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

Dear Commissioners:

The Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors , all members of the Central Valley business community, are writing to urge rejection of the July 7th Board of Equalization Visualization.

These maps destroy the Central Valley's representation on the Board of Equalization by splitting the Central Valley among two districts, one with population centered in San Diego and Riverside and one with population centered in urban City of LA and the Bay area counties of Yolo and Solano.

The Central Valley is our Community of Interest and for the first time in our lifetimes, the Commission is poised to take away our voice on the Board of Equalization.

At a minimum, we ask that you go back to your June 10th First Draft maps. Those First Draft maps kept our agricultural Central Valley community of interest intact, although we weren't comfortable with so much of the City of LA in the first draft, at least the Central Valley would have the ability to elect a member from our community.

Under the July 11 Visualization, urban communities get an additional district and the Central Valley gets none.

We support the Ventura and Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce proposal to address the problems with the June 10th maps by swapping agricultural Ventura for the City of Los Angeles, but at a minimum, if you cannot solve the only problem with the June 10th maps, that of the City of Los Angeles in the East District, at least adopt the June 10th maps as presented and reject the terrible July 7th Visualization.

Sincerely,

LARRY PISTORESI, SR.
President