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Subject:Redistricting - Ventura County

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We are absolutely dismayed and opposed to the proposed redistricting in Ventura County that splits our city of residence, Thousand Oaks, in two parts for both the Assembly and State Senate Districts. Thousand Oaks is a homogenous community that deserves to be represented in the state legislature by a single person. Our interests are better served by representation that also include neighboring parts of Ventura County. We have no interests in common with any part of Los Angeles County, including the San Fernando Valley, and in the case of the proposed state senate district, Santa Clarita.

And even in the district representing the western part of Thousand Oaks, we will be allied to all of western Ventura County with whom we do not share interests as much as we do with such communities as Moorpark, Simi Valley and Camarillo.

The proposed districts will essentially disenfranchise the citizens of Thousand Oaks as we will be about 15% of each of two districts and therefore are likely to have scant attention paid to our needs. If we are represented by a single individual as we are now, we represent a large enough portion of the district to be well served, as we are now.

Furthermore, we would anticipate that legislators in districts as now drawn are very unlikely to have local offices in Thousand Oaks that reduces the opportunities for citizens to seek assistance on the many matter legislators attend to in their communities.

The commission is under strict guidelines to avoid "politicizing" the process, but it seems to me the guidelines do include keeping communities together. Your actions with respect to Thousand Oaks and its 127,000 residents are not in support of this concept. Please redraw the lines.

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