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FROM: STAPLES 658  

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COMMENT:
July 18, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for asking for my input. My name is Teresa Guerrero and I live in Ceres. I am writing to let you know that I am very happy with the way you’ve drawn the maps for Stanislaus County.

You kept those of us on the valley floor separate from the foothills when you could, you honored our diversity and divided the county when you had to by keeping our minority communities whole, you matched our communities of interest and you saw that those of us in Ceres have much more in common with people living in southern Modesto than with the second largest city in the county—Turlock.

This was a huge task...and it makes sense. The MERCED western Assembly district that you’ve drawn keeps our diverse and less affluent communities together and we appreciate that.

As a person who is very active in my community, I’ve had the opportunity to see the benefits of having like communities represented by the same legislator.

It makes a very big difference because there’s much more attention to our unique needs. So, thank you for doing such a good job with the maps...

I don’t think you have to change a thing.

Thank you,

Teresa Guerrero
To: Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Fax No.: (916) 651-5711  

July 18, 2011  

Dear Commission Members:  

My name is Alicia Salcedo and I was Speaker #46 at your Stockton public hearing at Delta College. I went to the hearing to thank you for the first draft maps you drew for my area, which included Southern Modesto in Stanislaus County. I asked the Commission to keep the maps the way they were and you have in your Assembly map "MERCED". Thank you for listening to me that evening. This map honors the diversity in my city and keeps the Latino and other minority communities united. As I stated at the hearing, Southern Modesto is less affluent than the rest of Modesto. Lower home values and foreclosures in the area have created critical shortfalls to college revenues at the Yosemite Community College District where I work. These shortfalls drastically impact our ability to serve high risk, low-income, first generation students that make up 61% of our student population.  

I support your "MERCED" map because it pairs us with communities like us west of the 99 and gives us the best chance to be able to have our needs addressed in Sacramento.  

Please make it your final map with no changes so that it truly is about and reflects "Fair Representation - Democracy at Work".  

Best wishes and much success,  

Alicia Salcedo  
e-mail: [Redacted]
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Fax No.: (916) 651-5711

July 18, 2011

Dear Commission Members:

My husband Tony and I spoke to you in Stockton on June 24, 2011. We had speaker card #99 and you heard us very near the end of the evening. We are from Ceres and we asked you to support the Assembly maps for Stanislaus County. We asked you to keep Ceres together with Southern Modesto because we are considered sister communities by many.

We talked about the common bonds we have with Modesto such as medical and health care services we use, the church we attend, social activities, our school athletic leagues, and Spanish news through its Univision media.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our opinion. You did listen to us and the Assembly map with Ceres, called "MERCED" is still the same. Please support this re-draw of our district when you take your final vote in a few weeks.

We appreciate your hard work!

Ceres Residents,

Tony Carr                                           Rebecca Carr

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