eastern).
- c) One half of Kern County will have four times the number of Supervisors staff (Western Kern) as opposed to the other half of the county which will only have the staff of one Supervisor (Eastern Kern).
- d) One Supervisor per military base is needed to represent each of the two military bases. Both bases cannot be adequately represented by only one Supervisor because they are from different branches of the service, the issues are demanding and intricate. Potential loss of white collar jobs and supporting ancillary jobs could happen if each military base does not have a Supervisor representing it.
- e) The geography alone for one Supervisor representing all of Eastern Kern is unmanageable and would be as well for one Supervisor representing all of rural western Kern Co. in "proposal No. 5."
- f) The geography of the outlying two Supervisorial Districts in "proposal No. 5" would put Supervisors 1 and 4 at a disadvantage as they would be disengaged on urban issues and left out of the decision making in many 3:2 votes. Proposal No. 1 would make the decision making by all the Supervisors more fair and balanced when voting on urban issues.
- g) The neighborhood concept of representation which elected officials often defer to in decision making does not apply to the outlying rural populations of Eastern and Western Kern.

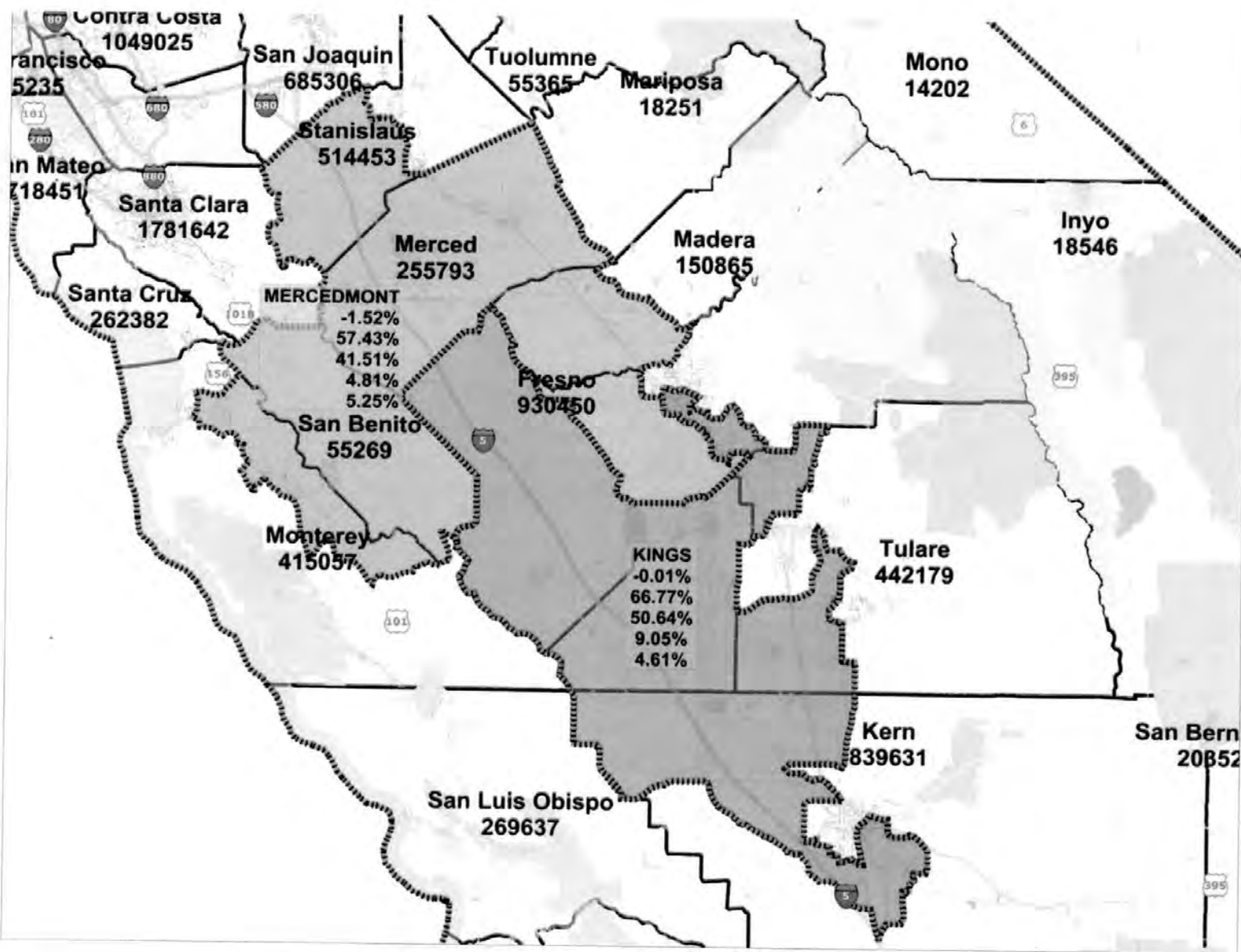
Please help Ridgecrest and Eastern Kern County maintain our current representation on all levels state, federal and county!

Renee Westa-Lusk Ridgecrest, CA 93555

*Copies of this letter to the editor are being sent to all our Kern County supervisors and Allan Krauter.*

*You can see how hard we are trying to maintain our county, state, and federal representation. Thanks for your consideration. Bahkha Auld Howard Auld*





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Merced County  
Farm Bureau



June 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Merced County Farm Bureau's official comments redistricting of Merced County Senate District

Dear Commissioners:

Merced County Farm Bureau (MCFB) advocates for the men and women who provide food, fiber, and nursery products for our community, state and nation. As President of MCFB I represent farmers and ranchers in the fifth most productive county in California and sixth in the United States. I would like to offer our official comments on your proposed Merced County Senate District from an agricultural perspective.

While it appears that you have chosen to combine the San Joaquin Valley and Salinas Valley into one district partly on the determination that they are both agriculturally based economies, the fact is the two regions are vastly different forms of agriculture with greatly different issues and needs.

As you know, water is the lifeblood of the agriculture industry. Within Merced County alone we have a variety of issues regarding water, ranging from the east side to the west side of our county. The east side is provided with water primarily from Sierra Runoff while the Westside receives most of its water through Federal and State Water Projects that receive water from the Delta.

Merced will need its representatives in the state legislator to be knowledgeable and focused on the plethora of water issues our county faces including: the current relicensing of Exchequer and Don Pedro dams, a water storage bond on the State ballot in 2012, restrictions placed on pumping Delta water to Westside farmers and the ongoing implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

The development of water storage and conveyance systems that will alleviate the kinds of severe drought that the Central Valley has suffered from in recent years has to be a top priority of any representative from the San Joaquin Valley.

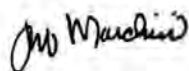
Merced, CA 95341

Recent and past water policy failures have created upwards of 20 percent unemployment in communities throughout the Central Valley. These failures are a direct result of a lack of knowledge and full understanding of the importance of agriculture and its relationship with water in the central valley from legislators on both the federal and state levels. This is why it is essential that our district lines be reflective of the geographic, demographic and economic consistencies within the San Joaquin Valley.

Neither the Salinas Valley nor the Silicon Valley has suffered the kind of severe economic downturn that our region has suffered due to failures in water policy. Agriculture in these areas faces a multitude of issues of their own that are entirely independent of the issues the San Joaquin Valley faces. Expecting one person to be the voice for people on both sides of the Coastal Range is not logical, it is not practical and if the lines proposed today were implemented, it would be a crime against the residents of the San Joaquin Valley.

Help us get our people back to work by drawing lines that will allow our representatives to provide a clear and concise focus on solving the issues that the San Joaquin Valley alone faces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Marchini". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jeff Marchini  
President

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June 23, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, California 95814

Honorable Commissioners:

My name is Venancio Gaona. I am representing El Concilio de Fresno, Inc. a non-profit community based organization. I presented testimony before you on April 15<sup>th</sup> and I also sent a letter for the May 23 deadline.

We wish to again address the Assembly area you know as Fresno C2 Assembly plan. We request the removal of a (western) portion of area of proposed Fresno C2 Assembly District and transferring into Fresno 1 Assembly District. Fresno 2 Assembly District is the western portion of plan. Fresno 1 Assembly District is the eastern portion.

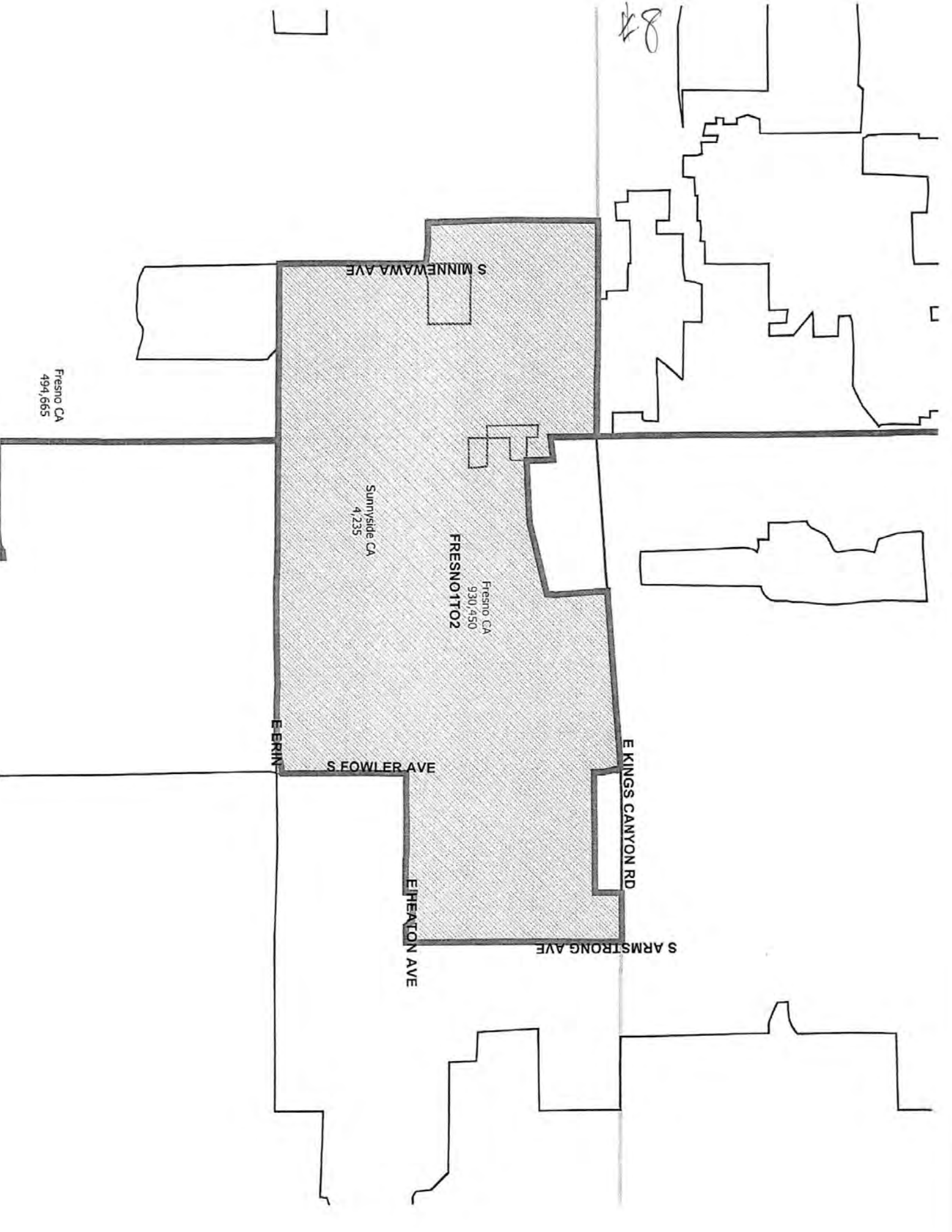
The boundaries of the portion to be removed are the following:  
Northern Boundary: Kings Canyon Road  
Eastern Boundary: Essentially Armstrong Street  
Southern Boundary: California Avenue  
Western Boundary: Minnewawa Avenue

Rationale:

1. By reducing this portion of Fresno 2, you are reducing the population. This improves the population deviation of this plan.
2. The proposed portion removed is known as "Sunnyside." This area does share a community of interest with Fresno 2 in terms of socio-economic factors to coincide with Fresno 2. These factors were thoroughly mentioned in our letter of May 23 to this Commission.
3. The proposed change in area also improves the "Compactness" of the Fresno 2 Assembly District.

