

Region 6: Kern

A personal note ...

JUN 08 2011

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: DONNA D'ANZA - 209 W. Benson Ave
Ridgecrest, Ca. 93555

Subj: Redistricting

1 - Ridgecrest is located in the
Indian Wells Valley NOT Antelope
Valley.

2 - Asking you to keep our current
boundaries inside the boundaries
of Kern County Districts for Congress,
Assembly and State Senate as
they are now. Thank you

Donna D'Anza
A Concerned Citizen

Region #6: Kern

Citizen's Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

JUN 08 2011

Dear Members of the Commission:

My name is Sue Davis and I own and operate People's Hilly Handbags, a small business in Ridgecrest, California. Ridgecrest is located in Region 6, in the northeastern portion of Kern County.

I am writing to you today in favor of keeping Ridgecrest located with the rest of our Kern County neighbors with respect to our federal and state legislative districts. Our area forms a definite "Community of Interest" with the rest of Kern County. We share county resources and services with our neighbors in communities such as Bakersfield, Tehachapi, and Mojave, and should therefore share political representation. In addition, our community is home to the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, which is part of an aerospace corridor with installations at Mojave Spaceport and Edwards Air Force Base. Keeping Ridgecrest located as is makes the most sense for our community.

Thank you for your time and interest in California's future.

Sincerely,



Business Owner

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Ona Taylor

Ridgecrest, CA 93556-1541

May 18-2011

DEAR SER/MS:

I AM A LADY OF AGE 65. MY HUSBAND IS 75. I WAS BORN IN BAKERSFIELD AND MY HUSBAND WAS RAISED THERE. I HAVE LIVED IN RIDGECREST SINCE AGE 9. SO I HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES IN THE CITY ITSELF. MOST OF THE OUTLYING AREA REMAINS BASICALLY THE SAME UNSPOILED SCENERY. THAT IS THE CHARM OF LIVING HERE.

THE MILITARY BASE AT CHINA LAKE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT FACTOR OF THIS COMMUNITY. AND THEIR CONNECTION TO EDWARDS AFB. MANY MILITARY AND SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL HAVE CHOSEN TO STAY HERE AFTER RETIREMENT. DUE TO THE CLOSENESS OF THE PEOPLE HERE.

WHEN WE GO OUT OF TOWN TO SHOP ITS USUALLY ALWAYS TO BAKERSFIELD. MAYBE TO LANCASTER. BUT NEVER LOS ANGELES.

WE ARE AGAINST RE-DISTRICTING AS OUR SMALL COMMUNITY AND KERN COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE POPULATION THAT GOES WITH THE COST OF LIVING EXPENSE THAT LARGER SO. CAL COUNTIES HAVE.

OUR TRASH IS BEING COMPARED TO LA AND OUR TRASH BILL WENT UP 3X'S OF WHAT WE PAID BEFORE. AND THAT WOULDN'T STOP THERE IF WE WERE REDISTRICTED.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN EAST KERN COUNTY BY THE SIERRA NEW MTS. AND WE CANNOT SEE ANY BENEFIT TO THE STATE TO CHANGE IT NOW OR EVER.

WE VOTE (NO) TO REDISTRICTING

Thank You

TED + DINA TAYLOR

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Citizen's Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the Commission:

My name is ROBERT COLLINS and I live in Ridgecrest, California. Ridgecrest is located in Region 6, in the northeastern portion of Kern County.

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Thank you for your time and interest in California's future.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Collins



Law Office of Steven Boster

RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA 93555

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Region #6: kern

17 May 2011

Citizen's Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Members of the Commission:

I am the attorney and proprietor of the Law Office of Steven Boster, a small business in Ridgecrest, California. Ridgecrest is in Region 6, in the northeastern portion of Kern County.

I strongly urge you to keep Ridgecrest in the same districts with the rest of our Kern County neighbors. I believe this is essential for both our federal and state legislative districts.

This area forms a definite "Community of Interest" with the rest of Kern County. We have no such common interests with San Bernardino or Los Angeles counties.

As part of Kern County we share county resources and services with our neighbors in communities such as Bakersfield, Tehachapi, and Mojave, and logically should therefore share political representation.

Further, this community is home to the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, which is part of an aerospace corridor with installations at Mojave Spaceport and Edwards Air Force Base, all of which are totally located or headquartered in Kern County. Keeping Ridgecrest in a Kern County district is the most logical answer for the reasons stated above; and, from my prospective, makes the most sense for Ridgecrest and the Indian Wells Valley.

Thank you for your time in considering this comment.


Sincerely,
Steven Boster, Esq.

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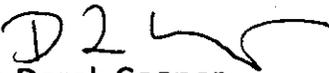
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To the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am writing this letter to urge you to continue to have the Indian Wells Valley town of Ridgecrest to continue to be represented by Bakersfield in Kern County. We are in the most North Eastern part of Kern County with a population of approximately 35K. The nearest large city for us to go shopping is Bakersfield.

There is talk of adding us to Los Angeles or San Bernadino county. We have ZERO economic and social interest's in those two counties. They have no idea of where we are at and probably could care less about us. We have been represented by Kern County for over 55 years that I can attest to and it should stay that way. They know our concerns and have provide us with fair and effective representation, something that would disappear if we were added to Los Angeles or San Bernadino.

