

To the Citizen's Redistricting Commission,

I was opposed to the new redistricting boundaries that you are proposing. I am a 4 generation born and raised in Merced. Our valley has been over looked for many years. Adding in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties would only weaken our valley's voice in Sacramento. A Santa Clara and Santa Cruz county are not a rural area and does not face the same problems we here in the San Joaquin Valley face. Granted there are some overlapping situations that we all are facing in this economy challenges that we all are going thru at the present time. But I feel very strongly about having our Senate representative try to cover what you are proposing would only hurt our area. We need to have a strong representative in Sacramento who knows our area well. Both Santa Clara and Santa Cruz countries are not the small rural area that we are. Santa Clara and Santa Cruz have different situations that we don't have in the valley. Santa Clara country has issues that are known to the bay area. And Santa Cruz country has coastal issues as one of their major concerns. Neither one of these reflect what is going on in our valley. I feel you would be doing a disservice to the residents here by adding Santa Clara and Santa Cruz countries in with us. We need a Senate representative that can concentrate on issued that is known only to our valley. Please do not include the other two countries to our area.

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Merced City Council Member

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Subject: District Lines

Message Body:

I have a major concern over the proposed new district lines for my district. There are major differences in the Coast and Valley communities. The lines for the districts should follow the natural borders of the valley and stop at the coast range. Our representation will be compromised for the valley if the proposed lines put in place. Please stop! I can be reached at [REDACTED]. Thank you.

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