Thank you.

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S MINNEWAWA AVE

Sunnyside CA  
4,235

FRESNO1102  
Fresno CA  
930,450

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S FOWLER AVE

E KINGS CANYON RD

E HEATON AVE

S ARMSTRONG AVE

Fresno CA  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. My name is Cori Lucero and I'm the Director of Governmental Relations at UC Merced, in what is currently the 12th Senate District.

We've had the opportunity to review the proposed redrawn lines for the district that would encompass UC Merced and would like to express some concern.

UC Merced opened Sept. 5, 2005, as the 10th campus in the University of California system and the first American research university of the 21st century. The campus significantly expands access to the UC system for students throughout the state, with a special mission to increase college-going rates among students in the San Joaquin Valley. It also serves as a major base of advanced research and as a stimulus to economic growth and diversification throughout the region.

The Valley population is expected to double in the next forty years, and UC Merced is expected to grow from 5,000 to 25,000 students during that same period. In this region, we have underperforming schools, much higher than average unemployment and foreclosure rates, problems with air quality, and water quality and delivery. If the Valley is to pull itself up from one of the worst economic crises in decades and resolve the problems it faces, it needs representation that truly understands the issues and can fight for them in Sacramento.

It took years to gain the necessary support to build a campus in the Central Valley and then even more time to choose the specific site. Through the hard work of dedicated elected officials who were born and raised in this Valley and know the very specific issues it faces, UC Merced was finally built and I'm proud to say today, it is a thriving institution of higher learning and research.

We join our fellow residents in asking that you take another look at the lines to ensure our campus and the Valley has the representation it needs. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you this evening.



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June 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: REDISTRICTING OF 12<sup>TH</sup> SENATE DISTRICT

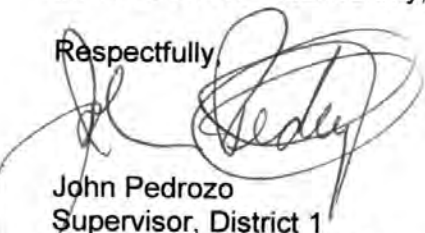
Dear Sirs:

I recognize the importance of your responsibility as a Commission in drawing district lines to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians. However, I would like to provide comment regarding the current proposal for the 12<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

In my view it creates a disadvantage to the voters of Merced County. Our concerns and issues in Merced County are more related to those of the Central Valley which are unique from those in other parts of the state of California, including those of the coastal counties. The current proposal to include Merced County in the same Senate District as Monterey, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties likely marginalize Merced County's voting power and place its needs secondary to those of the coastal counties. Merced County is a Central Valley county and has very different challenges and needs than those of coastal counties. Districts should be comprised of communities of interest and counties that share similar needs, goals, and characteristics, including economic and social issues, and demographics.

Please help ensure that Merced County voters are treated fairly and that our votes can make a difference. Your consideration in keeping Merced County in a senate district that includes other more similar counties would be greatly appreciated. We ask that you not approve the current proposal of incorporating Merced County in a district that also includes Santa Cruz County, Santa Clara County and Monterey County.

Respectfully,

  
John Pedrozo  
Supervisor, District 1  
Merced County Board of Supervisors

## Board of Supervisors

John Pedrozo  
Supervisor, District One

Hubert "Hub" Walsh, Jr.  
Supervisor, District Two

Linn Davis  
Supervisor, District Three

Deidre F. Kelsey  
Supervisor, District Four

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County Executive Officer

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I'm Shannon Picciano and I am on the board of directors for the Merced County Chamber of Commerce.

I'm here to talk about the Merced State Senate seat that was recently drawn.

The Central Valley economic engine is agriculture; growing, processing and transporting food.

The Silicon Valley produces amazing high-tech products.

The two regions are light years apart in terms of their economies, their work forces, their educational needs, and transportation systems.

They are far apart geographically. There is a mountain range between the two regions.

Given all these differences, I would hope that you will redraw the Merced seat to put it entirely in the Central Valley.

Making the often-ignored Central Valley a step-child of the coastal counties will damage our ability to generate jobs and tackle the severe unemployment.

The kinds of job training programs and economic incentives we need to help reduce our unemployment are radically different than the kind of programs needed in the coastal counties and San Jose.

Merced County and its economy is naturally aligned with the other counties that run up and down highway 99. Our rural economy belongs with the rural economies in Stanislaus, Fresno, and Madera Counties. We have nothing in common with Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey and I'd bet they'd tell you they have nothing in common with us.

Thank you for your consideration.





CITY OF  
**LOMPOC**

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Mayor  
*John H. Linn*

June 21, 2011

State of California  
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Attn: Daniel Claypool, Executive Director  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

The City Council of the City of Lompoc strongly opposes any proposed redistricting map plan recommended by the Citizens Redistricting Commission that would divide the City of Lompoc and its citizens between two State Assembly and Senate Districts.

At the regular City Council meeting of June 21, 2011, the Lompoc City Council met and considered the redistricting effort being conducted by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. At this meeting, we concurred that the "Communities of Interest" concept and keeping cities "whole" should be the most important criteria considered in the redistricting process. Communities of interest is defined as that which brings people together with shared interests, and the ability of people to relate to one another's social, political, and economic interests.

Contrary to the "Communities of Interest" concept, communities split through redistricting efforts significantly lose, due primarily to the negative effects resulting from a weakened collective electorate voice and potential low voter turn out at the polls, resulting in reduced community representation. Furthermore, the City of Lompoc has recently been advised by the Santa Barbara County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor Elections Division that dividing the City of Lompoc between two Senate and two Assembly Districts will result in an increase in election costs. For these reasons, the City Council of the City of Lompoc endorses State redistricting plans that would keep Lompoc and other Santa Barbara County cities whole.

The Lompoc City Council also expressed their need to clarify a great misconception on the part of the California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners as noted in the transcript excerpt of the Commission meeting held on June 1, 2011, which reads:

"...Lompoc is the only city split...it's a very small split...this is a correctional facility."

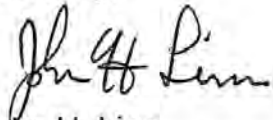
The City Council of the City of Lompoc and its citizens are gravely concerned about these erroneous statements, and would convey to the Commissioners that the proposed split

impacts a thriving, politically-engaged community population. The redistricting proposal is greater than "a very small split." Moreover, the City of Lompoc is far more than a correctional facility.

The City Council of the City of Lompoc does not approve of redistricting plans that would result in our City split between two Districts, and we request that every attempt be made by the Commission to keep Lompoc and other Santa Barbara County cities whole. Therefore, we strongly request the Citizens Redistricting Commission consider a redistricting plan in line with the "Communities of Interest" concept, and make every attempt to keep Lompoc and other Santa Barbara County cities whole.

Please give this matter your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Linn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John H. Linn  
Mayor, City of Lompoc

c: Lompoc City Council  
California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners

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June 23, 2011

Re: Citizen's Redistricting Commission's Proposed Senate District 12

My Name is Doug Fluetsch and vice president of Fluetsch & Busby Insurance in Merced, California. Fluetsch & Busby insurance has been in business in the Merced County area for nearly 100 years, servicing clients up and down the Central Valley, into the bay area and into Southern California. Through these relationships, we are familiar with the dynamics of the various regions of California.

I have a few concerns regarding the redistricting map that has been proposed for the 12<sup>th</sup> Senate District and I apologize if they are redundant of what you have heard or will hear tonight from other concerned citizens. The currently proposed district boundary ignores the natural barrier of the coastal communities. This natural boundary geographically been plagued with struggling infrastructures, housing crises, agricultural related thefts and a lack of employment base away from agriculture resulting in staggering unemployment numbers. Our central valley needs to focus on certain issues that can help us build a prosperity we deserve and to be co-mingled with the coastal communities is a disservice to the hard working people of the central valley.

I appreciate your time and I hope you will consider the concerns you are hearing this evening. The central valley is a unique area of the State of California. We deserve to have a continued voice in the future that is our own and is not shared with communities that have no common interest with us.

Thank you



Doug Fluetsch



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# Merced County Sheriff's Office

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445 "I" Street  
Los Banos, CA 93635  
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Fax: (209) 827-1433

CF Bludworth Station  
9481 Shanks Road  
Delhi, CA 95315  
Phone: (209) 385-7660  
Fax: (209) 669-7771

Coroner's Division  
455 E. 13th Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
Phone: (209) 385-7369  
Fax: (209) 725-3390

**Mark N. Pazin**  
*Sheriff/Coroner*

**Thomas I. Cavallero**  
*Undersheriff*

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June 23, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

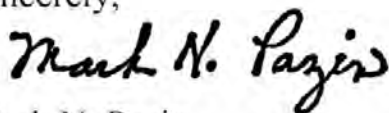
I am Mark N. Pazin, Sheriff-Coroner of Merced County. I would like to go on record as opposing the senatorial lines as currently proposed by this commission.

I believe that Merced County has more community interest with crime in Stanislaus and Madera Counties, as opposed to the urban areas in the coastal counties.

I support keeping the lines drawn in the valley using the coastal range as a natural border.

The intent of redistricting as voted on by California voters was to keep geographical continuity for all assembly and senatorial seats. This proposal does not, and actually "gerrymanders" this senatorial seat. The intent of the voters should be paramount and I ask that "valley voices" be heard.

Sincerely,



Mark N. Pazin  
Sheriff-Coroner

# CITY OF MERCED

"Gateway to Yosemite"



Office of the Mayor

Telephone

Fax

Re: Merced State Senate Map

Commissioners and Staff:

As the Mayor of Merced I urge you to reconsider the State Senate Map (MRCD) that creates Senate District 12 by combining the City of Merced with Salinas and part of San Jose.

A semi-rural, agricultural community like Merced doesn't have much in common with a high-tech, urban metropolitan city like San Jose. The residents of the two regions have different needs, different expectations and different viewpoints.

We can ill afford to have representatives distracted by the need to juggle the varying issues of a sprawling district that is divided by a mountain range. One of the goals of the redistricting committee was to create more compact districts, not recreate the same gerrymandered districts that dilute the representation of all the state's residents.

My city faces unique and severe economic problems and as well as unique opportunities to solve them. Merced needs legislators who will work to prevent the crippling unemployment in our region and work to deal with the problems caused by one of the highest foreclosure rates in the nation.

If this district elects someone from San Jose or Salinas our region will continue its unfortunate tradition of being ignored by a legislature which favors the big cities over small communities, urban over rural, Coastal over Valley. Our transportation, economic and education funding priorities differ from our neighbors to the West.

Salinas is an agricultural region, but with far different needs than Merced and the surrounding Valley. The lettuce, strawberries and artichokes crops in Salinas have labor, water and cultivation requirements different from our almond orchards, dairies and corn. A Central Valley legislator is going to understand what our region needs.

A quarter of the jobs in Merced revolve around agriculture. In Salinas there is a nearby tourism industry to help support the employment base. In San Jose there is the entire Silicon Valley to provide jobs.

In Merced County, the largest employer is a chicken processing plant, Foster Farms. In San Jose the largest employer is a computer networking manufacturer, Cisco Systems.

Both Merced and our neighboring Valley counties want to see UC Merced become the economic engine for our region; San Jose/Salinas already has Stanford University, Santa Clara University and San Jose State as engines that have fueled Silicon Valley.

