July 14, 2011

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

Dear Commission Members:

My name is Jim Vensable and I was born and raised in the San Jacinto Valley. I have lived and operated an insurance agency for over 30 years and am currently in charge of a community bank.

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed Congressional Districts for the San Jacinto Valley. It is important to me that the Valley be represented fairly in the Federal government.

In my service as County Supervisor I worked with our Congressmen to address a multitude of issues. Rapid growth, land use, unemployment, water availability, road expansion and job creation.

Another very important issue we share with the Congressmen is the necessity to protect our senior citizens. Both the Constellation and the San Jacinto Valley have a large number of retirement citizens. This population includes over 70,000 senior citizens that are over the age of Federal level government.

I believe that the current issues of Citizen of the San Jacinto Valley are best represented by District 49 in the 49th Congressional district as your first draft of maps indicates.

If you have any questions you may reach me at 901-383-8115.

Sincerely,

Jim Vensable

HEMET, CA 92544
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Dear members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

The citizens of California, via a statewide initiative, required that an independent commission redraw State Assembly, State Senate and Congressional boundaries in accordance with data from the 2010 U.S. Census. Among the goals was to stop gerrymandering in the state Legislature and to establish district boundaries that make logical sense.

Another goal was to balance communities, with the important facet of keeping communities together. While we believe the Redistricting Commission has done a commendable job thus far, there is concern about some of its recommendations.

The latest proposal by the commission alters a previous version that would have kept western Riverside County whole. The new version severs several western Riverside County cities (Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, Riverside, and Moreno Valley into two congressional districts. The city of Jurupa Valley is proposed to be split into two districts currently served by Assemblyman Baca and Assemblyman Calvert. In addition, San Bernardino County cities of Loma Linda, Highland and Redlands are severed as well. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors would request that you consider restoring the map to its previous version which kept Riverside County whole.

By virtue of a unanimous vote of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on June 28, 2011, we urge the Redistricting Commission to reconsider the proposal for western Riverside County and to keep it whole (as in the previous proposal). The Board also is steadfast that any changes contemplated should not upset the commission’s previous determinations to keep other communities of interest intact within Riverside County.

Sincerely,

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BOB BUSTER, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside