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The South Bay Corridor for Tomorrow

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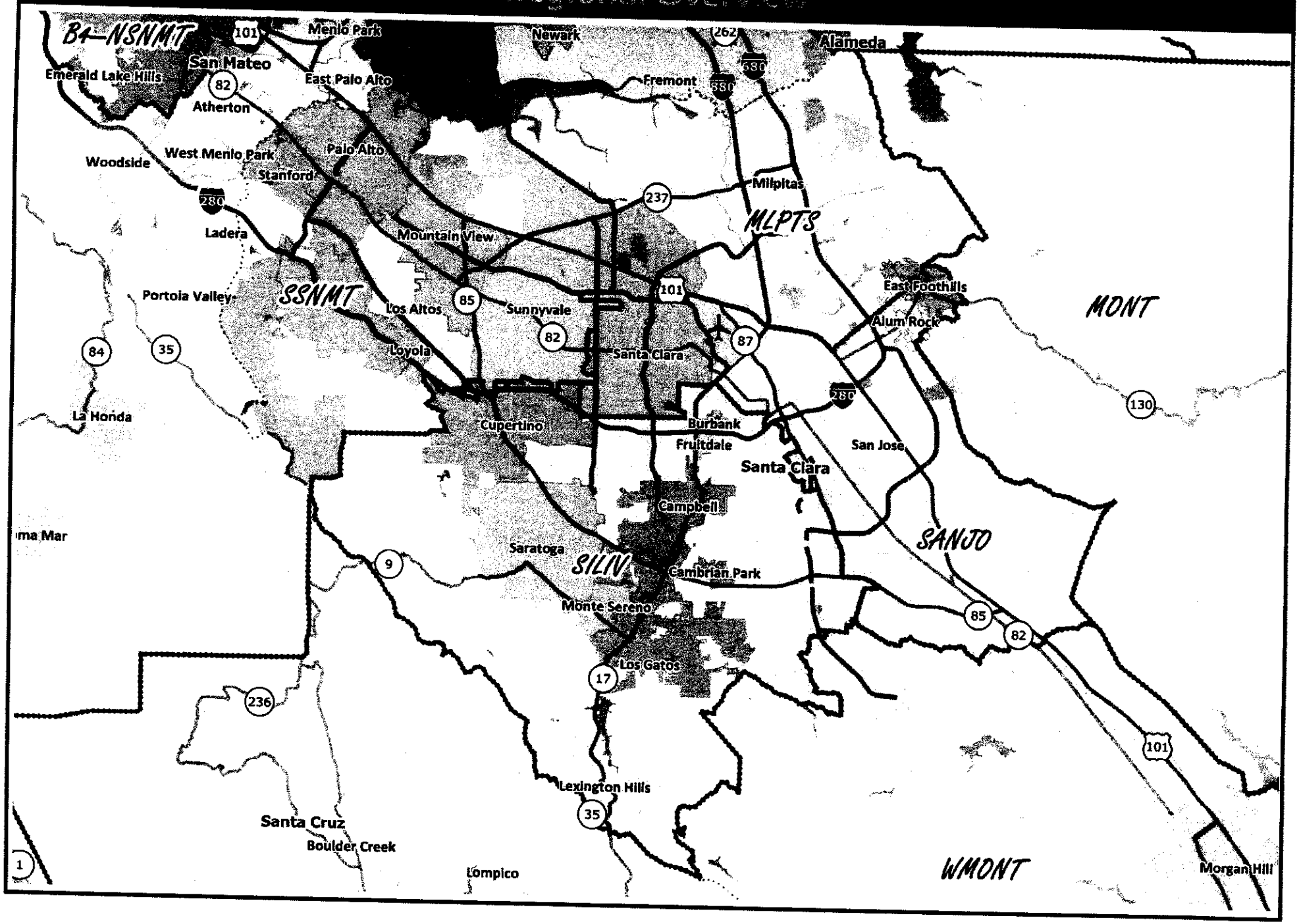

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The South Bay Coalition

Proposed State Assembly MLPTS

Field	Value
District	MLPTS
Population	462,538
Deviation	-3,136
% Deviation	-1%
Asian	229,759
% Asian	50%
Asian_CVAP	101,245
% Asian_CVAP	39%
Hispanic Origin	90,181
% Hispanic Origin	19%
B_LAT_CVAP	41,158
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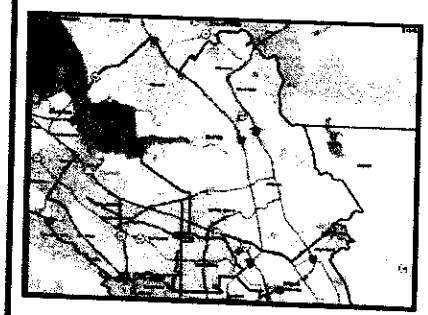

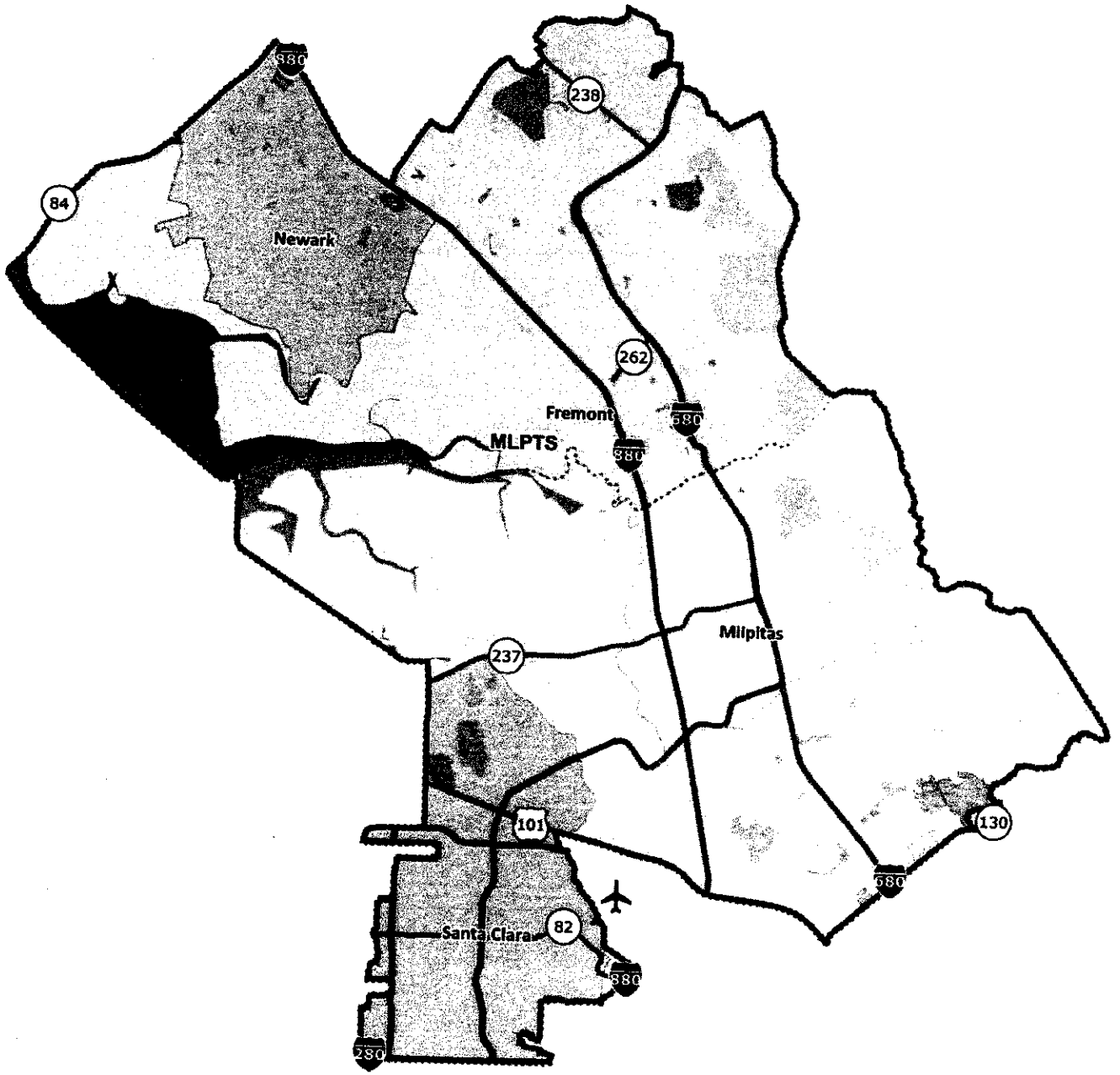

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The South Bay Committee for Fair Redistricting

Proposed State Assembly MLPTS

Asian Density

0% to 5%	25% to 35%
5% to 15%	35% to 55%
15% to 25%	55% to 100%

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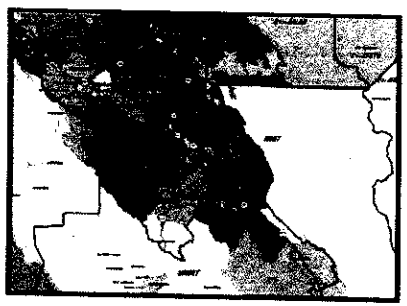

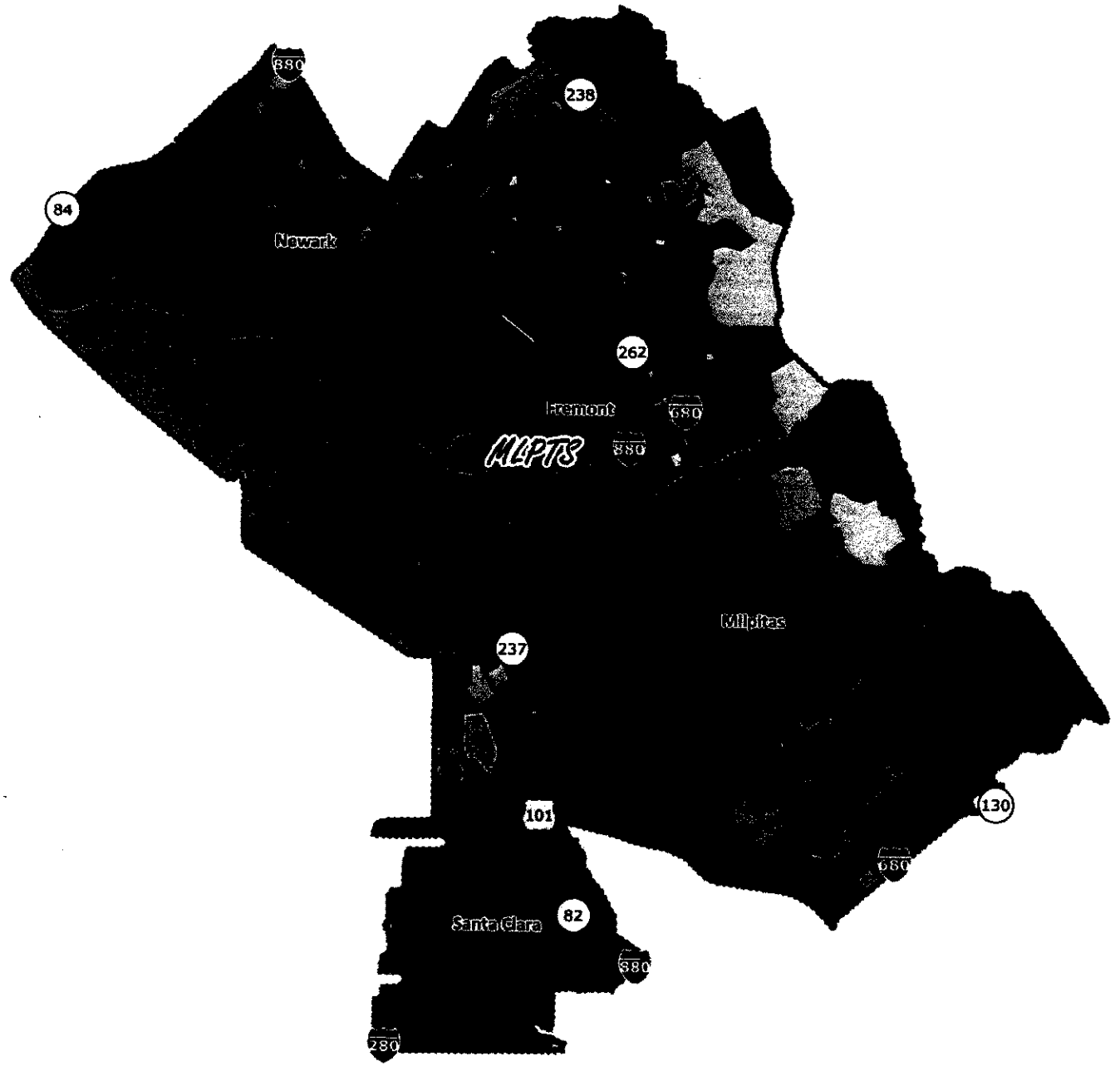

REDISTRICTING PARTNERS

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The South Bay Committee for Fair Redistricting

Proposed State Assembly SANJO

Field	Value
District	SANJO
Population	468,219
Deviation	2,545
% Deviation	1%
Asian	133,297
% Asian	28%
Asian_CVAP	72,346
% Asian_CVAP	29%
Hispanic Origin	213,853
% Hispanic Origin	46%
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Black_CVAP	10,670
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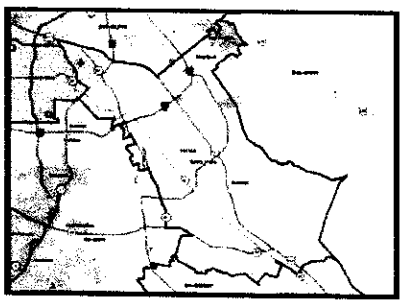

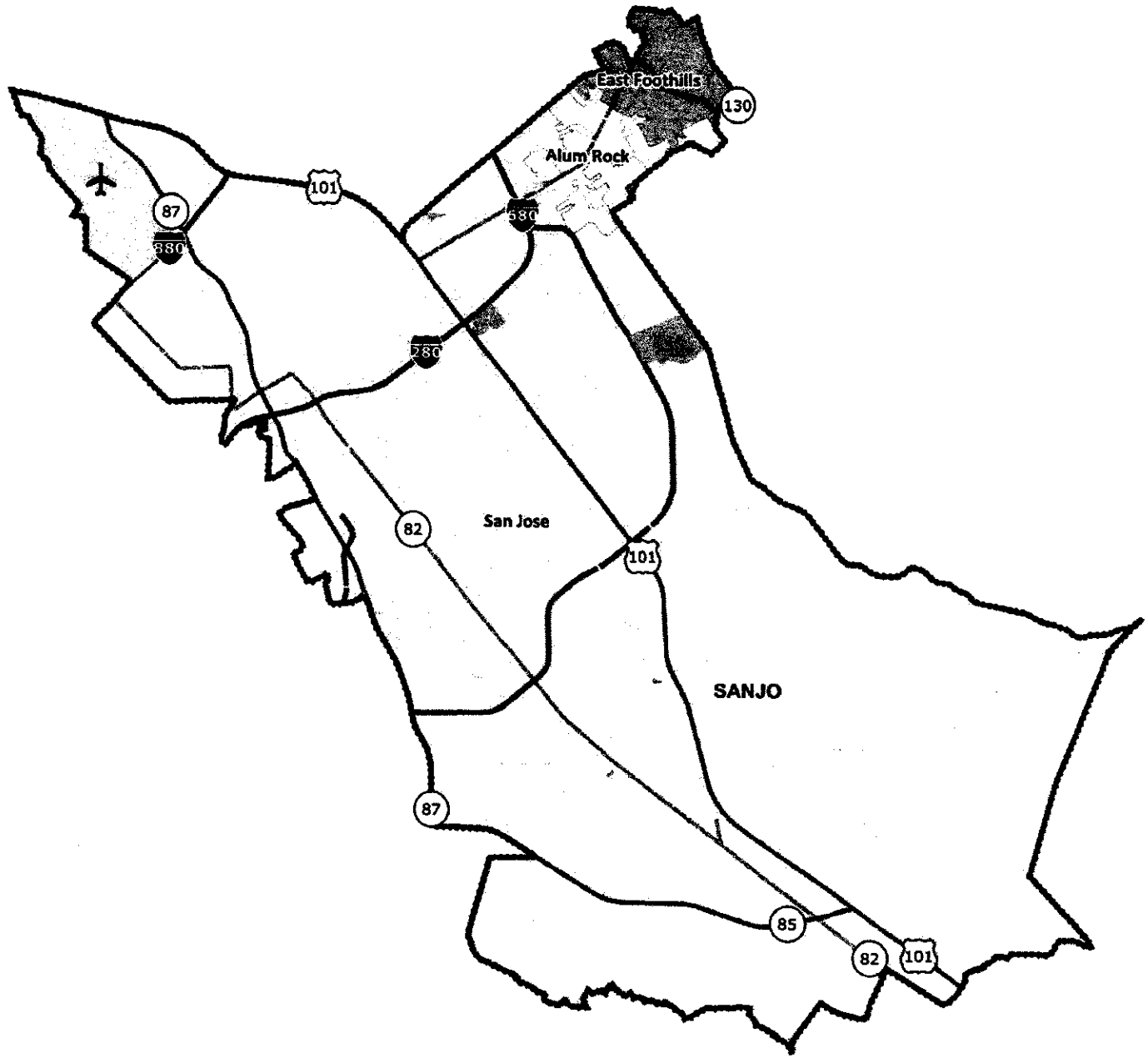

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Proposed State Assembly SANJO

Latino Density

0% to 15%	35% to 60%
15% to 25%	60% to 80%
25% to 35%	80% to 100%

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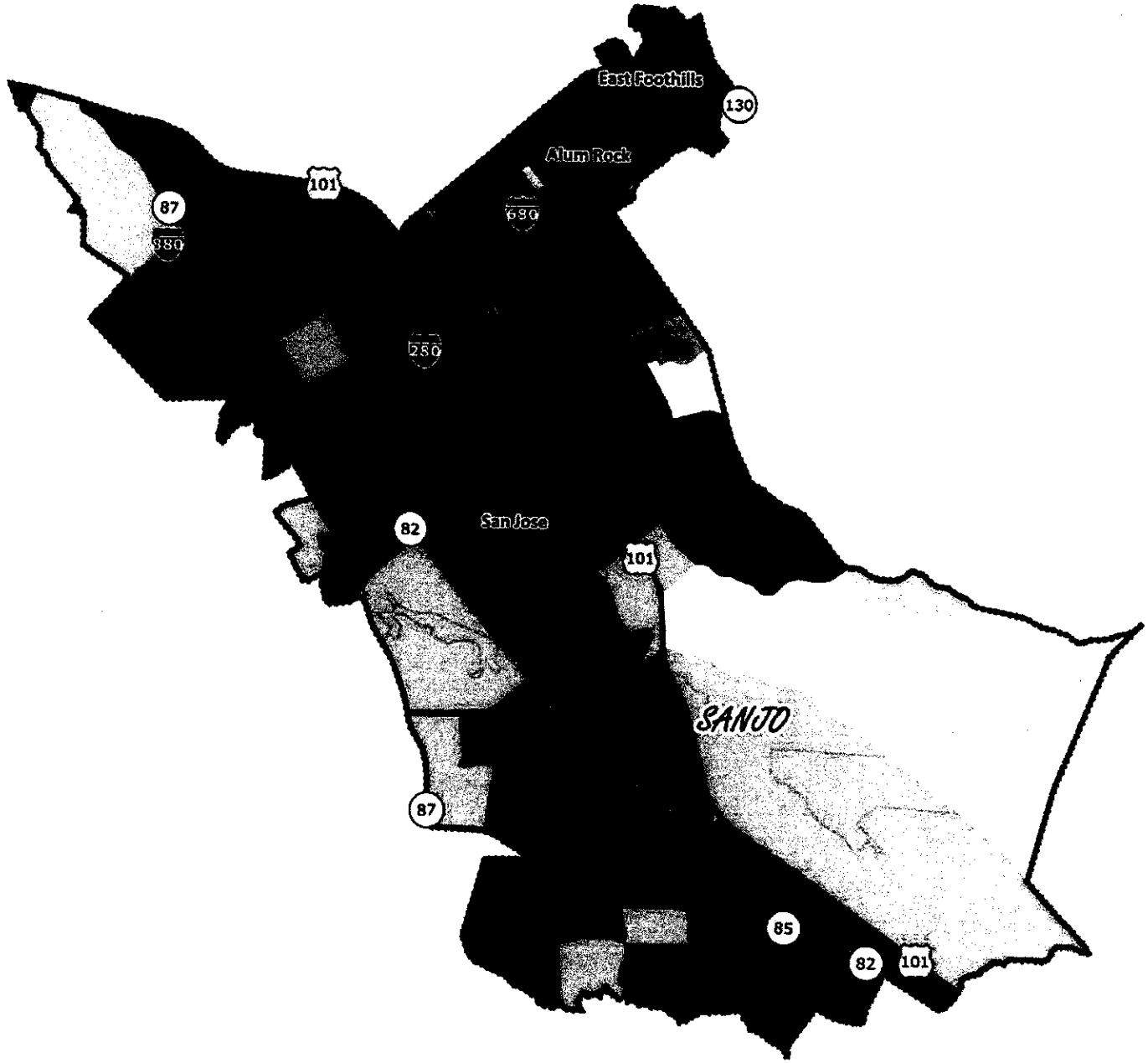

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Proposed State Assembly SANJO

LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

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Field	Value
District	SANJO
Population	468,219
Deviation	2,545
% Deviation	1%
Asian	133,297
% Asian	28%
Asian_CVAP	72,346
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Hispanic Origin	213,853
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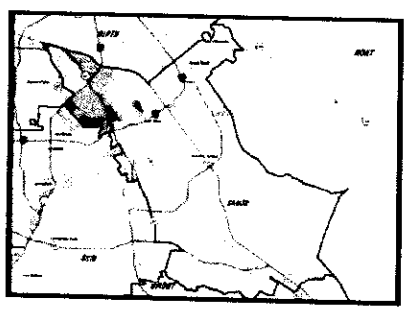

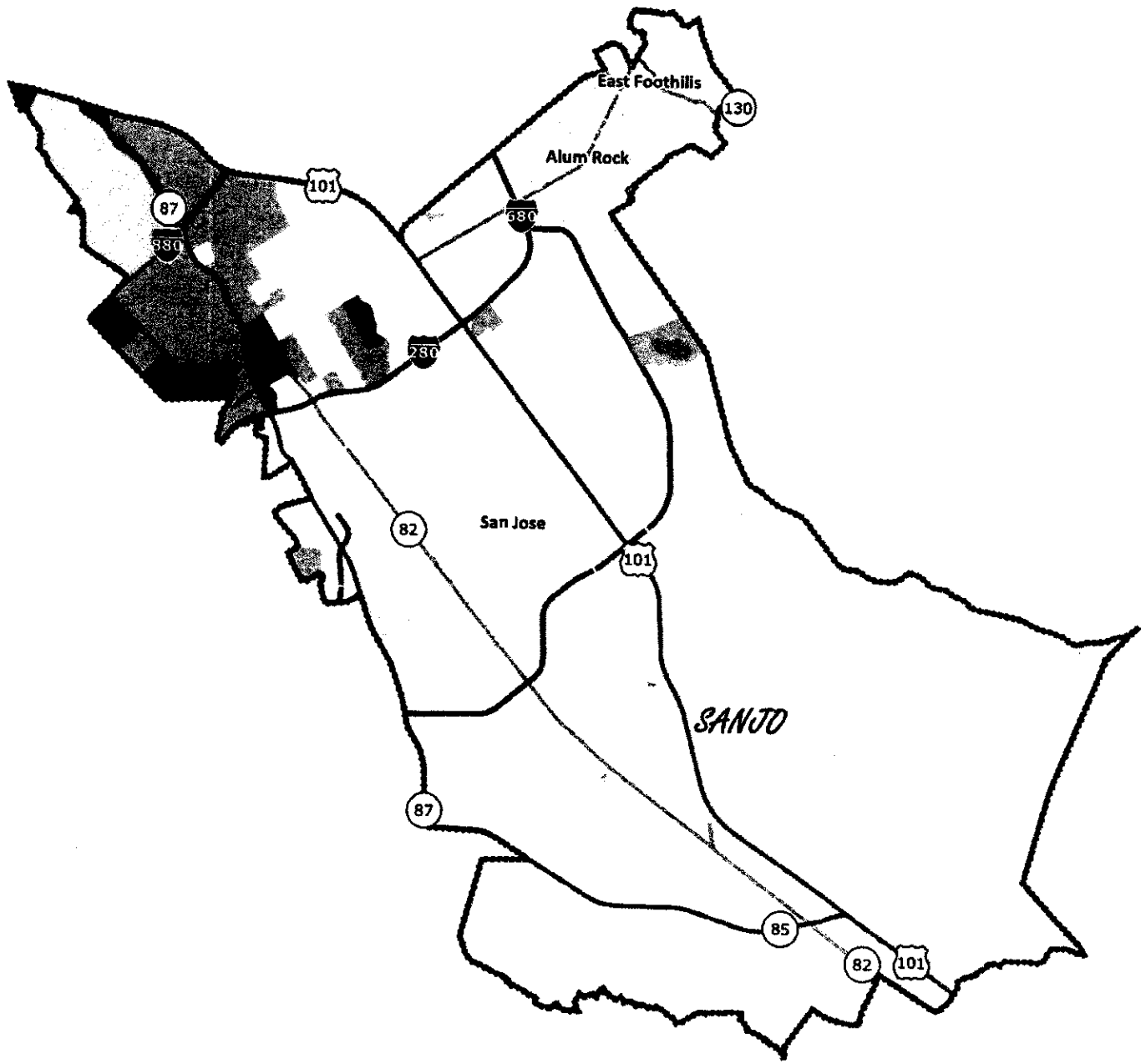

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Proposed State Assembly MONT

Field	Value
District	MONT
Population	467,862
Deviation	2,188
% Deviation	0%
Asian	45,659
% Asian	10%
Asian_CVAP	26,650
% Asian_CVAP	12%
Hispanic Origin	307,578
% Hispanic Origin	66%
B_LAT_CVAP	97,615
% B_LAT_CVAP	44%
Black	9,925
% Black	2%
Black_CVAP	7,125
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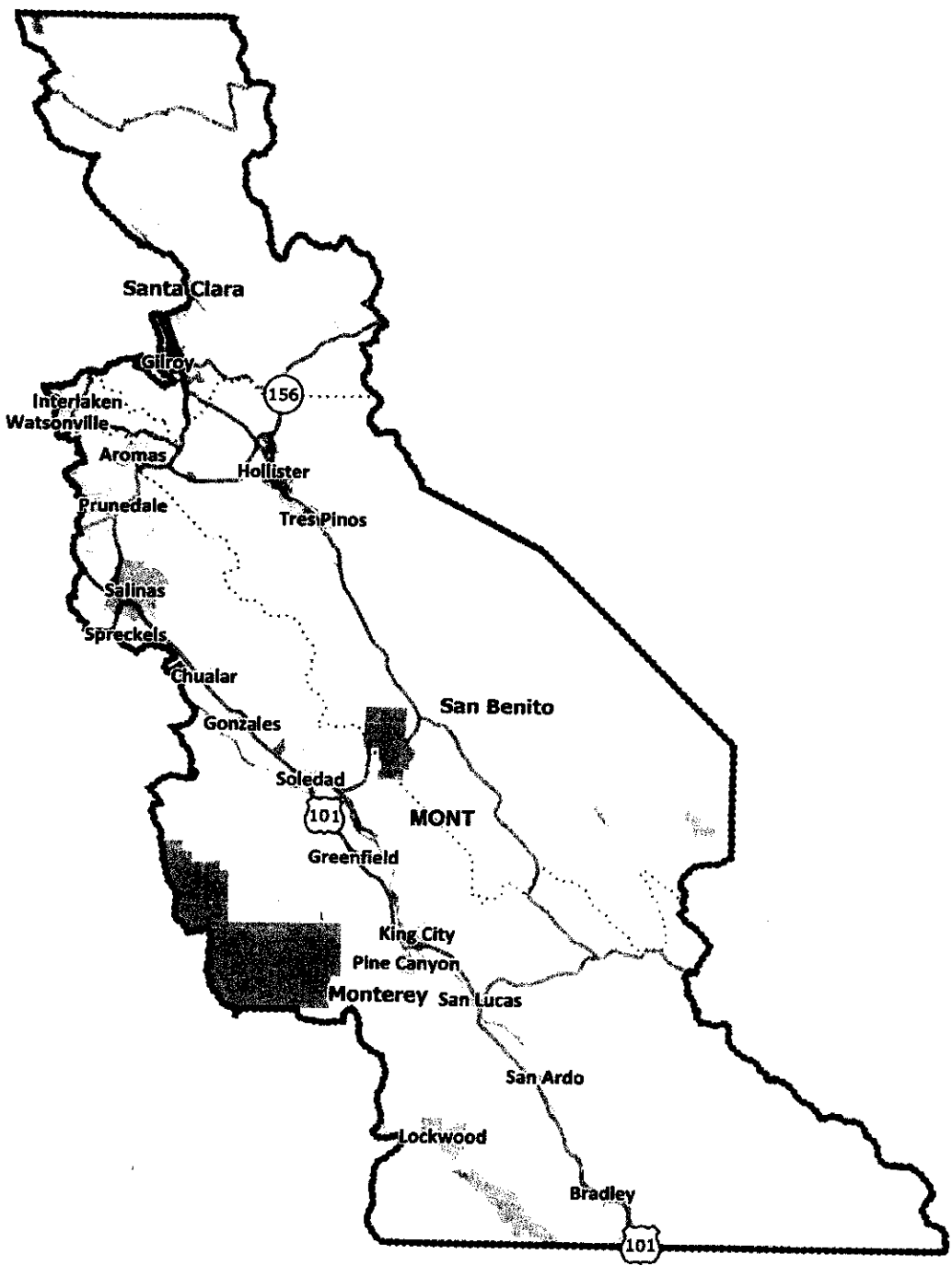

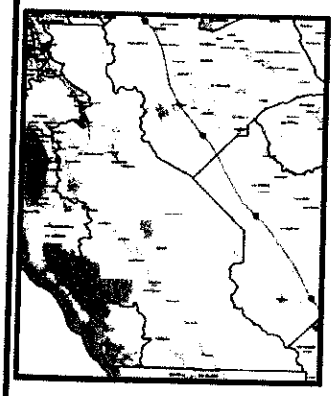

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Proposed State Assembly SILIV

Field	Value
District	SILIV
Population	470,550
Deviation	4,876
% Deviation	1%
Asian	124,264
% Asian	26%
Asian_CVAP	55,482
% Asian_CVAP	19%
Hispanic Origin	83,470
% Hispanic Origin	18%
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Black	11,110
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Black_CVAP	6,468
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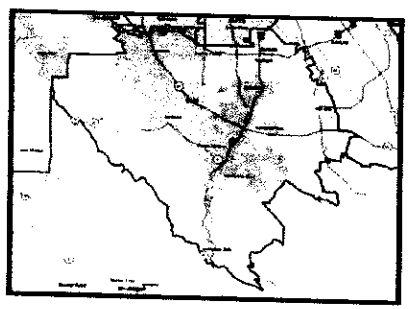

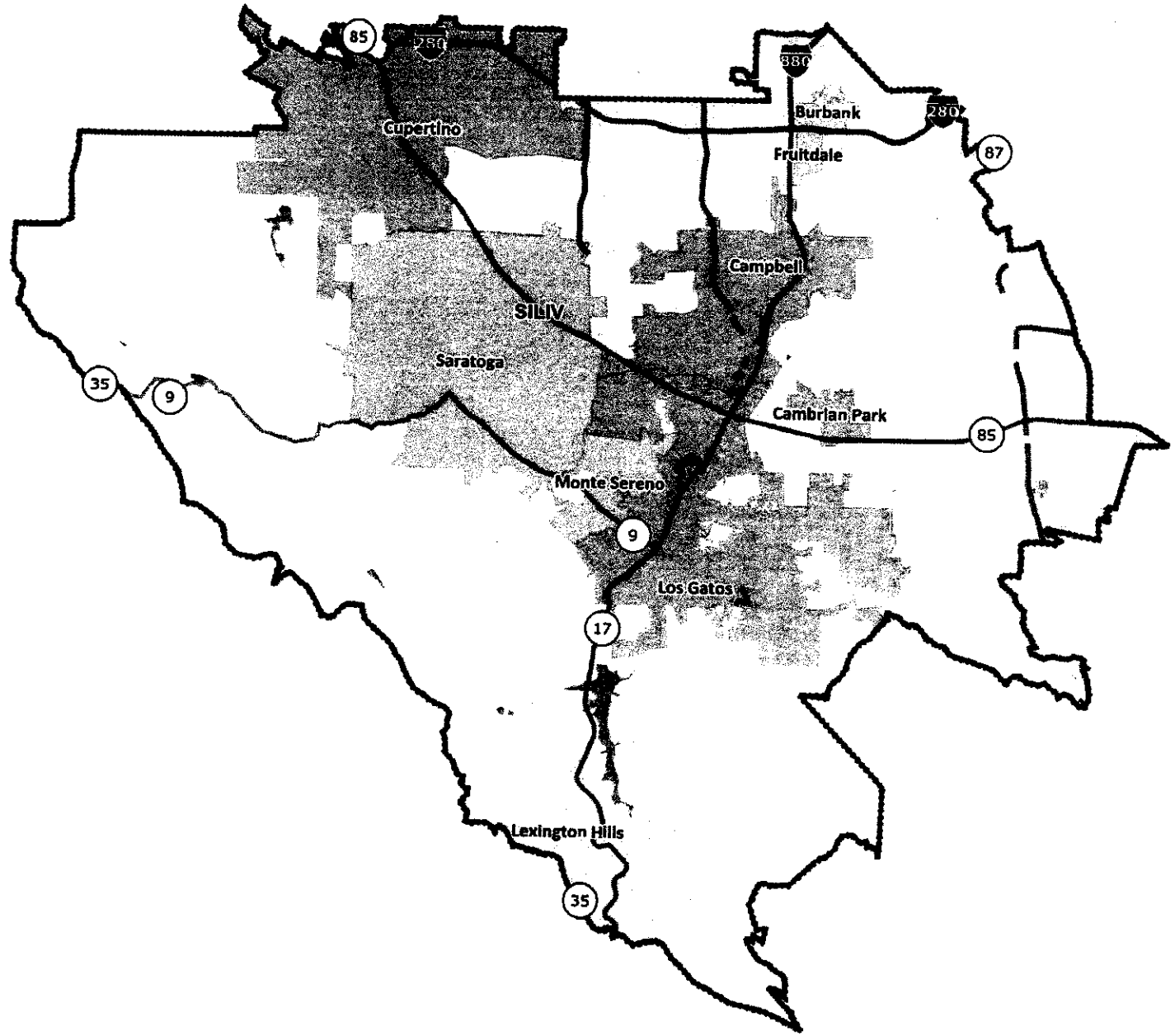

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Proposed State Assembly SSNMT