Our unemployment numbers for April give you some additional understanding of our differences:

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| San Jose | 10.1 percent |
| Salinas  | 12.6 percent |
| Merced   | 19.5 percent |

Please review the data (source City Data) for three regions within your proposed new Senate District to get a feel for even more differences.

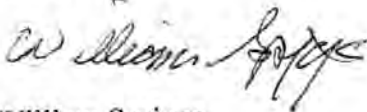
| City               | Merced    | Salinas   | San Jose  |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Median Income      | \$32,513  | \$47,151  | \$76,495  |
| Median House Value | \$141,900 | \$282,600 | \$566,200 |

The Citizens Redistricting Commission was created to let the voices of Californians be heard collectively within a region, where they share common goals and interests. It was created so that neighbors could band with neighbors to elect a representative who understands their geographic area. It was not created to marginalize voters once again by splintering districts and eliminating the power of a regional voice.

We respectfully request the Commission redraw the boundaries of State Senate District 12 and return the voice of Merced voters to the Central Valley.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,



William Spriggs  
Mayor

Citizen's Redistricting Committee

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak. We appreciate the difficult task you have been assigned and the efforts you all put into it. We all know it was not easy. However, I do not think the results serve my constituents well. It is never a problem to represent the urban population centers as they will always dominate as they should from their sheer numbers. It does become a challenge to insure that the rural values and culture, which in fact is our heritage, are not totally overshadowed and or ignored. WE have value in the big picture too.

1. Right now we have frequent visits from all of our elected representatives and their staff members. In the proposed redistricting, I cannot even imagine how long it will take to get from one end of the proposed district to the other. Google Maps says 269 miles and 4 hours and 25 minutes but that travel path is largely outside the District boundaries. If you do it piecemeal and fool Google Maps (you have to do it four legs so you stay in the district), it takes 6 hours and 36 minutes for 296 miles. These are "non stop" Scenarios – no gas, no rest, no biological needs – food, water or relief.
2. While Tuolumne County has a unique and central position in the proposed arrangement, we are not in or near the population centers. Obviously, it is not easy to get to us from the ends of the district where our representatives are most likely to come from. The district will not be convenient for the representative – Congressman, Assembly Member or State Senator - that is the real issue. We would not expect to see that representative very often if at all. Our population is small. The logistics are difficult. And so we will lose representation in our County and so will the rest of new district as well.
3. The relative commonality of issues is also a problem. You might argue commonality if we could limit the area to the eastern parts of Placer and Eldorado Counties on the North and again the eastern sectors of Madera and Fresno on the South. But we need the western portions of those Counties who hold the population centers. The population centers tend to be urban based bedroom communities for Sacramento and Fresno and dilute and or confuse our rural issues.
4. In reality, geographic proximity takes precedence over geographic similarity.
5. The historical, social, economic, transportation, agricultural, recreational, and cultural commonality of interests are much more East West or up an down the highway corridors and the rivers than North South.
  - A. We even seek specialized medical services in the Central Valley (Modesto) when it is not available at our regional medical center.
  - B. The Stanislaus County people use Tuolumne County for Winter and Summer Recreation – Skiing, camping, hiking, fishing, Hunting, etc.
  - C. The major commercial supply routes are up and down the Mountain on the 108 / 120 highway corridor. Similarly the markets for much of the natural resource products we produce are down the mountain not parallel to the ridge line of the Sierra Nevada.

- D. The water issues are based on our rivers, the Tuolumne and the Stanislaus Rivers.
- E. The railroads run east and west and carry the natural resources we provide to the central Valley and beyond.
- F. Many of our agricultural interests are East West. The cattle ranches from Eastern Stanislaus County move their cattle up into the Sierra with their grazing leases.
- G. The Yosemite Community College District covers both Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties with campuses in both Modesto and Columbia.
- H. Work related commuter traffic is basically East West down into the Central Valley and Stanislaus in particular – Oakdale and Modesto mostly.
- I. At one time, many of the immediately adjoining Counties were once part of Tuolumne County, so we have deep historical bonds with our past family as well.
- J. We certainly share a common interest with Mariposa County as the North and South Gateways to Yosemite. Tourism and Yosemite go hand in hand and are major economic interests for both of us.
- K. Regarding present day governmental affairs, we do align through Joint Powers Authorities (“JPAS”) in a North South pattern but never further North than Amador County or further South than Mariposa County. We do much of this for economy of scale. We are all small and cannot afford to go it alone with some of these service agencies. These tend to be small operational entities, dealing with issues like Child Support Services and affordable Housing issues.

While we know redistricting is important and that change must happen to reflect the reality of the population distribution. We also know that it must be equitable and not politically biased. So the reasons mentioned previously should be sufficient motivation for a revision to your current plan, which will provide for a truer representation of the interests of the people of Tuolumne County and other rural counties. We thank you for your consideration.

Randy Hanvelt  
Supervisor District #2  
County of Tuolumne





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Evan Royce, *Third District*  
Richard H. Pland, *Fifth District*

*June 23, 2011*

California Citizens Redistricting  
Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Re: Comments on Draft Redistricting Maps

Dear Commission Members

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors reviewed the Commission's proposed maps as they relate to Tuolumne County at its June 21, 2011 meeting. On behalf of the Board, I would like to begin by conveying our appreciation for your service and efforts in this very important and monumental task. The Board understands that there is no "perfect" way of redrawing these boundaries and the Commission had to weigh many factors as dictated under the Voters First Act of 2008.

Given the limited time provided to review and offer comments on the draft maps, the Board was not able to develop any specific alternate district boundaries but was able to reach consensus on the following points and suggestions for the Commission to consider in modifying the draft maps under question:

1. The Board realizes that simply maintaining the status quo district boundaries is not possible given the changes in population and factors the Commission is required to address;

2. The Board would like the Commission to consider pulling in its proposed northern and southern borders (e.g. dropping Placer, El Dorado and Fresno counties) and extending the proposed boundaries further to the west (e.g. adding portions of Stanislaus County). Some of the reasons for this request include:

- The distance between the northern and eastern portions of the proposed districts are too great and will be a deterrent to visitation and therefore representation by our State and Federal legislators;

- The larger counties on the northern and southern borders of the proposed districts have little commonality of interests with Tuolumne County and our more immediate neighbors; and
- The historical, social, economic, educational, transportation, agricultural, recreational, and cultural community of interests are most closely aligned amongst Stanislaus County, Tuolumne County and our immediate neighbors to the north (Calaveras and Amador counties) and to the south (Mariposa County). The following are some examples of our shared interests:
  - Specialized medical services are sought in the Central Valley (Modesto) when it is not available in Tuolumne County;
  - The Yosemite College District covers both Stanislaus and Tuolumne County with campuses in both Modesto and Columbia;
  - Tuolumne County also works collaboratively with our immediate neighbors on economic development activities through both the Central Sierra Economic Development District and the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority
  - Stanislaus and Tuolumne County share two major transportation routes - Highway 108 and Highway 120. These highways serve mutual commercial, commuter and tourist interests;
  - The Sierra Railroad runs east and west and carries the natural resources we provide to the central Valley and beyond;
  - Shared water issues are based on the Tuolumne and the Stanislaus Rivers;
  - The cattle ranches from Eastern Stanislaus County move their cattle up into the Sierra with their grazing leases;
  - At one time, many of the immediately adjoining counties were once part of Tuolumne County (previously known as Oro County), so we have deep historical bonds as well;

- Tuolumne County has common interests with Mariposa County as Gateways to Yosemite National Park. It is acknowledged that Eastern Madera County also serves as a Gateway County. Tourism and Yosemite go hand in hand and are major economic interests for both counties; and
- Regarding present day governmental affairs, there are several Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) that exists amongst our neighbors but never further north than Amador County or further south than Mariposa County.

For the reasons mentioned above, the Commission is encouraged to consider and modify its proposed district boundaries as generally suggested above. It is the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors view that this will result in a truer representation of the interests of the people of Tuolumne County and our immediate neighboring counties.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the concerns and suggested modification outlined above.

Yours truly,



Randy Harwelt, District 2 Supervisor



Evan Royce, District 3 Supervisor

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# TUOLUMNE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

June 22, 2011

To: The California Citizens Redistricting Commission

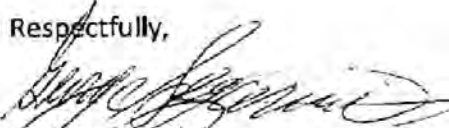
Subject: Proposed Redistricting Maps

The Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce, representing over 5,000 employees in Tuolumne County, is opposed to the Commissions draft map for the Foothill District.

The Chamber's Governmental Affairs Council and Board of Directors concerns mirror those of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors. Instead of listing those same issues we would like to go on record as fully supporting the Supervisors on their position regarding the Foothill redistricting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

  
George Segarini  
President & CEO

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# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## FAX TRANSMITTAL

NUMBER OF PAGES (Including Fax Cover): 5      DATE: 6/22/11

TO: Tuolumne Supervisor Randy Hanvelt

ATTN: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX #: [Redacted]

FROM: El Dorado County Supervisor, Ray Nutting

RE: El Dorado County Resolution 82-2011 to CA Citizens  
Redistricting Commission, and letter to the same requesting South Lake Tahoe, Placer  
and El Dorado County remain within the same State Senate, Assembly and BOE  
Districts

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Email was sent with both documents  
attached and followed up with this fax of the same.  
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RESOLUTION NO. 82-2011

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

**As a Formal Request to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to  
Keep Lake Tahoe and the Counties of El Dorado and Placer  
Within the Same State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization Districts**

**WHEREAS**, every ten years, upon the completion of the federal census, California must evaluate the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts and then determine new boundaries to create districts that are as equal in population as nearly as is practical; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a result of voter approved State of California Ballot Propositions 11 and 20, a 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission ("Commission"), guided by the U.S. Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and the California Constitution, will draw the district maps for California's 53 Congressional Districts; 40 State Senate Districts; 80 State Assembly Districts; and 4 Board of Equalization Districts that respect counties, cities and communities of interest; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of El Dorado and Placer share geographical, recreational and historical characteristics, with the residents and communities throughout these two Counties sharing numerous demographic characteristics, including ethnic composition, levels of attained education, and per capita and median household income; and,

**WHEREAS**, the California side of Lake Tahoe, the "Crown Jewel" of the Sierra Nevada, is located between the two California Counties of El Dorado and Placer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the primary California routes to Lake Tahoe are Highway 50 through El Dorado County, Highway 80 through Placer County, and the world famous Rubicon Trail which travels through both Counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the history for El Dorado and Placer Counties began with the discovery of gold in 1848 and continued with the resulting Gold Rush that brought an influx of pioneers through passes to the north and south of the Tahoe Basin as they traveled to the mining settlements that have since developed into the ranching, farming, timber and recreation based communities that now define these two Counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1969 the United States Congress ratified a bi-state compact approved by the governors and legislators in California and Nevada that created the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, a regional planning agency to oversee development at Lake Tahoe that is governed by a Board that, per the Compact, includes an appointee from each of the Counties of El Dorado and Placer and the City of South Lake Tahoe; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the government, economic, historic, recreational, and historic bonds that the Counties of El Dorado and Placer have to Lake Tahoe, these counties and their residents are invested in the environmentally rich region that surrounds the North and South Shores of Lake Tahoe and the value of the significant research data that it provides to those throughout the world.

