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Subject: Final Map for Lompoc

Message Body:

Commissioners,

My congratulations to you for completing the difficult job of carving the state into 53 congressional districts, 80 assembly districts, 40 senate districts, and four Board of Equalization districts.

You accomplished what voters asked you to do – draw new districts according to traditional reapportionment criteria, disregarding the factors that have produced extreme gerrymandering in the past – keeping districts safe for incumbents and partisan advantage.

The residents of Lompoc thank you for changing the Assembly district lines on June 29 to keep the city of 42,000 whole in a single district. That was the right thing to do – small isolated cities like Lompoc lost the opportunity for effective representation when they are split on the edges of two districts.

Thank you for your hard work, and for listening to the people of our state.

Carol Benham
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