To the CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION,

I am a elected official from the City of Greenfield, California. I am the elected Mayor for the City of Greenfield, Monterey County and have been the last nine years and am currently serving my third term as the elected Mayor for the City of Greenfield and was first elected to the Office of Mayor in 2002.

In accordance with the Voters FIRST Act, I support the following efforts and ideas for discussion;

As elected Officials in the Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties and as a member of the Tri-County Association of Latino Elected Officials (TCALEO) WE, the undersigned request that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission develop a TRI-COUNTY State Senate District where our constituents will have an opportunity to elect a State Senator of their choice.

This Regional Tri-County area shares many commonalities including certain economic and social challenges that are connected to our Coastal and Agricultural strengths.

I also support the thought and the idea of establishing a State Senate District encompassing the north area of our Tri-County region, including the City of Gilroy, the City of Morgan Hill and certain areas of the City of San Jose. This area north of our region shares many commonalities that are ongoing and relatively connected.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a public comment,

Mayor John Huerta Jr.
City of Greenfield, California
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Dear Commissioners:

I want to thank each and every one for your time and work in helping to design redistricting plans for California. I personally testified and submitted a statement before you at the Salinas, May 22, 2011 hearing. I have reviewed your recent visualization through the assistance of the National Association of Latino Elected and appointed Officials (NALEO) and the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF).

I would like to point out that we still do not have a Latino Senate 12 opportunity to elect a candidate of our choice without regard to communities of interests like Monterey County, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. Our interest encompasses locally compact Latino voting precincts and cities. This three counties have great many Latinos and farm workers.

We also share common transportation corridors and projects like Highway 1, Highway 101 and Highway 156. I am an active member of the Tri County Latino Elected Officials of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. These three counties are connected regionally by various policy boards and geographic boundaries.

I would like to request that you utilize your expert demographer and propose a Voting Rights Act of 1964 under Section 2, a Latino Senate 12 effective district map.

Respectfully,

Fernando Armenta
Monterey County Supervisor