Resolution No. 82-2011


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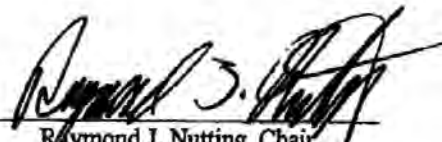
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado requests that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission keep Lake Tahoe within the same State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization Districts that include the Counties of El Dorado and Placer as Lake Tahoe is located within these Counties, and it is in the best interest of the Lake Tahoe Region to be represented by the elected officials who understand and represent the unique characteristics of the Counties where it is located.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a special meeting of said Board, held the 6th day of June, 2011, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:  
Suzanne Allen de Sanchez  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Knight, Briggs, Nutting, Sweeney, Santiago  
Noes: none  
Absent: none

By:   
Deputy Clerk

  
Raymond J. Nutting, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:  
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY OF EL DORADO

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Placerville, CA 95667  
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SUZANNE ALLEN DE SANCHEZ  
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June 6, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Request for Lake Tahoe to Remain within the Same State Senate and Assembly Districts as the Counties of El Dorado and Placer**

Dear Commission Members,

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors submits the attached Resolution No. 82-2011, as adopted by our Board today during a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The County of El Dorado has two very strong points of concern regarding the preliminary first draft maps that depict the proposed new State Senate and Assembly Districts.

First, in reviewing the preliminary draft maps that are available on the Commission's website, it appears that the Commission intends to dismantle the County of El Dorado's political integrity by carving Lake Tahoe out of our County and redistricting it into a different Senate District and a different Assembly District. For the past 160 years, Lake Tahoe and the County of El Dorado have shared a common rich history and kinship that must be respected and continued.

Second, the continuity of the representation provided by the same elected Assembly and Senate representatives is paramount to protecting the existing rural region of the Sierra Nevada Foothills. The Counties of El Dorado and Placer are lockstep, beginning with our rich Gold Rush history to the modern day communities of El Dorado Hills and Roseville; Placerville and Auburn; and the City of South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe City. There are no other two counties more alike in demographic, geographic and historic characteristics than these two counties.

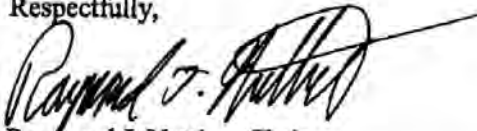
As approved by California's voters in November 2008, the language contained within Proposition 11, the "Voters First Act," provides very clear direction to the Commission in that the "geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible." With this direction in mind, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is at a loss as to the Commission's justification for proposing to place Lake Tahoe in legislative districts that are different than the districts that contain its home counties of El Dorado and Placer.



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June 6, 2011  
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The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors asks the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to re-evaluate their proposal and consider our request to maintain the integrity of our communities by keeping Lake Tahoe and the Counties of El Dorado and Placer within the same legislative districts.

Respectfully,



Raymond J. Nutting, Chair  
County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors

cc: Clerk of the Board, County of Placer Board of Supervisors  
State Senator Ted Gaines  
State Assemblywoman Beth Gaines  
State Assemblywoman Alyson Huber

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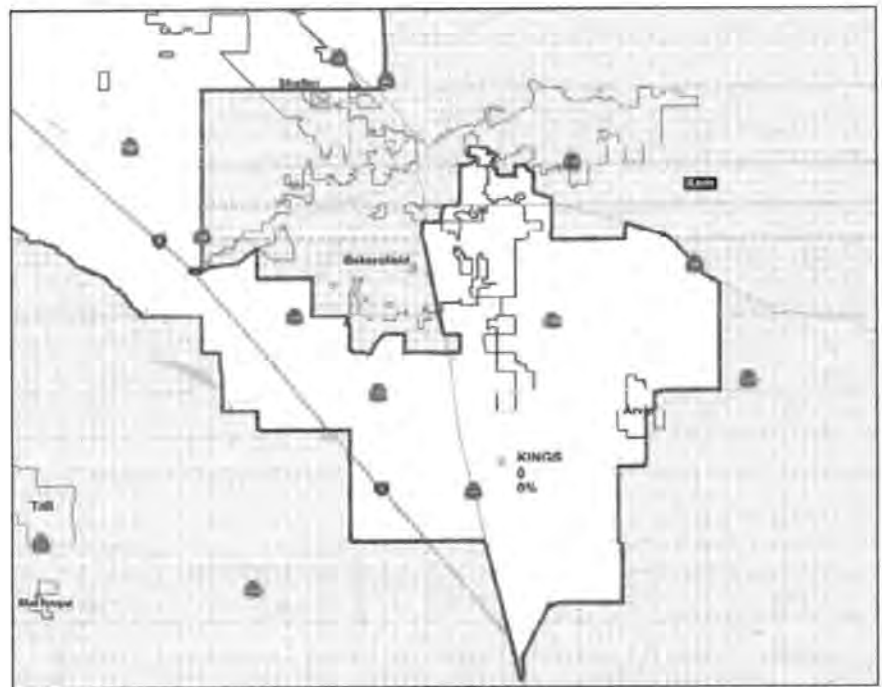
Thursday, 23 June 2011  
California Citizens Redistricting Commission, Public Meeting (Fresno)

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

**Subject: End ethnic gerrymandering and safe districts**

First, please let me thank you for your hard work, and for the first draft U.S. Congressional District maps, which represent substantial progress over the 2001 boundaries. As a San Luis Obispo County resident, I'm especially pleased to see that the drafts have removed the infamous low-tide district along the coast, the previous 23rd Congressional District.

That said, the draft maps maintain the peculiar gerrymander that divides the city of Bakersfield into two Congressional Districts (see Figure below), with the apparent aim of placing the city's minority and non-minority citizens in different Districts. I ask that the Commission remove this problem, and more generally, that ethnic gerrymandering in California be ended altogether.



**Safe Districts**

It seems evident to many that ethnic gerrymandering, while it began with laudable intentions, has deteriorated into a pretext for supplying the Republican and Democratic parties with safe districts. Moreover, in a broad sense, this implies collusion between the two main parties, trading safe districts, as it were, to maintain a joint monopoly in Congress.

Safe districts harm Californians by preventing competitive races and letting candidates avoid debate. For instance, in 2010, Congressman Kevin McCarthy, of the 22nd District, was the only name on the ballot! He didn't have to campaign, meet constituents, or answer hard questions. The Bakersfield gerrymander contributed to this.

We're in a period today of unprecedented challenge. For example, America is in five wars. Even one war ought to urgently demand the highest degree of Congressional debate and competition of views. But we are in five wars! Then there are the urgent problems of the economy, the environment, energy, and health. In these perilous times we cannot afford to artificially spare even a single Congressional district from the healthy effects of a competitive race.

### **Ethnic Gerrymandering**

As noted above, many believe that ethnic gerrymandering today is a pretext for creating safe districts. It follows that we should closely re-examine the logic of ethnic gerrymandering, and decide if it should be continued.

We may concede that the practice once served a useful purpose. Before the Voter Rights Act, African-Americans were functionally disenfranchised in large numbers. That unacceptable situation led legislators and courts to exceed the Constitution in encouraging ethnically-based redistricting. It was an extreme remedy to an extreme need. However, like a radical medical treatment prescribed in an emergency, it does not follow that this was intended as a permanent fixture. Now, in 2011, we have, for example, an African-American president. I think we can say to the Voter Rights Act: mission accomplished.

Considerable evidence indicates that ethnic gerrymandering is harmful to minorities themselves. For one thing, the more we emphasize ethnic differences, the greater they loom in the minds of the public -- both for minorities and non-minorities. At this point in our history, we need to emphasize our commonalities, not our differences. To put it succinctly, as a scientific and social concept, the very construct of "race" is obsolete. We are a single human race, increasingly connected, and living in a cosmopolitan world. The challenges we face in common are far greater than those we face separately. Further, in proportion as race and ethnicity are engrained in the political process, it serves to increase polarization in Congress. Unscrupulous politicians, demagogues, will continue to play one group against the other, to the detriment of all.

Stated in the form of a request, then, I:

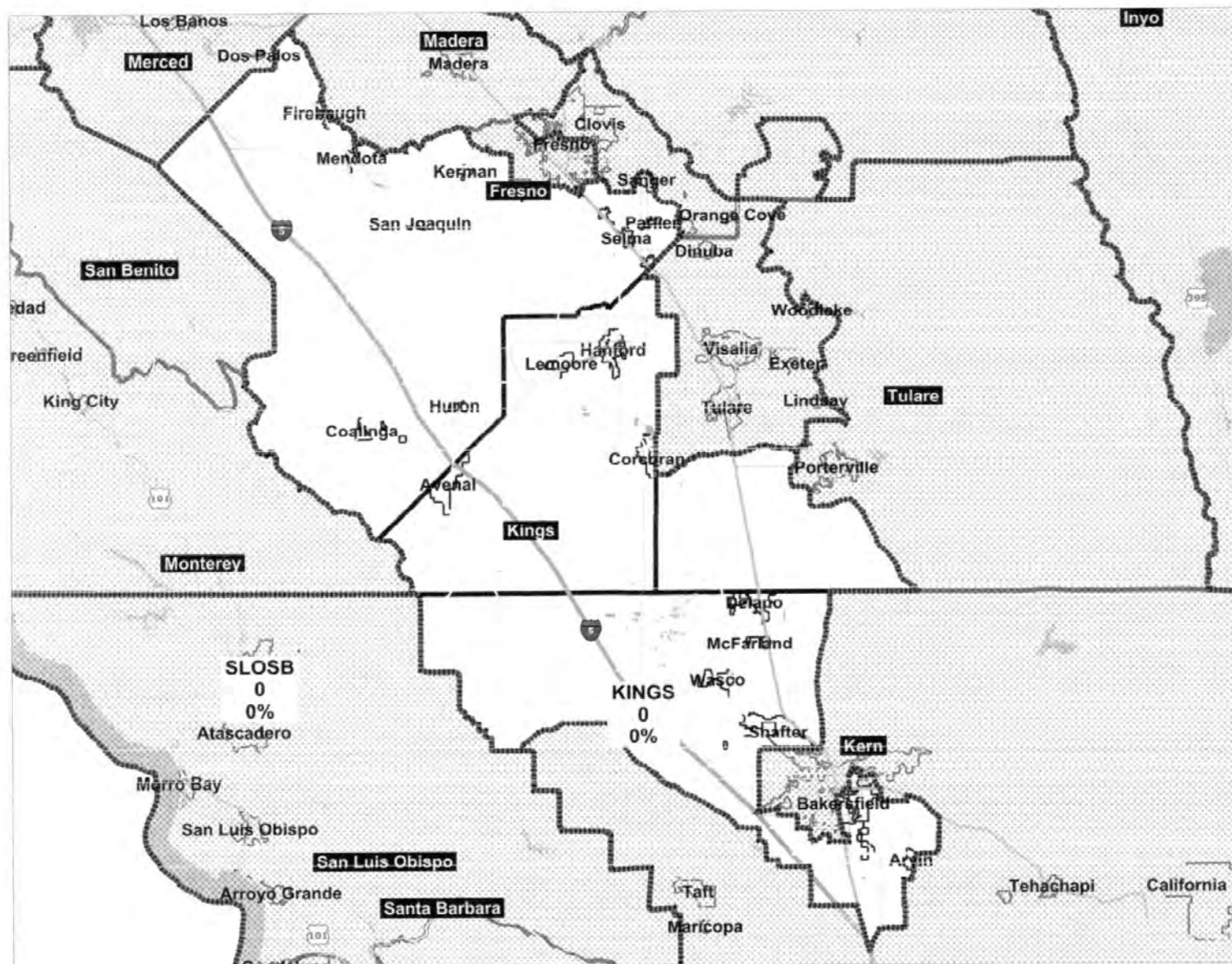
**Petition the Commission to remove the pronounced gerrymander that divides metropolitan Bakersfield.**

