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### Message

I support Map 404 as the one to attain the primary goal of the Commisdion. I have lived in Santa Barbara For 41 years.

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**Message**

Thank you Commissioners, for your work on this important task and, for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

I am a resident of New Cuyama, one of the very small, unincorporated towns in the Cuyama Valley, and have served on the Cuyama Valley Community Association as the board secretary for the past 5 years.

I am also a member of the Cuyama Valley Cannabis Committee, and the Town Beautification Project Group. My comments are my own, not as a representative of any of these organizations.

The Cuyama Valley's population is widely scattered over the large acreage consisting of old, family-owned ranches, various farms, and 3 small towns.

Due to the remote rural nature of the much of the area, contacting rural residents beyond locked gates pose challenges. Internet access is poor, and sporadic. There is no local news media. Most residents receive mail delivered to boxes at the local post office rather than home delivery and census forms were not sent to post office boxes. The Covid-19 pandemic certainly posed a hindrance to contacting everyone in person as did the remote rural access of many residents. Therefore, we have reason to believe that all persons residing in the Cuyama Valley were not counted.

Soon after moving to New Cuyama in 2013, my husband and I were made aware of the extreme shortage of water, that, in fact, the water used in much of the basin is indeed groundwater, thousands of years old. We heard many conversations in the CVCA meetings about the upcoming necessity to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Cuyama's status as one of the most critically overdrafted basins in California requires it to be one of the first to draft a plan to bring the basin into sustainable water usage.

The GSA board was selected with much deliberation and discussion. The First and Fifth District Supervisors serving the Cuyama Valley are both on this board to represent the concerns of the Valley. These representatives have been consistent in support of preserving the water resources in the area.

Since 2016, there has been intensive effort to bring the negotiations to a plan that the DWR will accept.

During the 7 years I have lived in New Cuyama, I have seen a growing difference in the diversity of the population. Century old farm and ranching families, 1950's town residents and their descendants, Hispanic families, and those who moved here 20 to 40 years ago, are now mixed with ex-urbanites from cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco.. There are land-owners who maintain businesses and residences in coastal cities, and commute to their homes and businesses in Cuyama. Blue Sky Center, a non profit organization, started in 2012, based at the former administrative office area of Atlantic-Richfield Oil that built New Cuyama, has seen tourists from various parts of the U.S. and other countries. Small planes and helicopters, including medical transport utilize the airport. Educational groups and individuals have come to research and study, for artistic, environmental, and literary projects.

The iconic Cuyama Buckhorn was purchased by two Los Angeles business partners in 2018. They have e restored and renovated it into a thriving luxury resort attracting tourists and locals.

Placing Cuyama in the 1st District has contributed to bringing more awareness of the Valley to the County and to areas beyond. Carpinteria, in the first district, is also an agricultural area. Like Carpinteria, the Cuyama Valley is soon to be home to a number of legal cannabis farms.

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If the maps are redrawn to place the Cuyama Valley in one district, or a different district, the vast amount of information and work heretofore, will be lost to someone unfamiliar with the progression during the last five years. Due to my location in the town of New Cuyama, my involvement on the CVCA board, and the two committees, I have heard many concerns over the future of water. I feel we need the support of these two representatives, and their staff.

We have discussed in our CVCA meetings since 2019 the upcoming redistricting.

To my knowledge, no community organizations, businesses, and only one individual were contacted for input regarding the process, you as commissioners are undertaking.

I invite you to take some time to come to Cuyama, and talk with residents, visit local businesses and organizations, look at the website: [visitcuyama.com](http://visitcuyama.com).

I would like to urge you to support and consider maps that continue to place the Cuyama Valley in both the First and the Fifth Districts. The Cuyama Valley benefits from the support of the two district supervisors.

Thank you.

