

**Subject:** Public Comment: 6 - Kern

**From:** Richard Cayia Rowe <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 17:03:37 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Subject: I oppose moving the Kern River Valley (around Lake Isabella in Kern County) to Assembly District 34 (Connie Conway).

Message Body:

NOTE: also submitted by e-mail to [REDACTED] with PDF file attachment

TO: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

RE: Tulare Assembly District (34)

I oppose moving the Kern River Valley (around Lake Isabella in Kern County) to Assembly District 34 (Connie Conway). We are now part of Assembly District 32 (Shannon Grove).

RELEVANT MAP: Tulare [http://c365736.r36.cf2.rackcdn.com/maps\\_20110610\\_q2\\_ad\\_central\\_tlr.pdf](http://c365736.r36.cf2.rackcdn.com/maps_20110610_q2_ad_central_tlr.pdf)

MY REASONING:

- Our issues relate more to Bakersfield (our county seat), Tehachapi & Ridgecrest than to distant Visalia.
- Our State Senator (Fuller) and Congressman (McCarthy) have offices in Bakersfield. We will remain in their districts as proposed.
- Most of the residents of the Kern River Valley travel frequently to Bakersfield (where our current Assembly District 32 has an office) for shopping, medical or government services.
- Bakersfield is about 1 hour from the Kern River Valley; Visalia is more than 2 hours away.
- We have had a long relationship to Assembly District 32 which holds frequent remote office visits here.
- Though not all of us voted for our current Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, we enjoy the dedication of the Assemblywoman and her staff to our issues. We don't know the incumbent of Assembly District 34.
- We have approximately 16,000 residents (barely 3.4% of the Assembly District target population of 465,674.)
- NOTE: All districts mentioned have Republican incumbents.

MY RECOMMENDATION:

Your Draft Map cuts the Cities of Shafter & Corcoran between 2 Assembly Districts.

I'd shift an area of about 16,000 residents in those cities to make all or most of those cities in one Assembly District;

1. move our 16,000 Kern River Valley residents from your proposed Tulare (34) to Kern (32) Assembly District
  2. move 16,000 Shafter residents from proposed Kings (30) to Kern (32) Assembly District
  3. move 16,000 Corcoran residents from your proposed Kern (32) to Kings (30) Assembly District
- Respectfully submitted online & by e-mail on Friday, June 24, 2011

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 6 - Kern

**From:** Kernville Chamber of Commerce <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 23:45:49 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kernville Chamber of Commerce <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposition to Redistricting Kern River Valley

Message Body:

The Kernville Chamber of Commerce highly opposes moving Kern River Valley from Assembly District 32 to Assembly District 34. Visalia is too distant (2 hours) from the Kern River Valley. Our issues relate more to Bakersfield where our residents frequent for shopping, medical, and government services. Bakersfield is our County Seat where State Senator Jean Fuller and Congressman Kevin McCarthy have offices. Bakersfield is close enough for Assembly District 32 to hold frequent remote office visits in our valley; Visalia is too distant. Our Assemblywoman Shannon Grove has knowlegde of the Kern River Valley and the issues we have involving road closures and problems with the Lake Isabella Dam. We are against being moved from Assembly District 32.

Respectfully submitted online, June 24, 2011

Kernville Chamber of Commerce

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Fri, 24 Jun 2011 16:45:23 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

The Kern River Valley would be cut off on one side of the district from any approach from Visalia since the road is covered with snow and Tulare County refuses to plow the road just to keep the Trail of 100 Giants open year round. If our roads are closed, (which happens and did for some time this year including the Kern Canyon state hiway 178) we would have no accessibility to our representative from Visalia. In the Bakersfield area we could at least have contact by driving around to Ridgecrest and then Hiway 58 to Bakersfield and likewise our representative. This is totally isolating Kern River Valley from representation, because of the geography.

Please consider keeping the Kern River Valley connected with Kern County and our representative in that district.

Thank you, Cheryl Borthick, president of Kernville Chamber of Commerce  
Owner Cheryl's Diner Kernville

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