Respectfully yours,

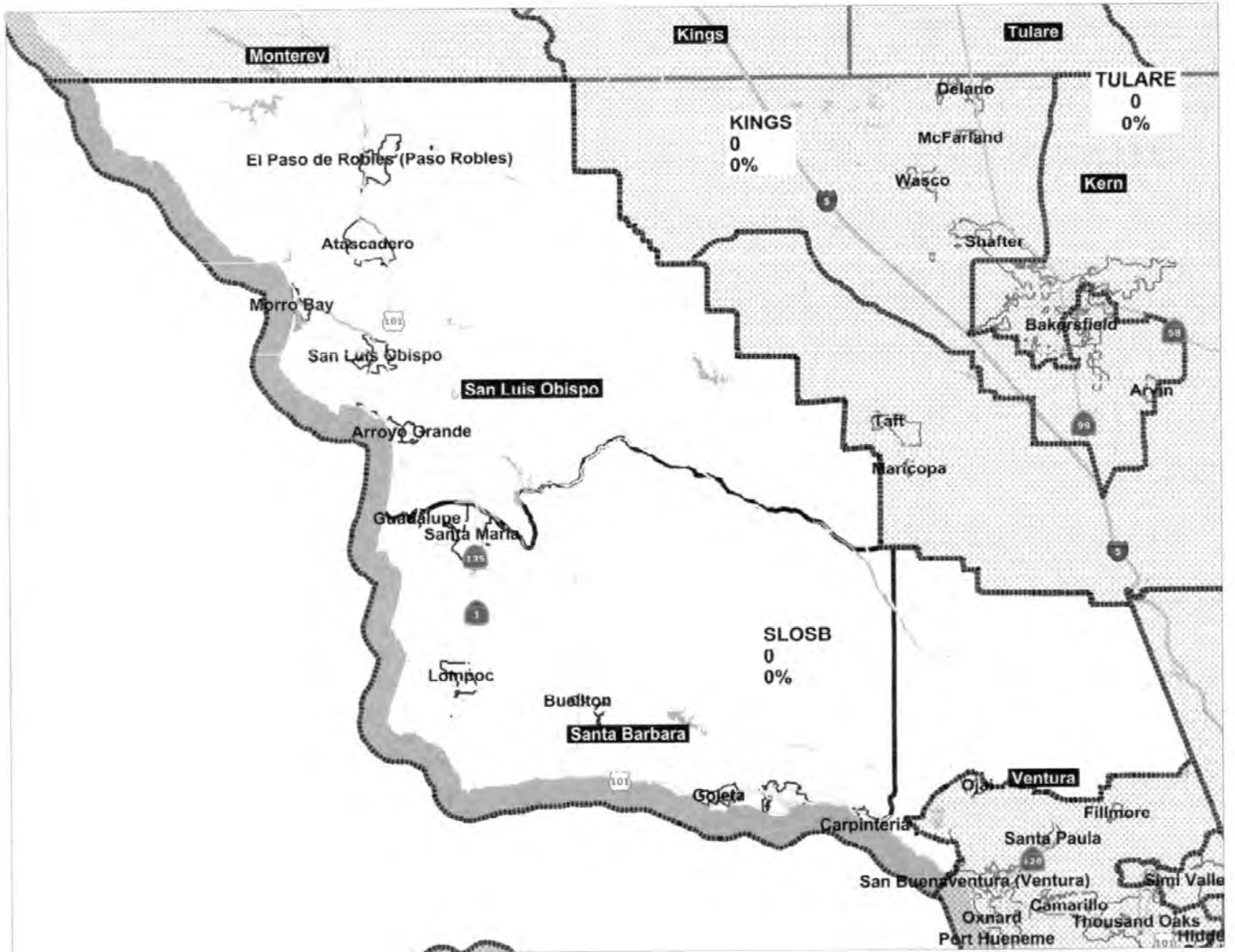


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# California Congressional - KINGS



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**Communities for a New California**

Fresno, CA 93721

June 23, 2011

**TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission**901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: Movement of Sunnyside from Assembly District Fresno2 to Fresno1****Recommendation**

The portion of the unincorporated area known generally as Sunnyside lying roughly between Kings Canyon Ave. on the north, California Ave. (railroad tracks) on the south, Minnewawa on the west and Winery Ave. on the east with a total population of 3,741 people should be moved from Fresno2 to Fresno1.

**Reasons for Change**

The portion of Sunnyside described above and highlighted on the attached map is a community of interest linked much more strongly by educational attainment levels, median household income and racial makeup to Fresno1 than Fresno2.

Sunnyside is an almost unique area in Fresno. Its only equivalent is the area known as Old Fig Garden, which is currently and appropriately placed in Fresno1. Both of these areas are examples of "old sprawl" when developers leapfrogged out of the incorporated City of Fresno onto unincorporated land in the post World War II period. Sunnyside and Old Fig are built around specific amenities such as golf courses, swim & racquet clubs and/or anchor boulevards of distinctive landscaping features. They are now unincorporated, "county islands" surrounded by the City of Fresno which has grown out and around these areas in recent decades.

Sunnyside's clear separation from the lower income neighborhoods adjacent to its western boundary of Peach Ave. goes so far as to include a traffic barrier to prevent through traffic on Butler Ave, the anchor boulevard that abuts the Sunnyside Country Club and surrounding homes.

**Deviation Improvement**

Movement of the area described would lower the deviation rates for both districts. Fresno1 would improve from a deviation of negative 4,101 to negative 360. Similarly, Fresno2 would improve from a deviation of positive 3,203 to negative 538 (see chart on page 3).

**Submitted by**

Kevin Hall

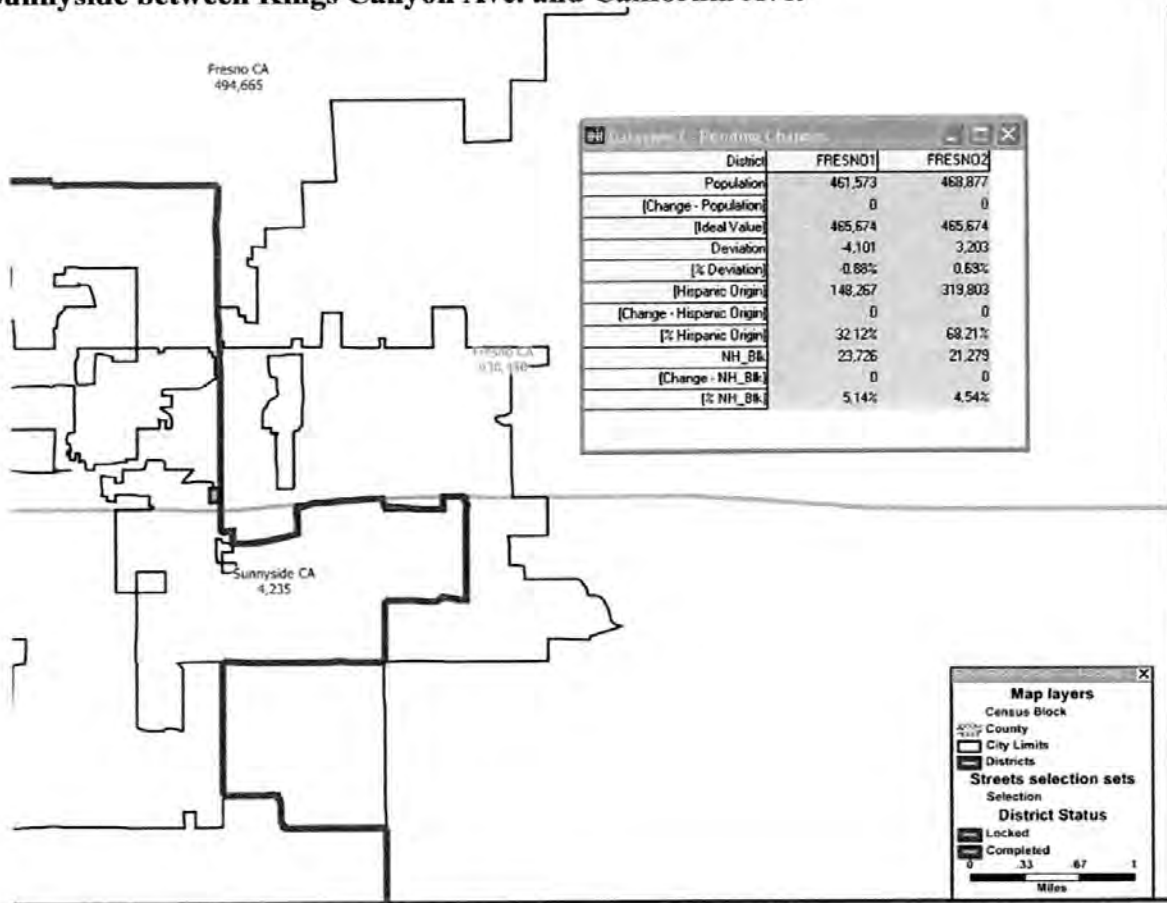
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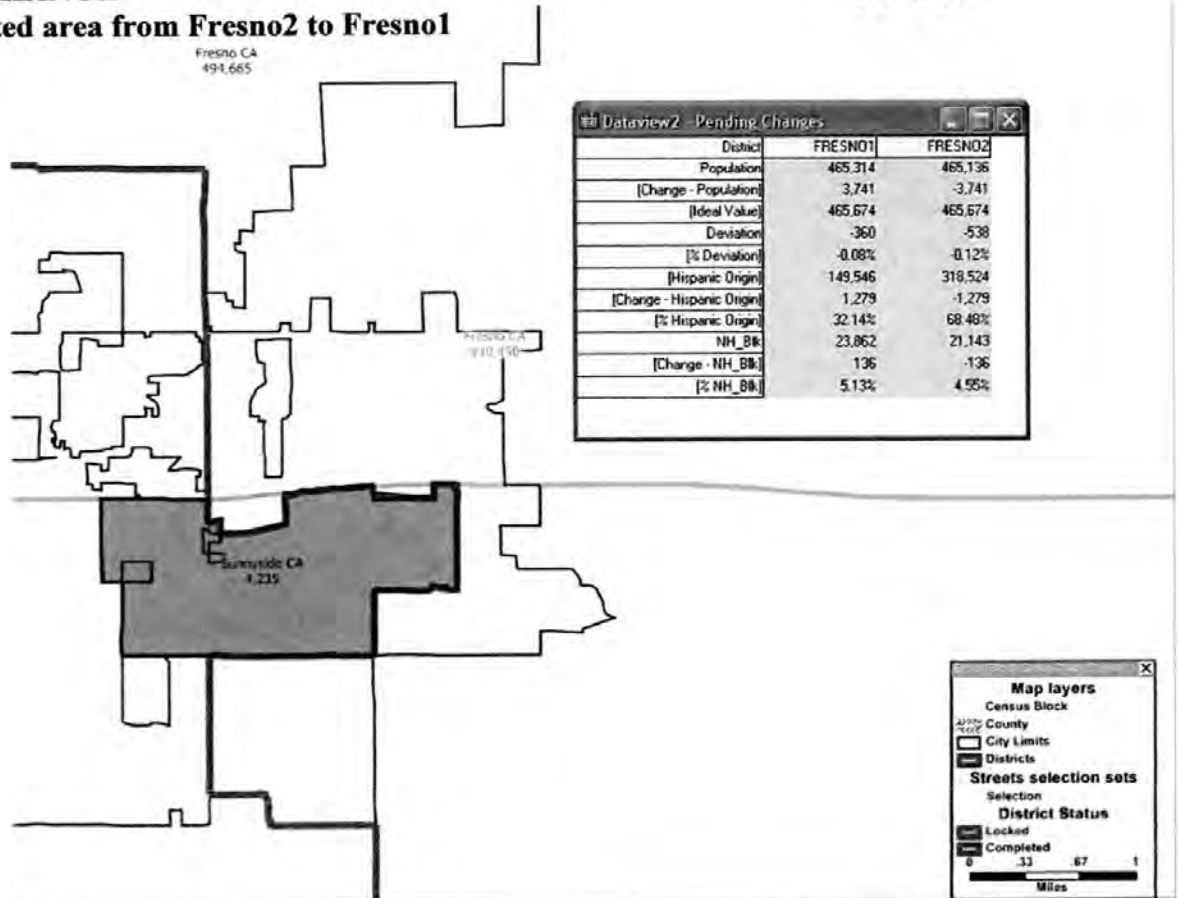
**Fresno2 – DRAFT MAP**  
**Sunnyside between Kings Canyon Ave. and California Ave.**

