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Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Citizen's Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for all your due diligence and hard work in developing the first draft of the state-wide districts that impact our Assembly, Senate and Congressional representation. I write to you in regards to the proposed map that impacts the representation for the County of Yolo and the City of Woodland.

As Mayor, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting that separates the County of Yolo. I find it difficult that a County with the population of 200,000 residents would be broken into three separate Assembly Districts; three separate Senate Districts and three separate House districts for a total of nine different jurisdictions overall.

The City of Woodland is within the County of Yolo and although there are differences in the political landscape within the County of Yolo we are a community of interest. Specifically, we are a county that shares a commitment to diversity, open space, agriculture, slow growth policies and have mutual interest in habitat preservation. We need State representatives that share those values.

Please reconsider the division of Yolo County. I am available to discuss this issue further. I may be reached on my mobile at [redacted]. Thank you in advance for your consideration and for your service.

Sincerely,

Artemio Pimentel
Mayor

City of Trees