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Subject: Please publish population polygon compactness

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

Please post the "population polygon" measure of compactness for all districts. The software you are using, "Maptition", can do this automatically.

For any districts with a score of less than .40, please make sure you provide an adequate explanation.

In the 1970 redistricting, drawn by a court special master and widely viewed as fair, no district had a population polygon below .40 . Population polygon is a useful measure because it identifies bypassed populations.

Just guessing, I'd say the Senate and Assembly districts that contain Hanford won't meet the .40 threshold; perhaps you can say "the Voting Rights Act made us do it".

By the way, the few California counties still subject to Justice Department scrutiny should appeal to opt out in the future; clearly, there is no attempt to disenfranchise minorities; quite the contrary. That would make the job SO much easier for the NEXT Commission!

Keep up the good work!

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