**BEFORE**



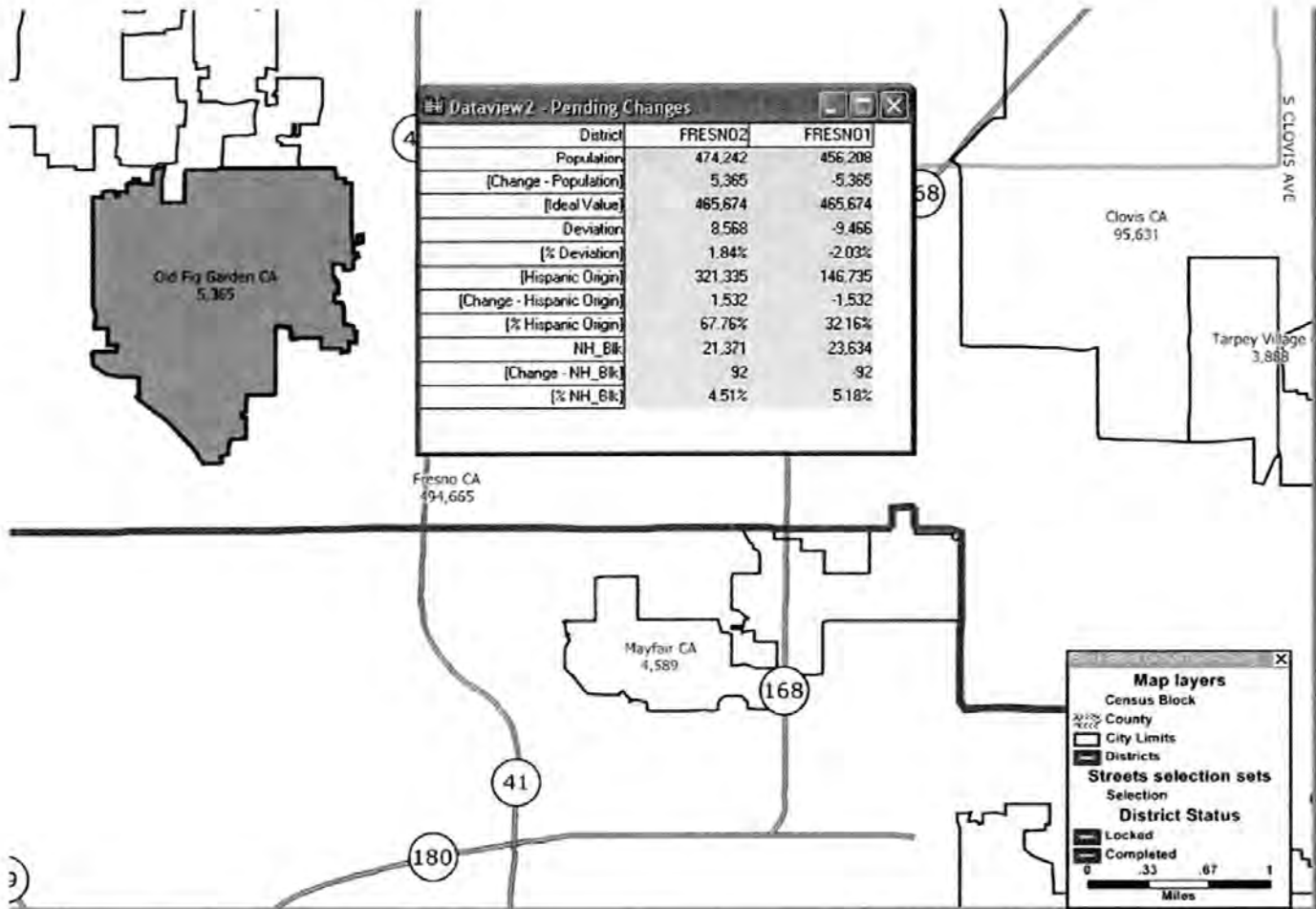
**PROPOSED CHANGE**  
**Move highlighted area from Fresno2 to Fresno1**

**AFTER**



**OLD FIG GARDEN**

No changes are proposed to Old Fig Garden. It is provided here for comparison as a Community of Interest linked to Sunnyside, both of which are best placed in Fresno1.

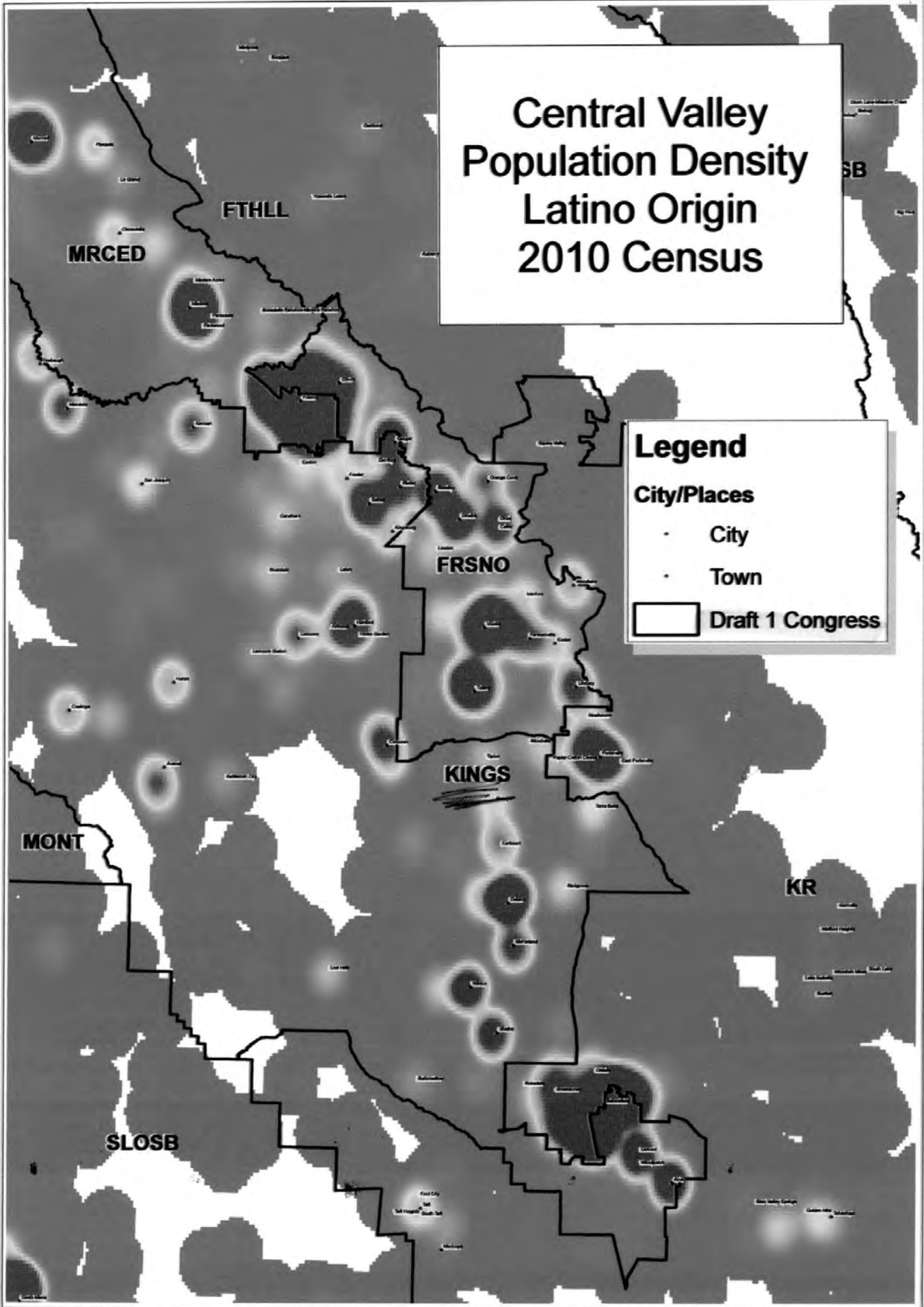


| District                 | Fresno1<br><i>Current</i> | Fresno2<br><i>Current</i> | Fresno1<br><i>Revised</i> | Fresno2<br><i>Revised</i> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Population               | 461,573                   | 468,877                   | 465,314                   | 465,136                   |
| Change – Population      | 0                         | 0                         | 3,741                     | -3,741                    |
| Ideal Value              | 465,674                   | 465,674                   | 465,674                   | 465,674                   |
| Deviation                | -4,101                    | 3,203                     | -360                      | -538                      |
| % Deviation              | -0.88%                    | 0.69%                     | -0.08%                    | -0.12%                    |
| Hispanic Origin          | 148,267                   | 319,803                   | 149,546                   | 318,524                   |
| Change – Hispanic Origin | 0                         | 0                         | 1,279                     | -1,279                    |
| % Hispanic Origin        | 32.12%                    | 68.21%                    | 32.14%                    | 68.48%                    |
| NH_BlK                   | 23,726                    | 21,279                    | 23,862                    | 21,143                    |
| Change – NH_BlK          | 0                         | 0                         | 136                       | -136                      |
| % NH_BlK                 | 5.14%                     | 4.54%                     | 5.13%                     | 4.55%                     |



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# Central Valley Population Density Latino Origin 2010 Census



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Blue indicate Latino Populations  
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Congressional

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# Central Valley Population Density Latino Origin 2010 Census

