Citizen’s Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

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