Field	Value
District	SSNMT
Population	460,125
Deviation	-5,549
% Deviation	-1%
Asian	115,883
% Asian	25%
Asian_CVAP	45,214
% Asian_CVAP	17%
Hispanic Origin	93,012
% Hispanic Origin	20%
B_LAT_CVAP	27,205
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Black	13,452
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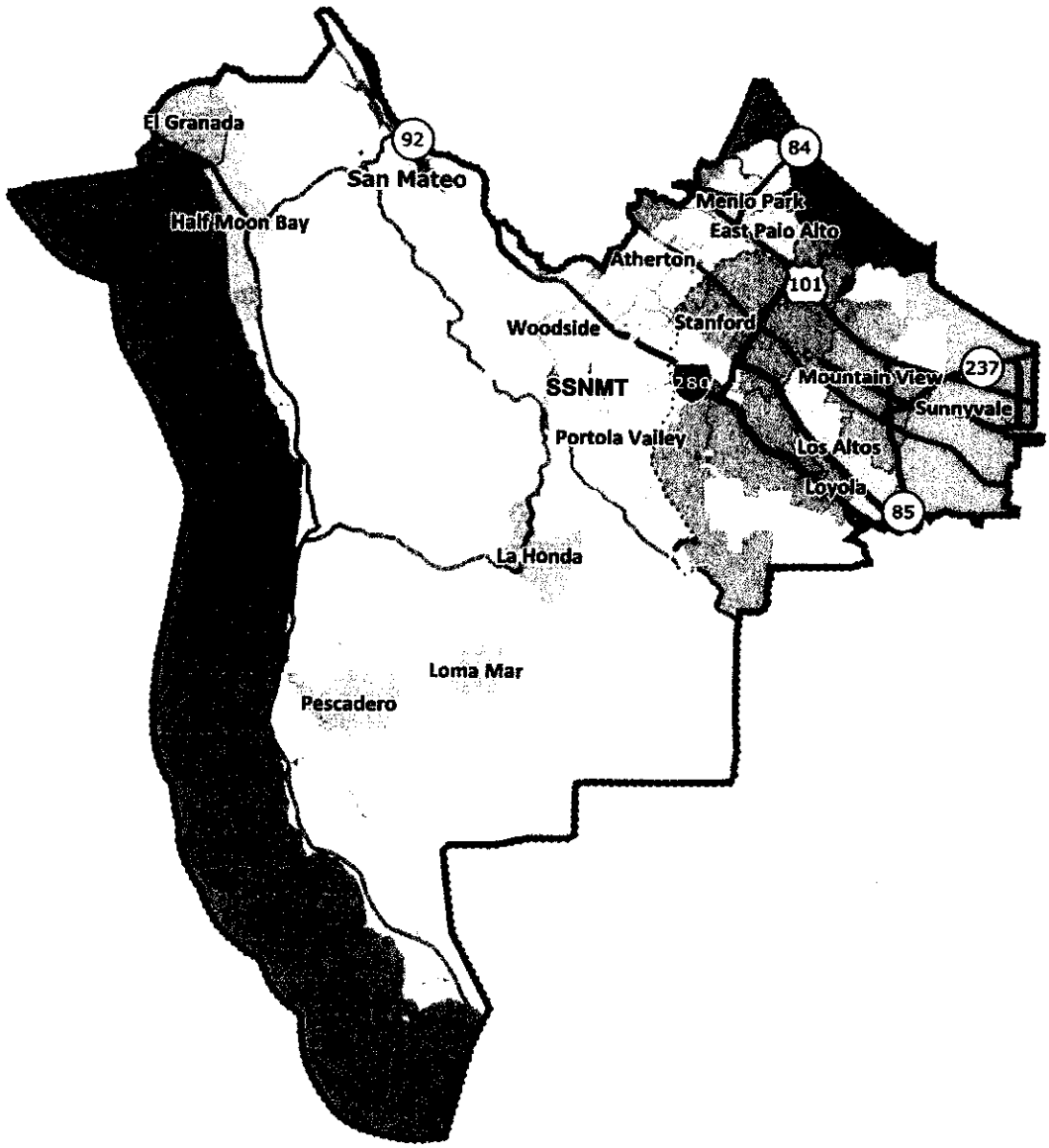
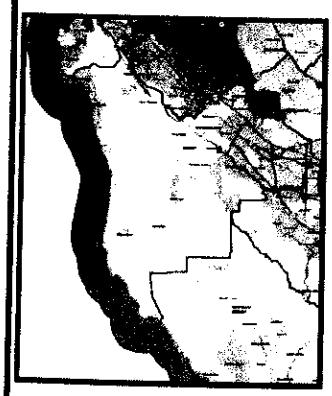
Black_CVAP	11,747
% Black_CVAP	5%





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Proposed State Assembly WMONT

Field	Value
District	WMONT
Population	462,922
Deviation	-2,752
% Deviation	-1%
Asian	38,601
% Asian	8%
Asian_CVAP	21,416
% Asian_CVAP	7%
Hispanic Origin	110,160
% Hispanic Origin	24%
B_LAT_CVAP	46,245
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Black	10,828
% Black	2%
Black_CVAP	7,720
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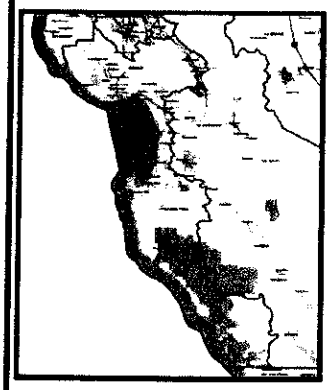

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San Jose split with SANJO and MONT

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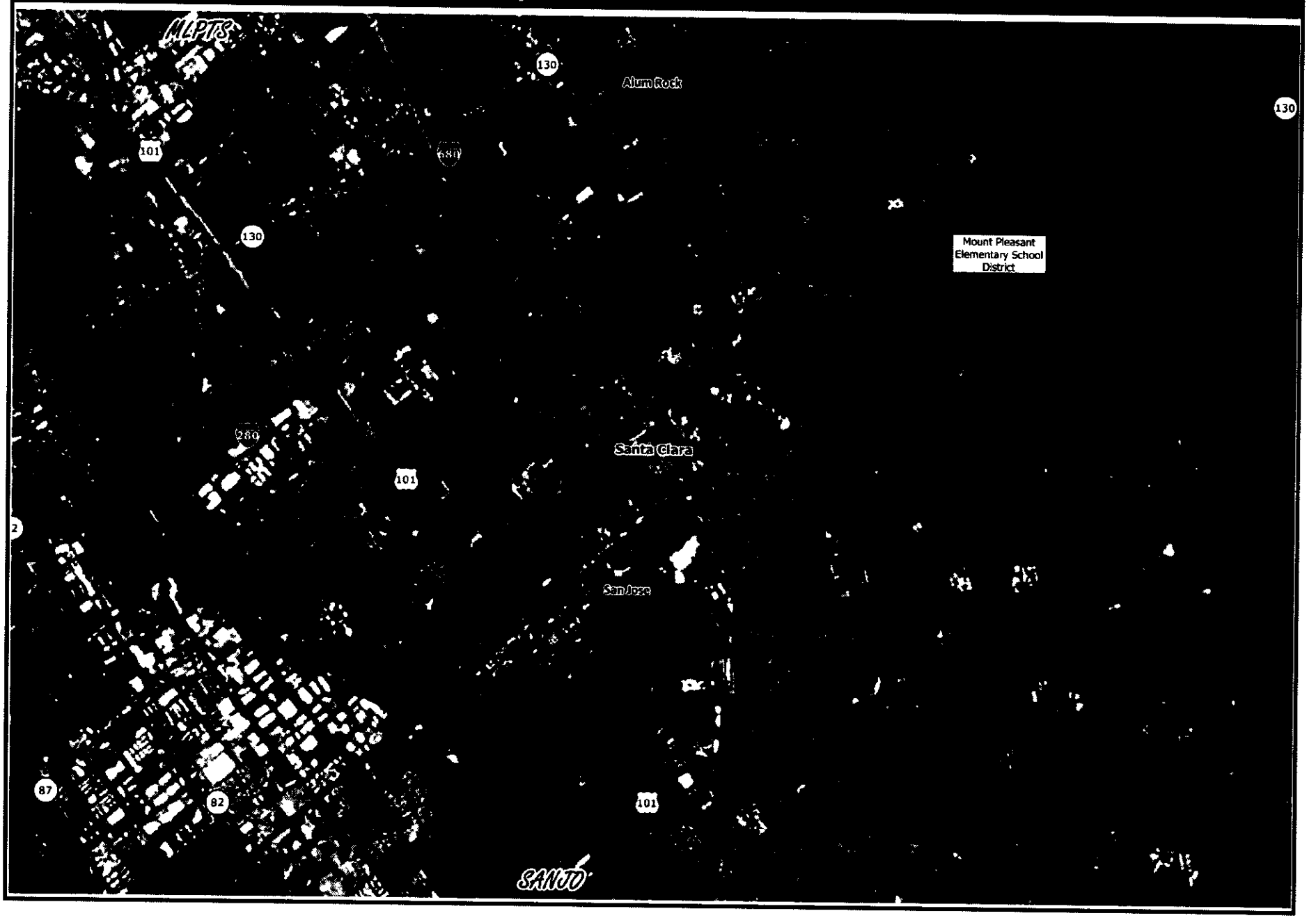

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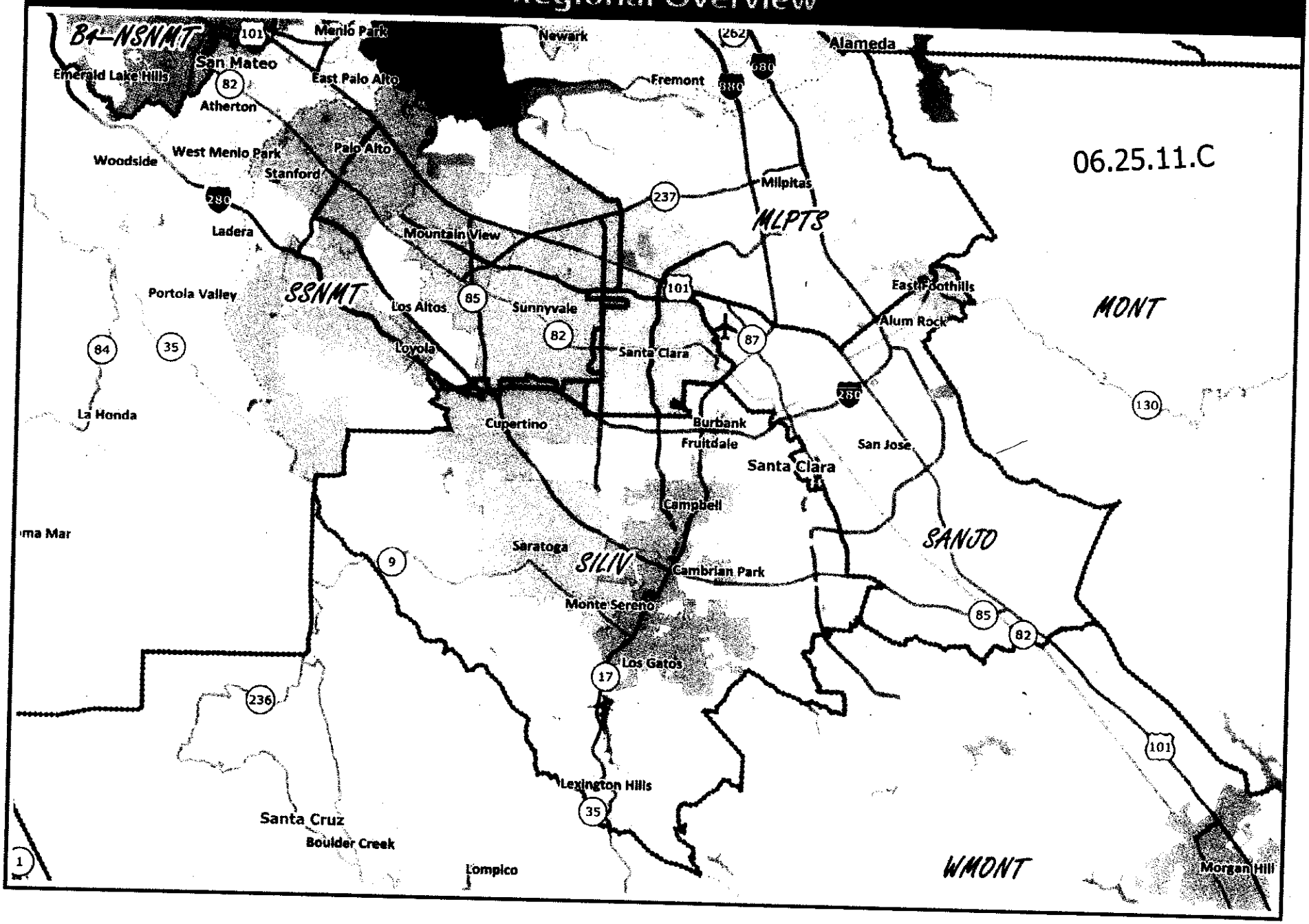

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June 25, 2011

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

Commissioners:

I would like to express my strongest opposition to the "San Jose" Congressional, Assembly and Senate District visualizations that were released by the commission on June 7, 2011.

First, as a San Jose State University (SJSU) student, I'm concerned about the University- an obvious community of interest- being divided into two Congressional districts. Surely, this was an elementary oversight by the Commission. To help rectify this oversight, I've attached two maps of SJSU— a campus map and a Google map. All of SJSU should be in the 16th Congressional district.

I support keeping the heart of downtown San Jose whole in the 16th Congressional district, particularly the university area. The boundary is a strange, arbitrary division of the downtown San Jose, which is the heart of Northern California's largest city, and the 10th largest city in the U.S. Downtown, with its civic centers for the city and County, museums and arts organizations, airport, university (and environs, which house and serve university students), Arena, Convention Centers and related organizations should be kept whole. Attached is a list of downtown neighborhood groups that should not be divided, and the City of San Jose's Planning Department has a list of established neighborhood associations and groups available here:
http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/data/nhood.asp

Further, the proposed Assembly and Senate districts identified in the "San Jose" map represent a dilution of the political voice of the voters of East San Jose, a diverse, but largely Latino community. By removing large segments of East San Jose from the rest of Central and East San Jose and placing our community in districts to the north Alameda County as well as with San Benito and Monterey County you would for all intents and purposes be removing our political voice at the state level. San Jose also has the largest Latino population in Northern California.

The East San Jose community has historically been disenfranchised. In the past, city leaders purposely incorporated around East San Jose in order to leave the high concentration of working class Latinos outside the city limits. As such, residents of East San Jose had no voice in city affairs as evidenced by the fact that our East San Jose neighborhoods were some of the last ones to receive sidewalks and other city services. Unfortunately, it seems that we are being forced to relive this dark chapter of our recent history and our voice is once again being silenced.

The present visualization of the "San Jose" Assembly and Senate districts would cut out a large segment of East San Jose and place it in a district that is completely distinct from us. Furthermore, you place other sections of East San Jose of in a district to the north whose demographics are completely inconsistent with ours. The proposed boundaries for the San Jose districts are completely unacceptable and cannot in good conscience be given further consideration.

The Commission's visualization divide the historic, "Sal Si Puedes Neighborhood," where civil-rights leader Cesar Chavez lived and began his activism, into three districts. The heart of Chicano activism is split into two when you cut King Road and east San Jose in half. Our largest East San Jose Elementary school district, Alum Rock Union School District, is split up into three assembly and senate districts which will completely dilute the districts voice at the state level. The ramifications of proposed 'San Jose" district are too numerous to include in this letter. As a community of interest, East San Jose must be kept whole with the rest of East and Central San Jose. The needs of East San Jose in terms of public safety, public transportation and other factors require that we are kept whole.

An alarming trend in this redistricting process is the fact that in every proposed district for San Jose, from Congress to State Assembly, the Latino vote is split up and consequently diluted. In Congress, the Latino population decreases by approximately 8% and in the Assembly Latinos lose approximately 10%, according to the data provided by Redistricting Partners. We can only assume that the proposed senate district further dilutes the Latino vote, since at this moment the data for the proposed district has not been released by the commission.

I support adopting a Central and East San Jose Assembly District that that includes McKee Road as the northern boundary all of east san Jose or at the very least up to the urban service area boundary line. To the west, use Highway 87 as the western boundary in the northern part of the district and use your discretion to create a district that avoids a major drop in the current ethnic populations as is the case with your current visualization where the Latino population falls by 10%. Furthermore, the current 23rd and 28th Assembly districts should be combined to create a "Santa Clara/Monterey County" State Senate District.

I urge you to reassess your visualization for San Jose State University, Downtown San Jose and East San Jose. If any semblance of what you have proposed makes it to the final maps, the effects would be extremely detrimental to our community.

Sincerely,
Maya Esparza

San Jose State University Student

Main Campus

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

BUILDING	LOCATION
ADM Administration	B2
AQX Aquatics Center	D3
ART Art Building	C3
ASH Associated Students House	D1
BBC Boccardo Business Complex	C4
BB Building BB	D4
BT Business Tower	C4
CAR Career Center	B2
CVA Campus Village A	D4
CVB Campus Village B	D4
CVC Campus Village C	D4
CCB Central Classroom Building	C2
CL Clark Hall	B1
CP Cooling Plant	C4
CYA Corporation Yard A	B4
CYA Corporation Yard B	B4
DC Dining Commons	D3
DMH Dudley Moorhead Hall	B2
DH Duncan Hall	D1
DBH Dwight Bentel Hall	C2
ENG Engineering Building	B3
EC Event Center	C3
F Module	B4
FOB Faculty Offices	C1
HB Health Building	C4
HOV Hoover Hall	D3
HGH Hugh Gillis Hall	B1
IS Industrial Studies	B4
IRC Instructional Resource Center	B2
JWH Joe West Hall	D4
KING Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library	B1
MQH MacQuarrie Hall	D2
MD Morris Dailey Auditorium	B2
MUS Music Building	C3
RYC Royce Hall	D3
SCI Science Building	C1
SPXC Spartan Complex Central	C2
SPXE Spartan Complex East	C1
SPM Spartan Memorial	C1
SSC Student Services Center	A4
SU Student Union	B3
SH Sweeney Hall	D2
TH Tower Hall	B2
UPD University Police Department	D2
UTS University Technology Services	B2
WSH Washburn Hall	D3
WSQ Washington Square Hall	C1
YUH Yoshihiro Uchida Hall	C1

Other locations

BK Bookstore	B3
CAR Career Center	B2
CH Concert Hall	C3
UT University Theatre	B1

Parking Garages

North garage at Tenth Street	D1
West garage at Fourth Street	D2
South garage at Seventh Street	A4

Food/Coffee

CVB	D4
KING	B1
MQH	D2
SU	B3

ATM

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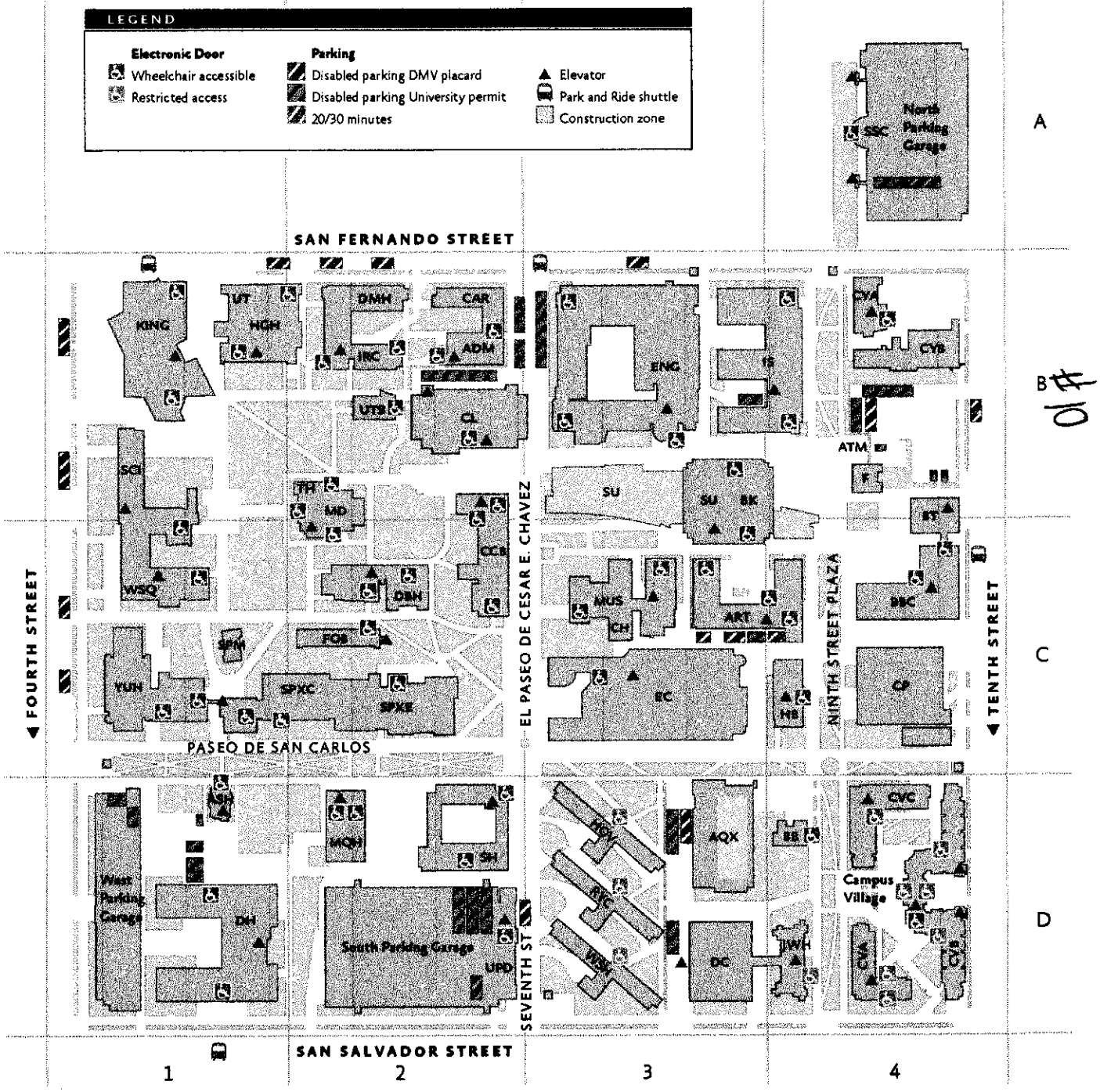
EC	C3
KING	B1



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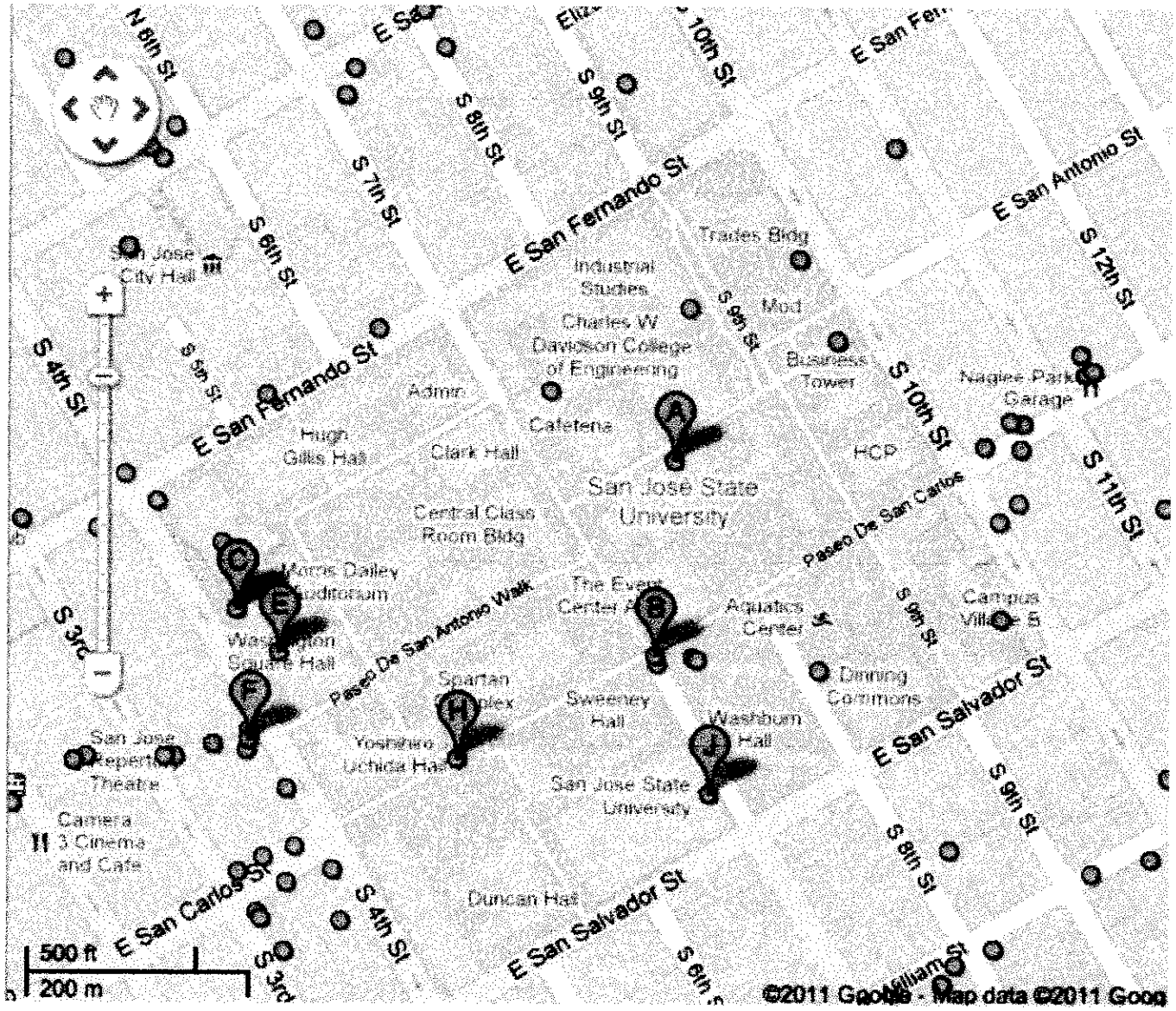
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Saturday, June 25, 2011

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Interested in what's happening in your neighborhood? This calender highlights Neighborhood Association (NA), Neighborhood Action Coalition (NAC)and other meetings important to the neighborhood. With things moving and shaking all the time, please confirm the meeting before you head out.

To update this information, please email Ragan Henninger at ragan.henninger@sanjoseca.gov.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION	MEETING TIMES	LOCATION
13th Street NAC	3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm	**Joyce Ellington Branch Library** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Anne Darling/Little Portugal North NA (joint)	Information not available	Information not available
Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council	2nd Monday of the month except July and August at 7pm	**Berryessa Community Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95132
Delmas Park NA/NAC	3rd Monday of the month (quarterly) at 6:30pm. (next meeting: Sept.)	**Delmas Park Apartments Community Room** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95126
Fivewounds-Brookwood Terrance NAC	4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm	**McKinley Neighborhood Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95116
Gardner Advisory Council NA	4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm	**Gardner Community Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95125
Greater Gardner Coalition NAC	1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm	**Gardner Community Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95125
Goodyear-Mastic NA	4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm	**Alma Community Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95110
Guadalupe-Washington NAC	4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm	**Biblioteca Latinoamerica** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95110
Historic Hensley District NA	4th Tuesday of odd numbered	**Northside Community Center**

	months at 6:30pm	[redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Horace Mann NA	2nd Thursday of the 2nd month of each Quarter at 7:00pm	**City Hall Wing** - Rm 120 [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Hyde Park NA	2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7pm	**Bold Knight Bistro** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Japantown NA	2nd Tuesday of even-numbered months	**Campbell Residence** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Julian St. James NA	2nd Tuesday of the quarter at 6:30pm	**Bunyard Residence** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Little Portugal/Five Wounds NA	Information not available	Information not available
Market-Almaden NA/NAC	1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm	**MACLA** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95113
McKinley-Bonita NA	2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm	**McKinley Neighborhood Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95116
Naglee Park/Campus Community Association NA	3rd Wednesday of January, April, July and September at 6:30pm	Location TBD
Northside NA	1st Thursday of the Quarter at 6:30pm	**Joyce Ellington Branch Library** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Olinder Park NA	1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm	**Olinder Neighborhood Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95116
Rosemary Gardens NA	2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm	Location TBD
Roosevelt Park NA	2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm	**Roosevelt Community Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95116
San Jose Downtown Residents Association	4th Thursday of the quarter and socials 4th Thursday of Month	Location TBD
Saint James Historic District NA	Information not available	Informtion not available
Spartan-Keyes NAC	3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm	**Spartan-Keyes Neighborhood Action Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
South University NA	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm	**Lowell Elementary School Cafeteria** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Tamien NA	1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm	**P-Track** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95110
University Neighborhoods Coalition NAC	2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm	**Notre Dame High School, Manley Hall** [redacted]

		San Jose, CA 95112
Vendome NA	3rd Thursday of the quarter starting in February at 6:00pm	**CA Bank and Trust** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95112
Washington Area Community Coalition NAC	2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm	**Alma Senior Center** [redacted] San Jose, CA 95110
Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens	Various classes, workshops and events	[redacted] San Jose, CA 95110

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Testimony of Susan M. Allen

Citizens Redistricting Commission Hearing—San Jose

June 25, 2011

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Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding our community of interest between Santa Cruz County and the Silicon Valley.

The draft map combines the Santa Cruz-Coastal Monterey District (WMONT) with a district (COAST) that goes all the way to Lompoc in Santa Barbara County.

As a third-generation Santa Cruz resident, I believe that our values and interests with Silicon Valley are much stronger than with the people of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County. A much more realistic nesting combination would be for the WMONT district to be combined with the Silicon Valley district (SILIV). Thousands of Santa Cruz County residents commute over Highway 17 to Silicon Valley every day. Thousands of Silicon Valley residents come over Highway 17 on weekends and holidays. Millions of dollars of tourism and commerce passes daily between Silicon Valley, Santa Cruz, and coastal Monterey along State Highway 1.

The current senate combination contains an unpopulated stretch of land that extends for 100 miles before it reaches Santa Maria and Lompoc. I suggest that a combination including Santa Cruz County and Silicon Valley would allow for a much more compact district and a hard line at the Monterey/San Luis Obispo County border would respect Bay Area and coastal Community of Interests.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider revising your nesting scheme to allow for a Silicon Valley/Santa Cruz Senate District.