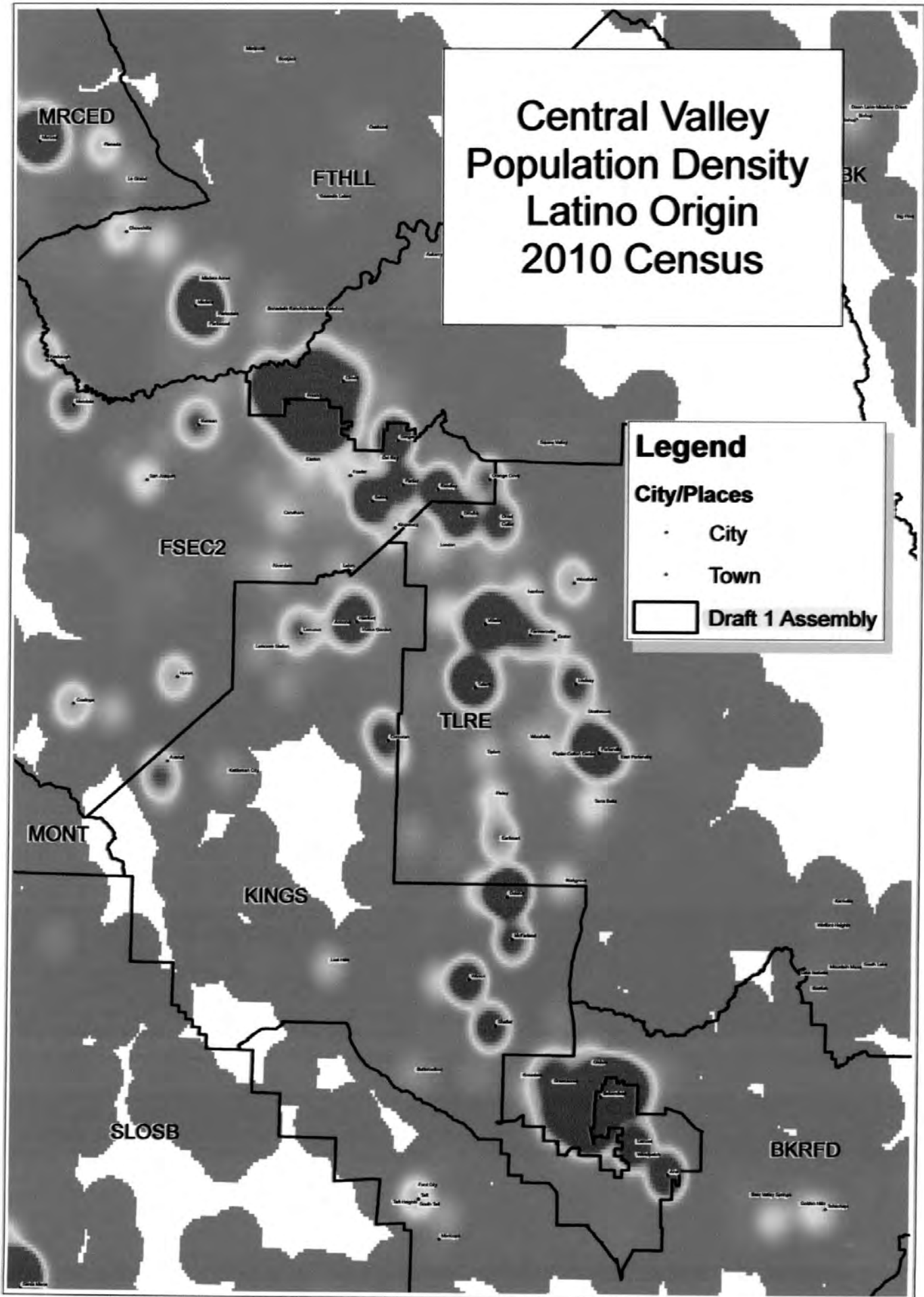
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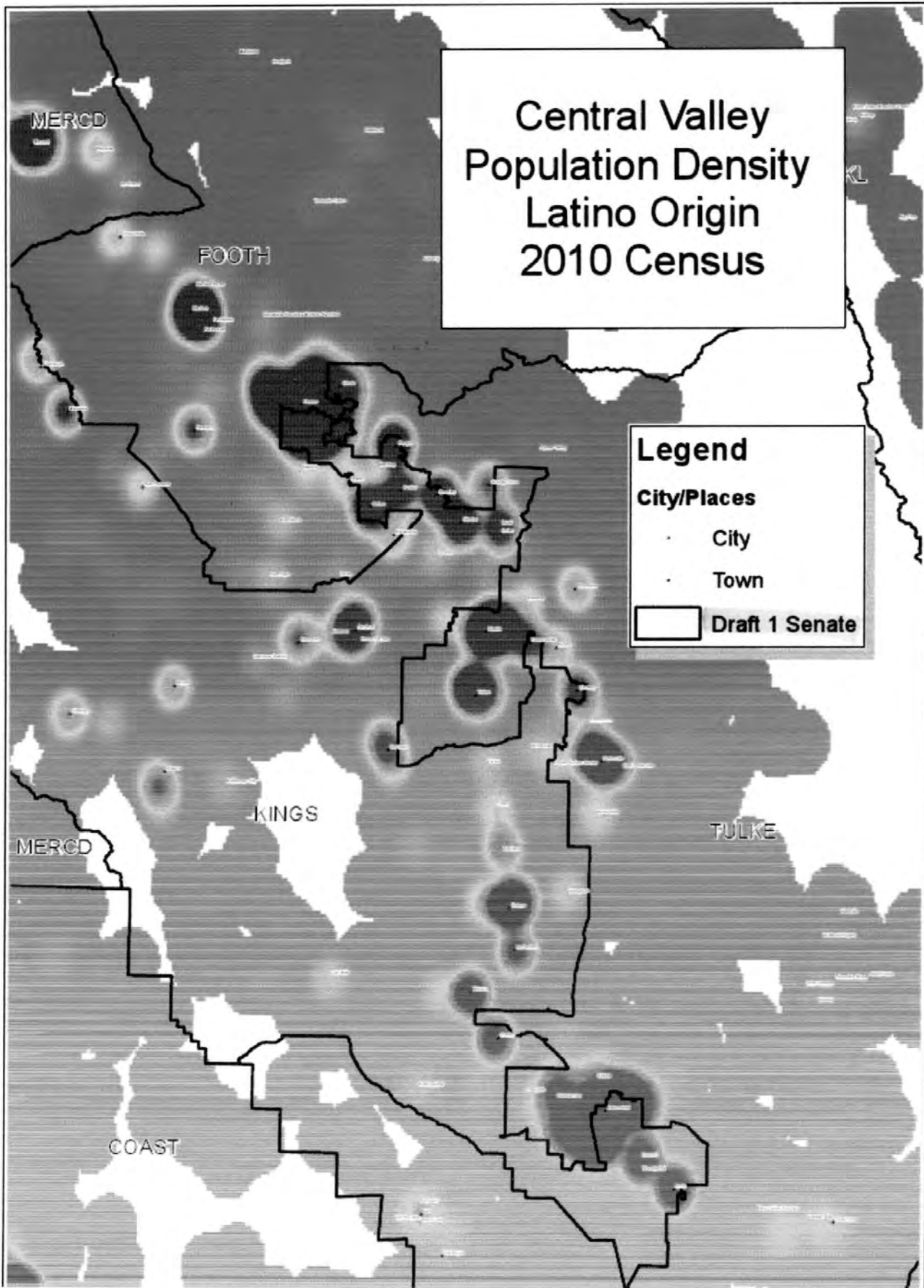
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Latino Population in blue

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Cedric Reese  
Member Friends of the San Joaquin Valley  
Individual Testimony

Regarding the Merced 12<sup>th</sup> California Senatorial District

We respect the challenge the Commissioners face in designing what is today the 12th California Senatorial District. The 12<sup>th</sup> District has been a Central Valley place-based district. The First-drawn map of the 12<sup>th</sup> District is not a place-based creation. We encourage the Commissioners to consider place-based alignment in this District. Place-based Community is a community of people who are bound together because of where they reside, work, visit or otherwise spend a considerable amount of their time. In the early days of the United States these places were near river and canals; the water "pathways" creating "nodes on a network" connecting community of places. As modern day life emerged, these pathways are not now reflected by rivers or canals but marked by highways, by civic engagement, by retail sales, by school districts, by health care centers, by political engagement, by media distribution such as newspapers, radio and television. These are all linkages and multipliers with our local place.

Can we say the proposed Merced 12<sup>th</sup> District voters living in Hollister or Santa Clara County shop in Los Banos or Merced, read the Merced Sun-Star or Modesto Bee, Drive Highway 99 or I5 to work, watch Modesto TV stations or have their babies born at Mercy Hospital, Merced. Of course the answer is no. Those King City, Hollister and Santa Clara residents fail the test of being part of a Central Valley place-based district. We urge you to reconsider the Merced 12<sup>th</sup> District as it is currently proposed and apply the linkages and multipliers as described above.

Cedric Reese

  
Fresno, CA 93745

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**Testimony by Peter E Weber**  
**CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**  
**Fresno, June 23, 2011**

Good evening. My name is Peter Weber. I reside in Fresno, California. I serve on the leadership council of *California Forward* and on the board of the *California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley*. But I am not here representing either of those organizations. I am here as co-chair of *Friends of the San Joaquin Valley*.

My comments are intended to emphasize the importance of community of interests for the San Joaquin Valley. For those of you who are not very familiar with the San Joaquin Valley, it is comprised of eight counties from Kern County in the south to San Joaquin County in the north, linked together by the two major north-south transportation corridors in the State, Highway 99 and Interstate 5. If the San Joaquin Valley were a state, it would be the largest agricultural state in the nation. It is one of the few regions of the world that can be distinctly recognized from space because its boundaries are so clearly delineated by mountain ranges on the west and east of the Valley.

The San Joaquin Valley is one air basin, one economy, one labor market. Among other things, we share common goals and concerns regarding our economy, water management, transportation, air quality and workforce development. In the executive order that created the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, Governor Schwarzenegger said the following:

*"The eight counties and many communities that form the San Joaquin Valley enjoy assets that set the region apart from the rest of the state. But the Valley's unique geography, climate, and economy also pose specific challenges for the region that demand the attention of government leaders at the state, local and federal levels".*

The Voter's first Act requires that the geographic integrity of communities of interest be respected by your commission to the maximum extent possible. The proposed configuration of the Merced Senate District does not appear to recognize the community of interests of the San Joaquin Valley. As it is currently configured, the 12<sup>th</sup> District captures a large portion of the San Joaquin Valley. As

you have proposed it, the District would lose significant population in the Valley and gain in Santa Cruz County and Santa Clara County. These two geographic regions, connected through a single roadway across a mountain range, have very little in common. A single representative could not adequately represent two regions that are so diverse and have such different priorities. In the best of cases, voters in the two affected regions would get only half the attention of their elected representative. In the most likely case, voters in one of the two regions would be even more significantly underrepresented depending on which of the two regions the elected representative resides in.

We understand you reached out to the coastal communities to fill in the Merced District because you took people from our foothill communities and put them in a so-called Foothills District, sharing that proposed District with people in northern foothills communities with whom they have far less in common than with their neighboring communities in their own counties.

In hearings pertaining to the process that selected you as commissioners, we were assured that commissioners would have an understanding that the people of California reside in many different localities with distinct geographic characteristics that may relate to the voting preferences of the residents of those localities. I respectfully urge you to reevaluate the lines for the Merced and Foothill districts in a way that reflects that understanding.

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**California Conservative Action Group**

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**MEMO**

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission  
From: David Salaverry, CCAG  
RE: COI Database & Decision Process, Regionalism  
Date: June 20, 2011

**The COI Database**

On June 9 the day before the first drafts, the commission belatedly realized it did not have a functional COI database. This is a startling failure. Community of Interest testimony is the foundational "stuff" of Props 11 and 20. California voted to put redistricting into the hands of citizens *through* COI testimony. That the commission has treated this precious citizen input cavalierly is deeply troubling.

Two days ago, members of my team discovered that the commission has not posted the video of our May 21 public testimony in Oakland. We're confident you will find and post our testimony. But "losing" the input of a hundred East Bay citizens for weeks means the larger public could not access it or even have known we showed up.

The commission decided it couldn't afford transcripts of public input hearings yet spent \$600K for mappers, \$475K on per diems, \$300K on a pricey VRA attorney, etc. Transcripts of input hearings, at roughly \$100K, would have been a repository of COI testimony that allowed commissioners to remain fully aware of and guided by citizen input. In the absence of this repository, the public's will has been marginalized.

I have watched the line drawing process and seen the commissioners time and again confused about *who said what when and where*. The process has been chaotic, and led to notable districts like CD "Yuba" joining Santa Rosa with Yuba City, SD "LASCV" stretching from the Grapevine to Malibu and SD "Central Coast" a 400 mile mash up of Los Gatos with Buellton.

**A COI Decision Process**

Additionally, the commission has not developed a rational *process* for drawing COI lines. I approached two commissioners in the hallway at the Burlingame *Common Cause* seminar to ask, "What happens when COIs are in conflict?" I got no answer.

A large part of the commission's work is technical and legal, the population numbers and the VRA limit choices. It is only in balancing COIs that the commission's work is more art than science, more politics

than rigid application of census data and law. And yet, the commission seems to have given little preliminary thought *how* to balance competing claims.

You might have asked, 1) What should we conserve from prior maps? The 2001 maps were heavily gerrymandered but the 1991 Special Master maps were considered by most to be fair. Should we start with 1991 and incorporate what was workable in 2001 as a foundation?, 2) Can we reject COI testimony that looks like it benefits a particular politician and smells like it was brought to the commission by someone connected to that politician? 3) How can we achieve rough parity and spread the pain equitably?

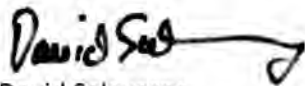
The VRA counsel has advised you to create narratives. We will be reading them carefully and hope to find ideas, rationales and carefully crafted judgements not after-the-fact glosses that cover up an unintelligible process.

