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From: Jennifer Bagley
To: 
Subject: Struggling to Comprehend...

Message Body:

To whom it may concern:

Since the release of your first draft, I have been struggling to comprehend how you have subdivided the Central Coast. First off - San Benito County IS PART OF THE CENTRAL COAST and yet, for whatever reason, we remain connected to the central valley - regardless of the good sized mountain range, lack of communities of interest, and the fact that neither side of the range wants anything to do with the other.

Furthermore, you've grouped Morgan Hill and Gilroy with Santa Cruz County even though the 101 corridor through Gilroy/Morgan Hill/Prunedale/Salinas is the lifeline of San Benito County - NOT Santa Cruz. Residents of Hollister do all their business in Gilroy and Morgan Hill. Our kids go to schools in Gilroy and Morgan Hill. We share government functions with Monterey and Santa Cruz County. Frankly, it's hard to find something that we DON'T have in common and yet we keep getting shoved in with people who we have nothing to do with!

The current draft of districts is ridiculous and all I can figure is that you're either being lazy or lack the cajones to rock the boat in any way shape or form. These new districts so closely resemble the old that it's amazing you even bothered.

Please reconsider your choice to put San Benito County in a district with the Central Valley. We have nothing to do with them and never will. Meanwhile, we have EVERYTHING to do with Monterey Co., Santa Cruz Co., Gilroy & Morgan Hill. The current draft is practically farcical.

Sincerely,
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