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Subject: Consideration of move to Merced Senate District

Message Body:
Dear Commissioners:

As Mayor of the City of Turlock California, I am writing to urge you to reconsider the proposed Senate District boundaries. Under the current visualization, Turlock is included in a district which stretches from Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County to Death Valley in Southern California. The district does not have flatland agricultural interests, has no ties to the Highway 99 corridor, has a radically different economy, and has health care concerns that are totally foreign to those faced by the people who live in Turlock.

Also under the current configuration, Turlock is isolated from other Central valley communities. I fear that unless Turlock is moved to a district with common interests, our city and it interests will be ignored as representatives will struggle to represent such a massive seat and be unable to balance agriculture, suburban, and mountain region concerns.

I believe Turlock would be best served by being placed in the Merced District where we will be linked to our valley neighbors with whom we have much in common, including the same economic concerns, Highway 99 transportation issues, farm worker/labor issues, fears of water shortages, and a significant Spanish speaking population.

Because Turlock is a city with an agriculturally based economy, linking it with other agriculturally based communities is vital. The Merced Senate District includes other agriculturally based communities in Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, San Benito, and Monterey Counties. Aligning Turlock with the Foothill District places it at an extreme disadvantage.

I sincerely hope that you will consider placing Turlock with Merced and the allied interests in the Merced District.

If I can provide any further information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at ████ ████ Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN S. LAZAR
Mayor

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