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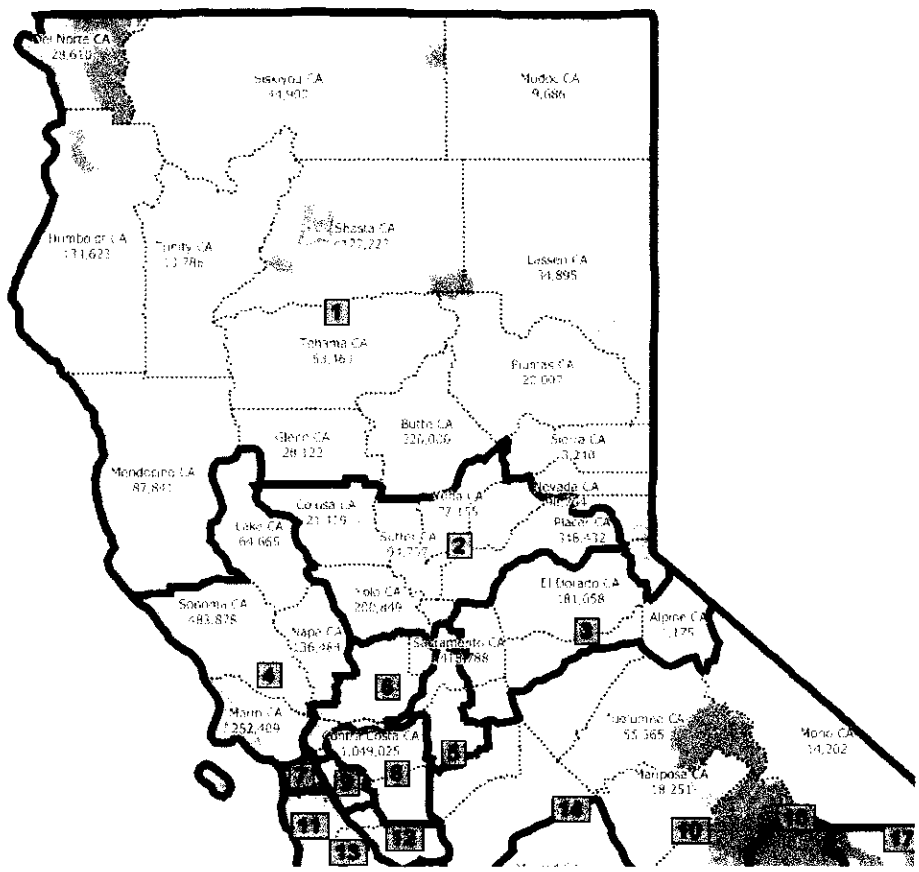

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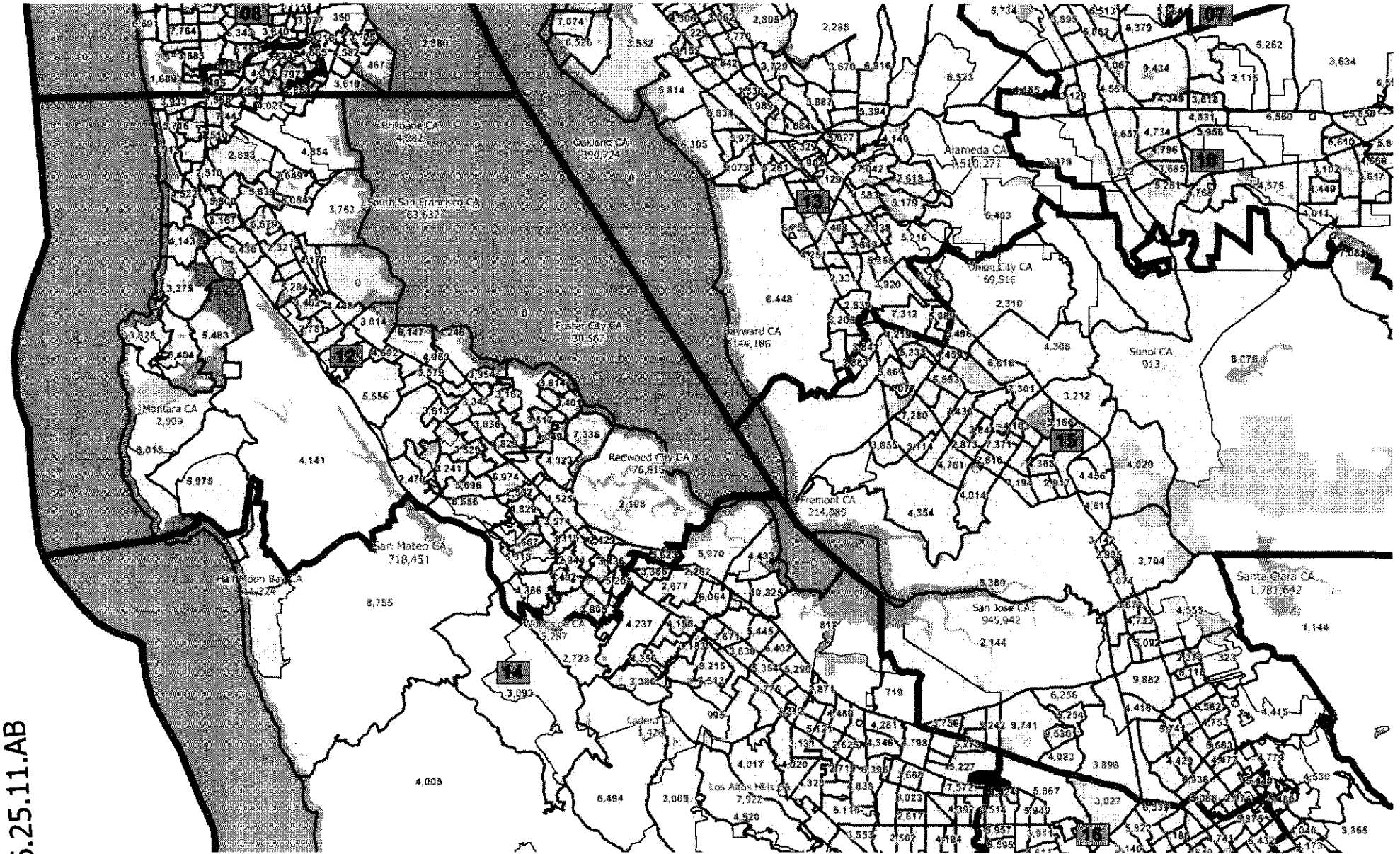

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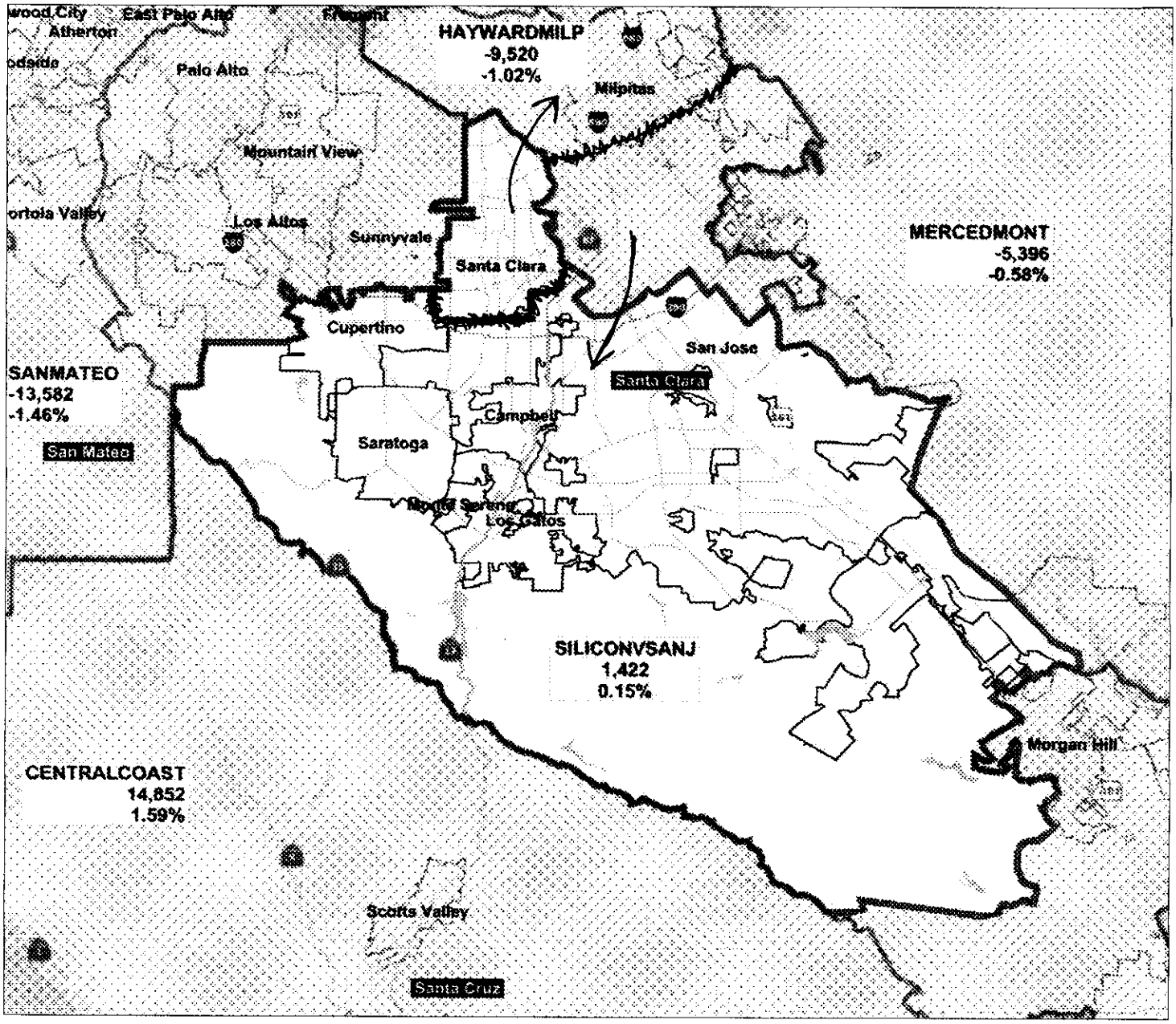
Swap City of Santa Clara w/ Berryessa to keep San Jose together.



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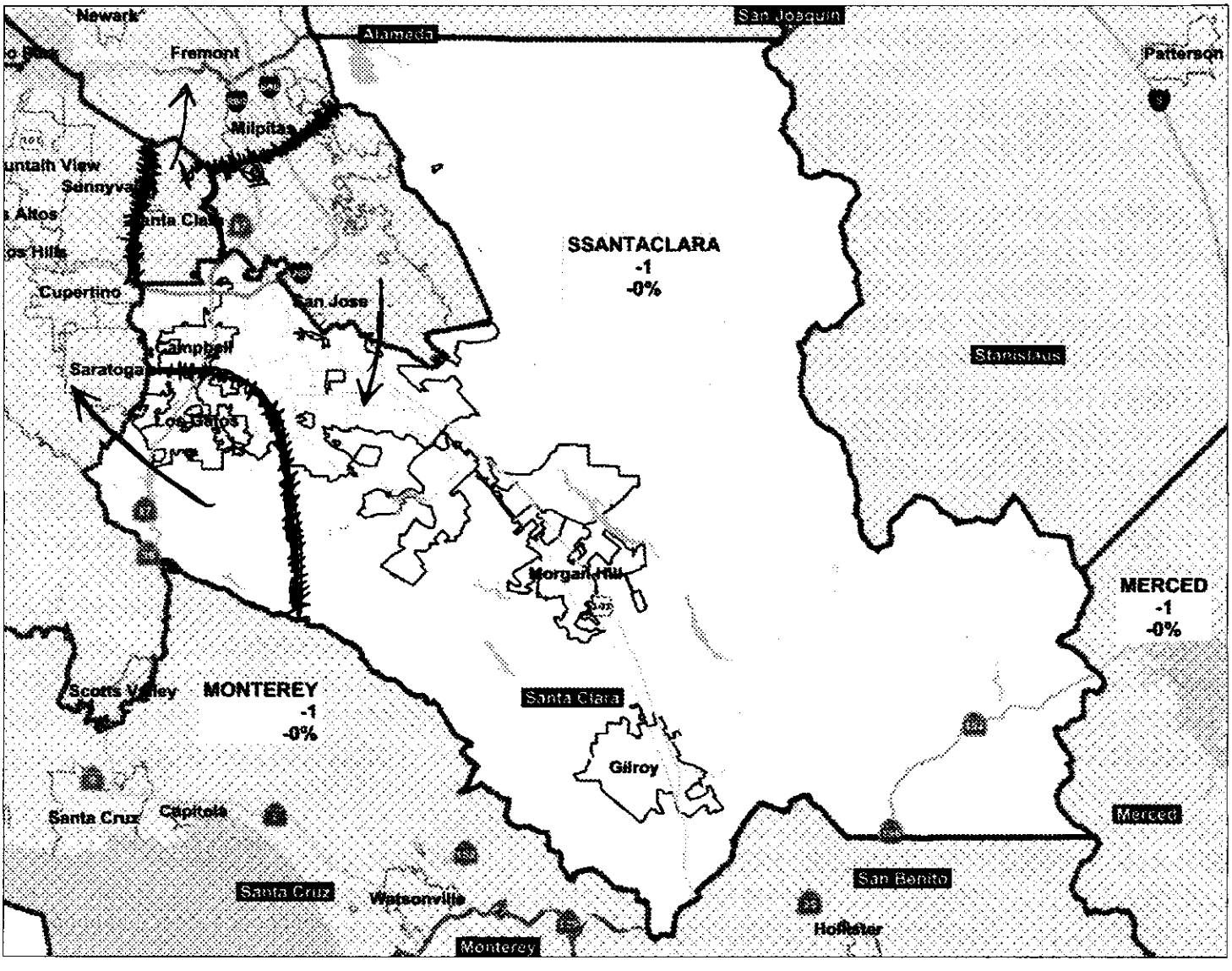
California Congressional - SSANTACLARA

3 way swap – Berryessa to S. Santa Clara
– City of Santa Clara to Newark/Fremont
– Los Gatos to Saratoga/Cupertino



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The Tri- County Association of Latino elected Official (TCALEO) is an association made up of elected officials from Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito County. TCALEO is dedicated to developing a structure of collaborative, effective leadership to unify Latino elected governmental officials to recommend policies to improve the quality of life of Central Cost Latinos in Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties. In order to fulfill our mission as stated TCALEO takes opportunities like those being presented by the Congressional and Senate Redistricting to voice our comments.

The Commission map of Senate District 15 is a strong improvement and reflects oral testimony and written comment you have received. **TCALEO strongly supports keeping Hollister and the Salinas Valley in the same Senate District as the City of Watsonville.**

These areas have community of interests namely agriculture. The majority of residents are farm workers, who speak Spanish and are low-income. Additionally, as in the past we will continue to legislatively address issues of farm, labor, education, and health care.

Additionally, all three entities have representatives that serve on the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government (AMBAG) as well as on the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Board.

Currently, Scotts Valley and Davenport are in the 14th Congressional District. We suggest that they moved to the California 17th Congressional District, whereby becoming part of the 27th and/or 28th Assembly.

As improvement continues and this process moves forward, **TCALEO wishes to remind the Commission that they have a legal obligation to ensure that the Voting Rights Act which requires that district maps provide Latino voters and other underrepresented communities with a fair opportunity to elect the candidates of their choice is strictly adhered to.** Additionally, the Voting Rights Act protections include the creation of districts where Latinos are the majority of the population in certain circumstances, and **where Latino communities and neighborhoods are kept together to provide Latinos with fair electoral opportunities. You must ensue that the lines drawn do not dilute minority-voting strength.**

TCALEO thanks you for your time and consideration.

Phillip Tabera
President TCALEO

Rebecca Garcia
Member TCALEO

Carmelita Garcia
Secretary TCALEO

Antonio Rivas
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From the Desk of:

Councilwoman Kelly Fergusson

June 24, 2011

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Regarding: June 10 draft Congressional Districts Flaws – Menlo Park Vicinity

Dear Citizens' Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you so much for volunteering to serve on the Citizens' Redistricting Commission. Your service is greatly appreciated! Your task is not an easy one.

I want to bring to your attention problems with the draft US Congressional District lines as they are currently drawn. While the State Assembly and Senate Districts appear fair, the draft Congressional lines divide numerous communities of interest. **I suggest including more of the Emerald Hills / unincorporated Redwood City area with the more northerly District, and grouping all of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto with Atherton, Woodside, and Portola Valley with the more southerly District.**

As you are well aware, city council members are non-partisan offices. I write to you purely as a representative of the city (speaking as an individual councilmember), and as a voice of related communities of interest.

First and foremost, the draft map splits Menlo Park. Over the past several decades, the City of Menlo Park has worked very hard to create "One Menlo Park." We are a richly diverse community. Separating arguably the wealthiest section of Menlo Park from the rest of the city works against the interests of the city as a whole.

Next, the draft map splits the "Tri-Cities" community of Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and Palo Alto. These three cities have a long history of working collaboratively together on issues of transportation, land use, coastal (bay) flood management, crime, youth development, jobs, education, and ecosystem preservation. The mayors and city managers of the three cities meet on a quarterly basis. Splitting the cities apart would dilute our unified voice.

[redacted] - *Menlo Park, CA 94025*
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June 24, 2011

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Dear Redistricting Commission:

On Tuesday, June 21, the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously and strongly opposed the map proposal for the Gilroy Assembly district lines. The proposal is not taking into consideration the best interests of our community in both the Assembly (South Santa Clara/West Monterey) and Senate (Coast) plans.

With the proposed plan, the Commission splits Santa Clara County four times in the Senate plan and four times in the Assembly plan. In the Assembly, those splits come from South San Mateo, Contra Costa County, and two come from Monterey County!

Gilroy shares communities of interest with our neighbors in Santa Clara County: we are not on the coast and we are not in the Central Valley. Gilroy has a long heritage, and our roots are deep in this valley's history. Today, we play an integral part in the Santa Clara County region sharing in the community college system, water, road funding, health care programs, and economic and tourism development arenas.

We advocate that the Citizens Redistricting Commission recognize the importance of our request to remain in the Santa Clara region and that the efforts of the Redistricting Commission keep communities with similar interests intact.

Sincerely,

Susan Valenta
President/C.E.O.

CC: Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
CC: City of Gilroy
CC: Office of Supervisor Mike Wasserman

[redacted] [redacted] Gilroy, CA 95020 [redacted]

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> **How should public testimony at Input Hearings be given?** City Hall is not appropriate meeting place

Each individual at a Public Input Hearing will be given up to 2 minutes to talk about their community to the Commission. It is recommended that the public consider incorporating answers to the questions listed below in an effort to assist the Commission in understanding each Community of Interest.

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it is obvious - look at the spirit of the people

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Schools, businesses, community formed groups assisting in community / governmental issues that deal with the Berryessa Community

☑ **Where is your community located – what are the boundaries of your community?**
Berryessa District

☑ **Why should the community be kept together – or separate from another area?**
Economic reasons, stability among the varied ethnic groups, social adaptation among these groups with each other.

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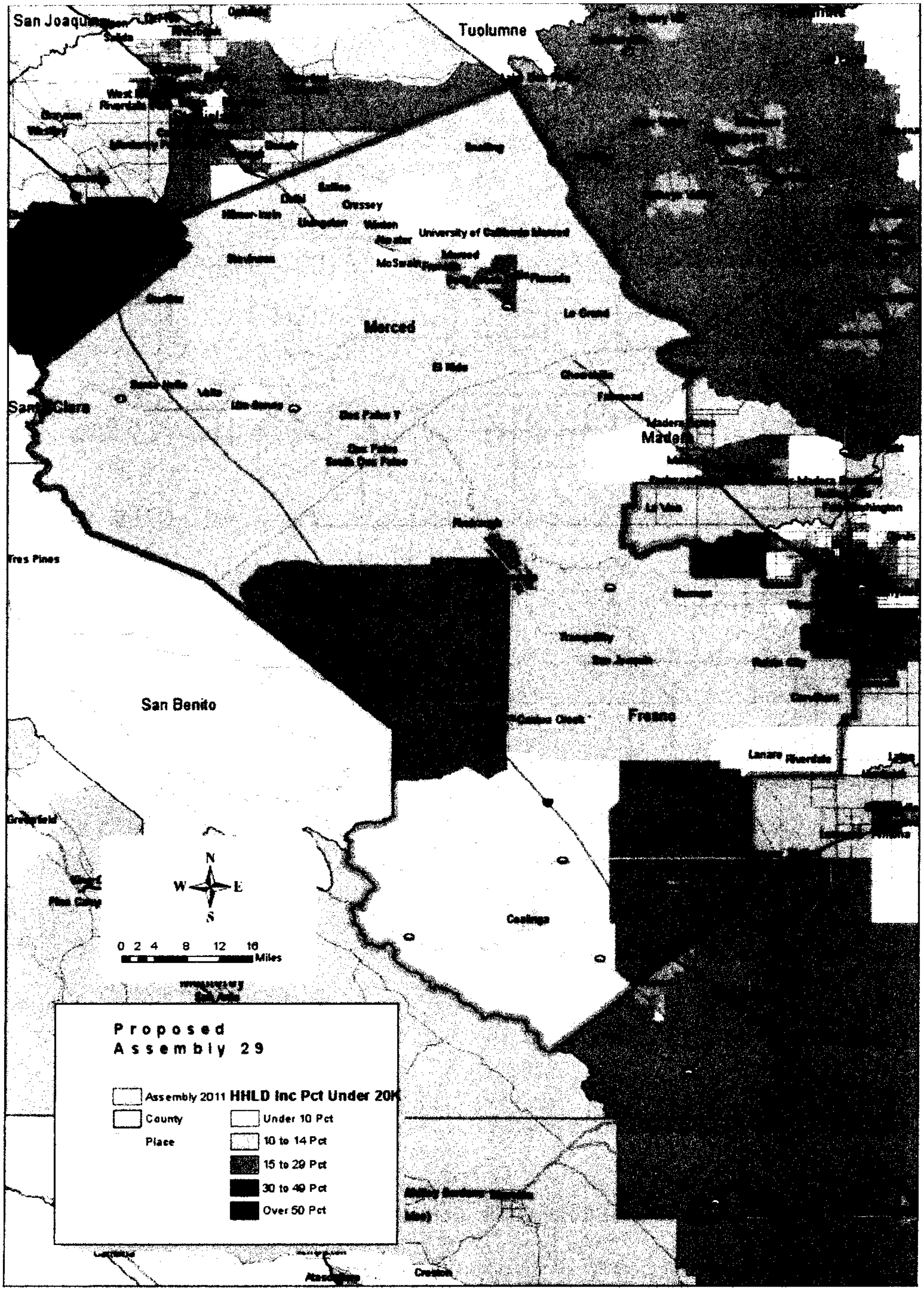