I urge members of this commission to leave us alone and keep us in Kern County as we have been for decades. Any change would give us no representation in the new district which has nothing in common with us. We need to keep our current boundaries which are crucial to our economic and social wellbeing.


v/r Derek Cooper

[Redacted]

Ridgecrest, Ca 93555

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RIDGECREST, CA 93555

21 MAY 2011

CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
1130 K STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

DEAR COMMISSION MEMBERS:

AS A 56 PLUS YEAR RESIDENT, BUSINESS OWNER HAVE GREAT CONCERN THAT OUR RIDGECREST IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A BOUNDARY CHANGE!

I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER OUR EAST KERN COUNTY LOCATION AND THE SERIOUS IMPACT A CHANGE FROM OUR KERN COUNTY BOUNDARY WOULD HAVE ON US AND INYOKERN, AS WELL AS OUR CHINA LAKE NAVAL BASE.

WE ARE QUITE ISOLATED HERE IN THE MOJAVE DESERT AND ALL OF US HAVE SPENT OUR YEARS ESTABLISHING SOCIAL AND BUSINESS TIES TO THE GREATER KERN COUNTY AND BAKERSFIELD.

OUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY MUST CONTINUED WITH BAKERSFIELD AND KERN COUNTY.

OUR CONNECTIONS TO BAKERSFIELD ARE UNLIMITED: BUSINESS, HEALTH FACILITIES, ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SCHOOL SYSTEM (PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE), ALL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, ETC. ESPECIALLY FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICES.

I/WE HAVE SO MUCH IN COMMON WITH OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES AND THE KERN VALLEY WITH IT'S VARIETY OF RECREATION WE SHARE.

WE ARE A MILITARY COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORS TO EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, A SECOND ONE IN KERN COUNTY. EMPLOYEES OF BOTH INSTALLATIONS DEPEND ON OUR KERN COUNTY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES SO NECESSARY.

I/WE REALIZE YOUR CHALLENGING TASK BUT URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR RIDGECREST-CHINA LAKE AND EASTERN KERN COUNTY LINES UNCHANGED.

VERY TRULY YOURS,



KATHLEEN ARMSTRONG

JUN 08 2011

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May 20, 2011

Redistricting Commission

Considering redistricting Ridgecrest

I have lived in Ridgecrest 36 years and am so thankful we are in Kern County. Our Community depends upon the Naval Base and are pleased the Los Angeles didn't use our desert for a dumping ground of their waists that would affect the testing of aircrafts because of the birds that would be attracted to the dump and in danger the aircraft.

We are very grateful to the 2 wonderful Grants we recently received from the Arts Council of Kern. Both our Maturango Museum and Desert Community Orchestra received moneys to further their causes plus a matchin \$1000 fund from the Arts Council of Kern.

The Desert community orchestra has been under the direction of Robert Martinez of Bakersfield College for the last 15 years.

Many of our painting and design Artists have participated in Galleries in Bakersfield. We have a good working relationship with Bakersfield.

Kevin McCarthy is from Kern County and as a member of Congress has been involved with keeping the BRAC to keep our Naval Base . We are proud to have him represent us.

We want to stay in Kern County and NOT be put into another District

Sincerely,

Carol Wilcher

██████████, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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

May 31, 2011

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to express the need for my community of Ridgecrest California to maintain our current boundaries for Congressional and state districts so that our representation is kept together with the rest of Kern County. Ridgecrest California depends on ties in business, economics, health care specialty treatment, education, recreation, and rural alliances with the rest of Kern County.

Ridgecrest is adjacent to China Lake Naval Base a research facility whose work force resides in our community and the surrounding valley. China Lake Naval Base is part of a military research corridor that shares air space and does joint research and missions with a neighboring base Edwards Air Force Base also located in Kern County. These military base communities depend on valuable resources provided by the County of Kern in the forms of: maintaining oversight of local public school districts by the County Superintendent of Schools, providing access to higher education through the County Community College District (Cerro Coso C.C. in Ridgecrest), furnishing services if needed from the County Search, Rescue and Sheriff's Departments.

Ridgecrest is also part of the Highway 178 Tourism Corridor which links various rural communities across Kern County (going from west to east) via historic sites, nature tours, outdoor recreation starting in Bakersfield at Buck Owens Crystal Palace. Just to mention a few stops along Highway 178 in Kern County include: Greenhorn Ranger Station and Kernville gateways to Sequoia National Forest, Lake Isabella and Dam water recreational area, Kennedy Meadows Golden Trout Wilderness, Walker Pass, Pacific Crest Trail, Jawbone-Butterbredt open OHV area, Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest and the China Lake National Museum on China Lake Naval Base. Ridgecrest also has active branches of the Sierra Club (Owens-Peake Group) and the Kern Crest Audubon Society linked with parent organizations in Bakersfield.

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Ridgecrest is a rural community that is in a County that is mostly rural. The vast majority of people who move here are looking to get away from counties that are dominated by large metropolises and urban interests. With that said we have much more in common being represented by representatives from Kern County.

Thank you for your time and hard work on redistricting,

Sincerely,

Louise D McIntosh

**Name: Louise D McIntosh
Ridgecrest, CA**

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Name: Charles J. McIntosh
Ridgecrest, CA