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My name is Dolores Huerta and I live in the community of the Central Valley. I am currently the President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and our organization represents thousands of in Kern and Tulare County.

The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

As a minority, I believe the commission could improve Latino effectiveness of all districts and comply with Section 2 and Section 5 of the VRA. The redistricting maps from your Commission need to take into consideration the Latino population's growth as indicated by the Census.

The following comments are my suggestions:

Congressional

At a *Congressional* level, the Commission should review and strengthen the "Kings" Congressional district and respectively increase both Latino effectiveness and the LCVAP. In order to accomplish the aforementioned, the Commission should remove Clovis and add East Porterville, Orange Cove, and East Orosi.

Kings Assembly District

Latino effectiveness and the LCVAP can be increased if the communities in the Northern part of the district (East Orosi, Goshen, Seville, Lemon Cove, Tulare, Woodville, Pixley, Terra Bella, Ducor, and Rich Grove) are added.

Laton, Stratford, Lemoore Station, Hanford, and Kettleman City can be removed for the balance in population. These towns also differ in economic interests since their main industries are cattle, oil, and prisons.

Also, if Bakersfield is going to be split, the split should be along Hwy 99 because the Latino community of interest resides East of Hwy 99. The Commission can use the Kings River as a loose guide to help determine where the population can be divided.

The Commission should not divide Arvin. The district can include Arvin in its entirety to Morning Drive then to Hwy 58, north to Niles, west to Oswell and HWY 99, and north to Columbus. All these community additions and removals will help the district meet the population requirement.

Senate

At a *Senatorial* level, the Commission should strengthen the “Merced” Senate district and increase both Latino effectiveness and the LCVAP. The Commission should maintain the Latino effective district in “Kings”. In order to maintain this Latino effective district, I suggest the Commission moves the district East to include Ducor, Richgrove, Wasco, McFarland, Shafter, Plainview, Porterville, Exeter, Terra Bella, Lemon Cove, and Tulare (West of Hwy 99, North to Prosperity, and East to Enterprise). If the Commission believes that adding Tonyville to this district would successfully increase Latino effectiveness, it should also be added.

The communities of Dos Palos, Firebaugh, Stratford, Kettleman City Hanford, Lemoore, and Coalinga should be removed from the “Kings” district to meet population requirements.

The Commission should also look at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund’s maps and also attempt to make Senate District 4 cross the mountain range west in order to reflect the flow of agricultural workers that reside in those areas.

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