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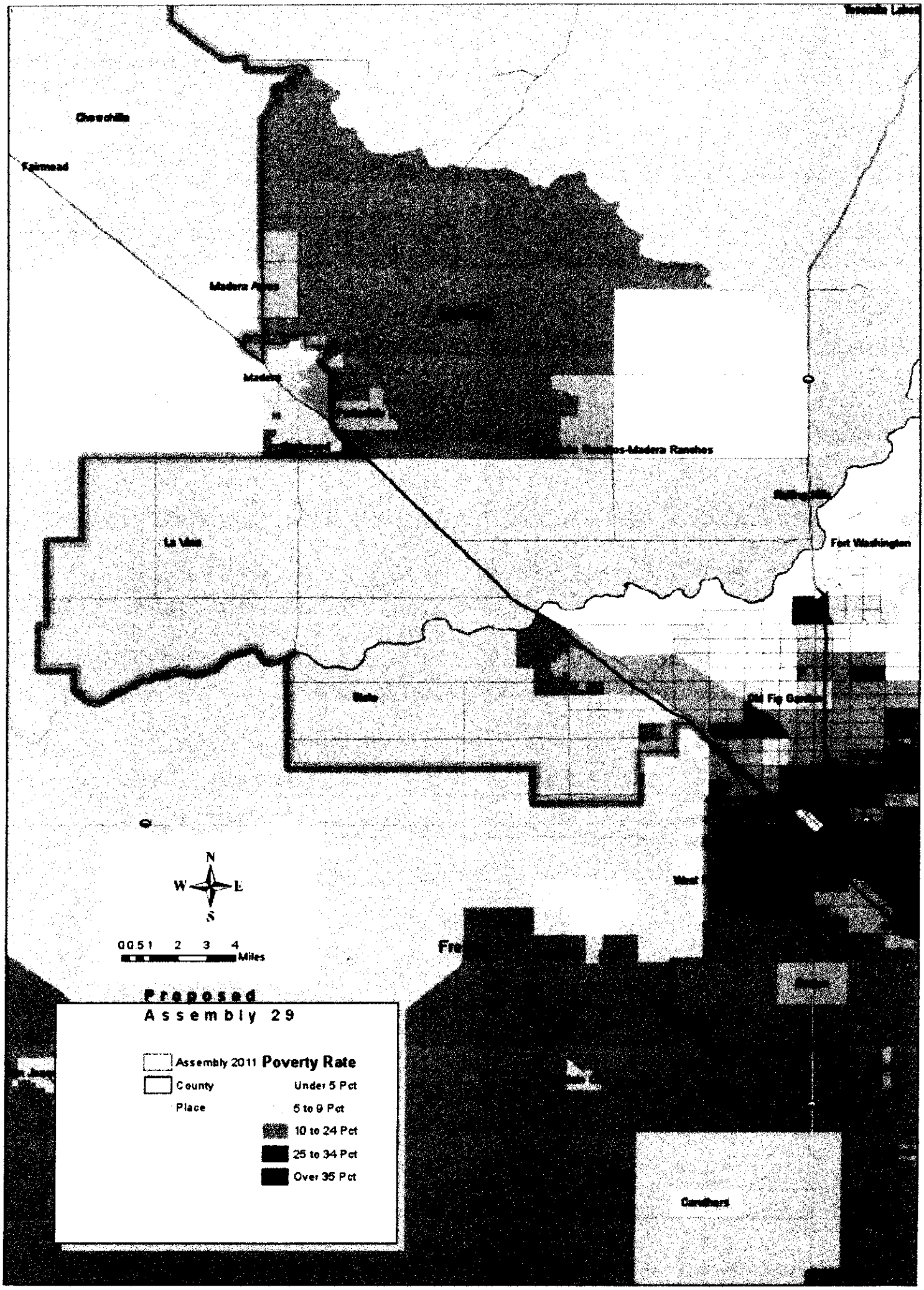
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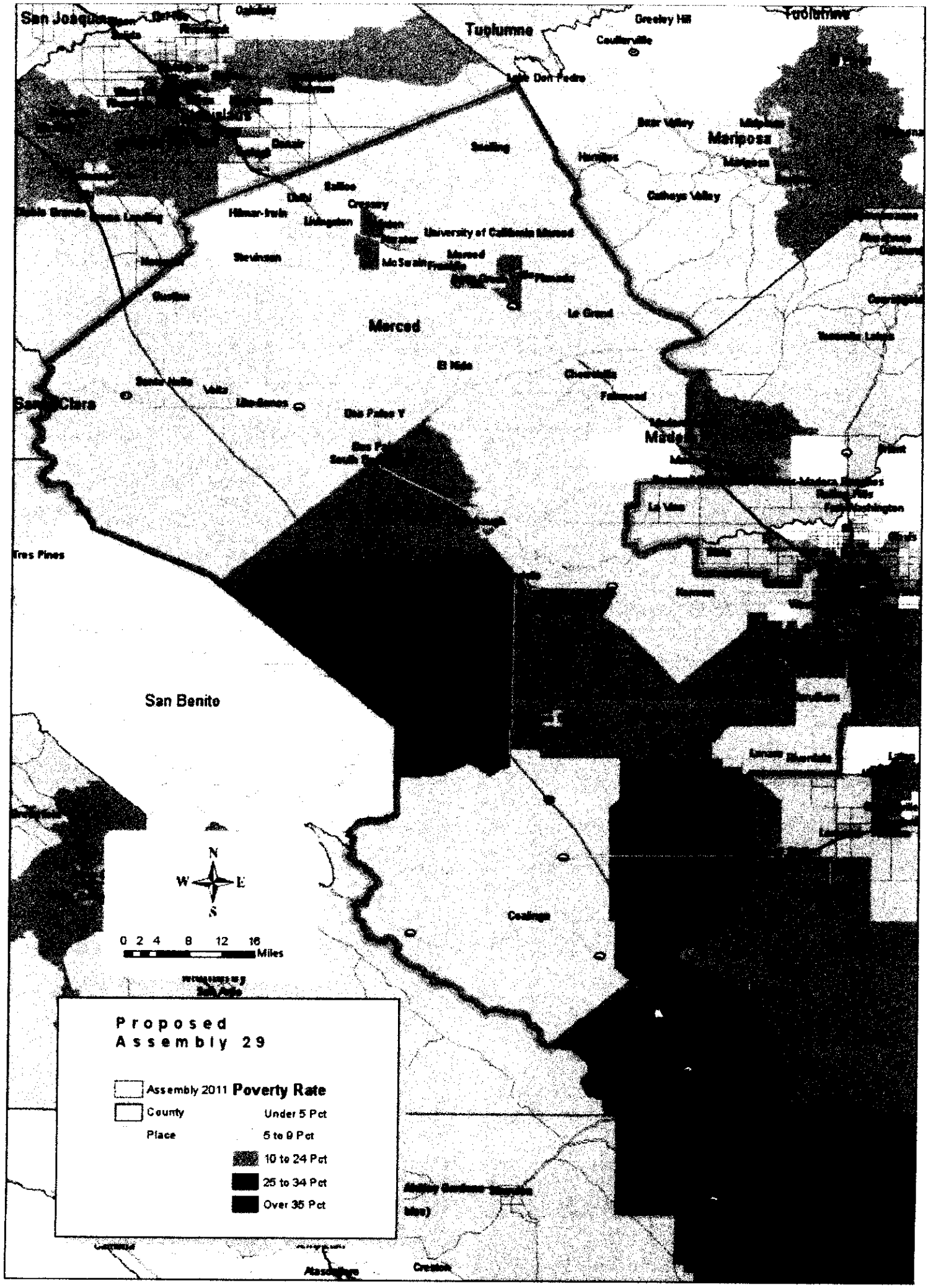
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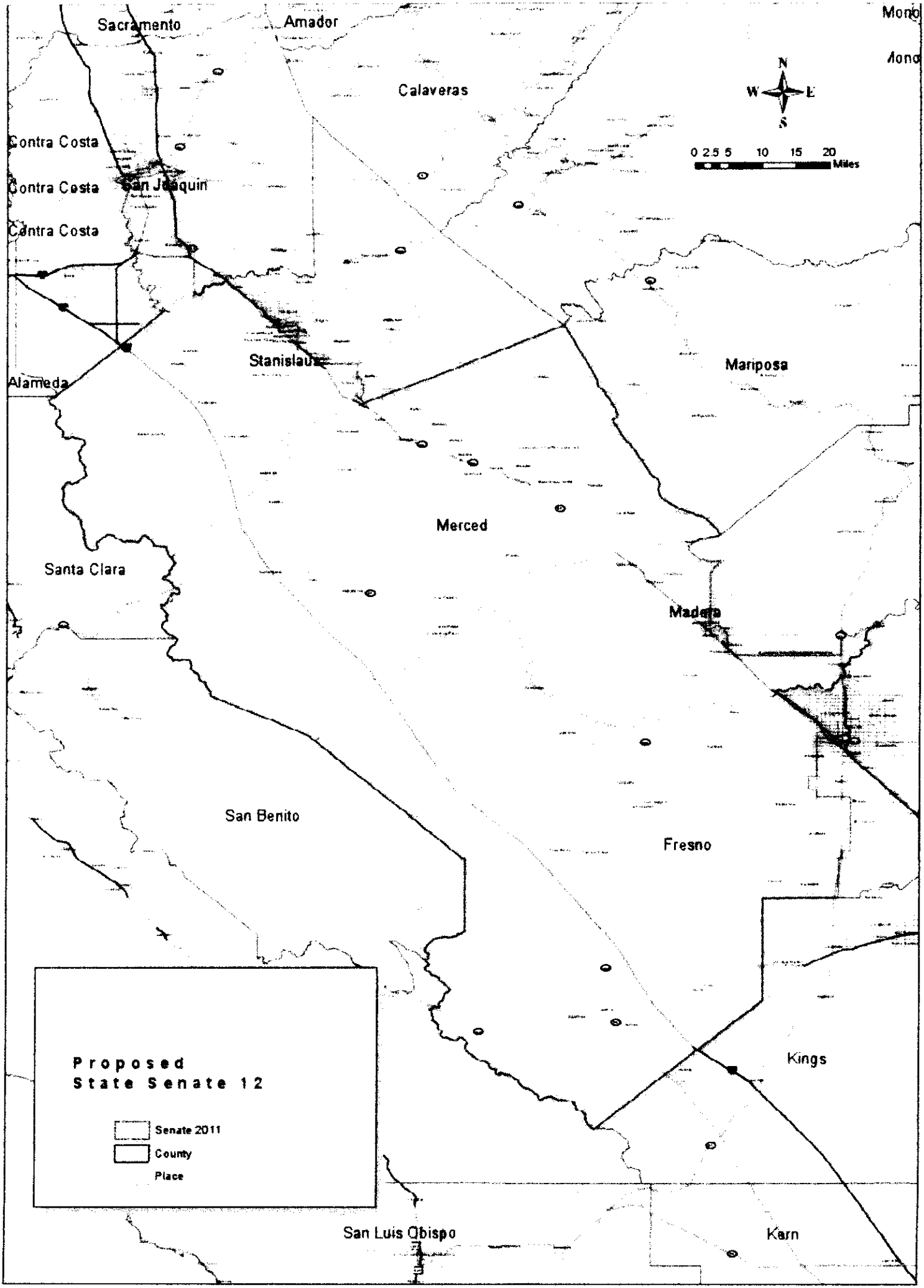
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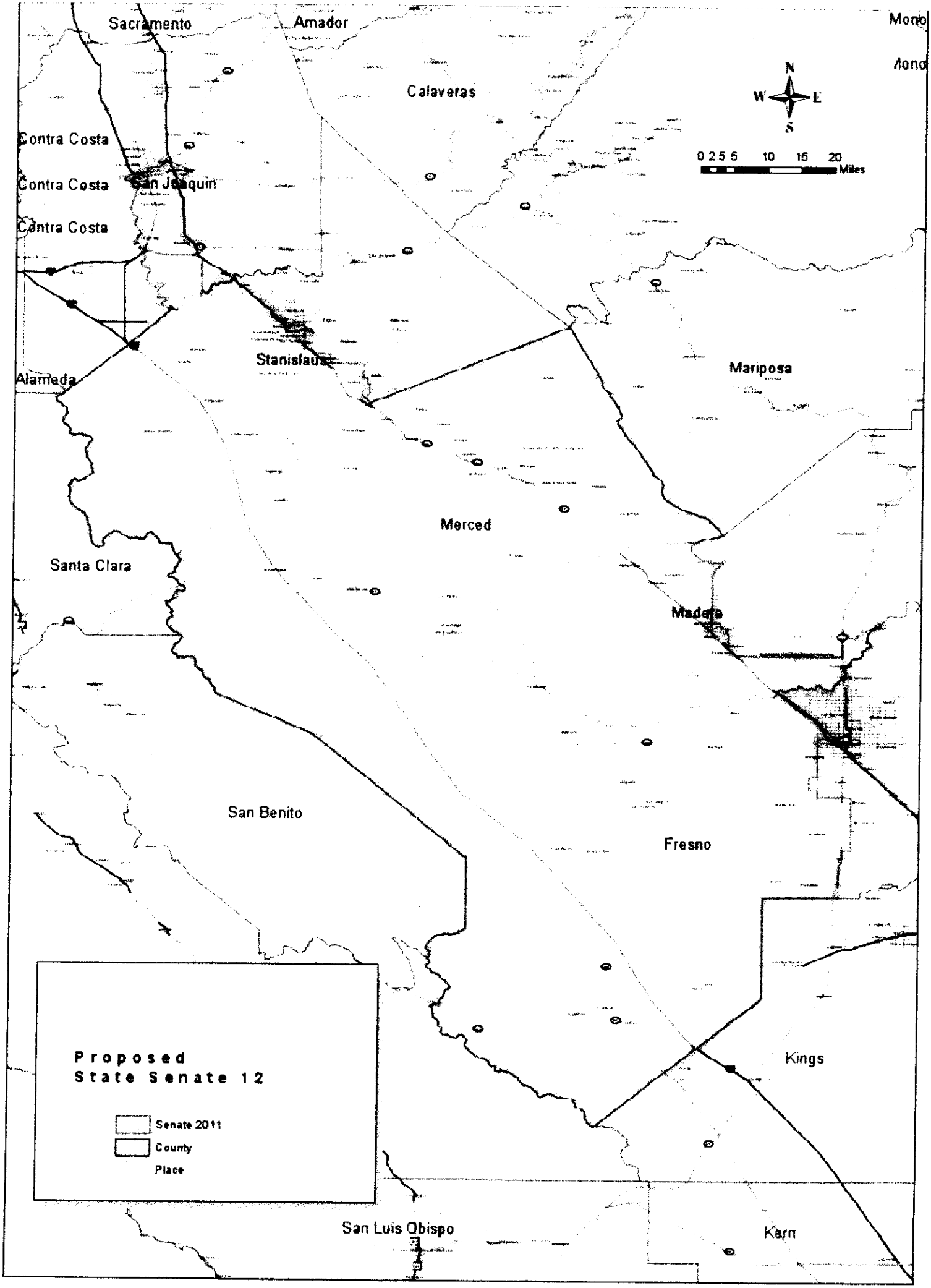
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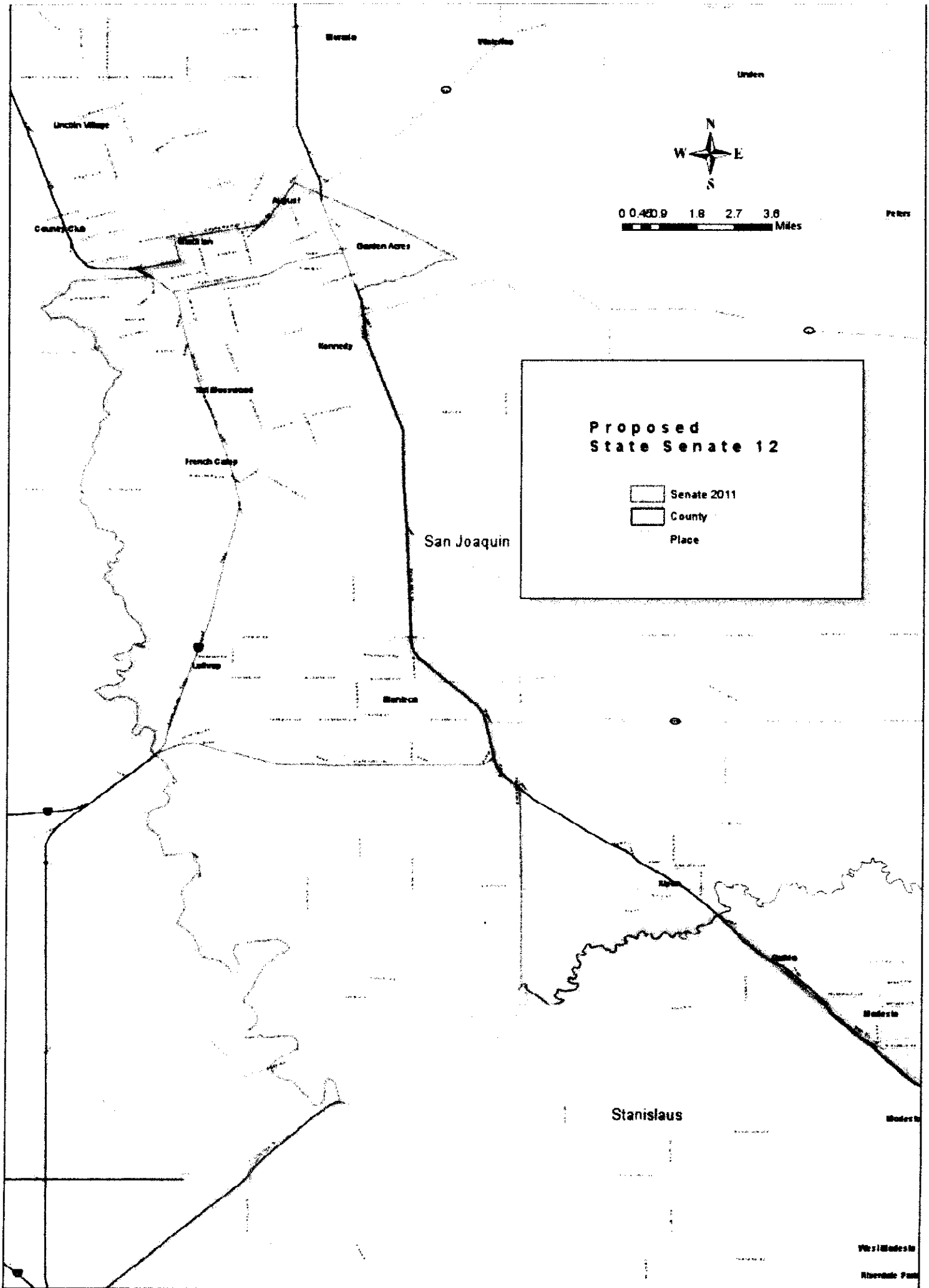
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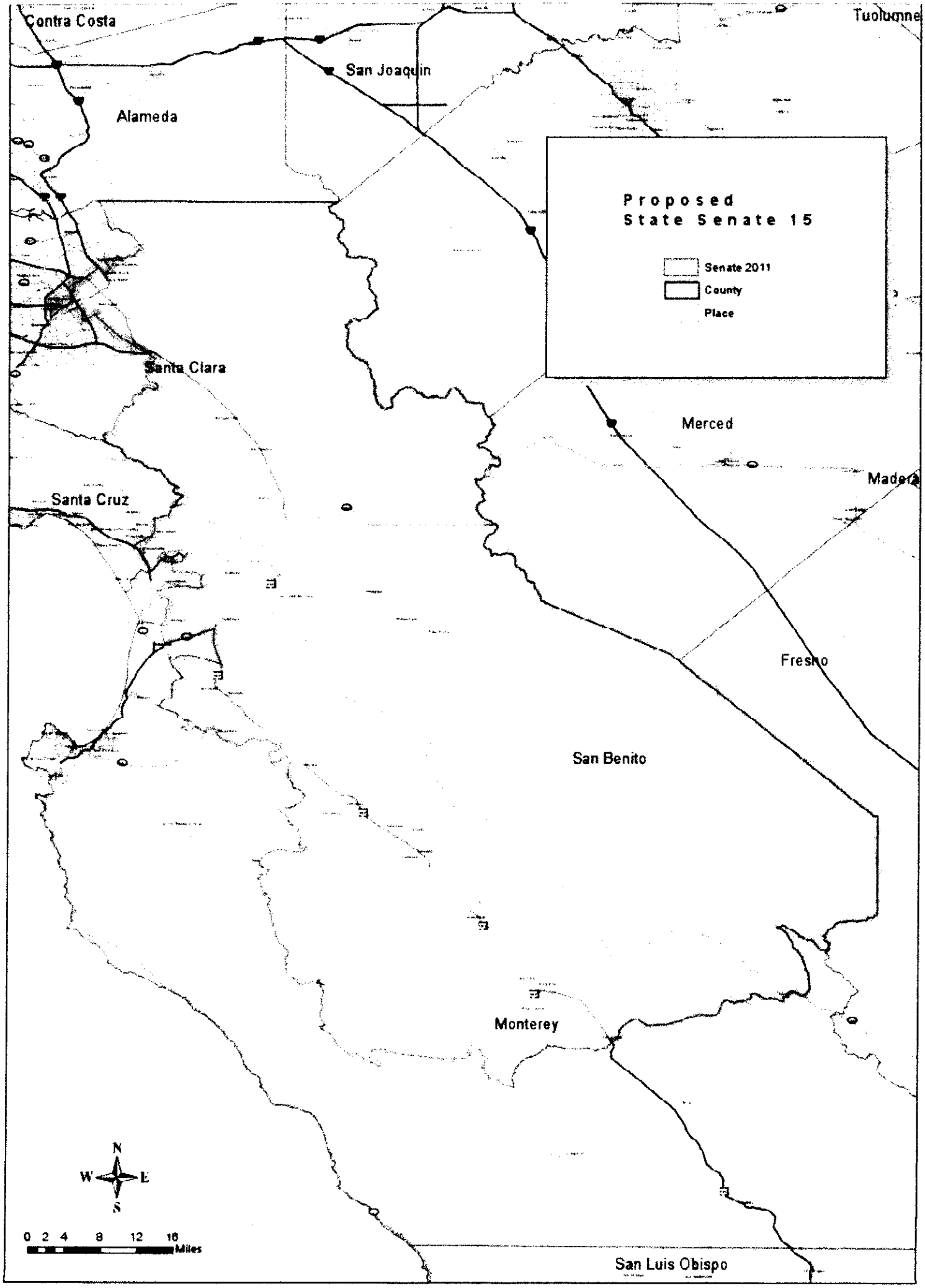
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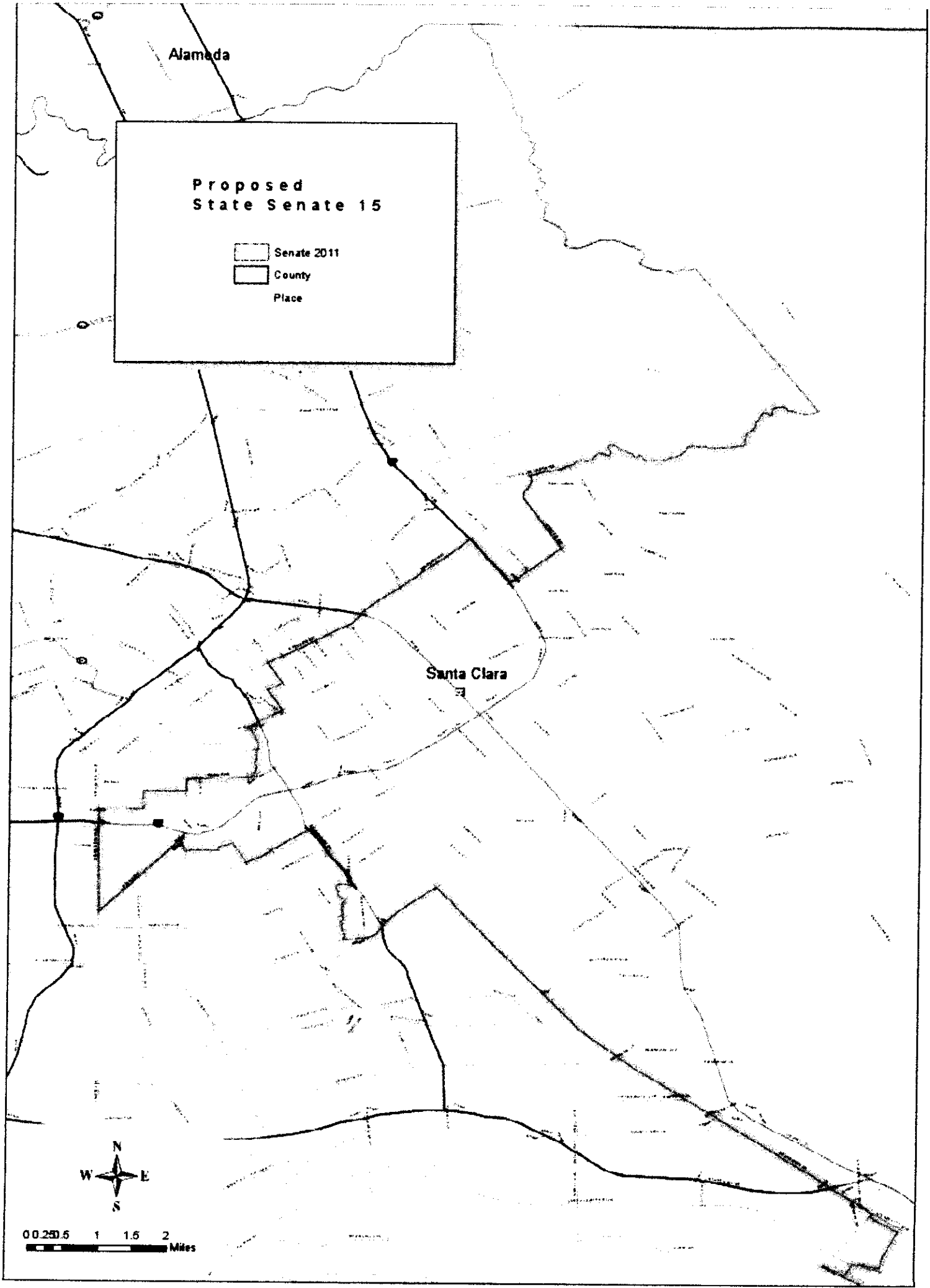
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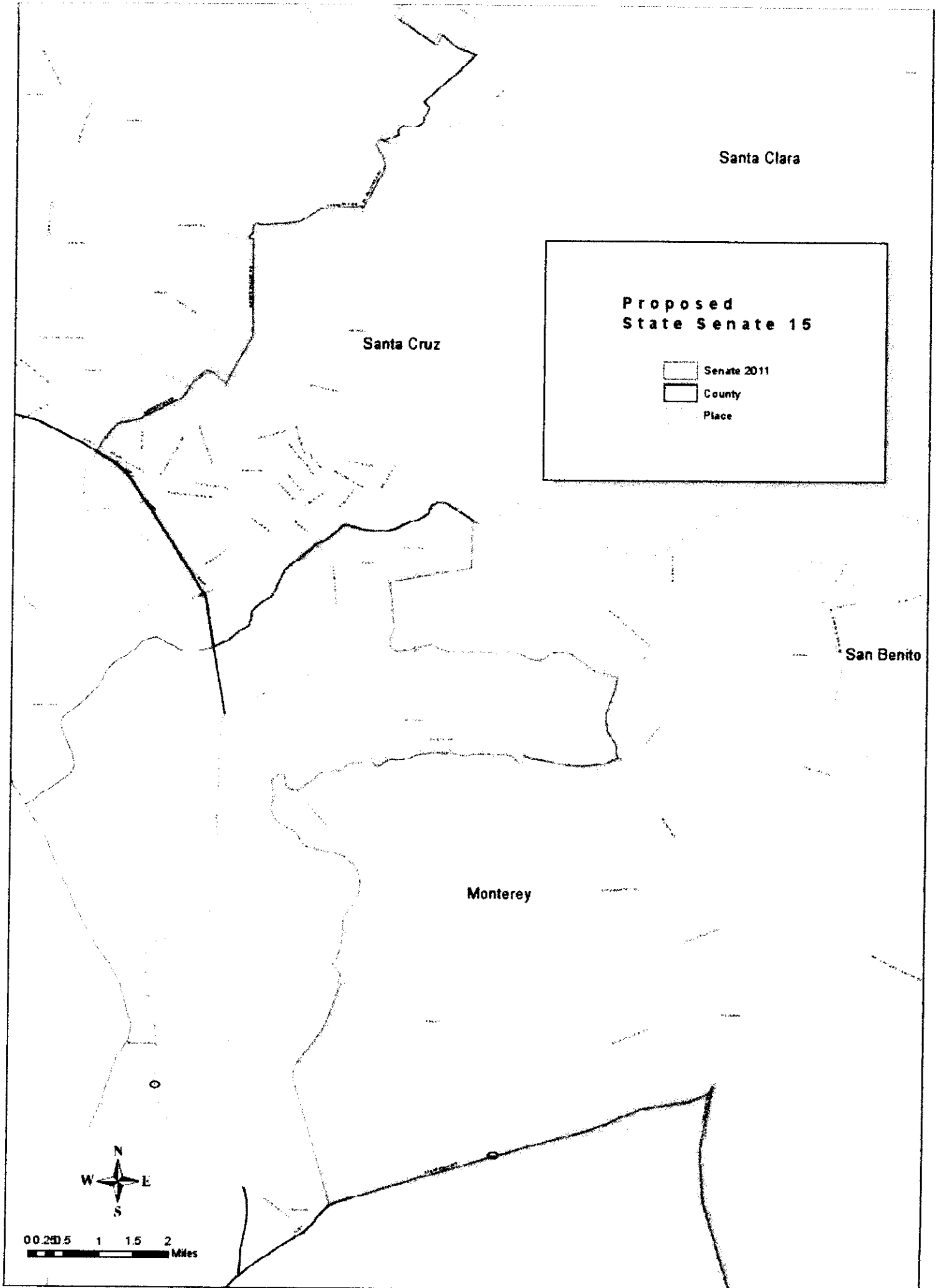
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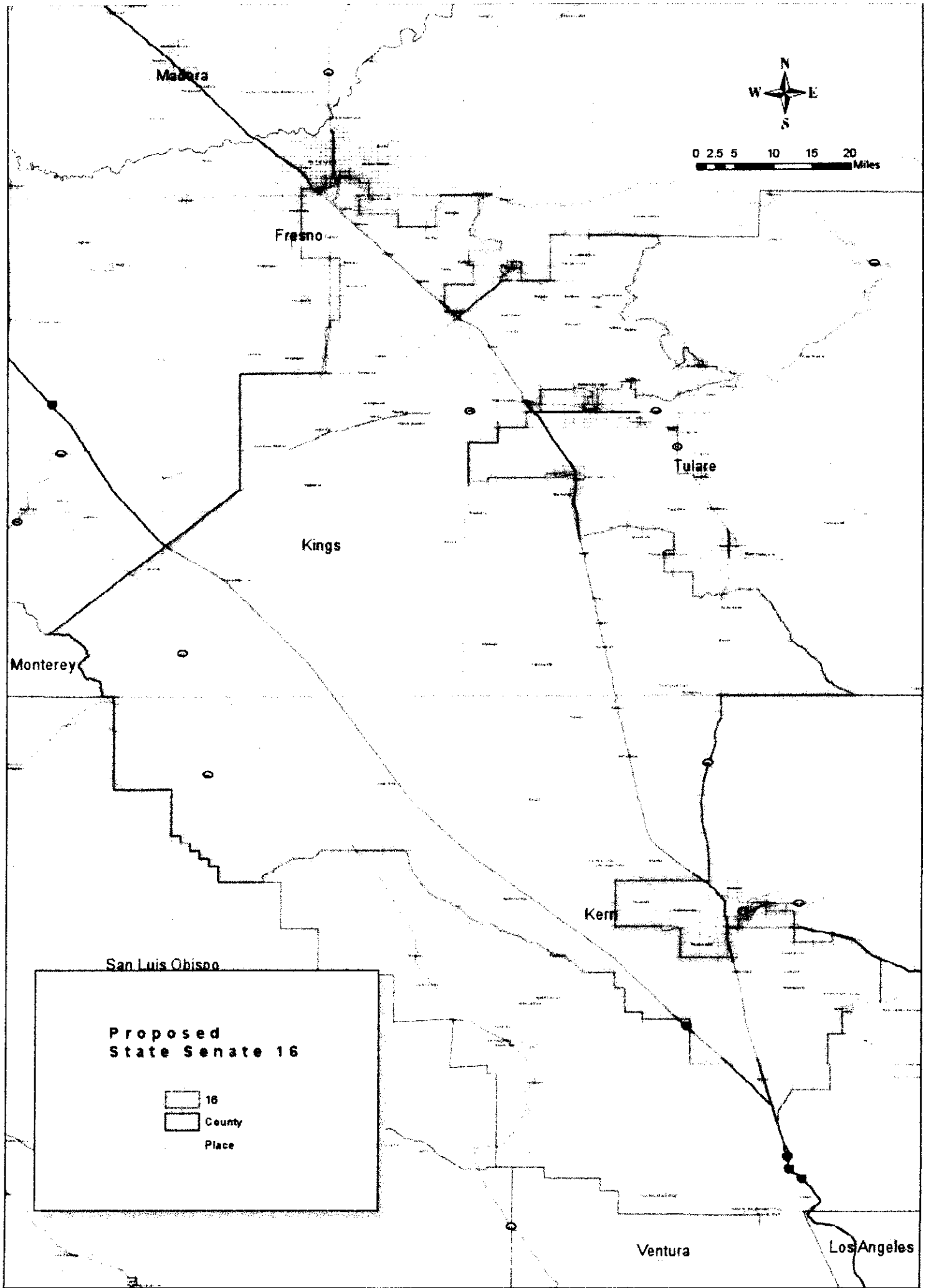
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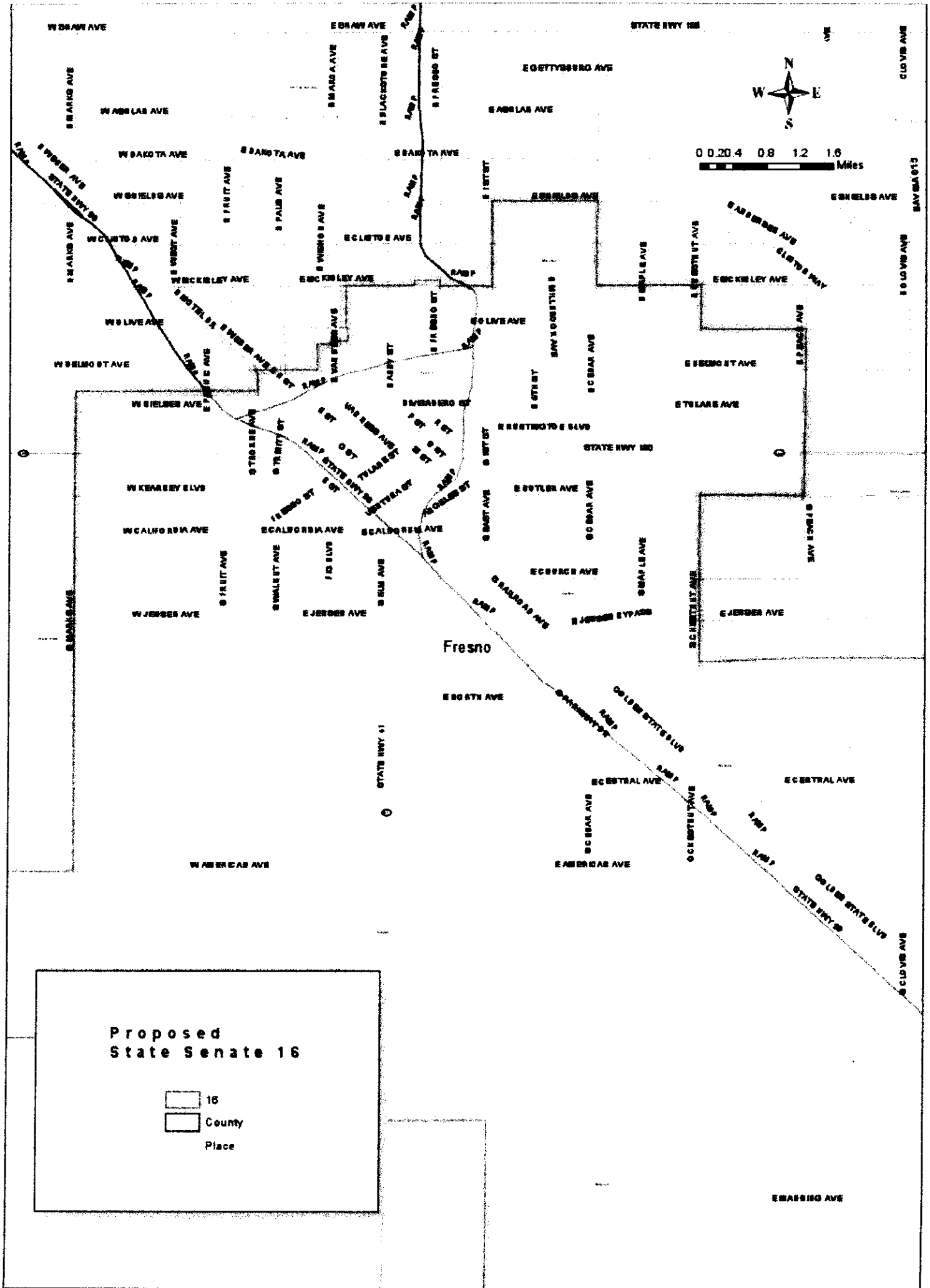
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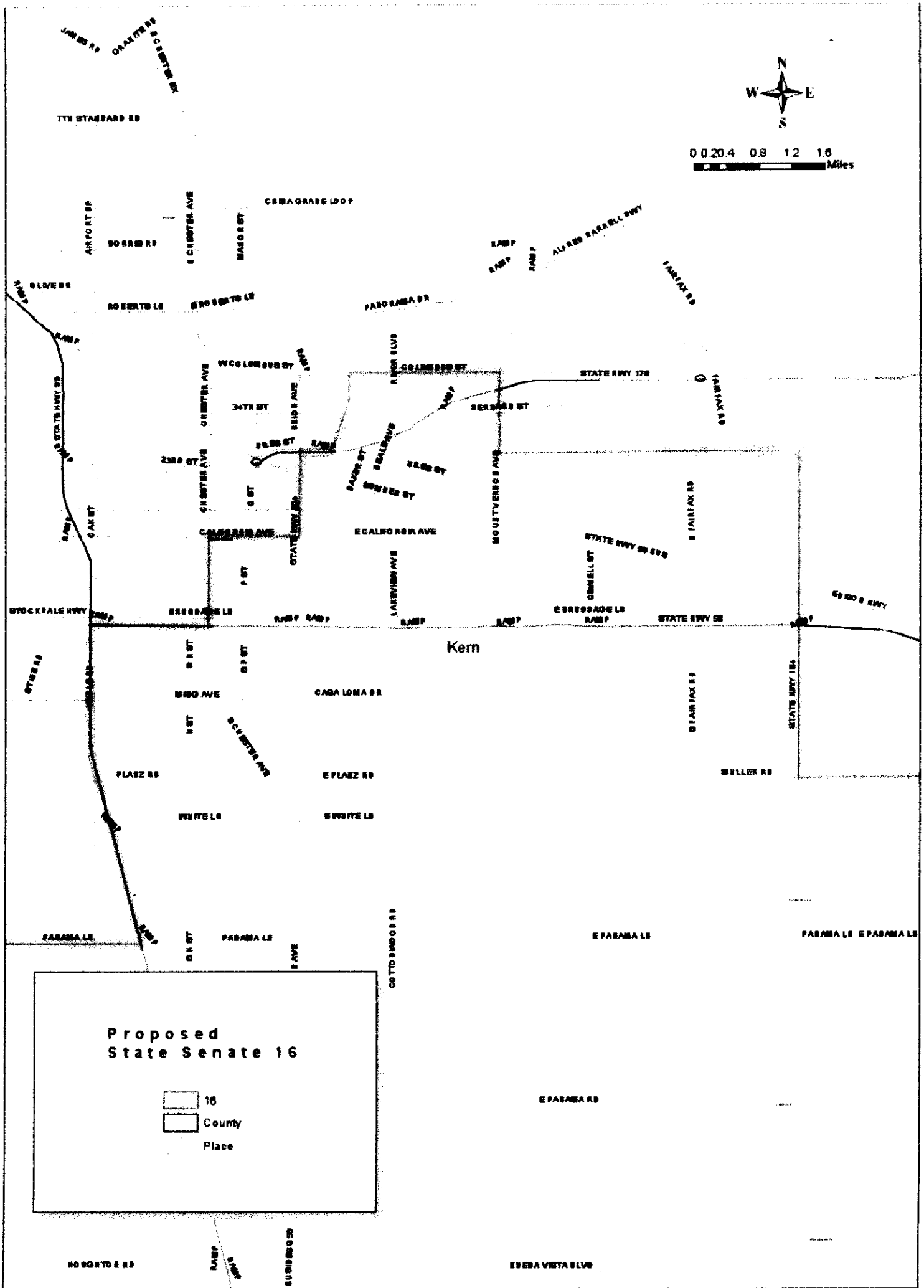
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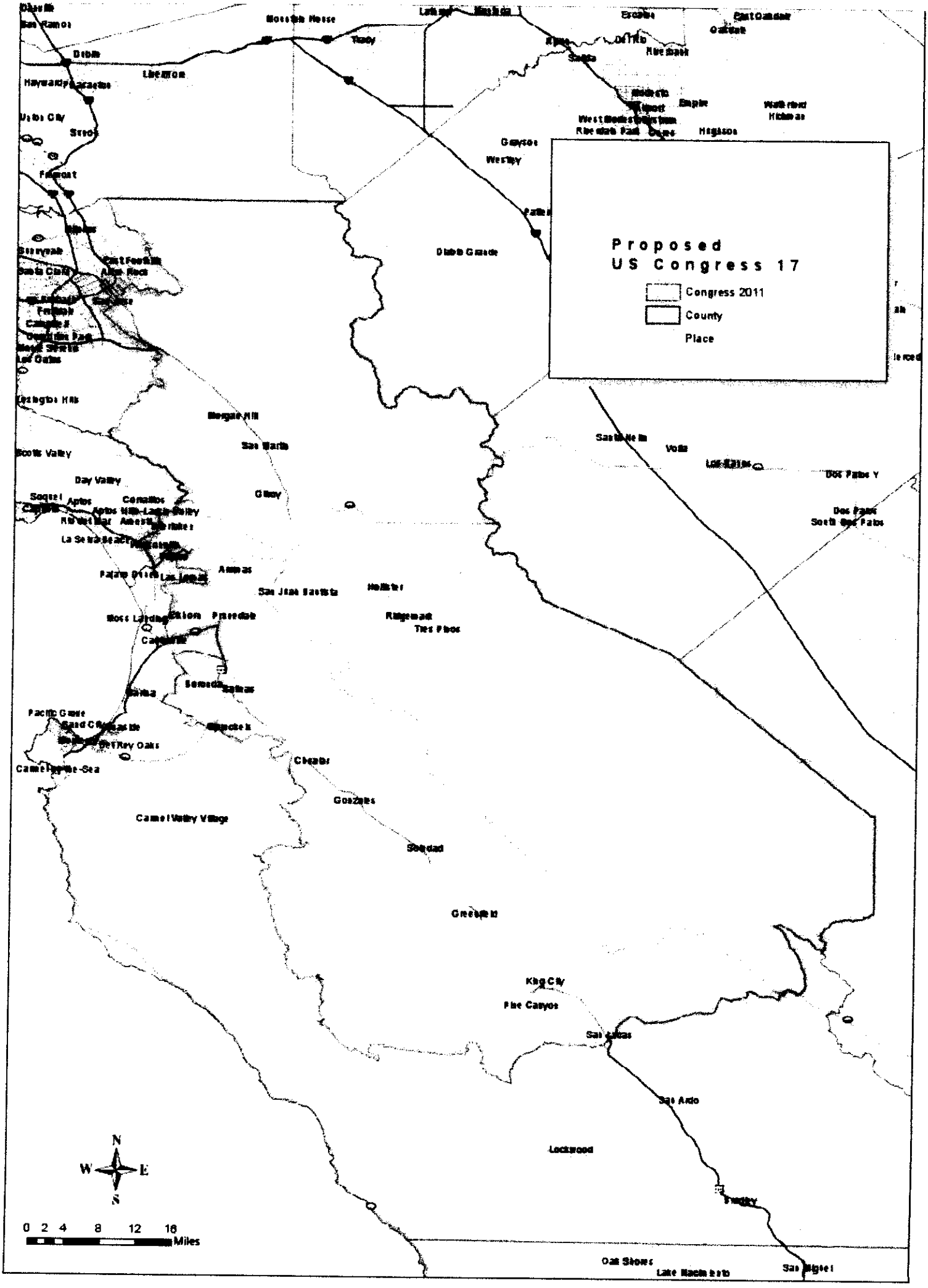
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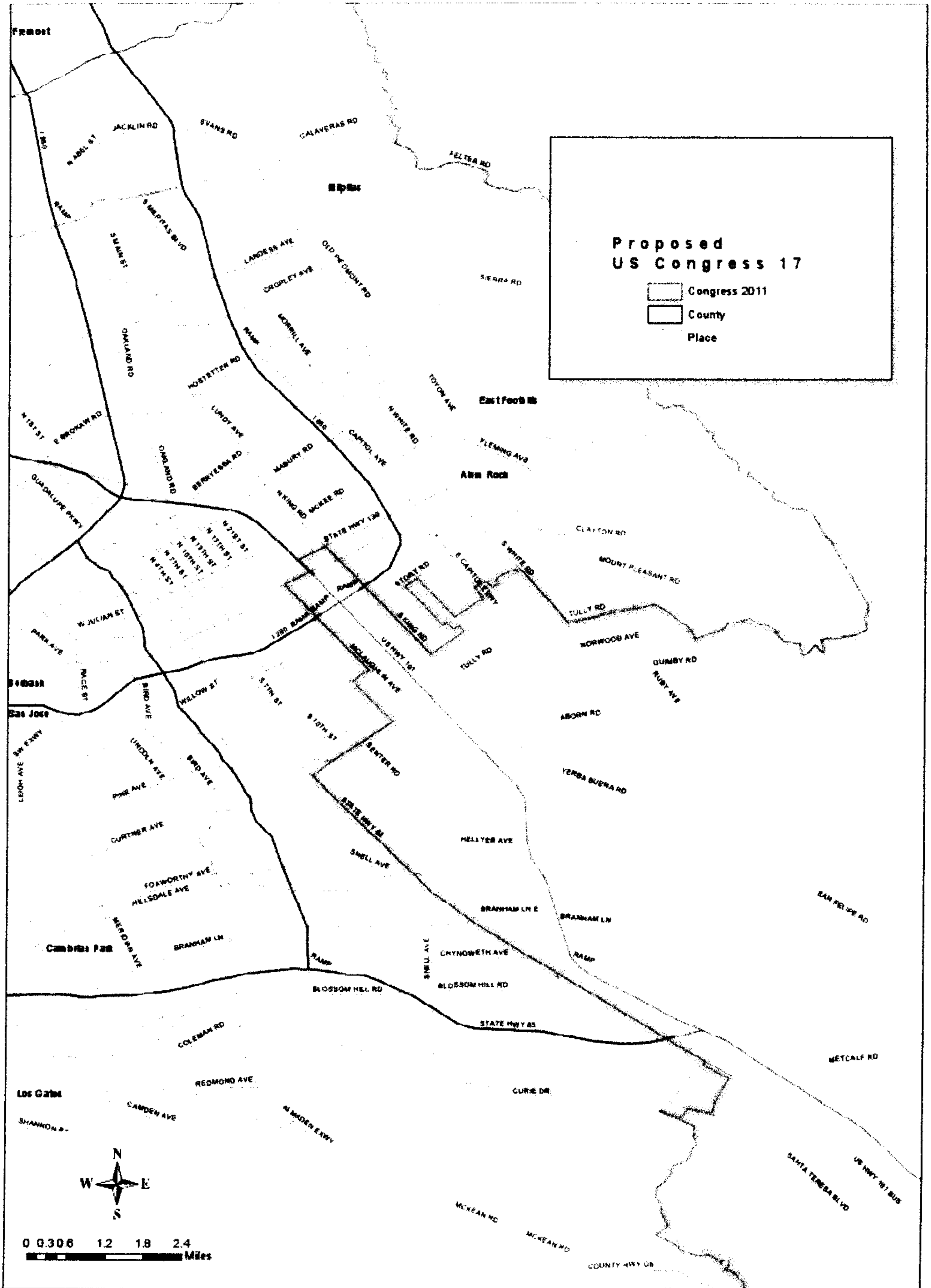
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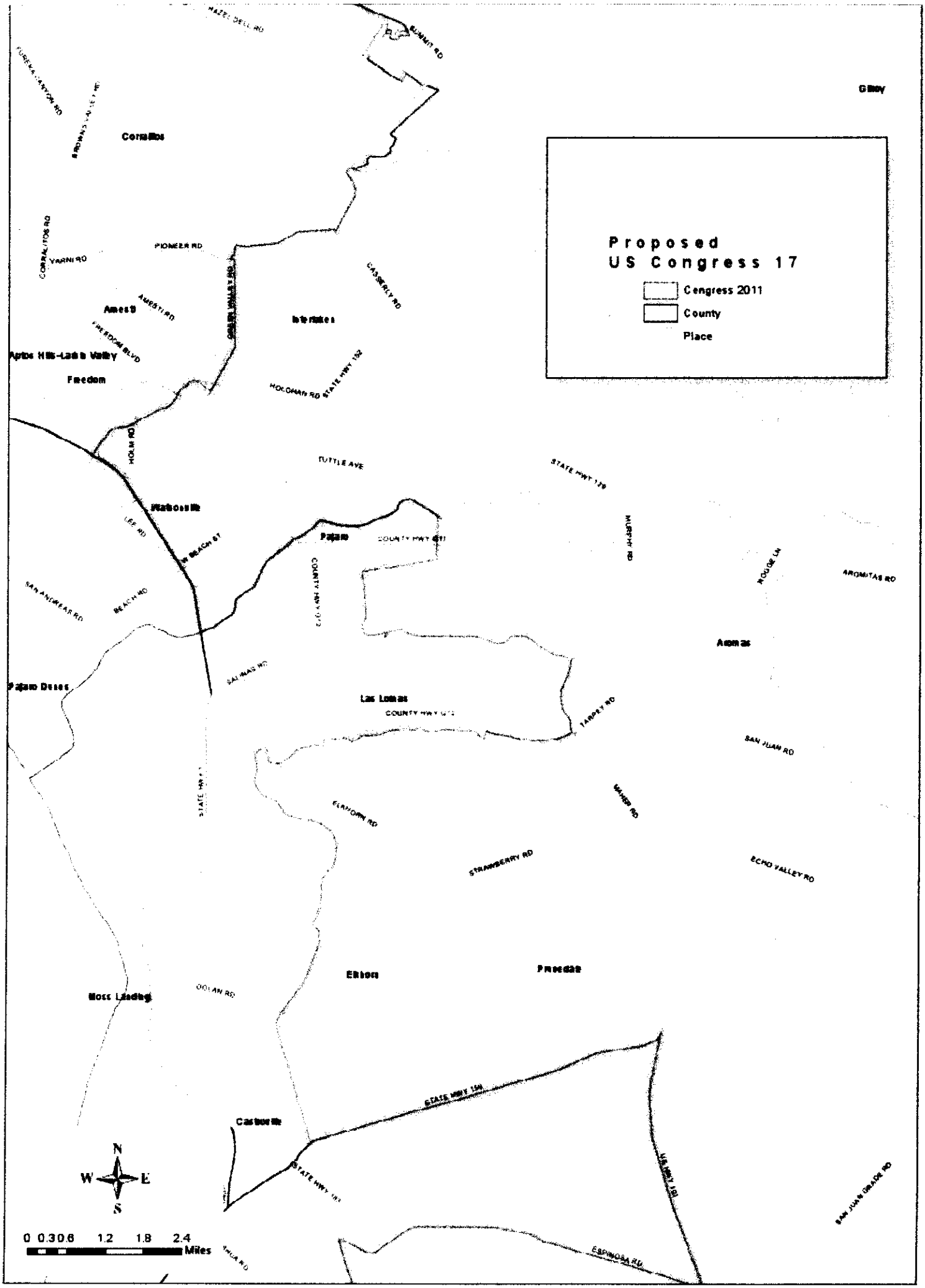
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Recommendations to the Commission

