Fwd: Proposed maps, Central Coast

Commission members,

First off, thanks for your great work on this important, historical project to change California's democracy for the better. I write to submit a suggestion for an alteration to the Senate districts in the Central Coast area.

The current proposed map shows a senate district with some of Santa Barbara county, San Luis Obispo county, some of Monterey County, and parts of Santa Cruz. This district connects major population centers like Santa Maria and Santa Cruz, which are separated by hundreds of miles and culturally quite distinct.

One suggestion would be to form a Senate district by combining the San Luis Obispo/northern Santa Barbara assembly district with the south Santa Barbara/Ventura assembly district. This would form a Senate district nested in Ventura/Santa Barbara/SLO, also known as the tri-county area. In addition to being a more compact district, it would keep these communities of interest together. From high school sports to recreation to business advertising -- this tri-county region shares a great deal, culturally and demographically.

Thank you for your hard work and openness to public comment.

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