### **Commissioner Regionalism**

The commission has fallen into a "regional czar" trap. It was not the intent of Props 11 and 20 to create 14 decision-makers with control over a home turf to which the other commissioners defer so that they in turn can control *their* maps. Geographically selective interest has led to areas that are orphaned and areas that have gotten too much of the commissioner's time and attention. It has also led to maps that reflect one commissioner's ideas to the exclusion of community voices.

The need to bring the COI data and the decision process under control while working against regionalism is urgent. Lawsuits will inevitably result if the process is not drastically improved in the second draft. Finally, kudos to the commissioner who suggested saying the pledge at each hearing. The level of decorum has risen, for which we are all thankful.

Regards,



David Salaverry

CCAG, California Conservative Action Group





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June 17, 2011

VIA E-MAIL: VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov

Honorable Commissioners  
California Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of AARP, Advancement Project, California Common Cause, California Chamber of Commerce, California Forward, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), The Greenlining Institute, League of Women Voters of California, and The Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College, we write to provide specific recommendations to ensure that the Commission draws districts that comply with the California Constitution, and with the Voting Rights Act in particular.

The 2011 redistricting process has, if nothing else, stimulated a new level of public participation and engagement in a topic that has traditionally been done behind closed doors. In the first round of hearings, you received voluminous amounts of testimony that spoke primarily to the fourth criteria of communities of interest, neighborhoods, cities and counties. This testimony is extremely important and necessary.

Your challenge now is to take specific steps to obtain the information and analysis necessary to draw districts that will comply with the Voting Rights Act, and then the lower ranked criteria. With this specific challenge in mind, we are writing to provide recommendations on how you can focus your scarce time and resources in the next few weeks.

1. Compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act

We believe the Commission needs to instruct Q2, the Commission's mapping consultants, and Professor Matthew Barreto, the Commission's recently-hired expert on racially polarized voting, to identify areas of California where there are potential districts that could or should be drawn to comply with the Voting Rights Act. We believe that, based on the usual roles such consultants play in other redistricting processes, the Commission should instruct:

- 1) Q2 to provide analysis about what areas specific minority groups constitute a sufficiently large and geographically compact group to constitute a majority minority district, based on citizen voting age population; and
- 2) Barreto to study turnout and voting numbers to identify (a) whether there is racial polarization among the electorate; and (b) what percentage of a "protected class" (or coalition of protected classes) is necessary for an "effective" district.

Both of these tasks are necessary for the Commission (and legal counsel) to determine which districts may satisfy the Voting Rights Act, Section 2 test, established in *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 50-51 (1986), i.e., whether these minority groups constitute a sufficiently large and geographically compact group to constitute a majority minority district, based on citizen voting age population, whether the groups are politically cohesive and whether racially polarized voting exists to deny such groups the effective ability to elect candidates of their choice.

The Commission released the first round of draft redistricting plans on June 10, 2011 before Professor Barreto had analyzed the racially polarized voting (RPV) patterns of any proposed districts, and with minimal analysis by the mapping consultants or legal counsel. The RPV analysis is essential to ensuring that the districts the Commission draws comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Given the limited time and resources, the Commission may decide not to conduct RPV analysis in all the areas listed below.

To assist with this daunting task, we want to share with you a “conversion” chart that may be useful for you to decide how to instruct Professor Barreto where to conduct the RPV analysis.

| <b>CRC District with possible VRA populations</b>                                      | <b>CAPAFR<sup>1</sup> district(s) in area</b> | <b>MALDEF district(s) in area</b>     | <b>CIJEE district(s) in area</b>                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Congressional</b> (Percentages listed are minority citizen voting aged populations) |                                               |                                       |                                                     |
| KINGS - 49.3% Lat                                                                      |                                               | CD 20 - 50.10% Lat<br>CD 21 - 50% Lat | CD 19- 45.51%Lat<br>CD 21- 42.20%Lat                |
| SFVET - 49.60% Lat                                                                     |                                               | CD 28 - 50.80% Lat                    | CD 36- 50.08%Lat                                    |
| ELABH - 57.57% Lat                                                                     |                                               | CD 31 - 52% Lat<br>CD 34 - 63.80% Lat | CD 32- 29%Lat                                       |
| DWWATR - 59.3% Lat<br>LBPRT - 24.47% Lat                                               |                                               | CD 38 - 54.80% Lat<br>CD 39 - 55% Lat | CD 28- 62.06%Lat                                    |
| COVNA - 50.80% Lat                                                                     |                                               | CD 36 - 51.70% Lat                    | CD 43-29%Lat                                        |
| Perris- 36.62% Lat<br>RVMV - 34.39% Lat<br>SBRIA - 44.48% Lat                          |                                               | CD 43 - 51% Lat<br>CD 44 - 53% Lat    | CD 27 - 48%Lat<br>CD 42 - 29.6%Lat<br>CD 44- 55%Lat |
| IMSAN - 50.60% Lat                                                                     |                                               | CD 51 - 52.30% Lat                    | CD 53-51.37% Lat                                    |

<sup>1</sup> CAPAFR did not submit a statewide Congressional maps.

| <b>CRC District with possible VRA populations</b>                                                    | <b>CAPAFR district(s)in area</b>                             | <b>MALDEF district(s)in area</b>                     | <b>CIJEE district(s)in area</b>                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Senate (Percentages listed are minority citizen voting aged populations)</b>                      |                                                              |                                                      |                                                                                             |
| KINGS – 50.69%Lat<br>MERCED – 39.59%Lat<br>COAST – 16.2%Lat<br>TUL-KERN – 24.96%Lat                  | SD 15 - 51.8%Lat                                             | SD 4 – 50%Lat<br>SD 16 - 50%Lat                      | SD P -49.78%Lat<br>SD 0 -40.47% Lat<br>SD R -20.22%Lat                                      |
| LAWSG – 54.32%Lat,<br>28.97%Asn<br>LADNT -35.48%Lat                                                  | SD 24 - 50.2%Lat<br><br>SD25 - 50.2% Lat<br>SD26 - 53.9% Lat | SD 22- 50.1%Lat                                      | SD W -36.6%Afr,<br>29.3%Lat<br>SD AA-18.7% Asn, 35.5%<br>42.43%Lat                          |
| POMSB – 51.51%Lat<br>RIVMV -34.92%Lat                                                                | SD33 - 52.2% Lat<br>SD24 - 50.2% Lat                         | SD 24- 50.2%Lat<br>SD 32-50.1%Lat                    | SD Z – 51.6%Lat<br>SD FF – 27.27% Lat                                                       |
| LALBS 35.67%Lat<br>LAWSG - 54.32%Lat,<br>28.97%Asn<br>LACVN – 57.1%Lat<br>LAWBC –37.9%Lat, 37.39%Afr | SD25 - 53.9% Lat<br>SD26 - 50.0% Lat<br>SD27 - 56.2% Lat     | SD 27- 50.05%Lat<br>SD 28- 50%Lat<br>SD 30- 50.1%Lat | SD EE – 37.35%Lat<br>SD CC – 78.44%<br>SD X- 40.51%Lat<br>SD BB – 62.37% Afr,<br>28.78% Lat |
| ISAND – 26.84%Lat<br>CSAND – 26.98%Lat                                                               | SD40 – 50.9%Lat                                              | SD 40- 50.1%Lat                                      | SEN NN – 49.98%Lat<br>SEN GG – 27.52% Lat                                                   |

| <b>CRC District with possible VRA populations</b>                                                                                | <b>CAPAFR district(s)in area</b>                           | <b>MALDEF district(s)in area</b>                            | <b>CIJEE district(s)in area</b>                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Assembly (Percentages listed are minority citizen voting aged populations)</b>                                                |                                                            |                                                             |                                                         |
| FSEC2 - 50.56%Lat                                                                                                                | AD 30 - 50.5%Lat                                           | AD 31 - 50.2% Lat                                           | AD 31- 51.19%Lat                                        |
| BKRFD - 21.31%Lat<br>KINGS - 46.26% Lat<br>TLRE - 37.94% Lat                                                                     | AD 32 - 50.49%Lat                                          | AD 34 - 52.7% Lat                                           | AD 32- 47.59%Lat                                        |
| LASFW - 36.18% Lat<br>LASFE - 52.01% Lat                                                                                         | AD 43 - 62% Lat                                            | AD 39 - 53.9% Lat                                           |                                                         |
| LAELA - 55.11% Lat                                                                                                               | AD 48 - 52.5% Lat                                          | AD 45 - 52.9% Lat                                           | AD 49- 53.74%Lat                                        |
| Downtown – 33.47%Lat,<br>26.22%Asn<br>LAPRW - 60.75% Lat<br>LASGL - 58.01% Lat<br>VermontSq-FlorenceFir-<br>42.44%Lat, 47.36%Afr | AD 54 - 50.3% Lat<br>AD 55 - 52.7% Lat                     | AD 46 - 52.5% Lat<br>AD 50 - 51.5% Lat<br>AD 53 - 50.2% Lat | AD 56 -83.23%Lat<br>AD 59- 51.74%Lat                    |
| WSGV – 49.95 Asn Lat<br>Whit-Norw – 60.77% Lat<br>LAPRW - 60.75% Lat<br>East SGV, Covina – 57.18%Lat                             | AD 49 -50.17%Asn<br>AD 50 - 66.1% Lat<br>AD 52 - 61.5% Lat | AD 56 - 55.6% Lat<br>AD 57 - 50.1% Lat<br>AD 58 - 52.6% Lat | AD 59- 51.74%Lat<br>AD 54- 75.11%Lat<br>AD 52- 55.5%Lat |
| POMVAL - 50.56% Lat                                                                                                              | AD 68 - 50.2% Lat                                          | AD 61 - 50.3% Lat                                           | AD 53- 50.31%Lat                                        |
| RLTFO - 52.57% Lat<br>RIVJU - 35.64% Lat<br>MTRMV - 34.18% Lat                                                                   | AD 40 - 54.85% Lat                                         | AD 62 - 50.1% Lat<br>AD 64 - 50.0% Lat                      | AD 48-53.11% Lat                                        |
| ANAFI - 28.67% Lat<br>SNANA - 46.43%                                                                                             | AD 65 - 53.4% Lat                                          | AD 69 - 53.6% Lat                                           | AD 69-51.97% Lat                                        |
| SSAND - 50.00%                                                                                                                   | AD 77 - 51.7%                                              | AD 79 - 50.3%                                               | AD 79-49.63% Lat                                        |
| ISAND - 25.93%<br>COACH - 29.08%                                                                                                 | AD 80 - 50.6%                                              | AD 80 - 50.6%                                               | AD 79-49.63% Lat<br>AD 80-50.34% Lat                    |

## 2. Commission Maps and Supporting Data

We urge the Commission to release the relevant data and legal assumptions used in drawing the second round district maps, including the analysis and standards used to draw districts compliant with both Section 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act, data about the populations within each district, percentages of communities, neighborhoods, cities, and counties within a proposed district, and other considerations for drawing the second round district maps. In order for the public (and the Commission) to analyze whether the proposed maps meet the Section 5 requirements, it is critical for the Commission's legal counsel to articulate a clear standard to follow and for the consultant line drawers to provide the information relevant to the analysis. This standard should be informed by Prof. Barreto's analysis of what thresholds of minority citizen voting aged populations are necessary for an "effective district" on a county by county basis and the percentages needed to ensure there is not retrogression among the effective districts. This will allow the Commission (and Commission legal counsel) to identify whether those districts should be adjusted to meet the requisite thresholds and / or need to be "unpacked."

We recommend that the Commission publicly confirm the standards it will use for Voting Rights Act Section 5 purposes.

Lastly, we truly appreciate the commitment and sacrifices you have made to give all Californians the opportunity to provide input into how our legislative districts should be drawn to best represent us and to pioneer a fully public and transparent redistricting process.

Very truly yours,

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