Silicon Valley Latino Forum

Respectfully,

Bea Mendez
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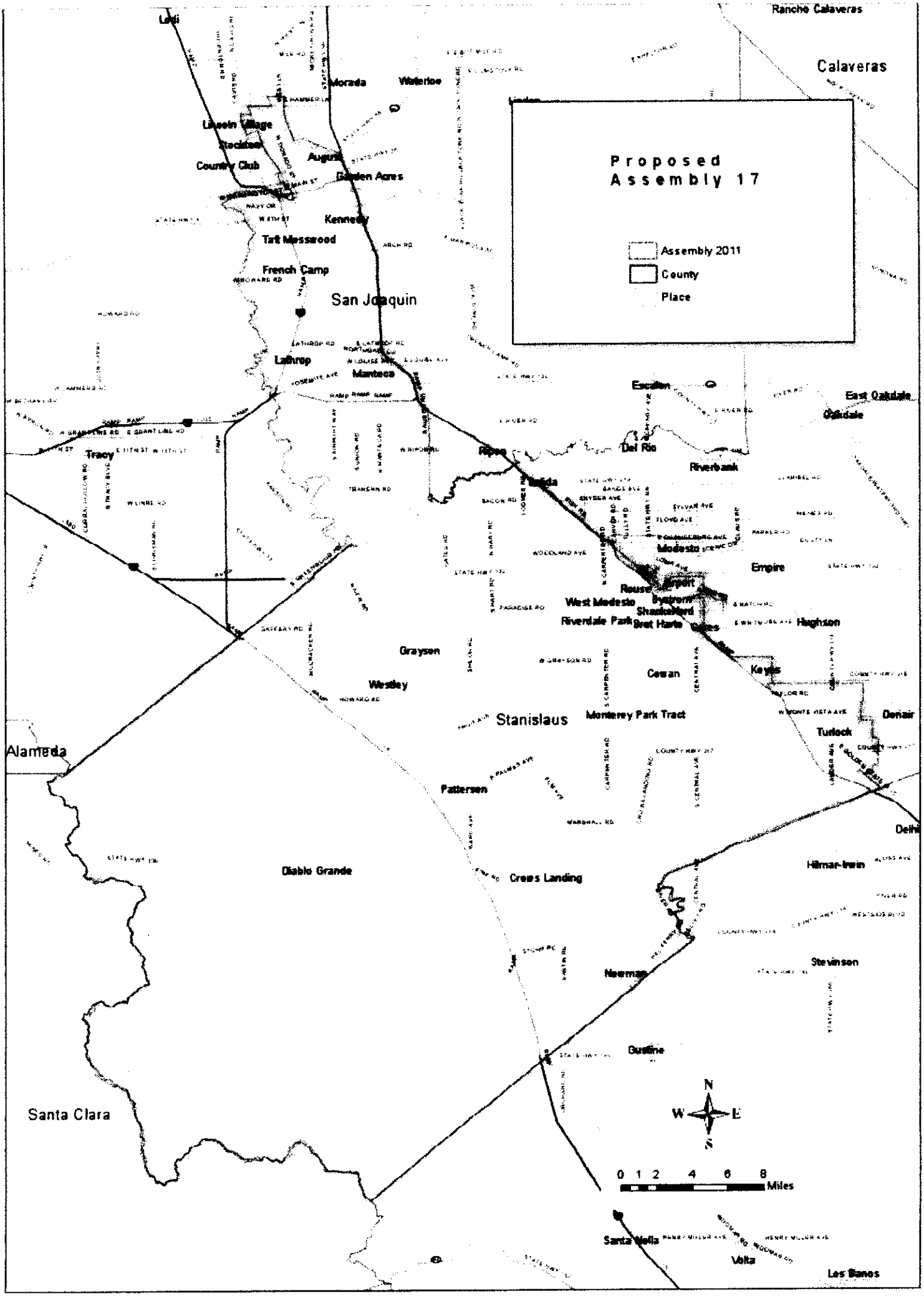
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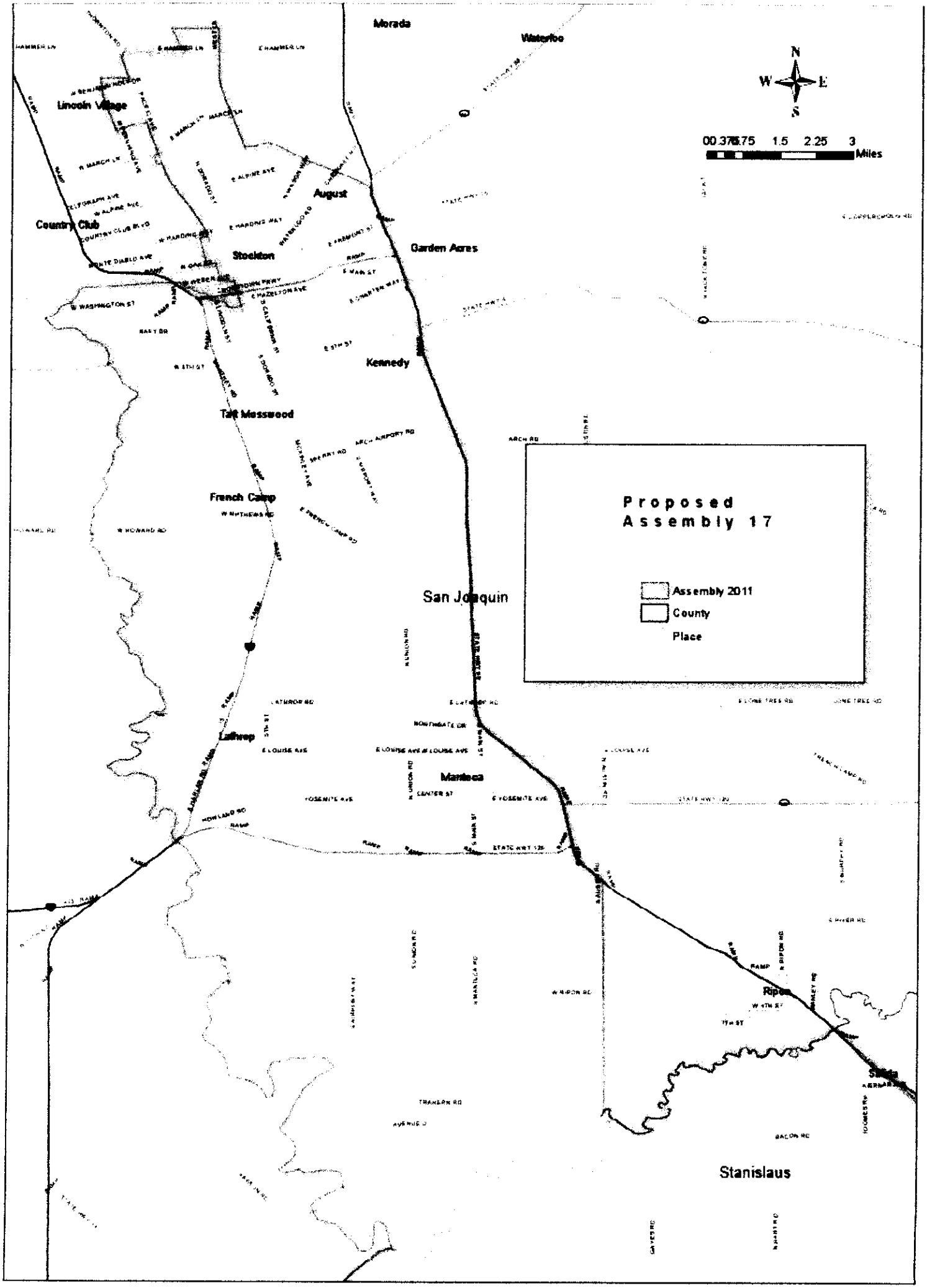
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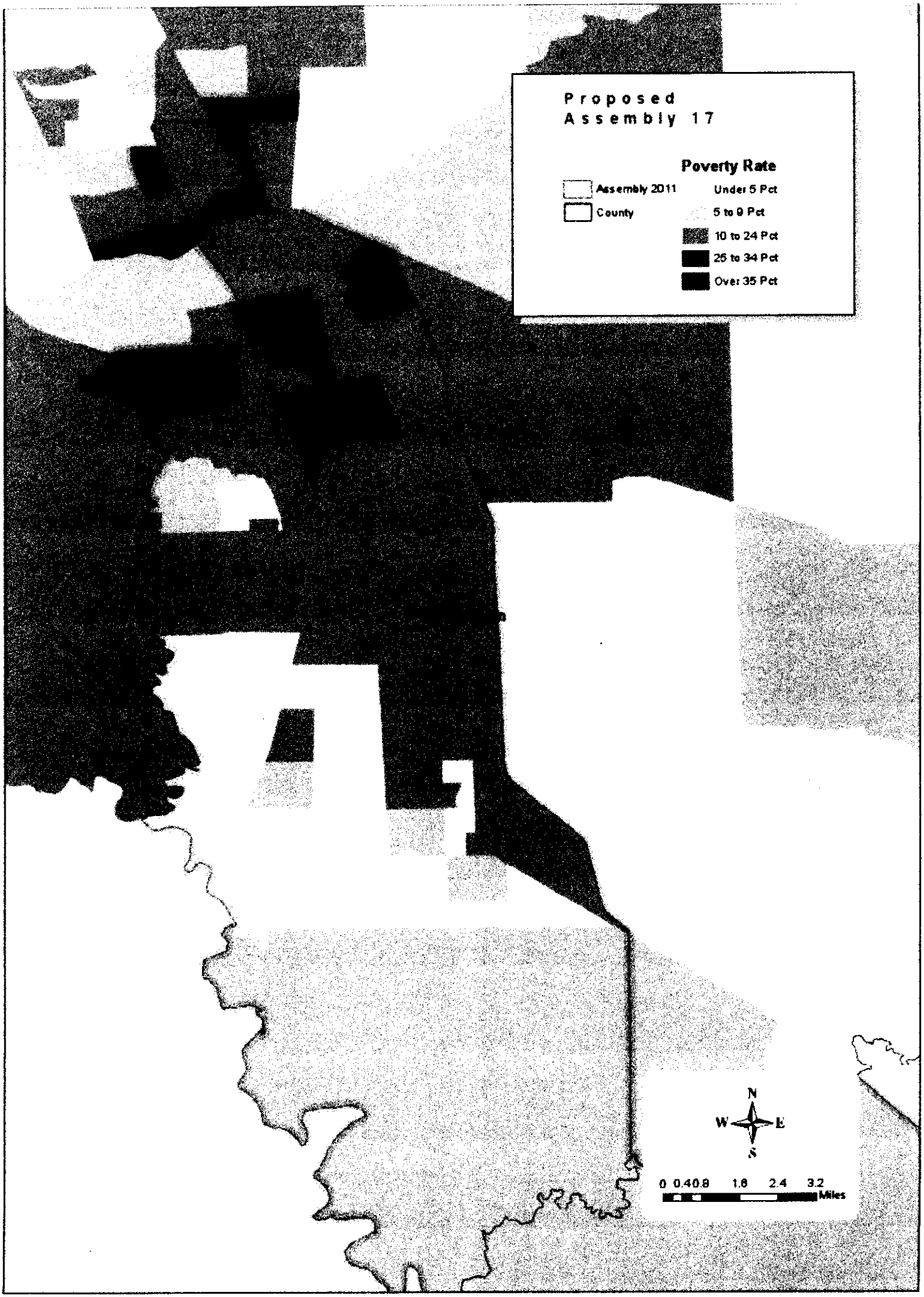
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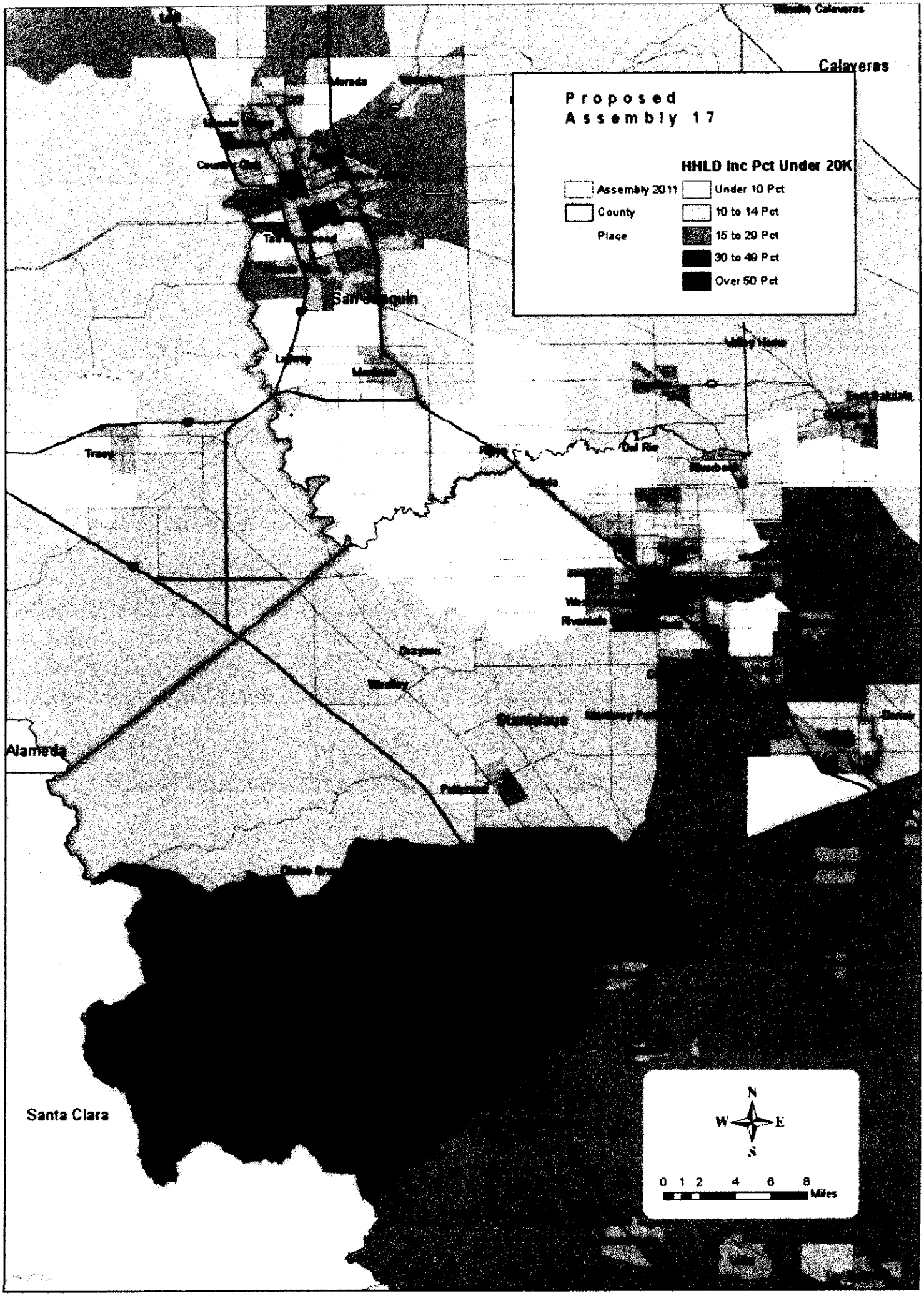
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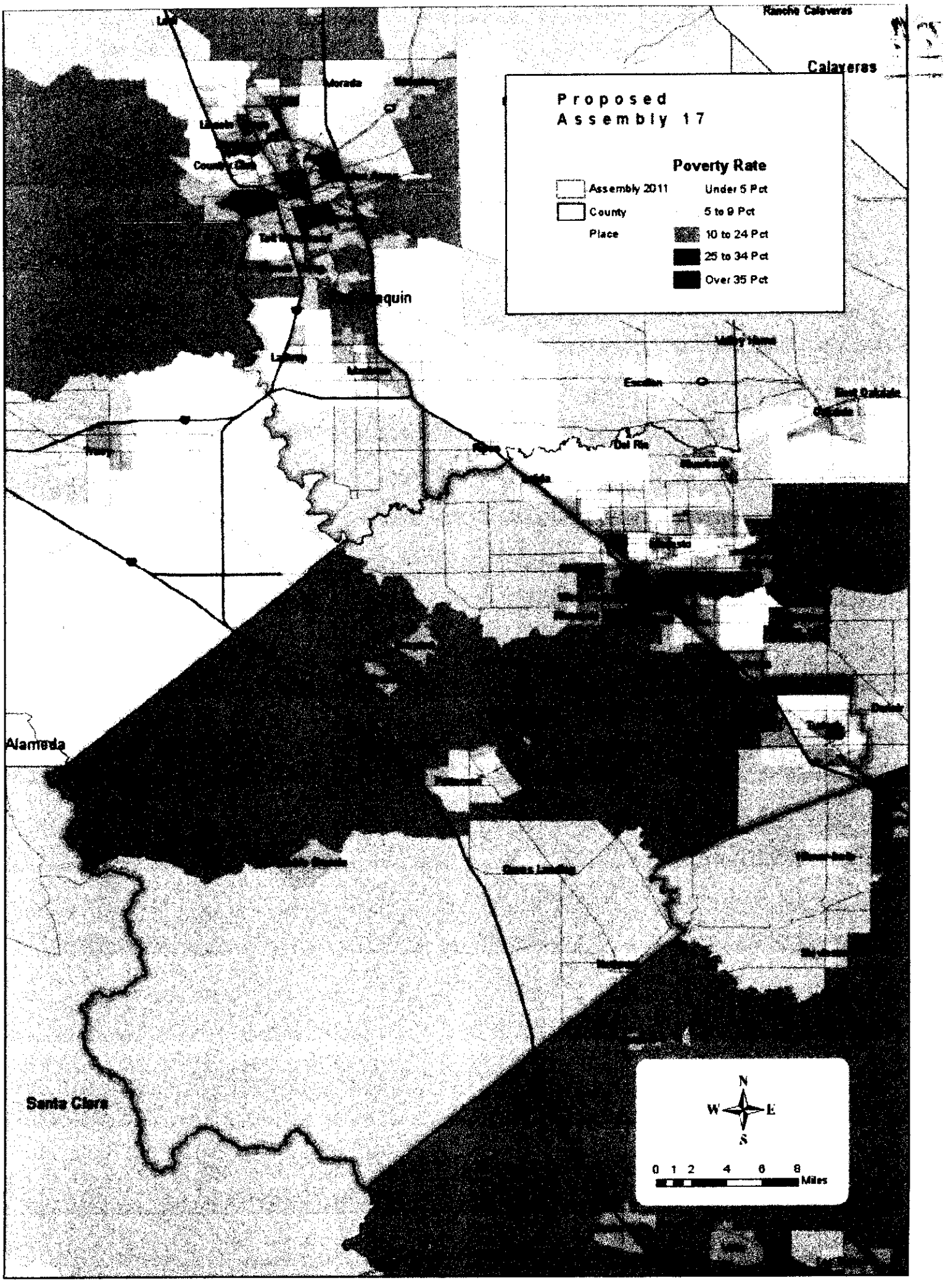
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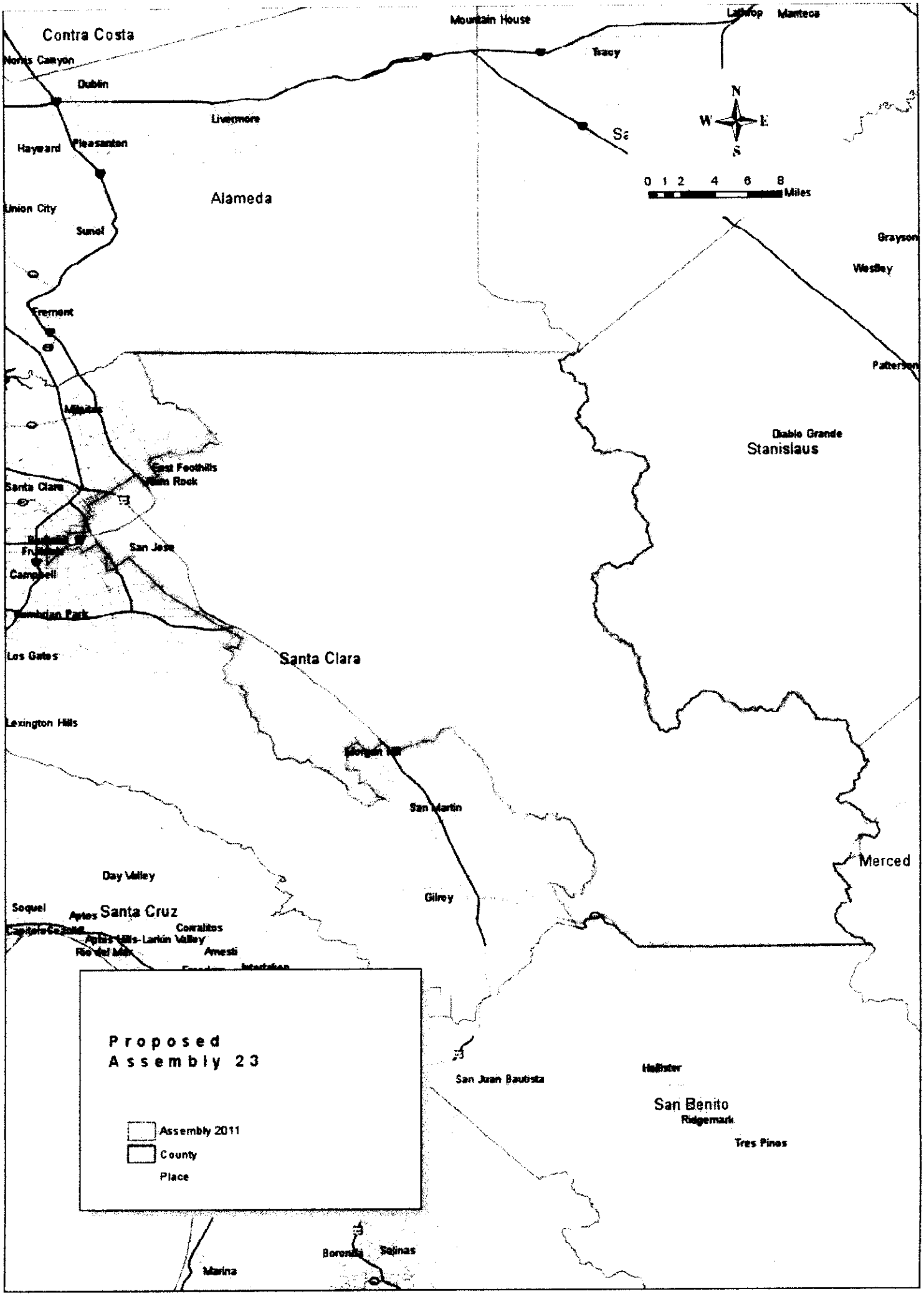
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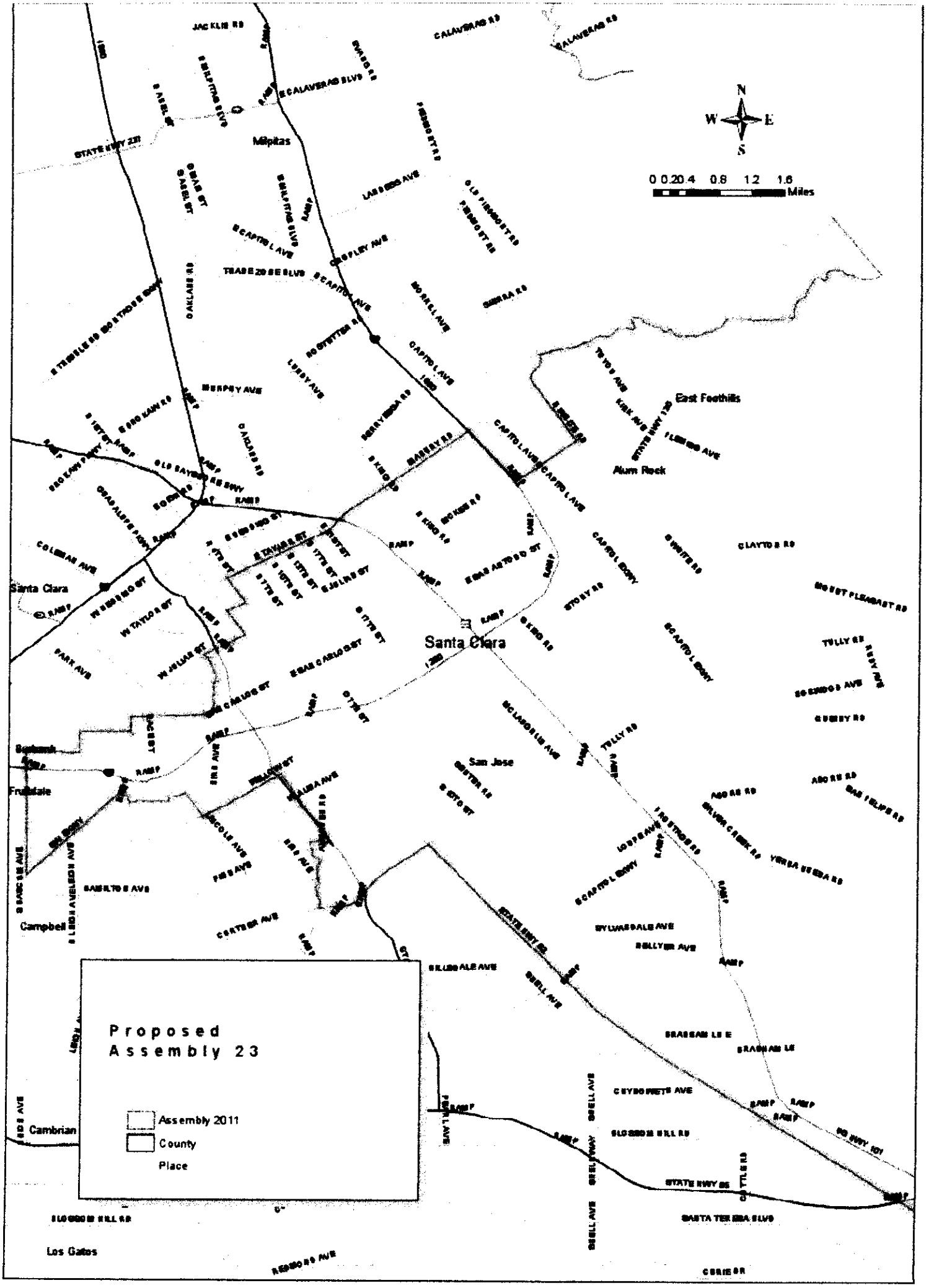
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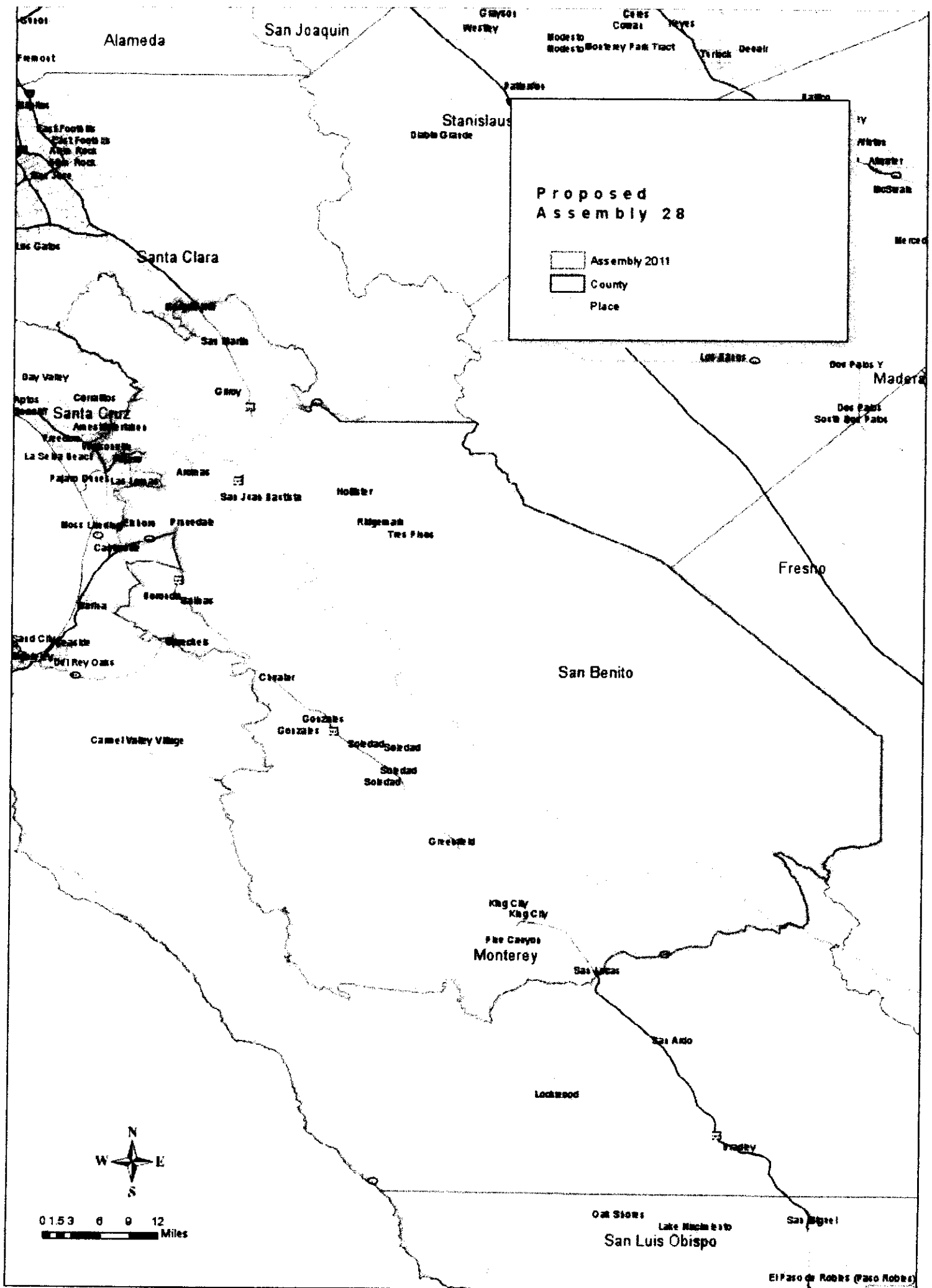
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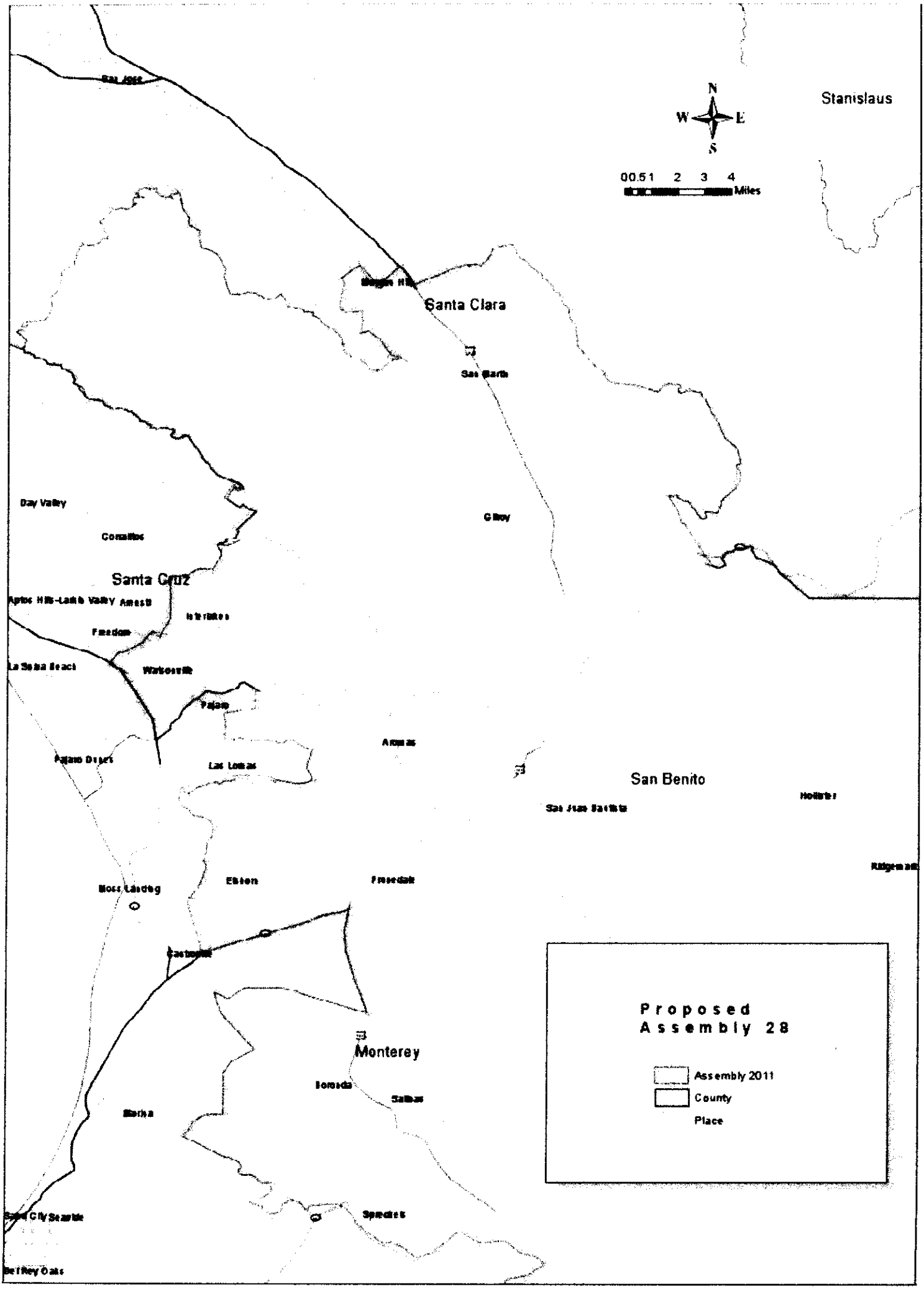
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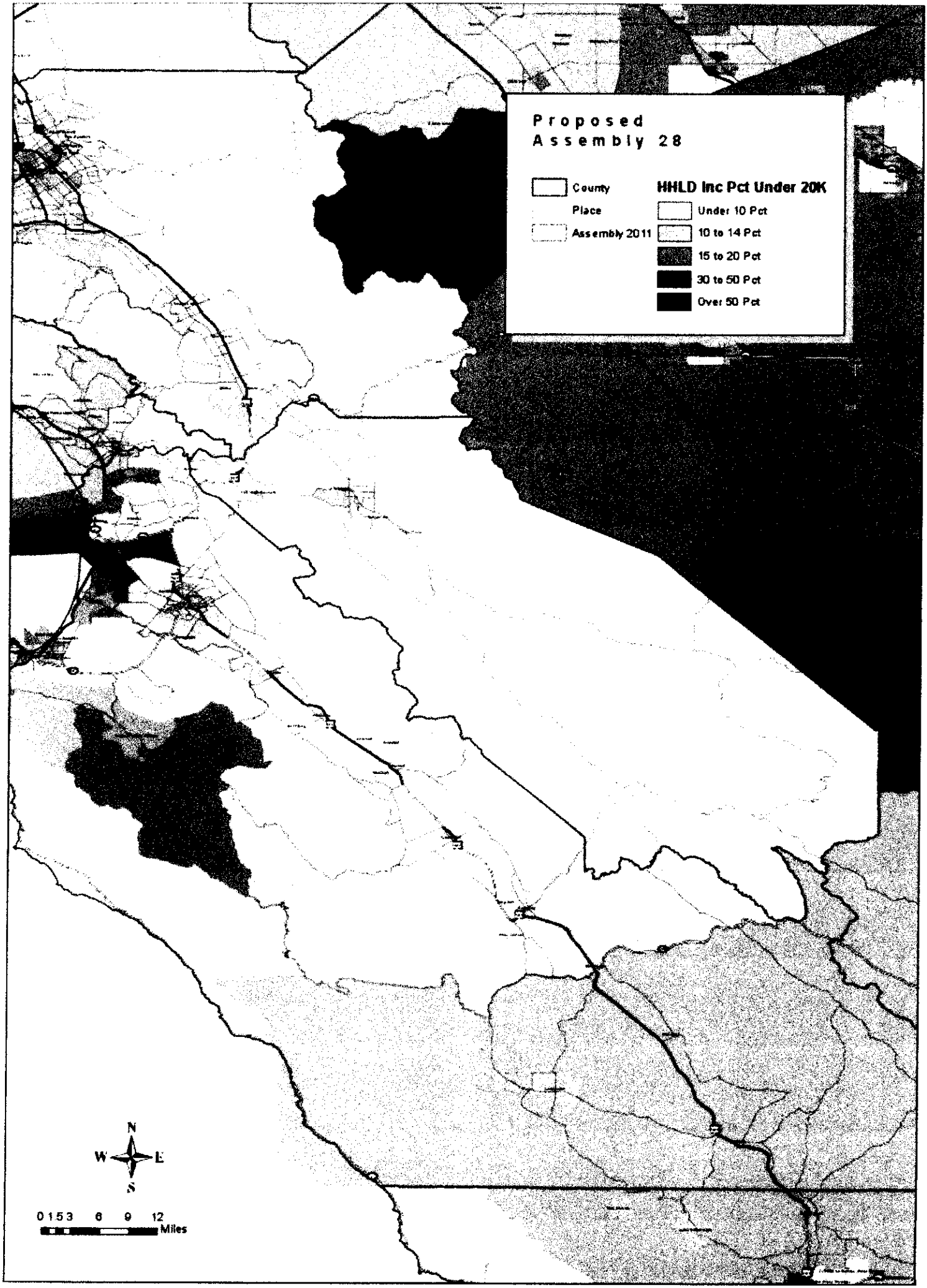
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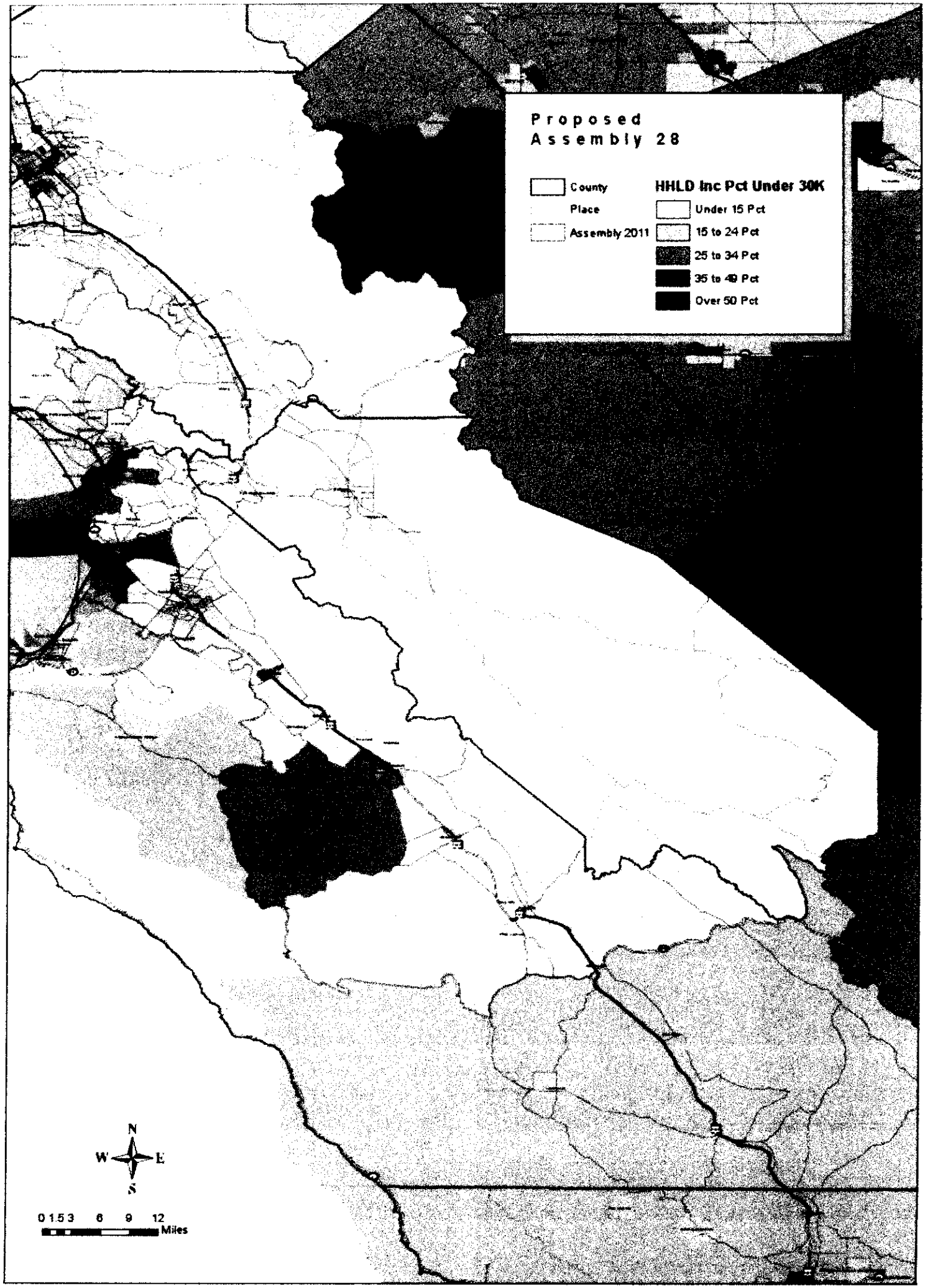
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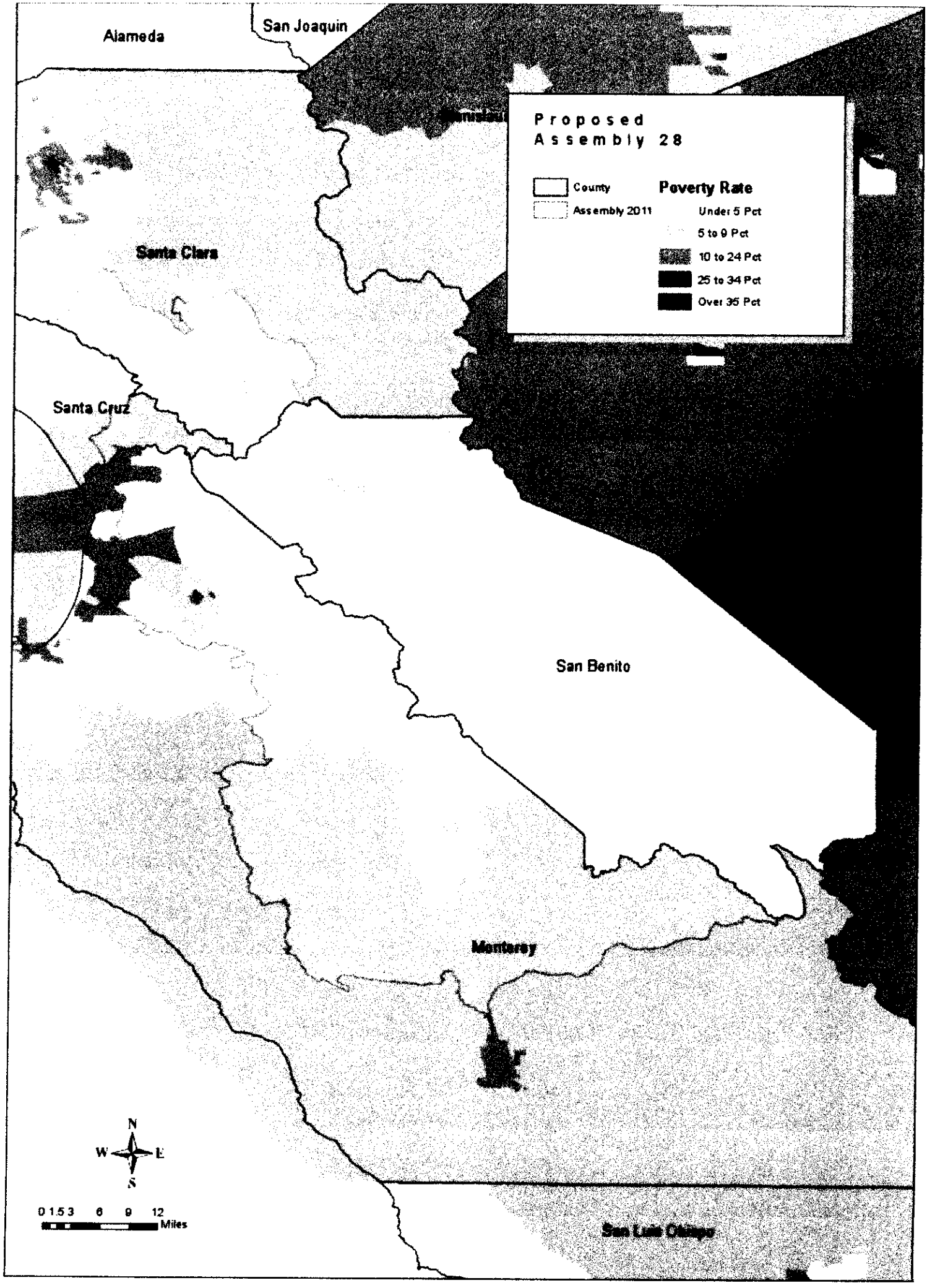
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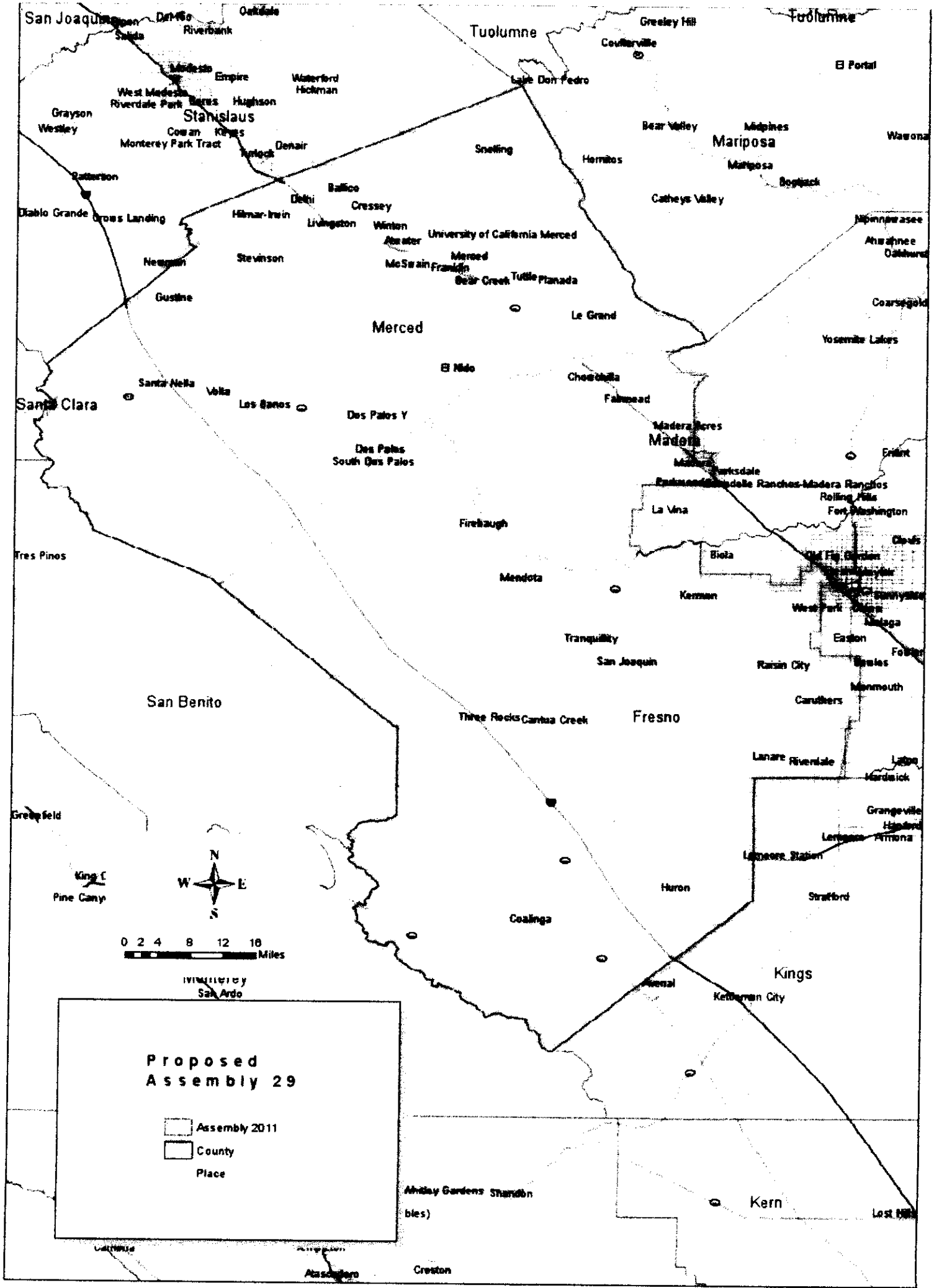
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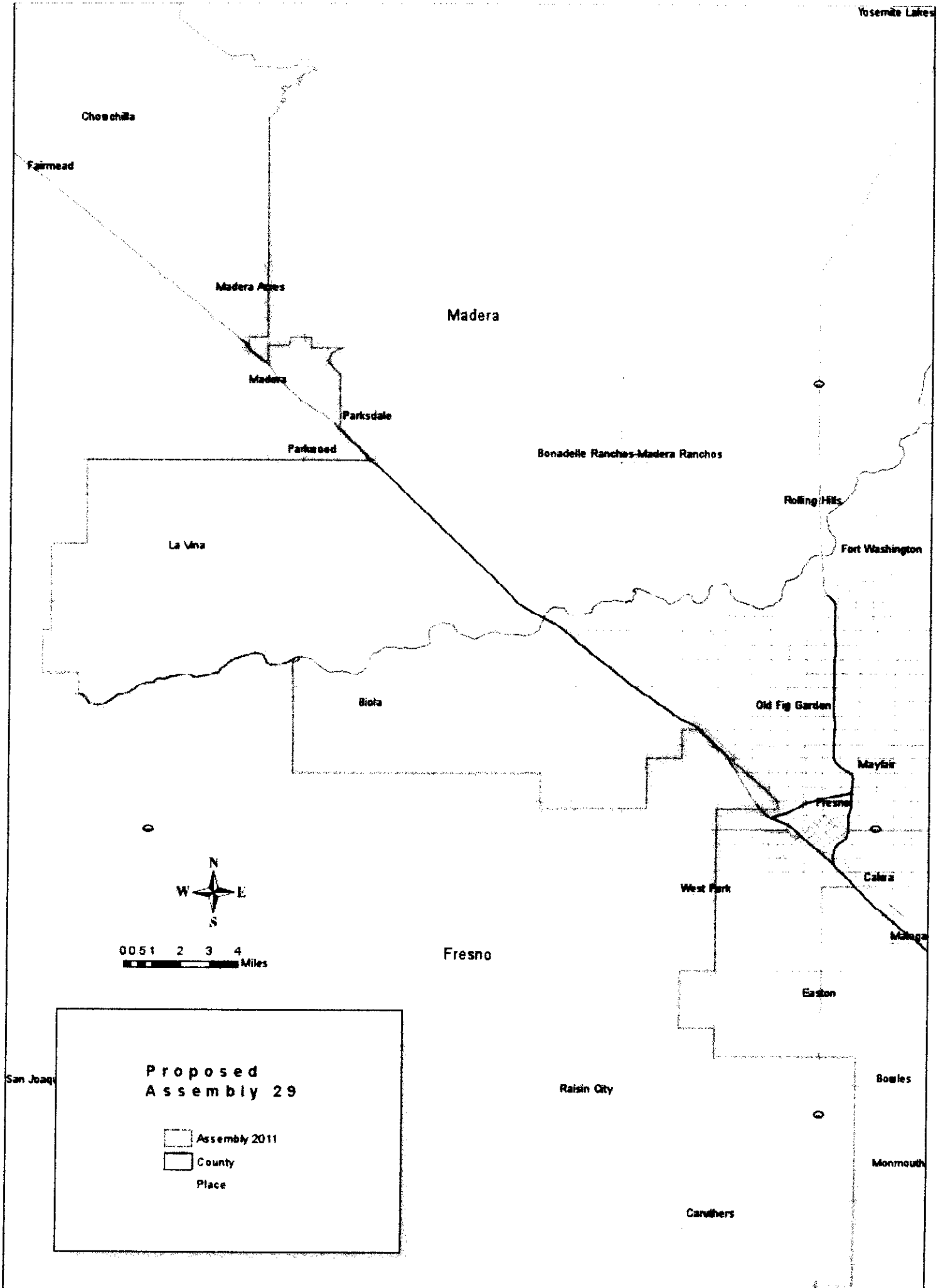
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June 25, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and our member companies, we urge you to consider the Silicon Valley region's technology industry and it's supporting businesses as an economic community of interest as you revise your draft legislative district boundary lines.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group is organized to involve principal officers and senior managers of more than 340 companies in a cooperative effort with local, regional, state, and federal government officials to address major public policy issues affecting the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley. The Leadership Group's membership has grown to collectively provide nearly one of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley.

As indicated in our prior comments to the commission, Silicon Valley is a major driver of economic growth, providing jobs & fostering innovation. While there are high tech companies throughout the Bay Area, the vast majority of them are located in San Jose and the southern peninsula. It is critical that this region has strong, effective leadership in Congress.

The SVLG encourages the commission to keep the congressional districts compact and centered around the core of the tech industry. We suggest modifying the proposed legislative district to incorporate these concerns. This is most relevant with regard to the northern boundary of the San Jose congressional seat, which we believe should be at the Northern Santa Clara County line. We also believe the seat should include the downtown core of San Jose and the areas which surround it including the Golden Triangle bounded by 101, 237 and 880. This area is represents more than 2,000 companies and a hundred thousand jobs. With these modifications the district will more closely reflect the heart of Silicon Valley.

Silicon Valley continues to maintain its status as the top research and development center in the world and is a leader in innovation.

At the federal level, our elected representatives in Congress have been critical to the economic success of our region and state, and to the global competitiveness of Silicon Valley companies. It is essential that this economically vital region have effective representation in Congress. SVLG and its member companies have worked hard to advocate, educate and participate in policy development that affects our region in

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Washington, DC. We believe that our economic community of interest should remain intact during reapportionment and redistricting.

Thank you for your service to the State of California through your important work on the Redistricting Commission.

Sincerely,

Carl Guardino,
President & CEO

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RESOLUTION NO. 52-11

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE CITY OF RICHMOND IN THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission has released the first draft of redistricting maps for Congressional, State Assembly, State Senate, and Board of Equalization districts; and

WHEREAS, the new maps maps would put Richmond in new federal and state districts that would cause Richmond to compete with Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda for state and federal funding; and

WHEREAS, if the first draft of the new maps are approved, Richmond will gain a new congressional representative and lose a state senator; and

WHEREAS, Richmond residents are encouraged to contact the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission to request that the city of Richmond be kept in the Contra Costa County Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, the second round of draft maps will be released on July 7th followed by a five day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the final version of the maps will be released on July 28th and certified on August 15th, 2011

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Richmond hereby requests that the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission keep the city of Richmond in the Contra Costa County Congressional District.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

23 June 2011

Dear Commissioners:

As you redraw California's legislative districts, the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce encourages you to consider the San Jose area's high technology industry as an economic community of interest. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the initial congressional maps developed by the commission.

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber is a coalition of businesses representing hundreds of companies and more than a quarter of a million jobs across every sector of the economy including companies large and small. We are proud to represent many of the companies that form the high-tech sector. As an engine of the American economy, this sector has specific and sometimes unique issues at the national level, especially regarding funding for basic research, patent reform, cyber security, and broadband deployment.

This is why we are concerned about the initial iteration of the Congressional map. It is widely accepted that the heart of Silicon Valley is Santa Clara County and southern San Mateo County. The current maps, however, divide Silicon Valley in a way that does not reflect the historic contours and cohesiveness of the region.

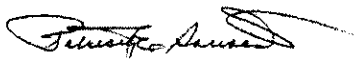
Therefore, the Chamber urges the commission to revise the draft Congressional map. We believe that having a district that spans San Jose, the capital of Silicon Valley, into Fremont and Newark (in Alameda County) is inconsistent with Silicon Valley cohesion. We urge the commission to alter the northern tip of the congressional district to keep it completely within Santa Clara County.

San Jose's Congressional representatives have historically been careful stewards of the technology industry's policy needs, which have allowed the economy of our region and state to thrive. As Congressional and legislative districts change, the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce hopes you will consider designing these districts in a way that allows our representatives to focus on the pressing issues unique to our innovation economy.

We believe this economic community of interest should remain intact during reapportionment and redistricting and should be reflected in our representation in Washington DC. This is critical to the overall economy of California and our nation.

Thank you for your service to the people of California by your involvement on the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Sincerely,



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Public Policy & Communication
SJSV Chamber of Commerce

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TechNet

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June 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of TechNet and our member companies, we strongly encourage you to keep Silicon Valley's technology sector intact and consider our region as a vital economic community of interest as you review the draft political district boundary lines. We appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today.

TechNet is a bipartisan political network of CEOs and SeniorExecutives that promotes the growth of technology-led innovation. TechNet has partnered with government leaders across the country to drive public policies that ensure American competitiveness and economic leadership.

Our members are the nation's leading companies in the fields of information technology, biotechnology, clean technology, venture capital, e-commerce and finance; together these companies represent more than 2 million employees and $800 billion in revenues. Silicon Valley is home to our nation's innovation economy, in the 4th quarter of 2010, $2.5 billion in venture capital funding was invested in local startups, more than the rest of the United States combined. Silicon Valley also has the highest concentration of high-tech workers of any metropolitan area, with nearly 300 out of every 1,000 private-sector workers.

TechNet member companies participate in policy setting that affects our region, both in Sacramento and Washington, DC. We urge you to adopt a plan that protects Silicon Valley as an important economic community of interest and that the district boundaries you develop keep Silicon Valley intact.

TechNet encourages the commission to keep the congressional districts compact and centered around the core of the tech industry. We suggest modifying the proposed district lines to reflect two changes. First, we believe that having a congressional district that spans San Jose, the capital of Silicon Valley, into Fremont and Newark (in Alameda County) is not consistent with Silicon Valley cohesion. We urge the commission to alter the northern end of the congressional district to keep it completely within Santa Clara County.

Second, we believe the area known as the Golden Triangle -- bordered by highways 237, 101 and 880 -- should be in the same district as downtown San Jose. These special economic zones are home to approximately 100,000 workers and more than 2,000 companies and have strong economic, social, and educational connections to each other.

Thank you for stepping forward to serve to the people of California in this important role as members of California's Citizen's Redistricting Commission.

Sincerely,

Eve Bukowski
Executive Director, California

June 24, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly District First Draft
Berryessa Area – Berryessa Union School District/Council District 4/City of San Jose

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

My name is Rudy Nasol, a resident from the Berryessa area in the City of San Jose for 40 years. I testified and submitted a letter to this Commission at your scheduled hearing in San Jose on May 21st. At that time I have appealed to you to reverse the 2001 gerrymandering fiasco that resulted in splitting the Berryessa area of San Jose into 4 Assembly Districts that totally disenfranchised our community, and to keep us intact in one assembly district.

The Commission's first draft of the Assembly District mapping addresses our concerns and we are very thankful for that. Fremont, Newark, Milpitas and Berryessa share the same community of interest. The proposed MILPBERRY assembly district shows that the southern part of the district extends beyond the boundaries of the Berryessa Union School District and Council District 4. This proposed portion of the assembly district should be removed from the district because it splits the Asian/Pacific Islander and the Latino communities. To make up for this suggested removal, it is also suggested to put the entire City of Fremont into the MIPLBERRY assembly district.

I commend and thank the Commission for being responsive and sensitive to our communities' concerns and suggestions. Your first draft mapping shows that you are indeed listening to us and we appreciate that very much. Your dedication and commitment to the process is indeed very admirable. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rudy Nasol
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San Jose, CA 95131
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Jacquelyn Maruhashi
Resident of San Jose

Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: June 25, 2011 in San Jose, CA

Good afternoon. My name is Jacquelyn Maruhashi.

I am a San Jose resident and staff attorney with the Asian Law Alliance (ALA) in San Jose.

I appreciate the time you have given to create the first draft maps. Thank you for keeping most of Berryessa whole and together Milpitas. However, I have some serious concerns about whether the Commission is prioritizing the Voting Rights Act as well as respecting communities of interest.

Specifically, regarding the State Assembly maps:
1) Milpberry District - please keep Fremont whole with Berryessa and Milpitas. This can be done by not including downtown San Jose and parts of the Alum Rock School District, a lower income area, with the more affluent areas of Berryessa, Milpitas and Fremont.

2) The Evergreen neighborhood is divided among 3 assembly districts and 3 state senate districts ensuring that this community is voiceless for another decade. Evergreen has been divided in several assembly districts for at least 20 years. It is about time that this area is kept whole and in a San Jose district.

3) Silicon Valley District should include Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino and Mountain View as a community of interest. All have high tech companies and are linked by common transportation corridors such as the Highway 101, Highway 280 and El Camino Real. Also, these cities share overlapping school districts and their residents have common educational interests. The draft assembly and senate maps split this community of interest and should be changed to keep these cities together.

4) San Jose District should be made up of San Jose City Council Districts 3, 5, 7 & 8, which I'm using as a rough proxy for the areas they comprise. Generally, this area has lower income than the surrounding areas, and was among the hardest hit by the mortgage foreclosure crisis. Residents are more likely to be victimized by predatory lenders and payday loan vendors. Yet this low-income part of San Jose was placed in the San Jose District with the wealthy Almaden Valley where residents live in ¼ acre lots in multi-million dollar homes. These two areas of San Jose have little or no common interest and should not be placed together. If the 4 city council districts can not be placed together, please at least keep Little Saigon together with the Evergreen neighborhood.

Finally, for the State Senate Districts:
1) Our first priority is to keep Little Saigon with the Evergreen neighborhood together with downtown San Jose, if possible.
2) Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Santa Clara should be in one district.

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Sherwin Mendoza
Resident of Milpitas

Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: June 25, 2011 in San Jose, CA

Good afternoon. My name is Sherwin Mendoza, and I testified before the Commission on May 23, 2011. Unfortunately, I could not attend this Commission hearing and am submitting written comments.

Thank you for keeping Berryessa whole with Milpitas. However, I strongly recommend that you keep Fremont whole and in an assembly district with Milpitas and Berryessa. According to the current proposed assembly district map portions of the MLPTS district extend south of Highway 101 and McKee Road. Due to demographic factors that I mentioned in my previous testimony - the common places of employment, schools, religious centers and shopping centers - it would make more sense to make the south border of the MLPTS district Highway 101 and McKee Road and extend the north border to include all of Fremont.

I also urge the Commission to follow the Voting Rights Act and to prioritize it according to the guidelines set forth in the Commission's mandate.

Thank you for your consideration.

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STATEMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING PANEL
June 25, 2011
San Jose, CA

MY NAME IS BEA MENDEZ AND I AM THE CHAIR OF THE SILICON VALLEY LATINO DEMOCRATIC FORUM. I AM HERE TO URGE YOU TO KEEP THE 23 AND 28 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS AS THEY ARE AND TO NEST THEM TO FORM A NEW SENATE DISTRICT.

AT YOUR LAST VISIT TO SAN JOSE, I EMPHASIZED TO YOU THAT THESE TWO DISTRICTS FORM AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST:

- **THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVELS ARE SIMILAR**
- **THE INCOME AND POVERTY LEVELS ARE SIMILAR**
- **THERE IS A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR RUNNING THROUGH THE CENTER OF THESE TWO DISTRICTS...AND EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT**
- **THERE IS A HISTORICAL REFERENCE OF ELECTING LATINO'S IN BOTH OF THESE DISTRICTS.**

DO NOT DISTURB THIS!

I ALSO STRESSED THAT NESTING THESE TWO DISTRICTS WOULD ALLOW FOR A SIZABLE COHESIVE LATINO POPULATION IN A SENATE DISTRICT WHICH ALLOWS FOR EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF THE GROWING LATINO POPULATION WHICH WILL SOON REACH 40% IN THIS STATE. I CAUTION YOU AGAIN: DO NOT DILUTE THE LATINO MINORITY VOTING BLOCKS AS YOU DRAW OUR DISTRICT BOUNDARIES....YOU ARE IN DANGER OF TAKING US BACK TO THE 1970'S.

TO HELP YOU I HAVE SENT THE PANEL ELECTRONIC MAPS THAT DELINEATE SOCIO AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION THAT SUPPORT MY COMMENTS. We will also be sending you demographic information.
I WILL RESTATE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **THE 23 AND 28 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED**
- **THE 23 AND 28 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS SHOULD BE NESTED TOGETHER TO FORM A SENATE DISTRICT THAT COMBINE SANTA CLARA, MONTEREY AND SAN BENITO COUNTIES.**

OUR REQUEST IS SIMPLY THIS: WE ASK FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE FOR THESE IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL DECISIONS.

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SILICON VALLEY LATINO DEMOCRATIC FORUM
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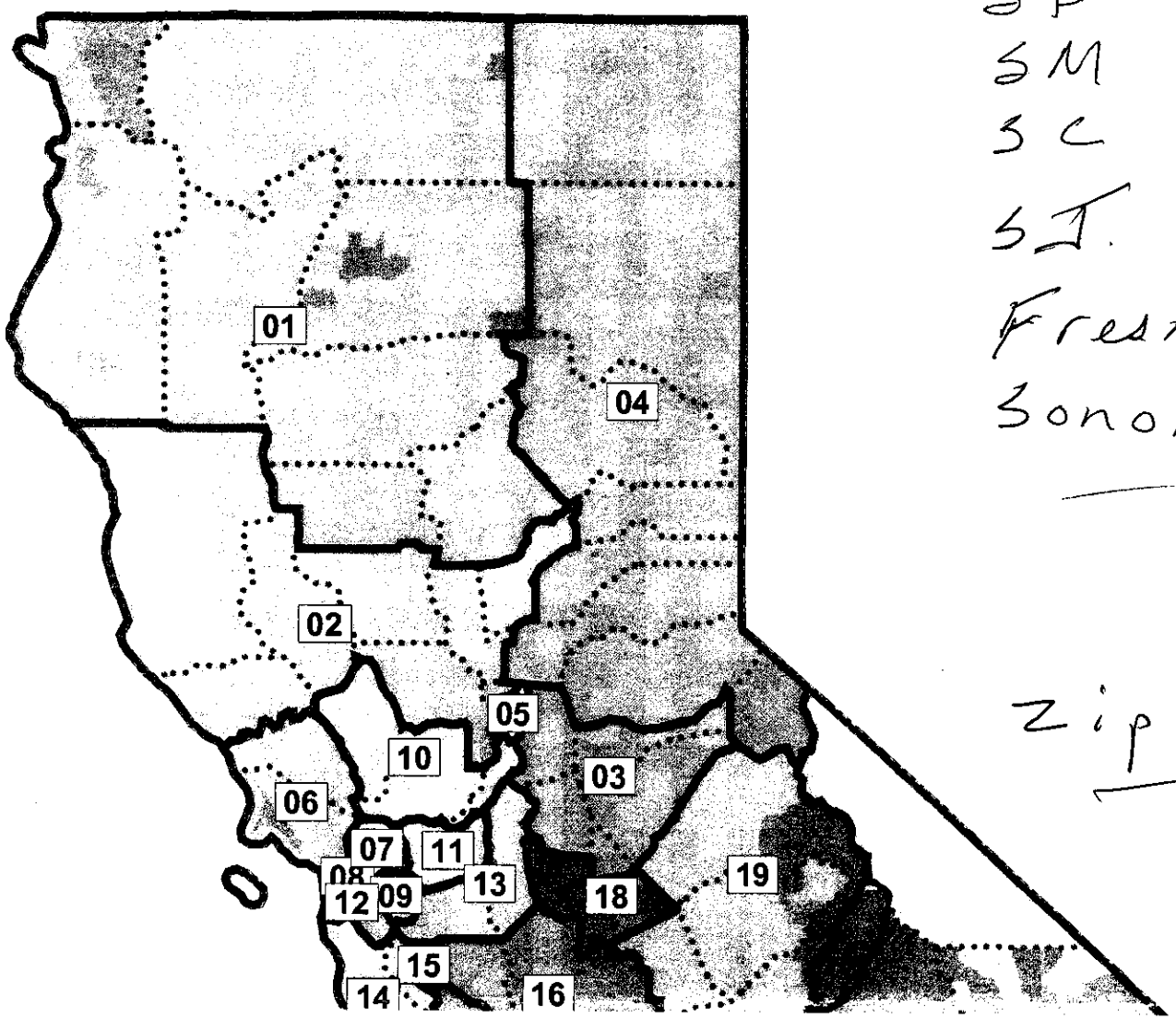

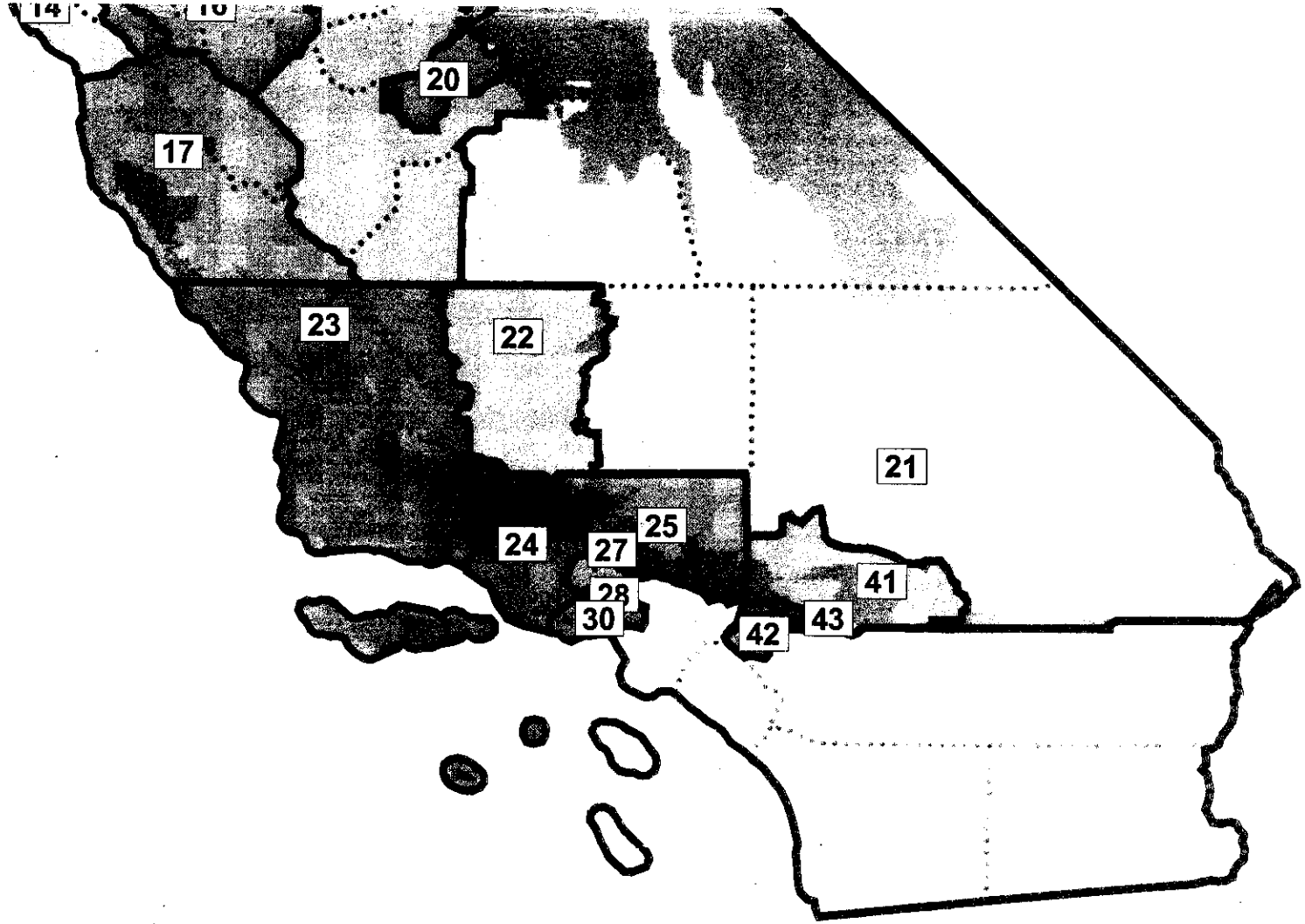

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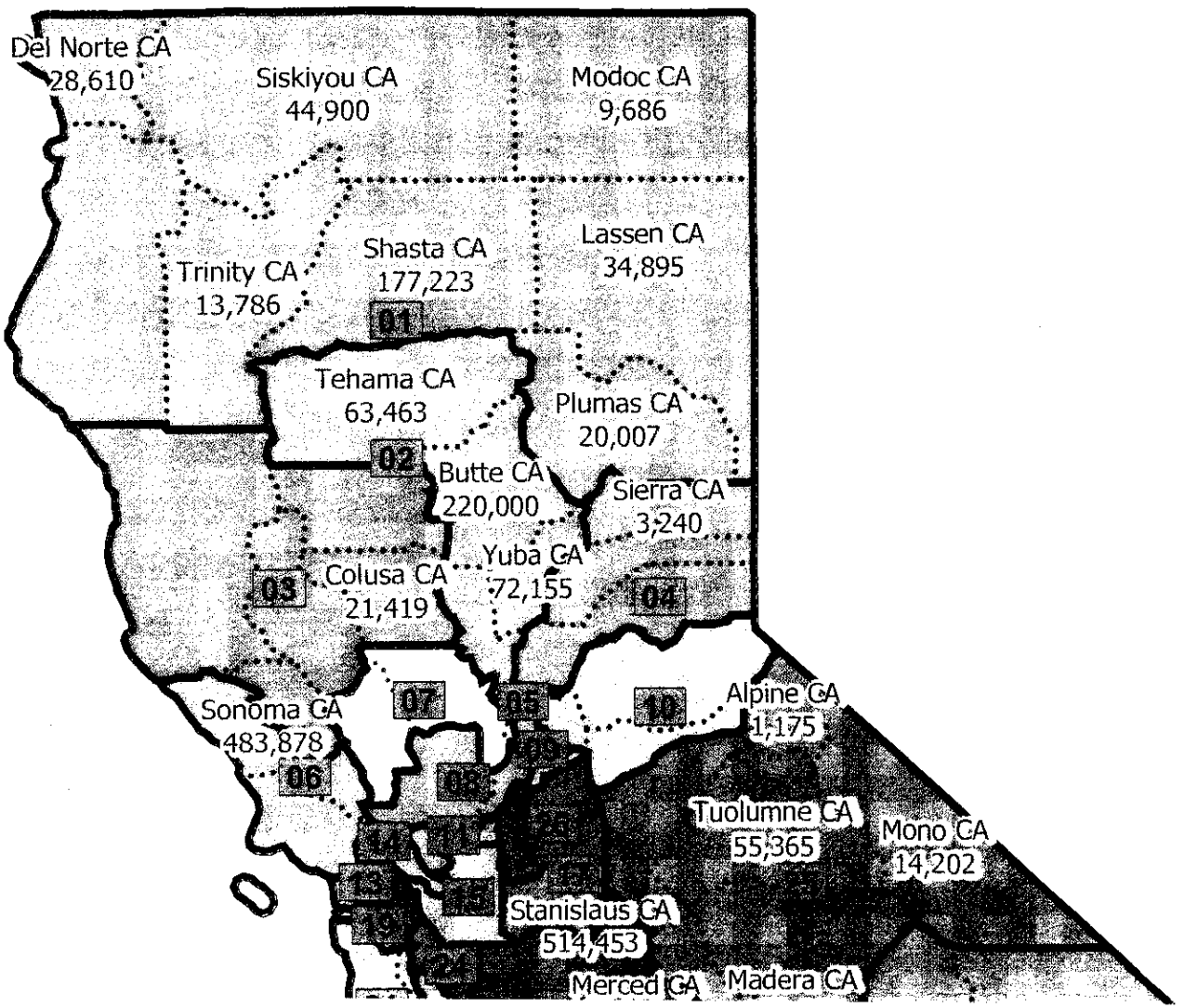
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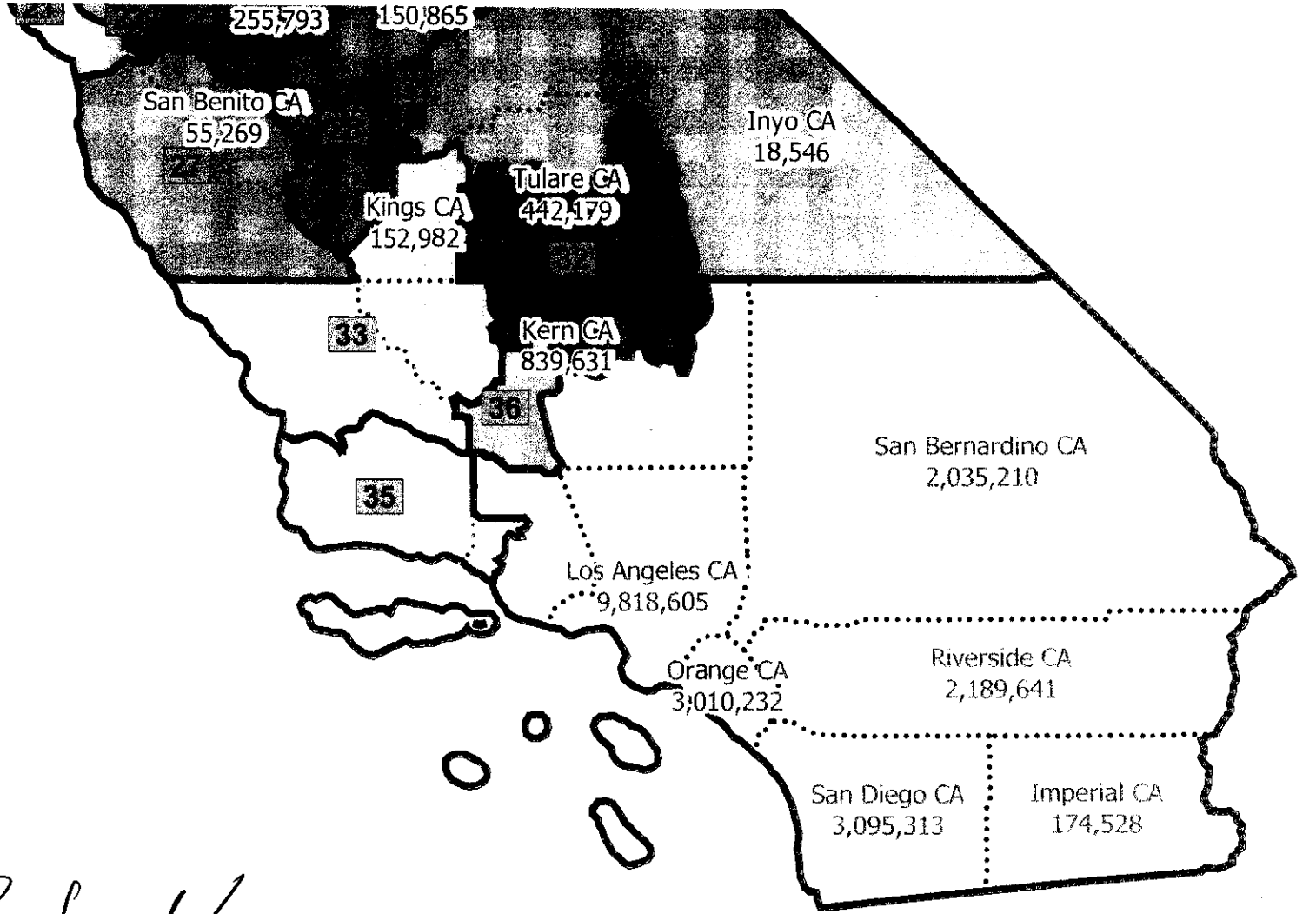
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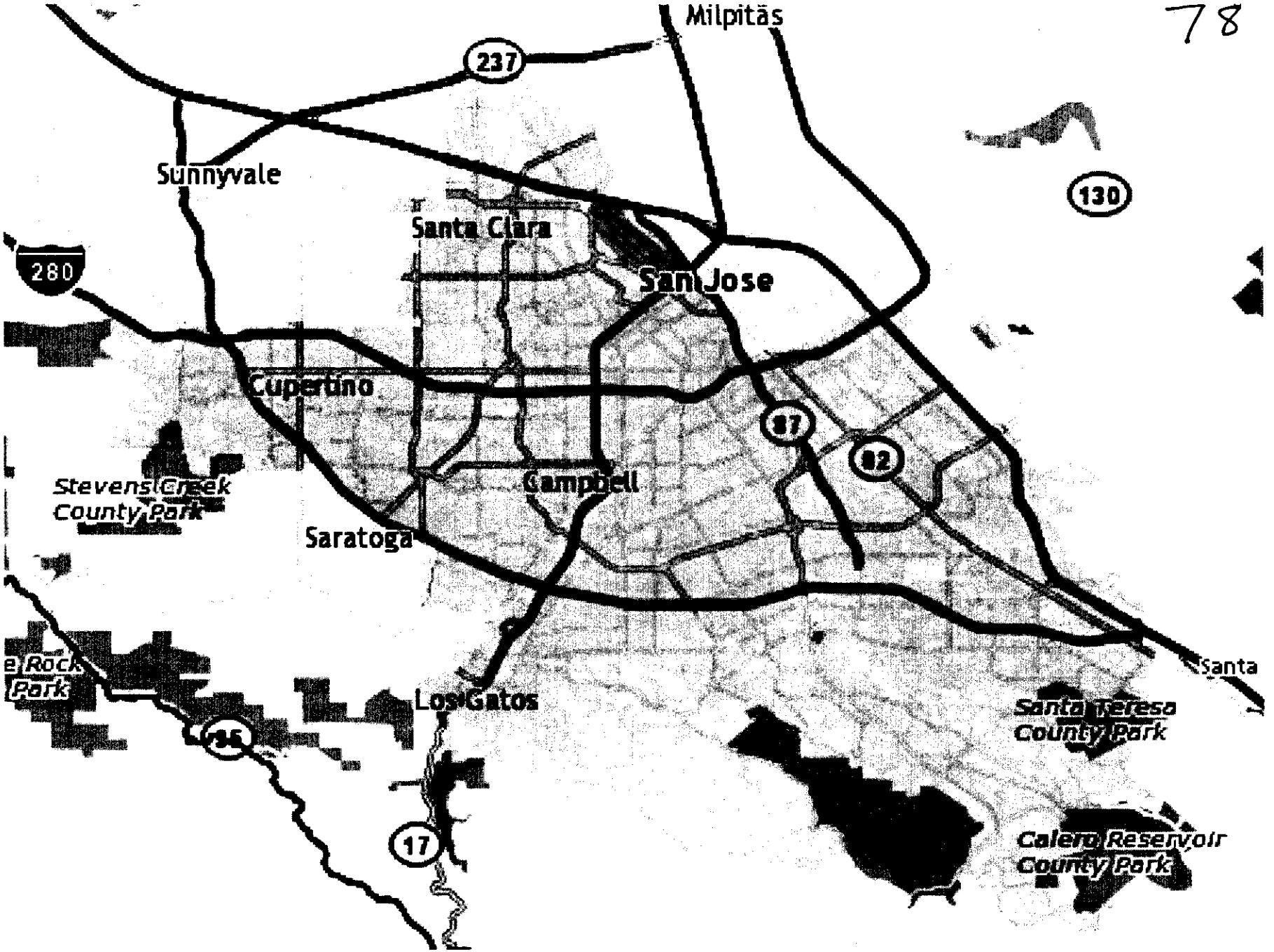

Half of San Jose (West Side, South San Jose), Santa Clara, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos

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Wesley Mukoyama
Resident of Santa Clara

Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: June 25, 2011 in San Jose, CA

My name is Wesley Mukoyama. I have lived in the City of Santa Clara for 37 years. I am the former Executive Director of Yu-Ai Kai Community Center, a Japanese American nonprofit organization in San Jose. I testified before this Commission on May 23, 2011.

The draft assembly and senate districts split up a community of interest consisting of Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Mountain View. These cities share overlapping school districts and common transportation. Highway 101, the 280 Freeway, and El Camino Real come to mind. A number of the Asian ethnic shopping areas are located along El Camino Real in Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. Many of us shop along El Camino Real as well as in Cupertino at the Asian Plaza off Wolfe Road. Also, last time I mentioned that these cities are home to a number of major technology companies, such as Apple, Intel, and Google and many other companies. Many residents of these cities work for these companies.

In both assembly and senate districts, Santa Clara and Cupertino are put in different districts than Sunnyvale and Mountain View. For the reasons mentioned above, please unite Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Mountain View into a Santa Clara County district. These cities share common interests and should be kept together.

Thank you for keeping Berryessa whole with Milpitas. However, the Evergreen neighborhood with an AAPI population of over 50% has been divided into 3 different assembly and 3 state senate districts in your draft maps. Please keep Evergreen whole together in San Jose. And, please prioritize the Voting Rights Act and respect communities of interest

Thank you for listening.

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
June 25, 2011
Mayra E. Cruz, resident of downtown San Jose and work in the Cupertino community. I am an educator. I can be reached at [redacted]

General point

- Exercise the value of inclusiveness of the Latinos and Asian communities. These communities have been disenfranchised historically. They need to have ample opportunities for representation as they are the region's growing population. The Latino community is most vulnerable, low levels of education and low college/university completion rates.

Downtown/East San Jose is At Risk

- The proposed split can negatively impact Alum Rock school district; the school district would be spilt into 3 districts
- The draft assembly and senate districts split the Latino and Asian communities in East San Jose.
    - The neighborhood would be spilt into 3 districts.
    - Keep united San Jose and East San Jose.
    - East San Jose does not want to loose the Latino representation.
    - Keep 44% Latino representation.
    - Overlay current existing boundaries and add southern/bottom potion of community.
- To avoid fragmentation of Latino community, do not to put Alum Rock and East Foothills with a rural district to the east, but instead with downtown San Jose.

Santa Clara/Cupertino/Sunnyvale/Mountain View

- The draft assembly and senate districts split up a community of interest consisting of Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Mountain View,
    - These cities have overlapping school districts and share common transportation corridors such as the 101 highway, the 280 highway, and El Camino Real.
    - Also, these cities share a common technology industry. The cities are home to a number of major technology companies, and many residents of these cities work for these companies.
- In both assembly and senate districts, Santa Clara and Cupertino are put in different districts than Sunnyvale and Mountain View. Unite these four cities into a Santa Clara County district.

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PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FIRM
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June 25, 2011

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

Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of Public Interest Law Firm (PILF), a program of the non-profit Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, I am writing to comment on the proposed Assembly District maps in the Silicon Valley region.

Since 1974, PILF has served the Silicon Valley community by advocating for individuals and groups whose civil and constitutional rights were threatened. The right to vote in public elections is critical. The Law Foundation has a history of protecting local voters' rights; for example, in 2008 we issued a public report based on a county-wide poll monitoring effort that reviewed whether county election officials were providing voters with the language assistance they have the right to receive under federal law.

We echo the concerns stated by the South Bay Committee for Fair Redistricting regarding the draft boundaries for the South Bay in region VII. The new boundaries would divide a unified community of interest in East and Central San Jose. East San Jose self-identifies as a cohesive group of neighborhoods, and East and Central San Jose, including downtown, constitute an urban community of interest whose residents share similar socio-economic characteristics.

Additionally, the proposed maps raise Voting Rights Act concerns by dividing East San Jose and its large Hispanic voting bloc into four Assembly Districts. The current Assembly District 23 has a 34.4% Hispanic citizen voting age population. The four assembly districts in the draft map have no more than a 25% Hispanic citizen voting age population, diluting the Hispanic electoral impact in the largest Hispanic population center in Northern California.

Lastly, we also echo the comments made by BAYMEC regarding the draft map's fracturing of the LGBT community in the City of San Jose. Given the history of discrimination against the LGBT community, this community of interest should be honored.

We respectfully request that the Commission's next iteration of maps address these problems. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our requests.

Respectfully,

Kyra Kazantzis
Directing Attorney

Fred Hirsch #13

The South Bay Committee for Fair Redistricting

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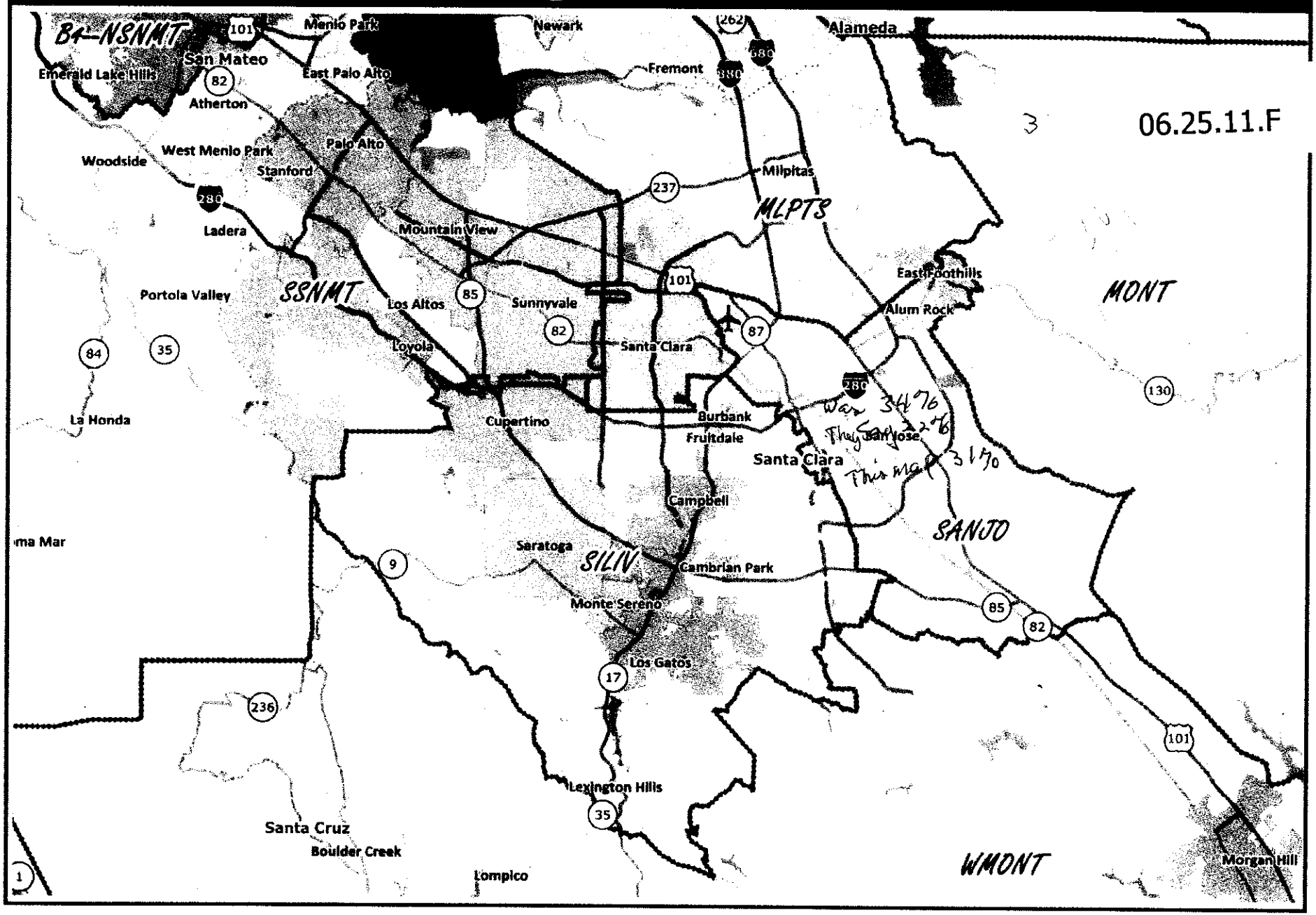

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Advocating for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights in the South Bay
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June 25, 2011

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: San Jose Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) Community Written Public Comment on the Proposed First Draft Redistricting Maps of June 10, 2011.

Dear Commissioners:

The Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC) hereby submits its written comments to protect a core City of San Jose area with one of the highest percentages of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals (LGBT) in California. ***The proposed redistricting lines, voted on by the Commission on June 10, 2011, would divide said core LGBT area in San Jose into three different California Assembly districts.*** The proposed division would unnecessarily cause *de facto* discrimination and a loss of political voice for the LGBT community, a California protected class, that is under consistent and sustained attack by community organizations and political groups that hope to deprive the LGBT community of its civil rights.

THE SAN JOSE LGBT GEOGRAPHIC AREA AT RISK

Attached to this letter are Exhibits A-1 and A-2. Exhibit A-1, from Equality California, provides a street level view of the San Jose LGBT area affected, and Exhibit A-2 provides a clear view of how the proposed redistricting lines divides said area into three proposed state assembly districts. (We shall subsequently refer to this area as the "Core SJ-LGBT Area".)

Please refer to Exhibits A-1 and A-2 for the precise boundaries, but the general triangular boundaries of the Core SJ-LGBT Area are as follows:

- The approximate northeastern boundary of the LGBT area is Highway 101 from approximately De La Cruz proceeding east to the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 280.

- The approximate western boundary of the LGBT area proceeds southeast from Highway 101 and De La Cruz to the intersection of Highway 880 and Highway 280.

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- The approximate southern boundary of the LGBT area is the intersection of Highway 880 and Highway 280 northeast on Highway 280 to the intersection of Highway 280 and Highway 101.

As can be seen on Exhibit A-2, to protect the Core SJ-LGBT Area from splintering into three state assembly districts, the Commission would only need to make a minor change.

LGBT POPULATION IN THE CORE SJ-LGBT AREA

The Core SJ-LGBT Area is locally well known for having the highest concentrations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community members in the City of San Jose. However, this is statistically confirmed by Equality California (EQCA), the statewide LGBT organization, who hired Redistricting Partners, a professional population data analysis company, to map out the highest density LGBT areas. The methodology used by Redistricting Partners for EQCA is as follows:

> "The database created for EQCA by Redistricting Partners includes the following datasets. Each dataset was imported and ranked based on density within the census block group level. These rankings were then summed and used to create the final ranking, called the LGBT Blend Rank or LGBT COI (Community of Interest). This methodology has been reviewed by the Williams Institute and university researchers from USC and CSU."

According to EQCA and Redistricting Partners, the Core SJ-LGBT Area is in the top 90%-99% percentile of areas in California with dense populations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals. A list of databases used and the description of the methodology is attached as Exhibit B.

SUMMARY

Therefore, if the Commission does not modify its proposed first draft, one of the most important LGBT areas in the State of California will be divided. This would cause a disproportionately negative impact on the LGBT community. We assume the Commission is aware of the long history of discrimination against LGBT citizens, which resulted in the California Supreme Court determining that sexual orientation is, like race, a protected class, and that any discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is subject to strict scrutiny (*In re Marriage Cases* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 757 [76 Cal.Rptr.3d 683, 183 P.3d 384]).

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The rights of the state's LGBT community are at stake, and how this Commission responds to information that its first draft would disempower an important LGBT community in California will be part of the history of this time. We pray that this honorable commission decides to protect the Core SJ-LGBT Area.

Very truly yours,

Thanh Ngo

Thanh Ngo, President
BAYMEC

Attachments

ABOUT BAYMEC

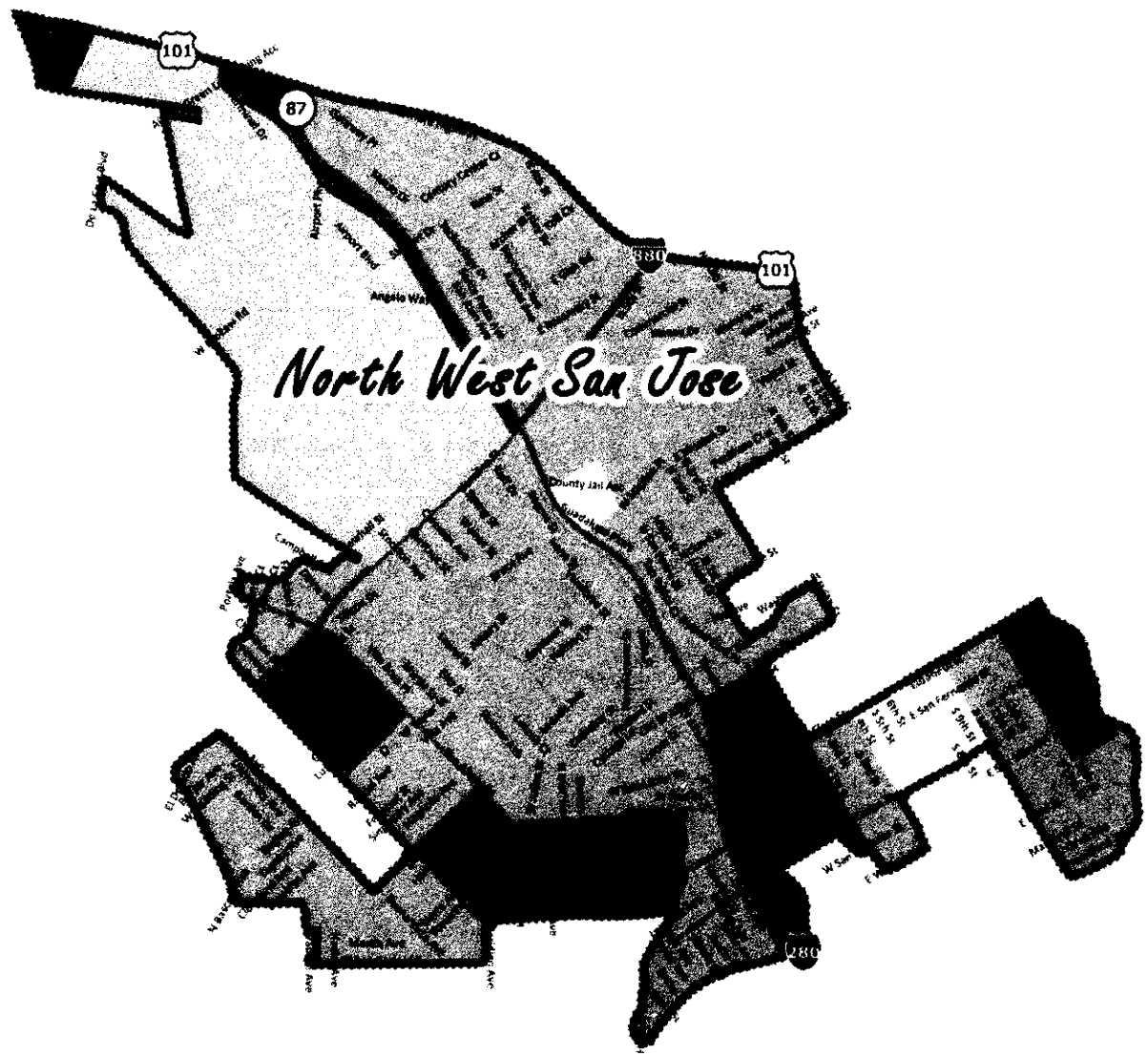
BAYMEC is a four-county lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) non-partisan group that has been advocating for the civil rights of LGBT people since 1984. It is the only political action committee (PAC) dedicated to this purpose in the counties of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey. BAYMEC is governed by a Board of Directors and is supported solely through private contributions. The organization's purpose is to lobby and fight for LGBT civil rights. For over 27 years, BAYMEC has raised its concerns with countless politicians; worked to elect LGBT people and supportive allies to political offices; lobbied Sacramento and the state on AIDS and LGBT civil rights; and worked with police, fire department, governmental, organizational, and a variety of community groups to further equality for LGBTs. BAYMEC provides an experienced, broad-based, and coherent political voice for the LGBT community.

EQ CA

Equality California | eqca.org

LGBT Community of Interest Map

NORTH WEST SAN JOSE



LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-94th Percentile
- 95-97th Percentile
- 98-99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	39,287
pdi_domesticpartner	382
No on Prop 8	71%
Yes on Prop 8	29%
No on Prop 22	63%
Yes on Prop 22	37%
Prop 8 Donors	148
Prop 22 donors	23
LGBT Organizations	993
SSHN Count	288
Men_SSHN	155
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POSSLQ_Count	505

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EXHIBIT A-1

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EXHIBIT A-2

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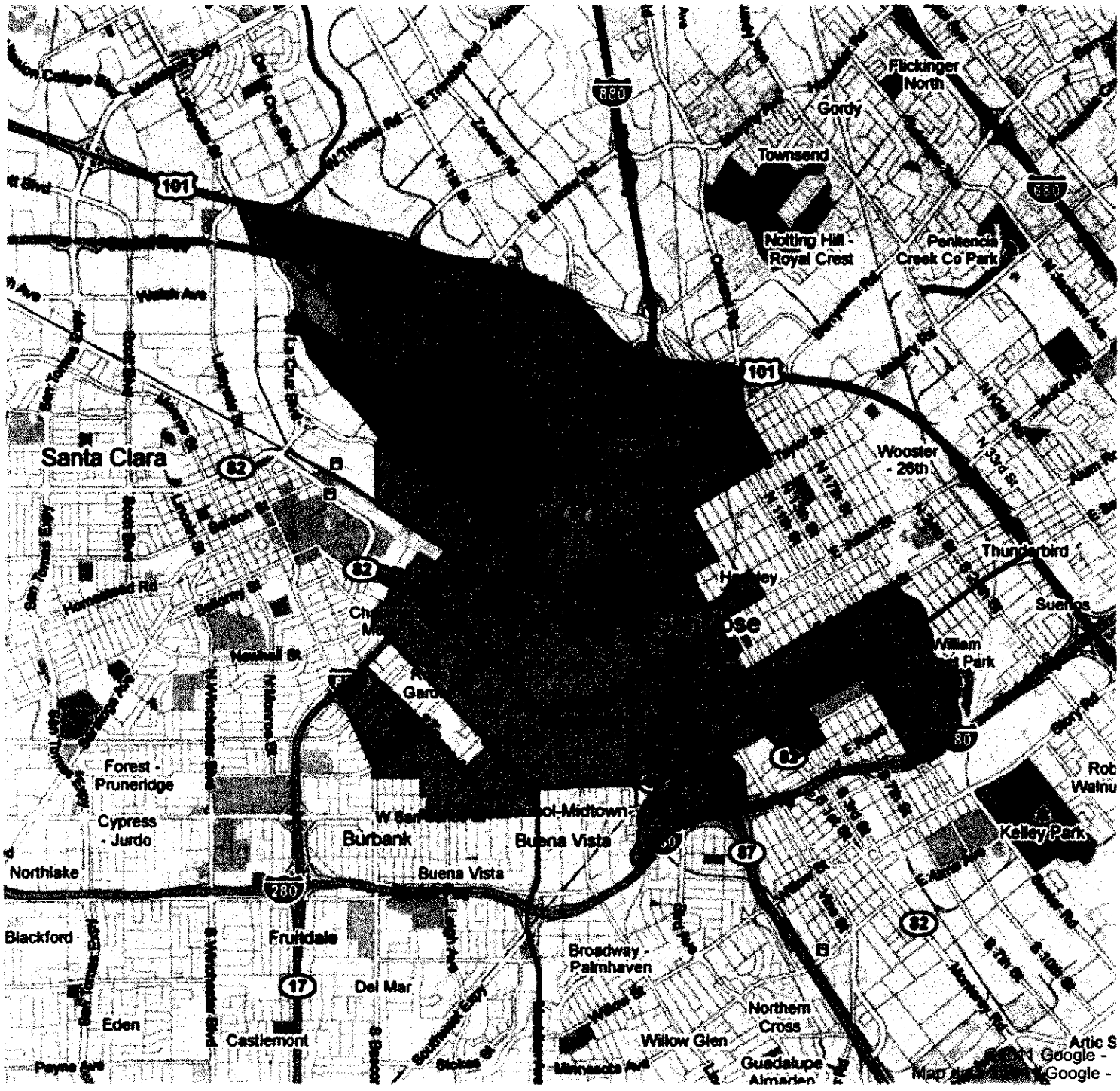

EXHIBIT B #14

Equality California | eqca.org

Database Outline

The database created for EQCA by Redistricting Partners includes the following datasets. Each dataset was imported and ranked based on density within the census block group level. These rankings were then summed and used to create the final ranking, called the LGBT Blend Rank or LGBT COI (Community of Interest). This methodology has been reviewed by the Williams Institute and university researchers from USC and CSU.

Person and Household Datasets

	Level	Datapoints	Denominator	Source
Equality California Donors and Members	Address	358,000	18+ Population	EQCA
National Center for Lesbian Rights Donors	Zip Code	18,838	18+ Population	NCLR
Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Donors	Zip Code	7,655	18+ Population	VF
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force	Zip Codes	27,080	18+ Population	TF
Domestic Partner Database	Address	80,000	18+ Population	Secretary of State
Donors No on 22	Zip Code	6,399	2001 18+ Pop	Secretary of State
Donors No on Prop 8	Zip Code	47,019	18+ Population	Secretary of State
Same Sex Heads of Household	Census Tract	96,874	Households	US Census American Community Survey
POSSLQ Voters	Census Block	*198,230*	2 Voter HH	Political Data Inc.
Total Datapoints		***840,095***		

Election Outcome Datasets

	Level	Denominator	Source
Prop 8 No	Census Block	2008 General Votes Cast	Political Data Inc.
Prop 22 No	Census Block	2000 Primary Votes Cast	Statewide Database

BAYMEC

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Advocating for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights in the South Bay

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June 25, 2011

REQUESTED FINDINGS

BAYMEC respectfully requests that:

1. This Commission find that the geographic area that is designated in its letter, dated June 25, 2011, as the Core SJ-LGBT Area, submitted as Exhibit A-1, is geographically contiguous;

2. This Commission make a factual finding that the data presented in said letter is accurate and there exists an extremely high concentration of LGBT voters residing in the Core SJ-LGBT Area;

3. This Commission find the extremely high concentration of LGBT voters residing in the Core SJ-LGBT Area constitutes a "Community of Interest" as described in Proposition 11; and

4. Since the Core SJ-LGBT Area is a "Community of Interest" under Proposition 11, it must be kept together in one state assembly district.

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My name is Rob Bernosky. I live in San Benito County and am a former school board member of the North County Join Union School District and currently a board member and president of the County Committee on School District Organization. My wife is a superintendent of a rural school district and together we are very active in our community, especially when it comes to children and education. I would like to start out by saying I had great hopes for the Redistricting Commission because I believe a fundamental problem with California is that lawmakers are not truly connected to their constituents. You have legislators that are in too many communities of interest, and they are pulled into too many different issues that they cannot be effective in addressing. Fixing this will work towards a better California.

That said, I am finding the treatment of my county in the Merced Senate plan curious and perhaps disenfranchised. Here is why:

- First off, the fact that you call the district Merced shows where the focus is.
- It's a really long drive to Los Banos or Modesto and it's not one a legislator is going to make often enough. It's not a drive many of us make either.
- San Benito County really looks to Salinas in Monterey County and on up Highway 101 to Gilroy, Morgan Hill and on to San Jose
- Our children attend community colleges in Gilroy and Salinas. We get health care at hospital facilities in Salinas and Gilroy. The children of our county attend college at Cal-State Monterey or San Jose State.
- [redacted].
- I really do feel that you can draw districts that meet the voting right act standards and don't treat San Benito County as an afterthought by going north on Highway 101 and picking up the Latino population needed for Assembly and Senate seats.
- The Central Valley should have its own district and not be connected to areas that literally have no cultural connection in terms of livelihood and focus.

- Finally, please consider this. The new maps reflect an assembly district that connects San Benito County to Watsonville, a city that has a mountain range between in and very dangerous roads. Yet we become disconnected from Gilroy and Morgan Hill, which are along the natural corridor created by highway 101 and is where we have school inter-district transfer agreements, and is where my children for example, were born, get their braces, and what many people in our county work. San Benito is literally connected to Santa Clara County and literally disconnected from Santa Cruz County by way of a mountain range and horrible roads. Please take this into consideration and do what you were charged with: compact communities of interest. Let us know our lawmakers.

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Andrés Quintero
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San Jose, CA 95148

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

Esteemed Commissioners:

My name is Andrés Quintero and I am from East San José. I am here to urge to keep East San José whole in a San Jose district. Your current visualization tears East San Jose into three and San Jose in half. East San Jose has been fighting for years to receive proper representation at all levels of government. In the 1980's we asked to be provided a district where East San José could elect someone from our community and we were ignored by both the Democrats and Republicans. In the 1990's the Supreme Court rectified the situation and provided East San Jose a district that could be won by someone from our community and the same held true until now. These visualization take us back thirty years. Furthermore, they tear the birth place of Latino Civil Rights activism in half by taking the historical home of Cesar Chavez and the headquarters of the Community Service Organization (non Profit where Cesar Chavez began his civil rights work) and place it in the Alameda County Assembly District. The current visualizations tear King Road in half, the birth place of Chicano culture in San Jose. I urge you to consider the negative consequences that the current lines have on East San José and allow us to maintain the progress which we have been able to make so far. Don't take us back to 1980 when the Legislature ignored East San José.

Please consider using one of the attached maps a guide for a district that would be acceptable to residents of East San José.

Respectfully,

Andres Quintero

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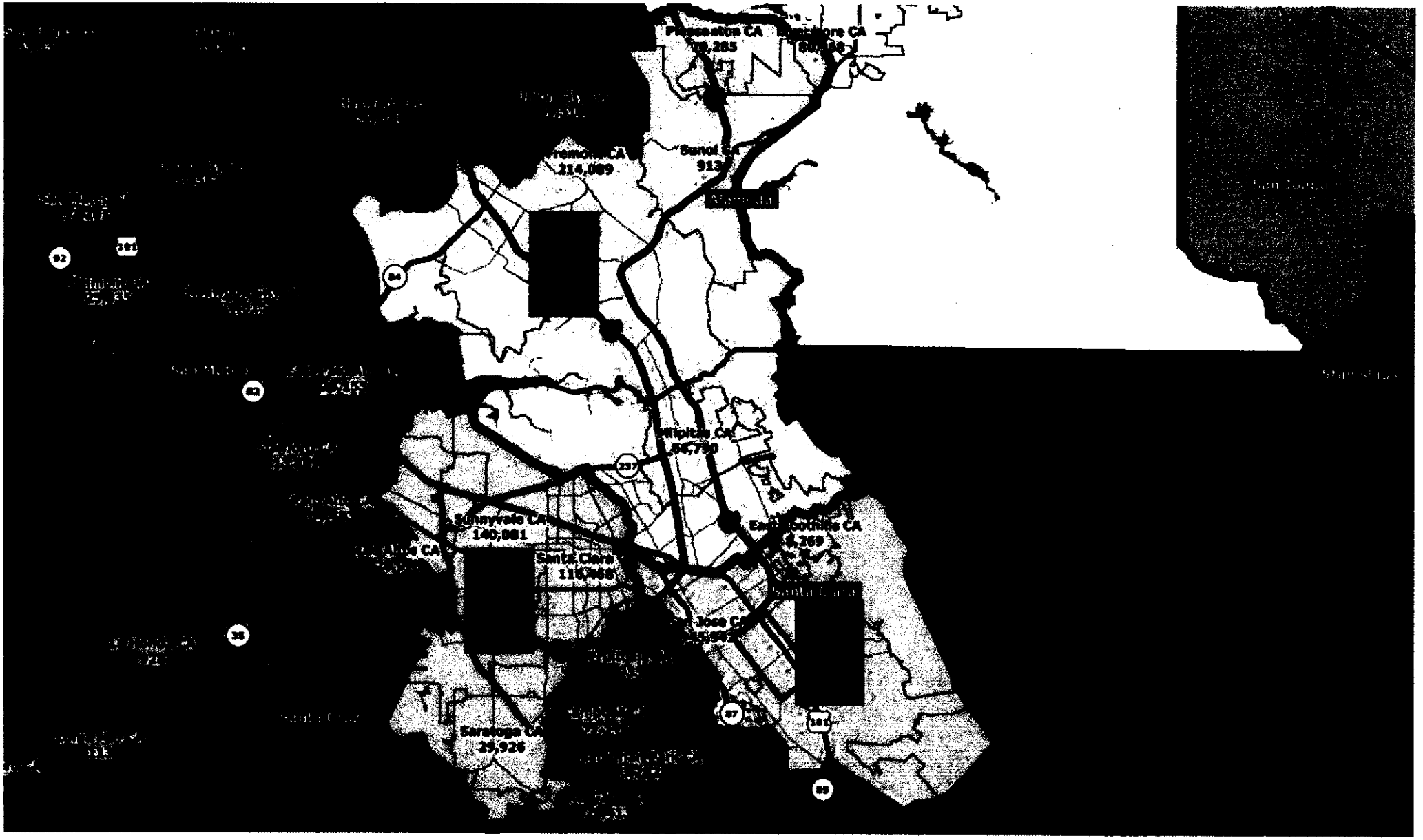

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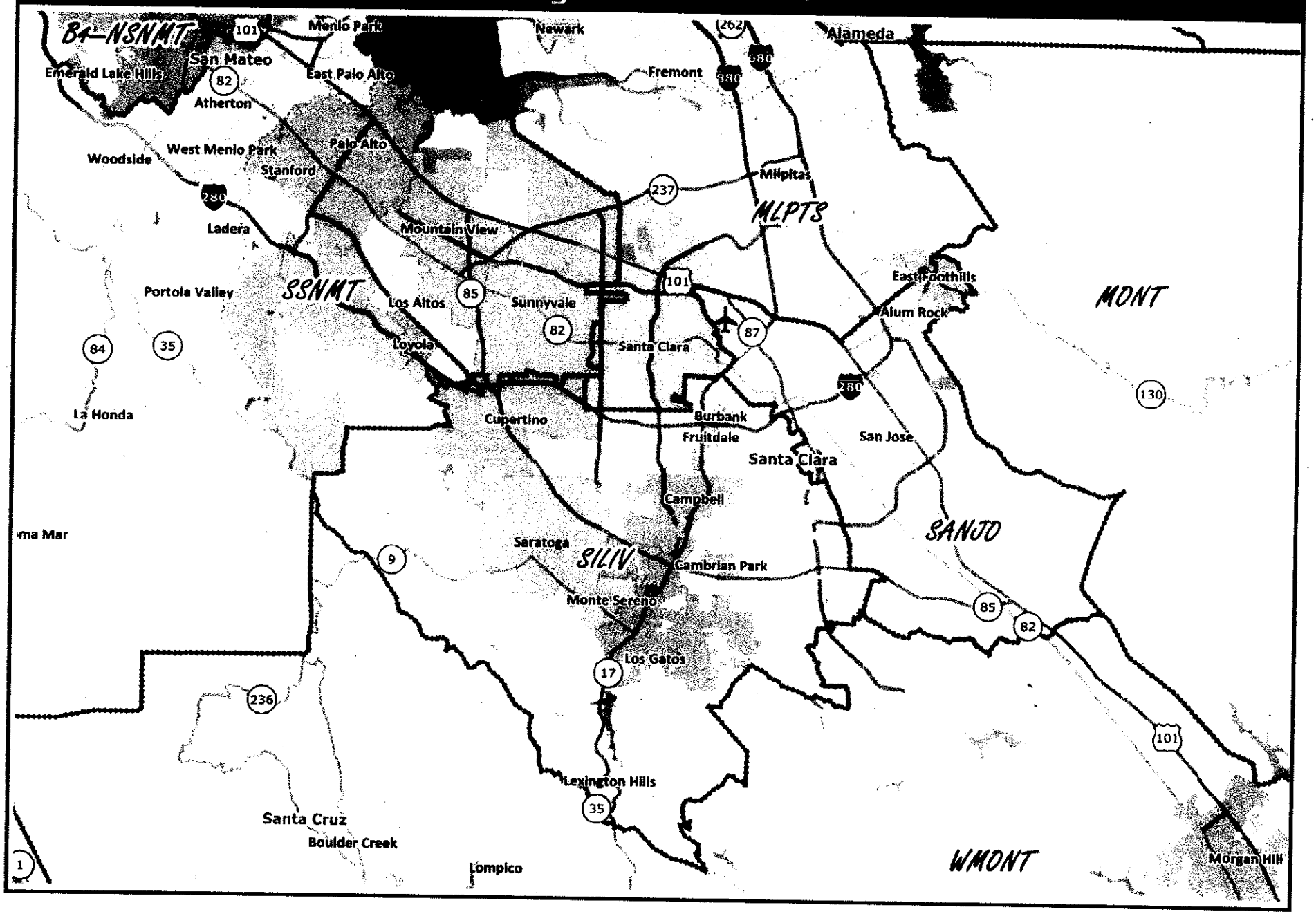

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Good Afternoon Commissioners: My name is George Sanchez. I am a long term resident of Santa Clara County. I am an educator and have worked with high school students for many years focusing on keeping our students in school and encouraging them to go to college. I have also served on the Franklin-McKinley School Board for the past 18 years. My elementary school district serves many low income students who are doing well in their studies and getting prepared for the high school A-G curriculum. I want to call your attention to Thursday's editorial in the San Jose Mercury News regarding the work of the Commission. They point out that the draft maps that you propose have a serious flaw in that they disenfranchise our Latino population. The editorial points out that your maps, unfortunately, break up East San Jose's Assembly District 23, which is heavily Latino, into three different districts thereby splitting a community of interest. Your actions to divide our community into three Assembly and Senate districts will completely dilute our voice at the state level and divide our community of interest. I would like to recommend to the Commission that you maintain the 23rd Assembly District, as is, with only minor adjustments. The district is reasonably compact. I would also urge that the 28th Assembly District be maintained, as it is also reasonably compact. This last decade we have elected Assembly Members who have served our community well and given us important leadership at the state level. I would then recommend that the 23rd and 28th Assembly Districts should be nested together to form a Senate District that combines communities of interest in Santa Clara, Monterey and San Benito Counties. I recommend this because there are common similarities in these districts that form an effective community of interest. The income and poverty levels are similar, the educational needs are similar, there are cultural similarities, and employment needs are similar. There is also a transportation corridor that runs through the center of these two districts. In closing, I would like to thank the Commission for the important work that you are doing for our great state.

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June 25, 2011

Testimony by Rudy J. Rodriguez
Public Comment on the Proposed First Draft Redistricting Maps of 6/10/11

Speaker # 25

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

Commissioners:

My name is Rudy Rodriguez. I am a long term resident of Santa Clara County. I work in the private-sector in the insurance industry. I have been very active in the San Jose community sitting on several non-profit boards and recently I was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees in the Franklin-McKinley School District.

I want to express my dissatisfaction with the first draft San Jose Assembly and Senate district maps that were released by the Commission on June 7th, 2011. These maps represent a dilution of the critical political leadership of East San Jose. Our community has historically been disenfranchised. And only recently have we experienced success in electing representatives that truly represent our community.

Your actions to divide our community into three Assembly and Senate districts will completely dilute the districts' voice at the state level and divide our community of interest.

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In closing, I would also urge the Commission to please not divide our community of interest. We are making significant improvements in the quality of our lives, in part because of the leadership being provided in the schools and at the local and state levels. We want and need to take responsibility for the betterment of our community. Please don't deprive us of this important leadership role.

Contact: Rudy J. Rodriguez
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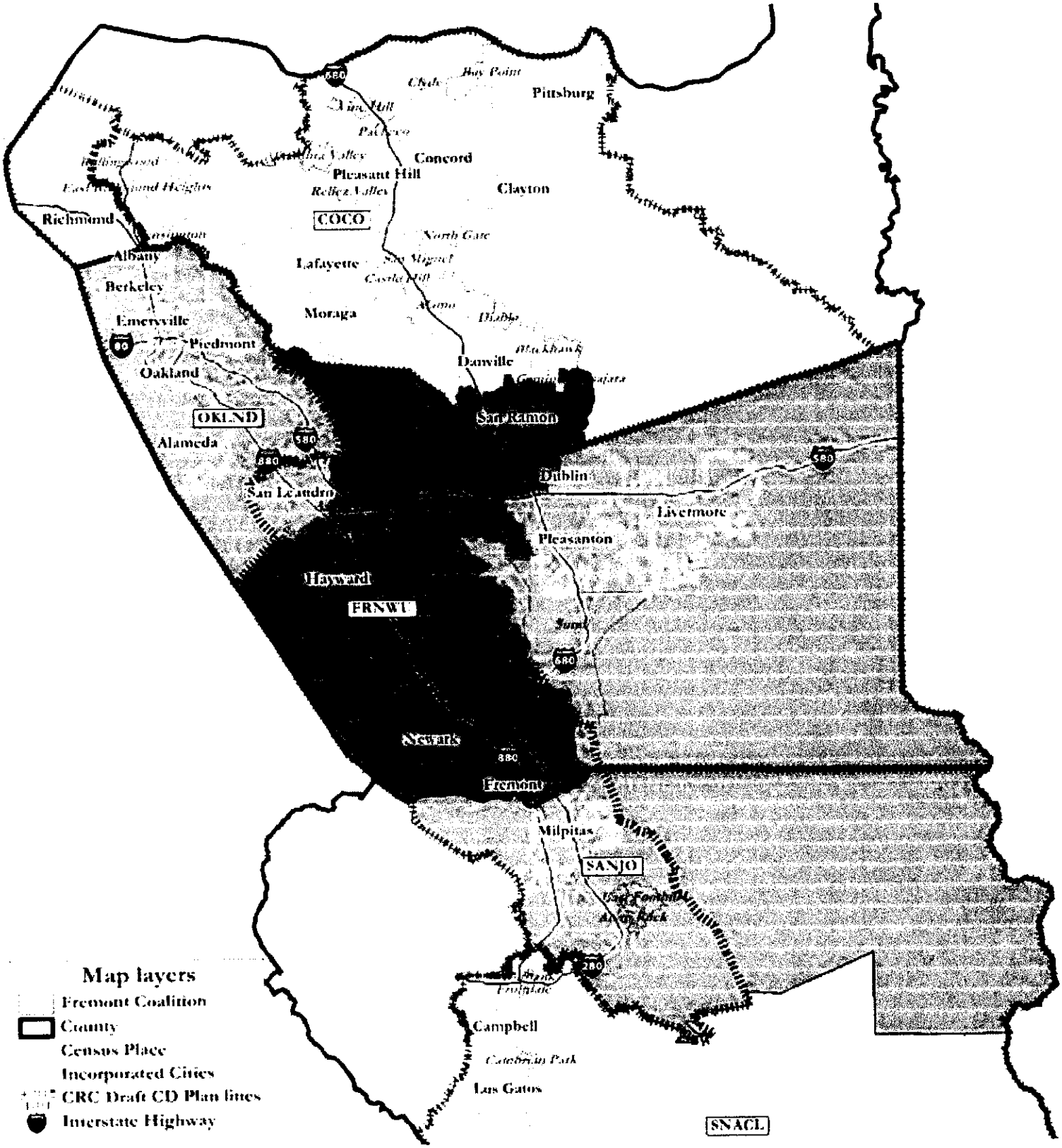
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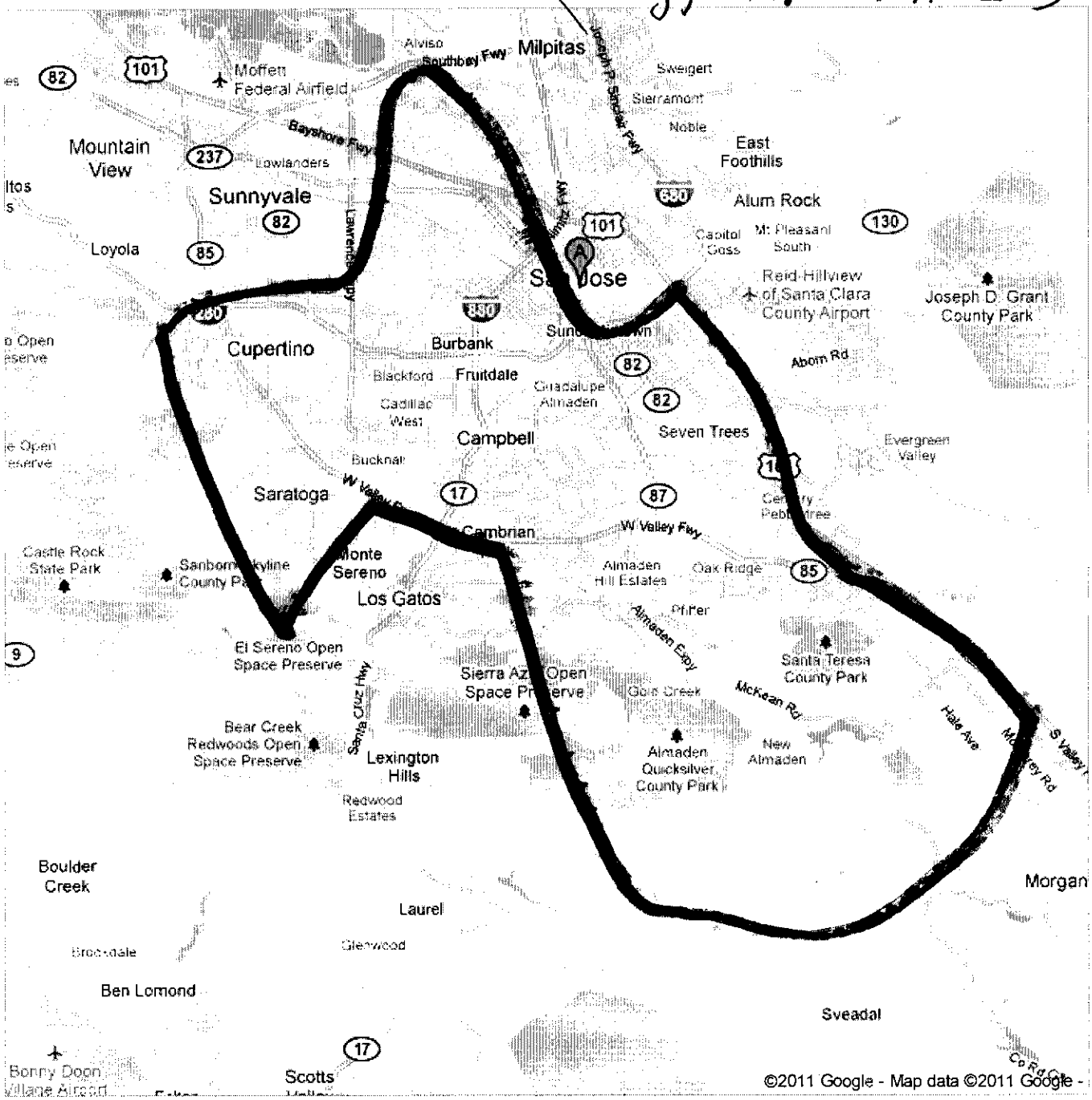

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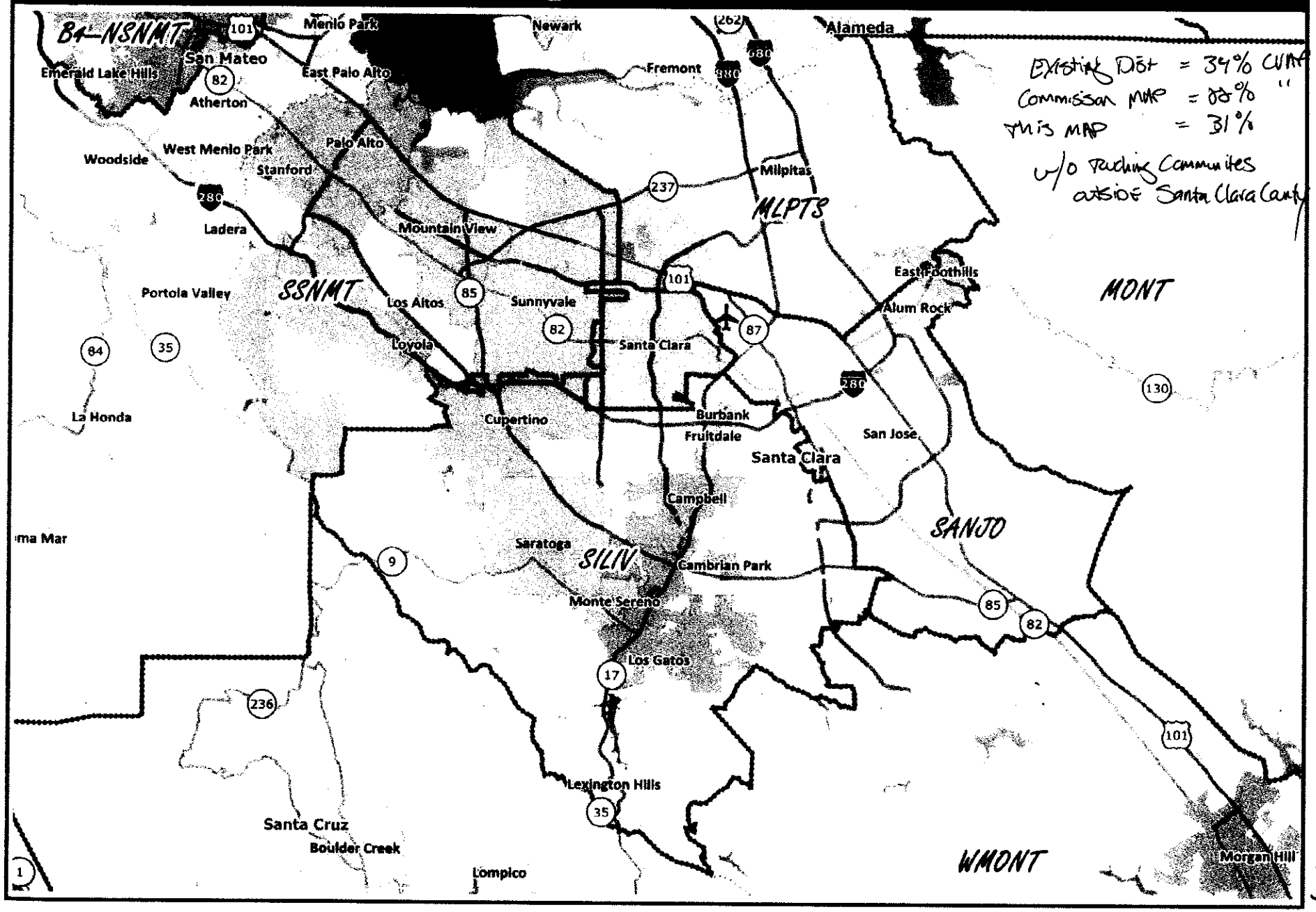

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