Pamela Baczuk

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My final Map ID 76212 submission is intended to replace prior Work In Progress Map ID's 75913, 66370, 65725 and possibly the posted Draft Plan 127. My prior narrative is further refined and to be replaced by this Final Map ID 76212. My thoughts for this Final Draft Map are as follows:

**District 5**

Santa Maria is too populated for a single district and is best split with District 4 and closely aligned to bedroom community of Orcutt (Unincorporated). I'm persuaded that City of Guadalupe should be aligned with Santa Maria. Additionally, map will include adjacent Agriculture production property and not just urban boundary lines. Proposed District 5 map has contiguous county region to include the Cuyama Valley, which is a small community that fits best in 5th District, rather than 1st, 3rd or 4th Districts. Generally, Demographics of this proposed 5th District Map reflect significant Hispanic heritage influences. Proposed 5th District map reflects noteworthy S.B. County "Current District" demographics including: Age, Language Spoken at Home, Education, Household Income. Proposed map reflects a Stowell Rd. split and demographics reflect more Hispanic influences in District 5. I believe I've heard community leaders anticipate future growth to the 200,000 population level. Recent history of Coronavirus stats in Santa Maria and difficulty in filling this Commission Hispanic representation further support this proposed 5th District Map as reasonable and generally meets Commission "Rules for Drawing the Lines." This community needs strong County representation and map proposal would be a step forward.

**District 4**

Unincorporated community of Orcutt is of significant population size and fairly homogeneous demographics. The Orcutt Community Plan (Formal Long Range Plan of SB County General and Comprehensive Plan) provides for anticipated aggressive growth plan. Further, recent development plans seem determined to exceed Community Plan expectations. For that reason, my proposed map boundary will be restrained to the East and not swallowing the communities of the Santa Ynez Valley. I do think the full boundary lines of the Vandenberg Space Force Base (VAFB) should be included under one Supervisory District...District 4. By taking in the support communities of Vandenberg Village and Mission Hills residential neighborhood seems reasonable in light of demographics and logistics of VAFB. Community of interests of Southern Santa Maria City limits, Vandenberg and community of Orcutt form a relatively tight Supervisors District nucleus.

**District 3**

Benchmark Communities of interest include the 3 communities of the Santa Ynez Valley, City of Lompoc, and again proposes to reach down to communities of Isla Vista and UCSB. Proposed 3rd District Map reinforces the need for a true Central County Supervisors District...not just the oil and water North County VS. South County divide. Lompoc, Solvang and Buellton are incorporated and Santa Ynez is unincorporated. This map proposal significantly includes the "wine country" and Chumash Reservation as important communities of interest and demographics seem to support this group of independent, yet cohesive synergies. Communities of Isla Vista (IV) and UCSB are somewhat unique (City College seems more ingrained with Santa Barbara proper). Proposed map reflects 3rd District must include the populations of these two important communities of "higher learning" The uniqueness and size of the IV/UCSB community, youth orientation, personal growth orientation and innovation orientation suggest to me that IV/UCSB should again be in District 3. I also see the new Vandenberg Space Force Base designation as a connection of the educational benefits of IV/UCSB community members...Science and commerce based - even though VAFB is proposed for the 4th Supervisor's District.

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### District 2

Proposed map includes the City of Goleta and some Santa Barbara City population, necessary to provide balanced Supervisor Districts. I'm using defined boundary lines of Hwy 154, US 101 and identifiable roads to separate proposed 1st District and 3rd District IV and UCSB. The Channel Islands are included in District 2, providing single point of contact for National Park agencies. Importantly, I strongly feel the back country and national forest be shared between four supervisor districts (1,2,3 and 5). There is very little population in this large open space...yet multiple interests in the form of water shed, fire shed, mineral interests and county wide recreational interests. I view the natural resources and county wide accountability and enjoyment as the community of interest. Unlike the last Supervisor's map...District 2 should include extension into the Northerly back country, beyond Hwy 154, thus shared back country interests among Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5.

### District 1

City of Santa Barbara and other south coast communities to the East form a world class gem stone. Inclusion of existing District 1 communities with District 4 and 5 is pure fantasy, in my view. Demographics of existing District 1 reflect diverse income, education, housing, ethnic indicators...but nearly each community has differences. There is a harmony among south coast communities. We can only form 5 supervisor districts. Boundary lines include the back country, as explained under District 2 narrative, Hwy 154 and the ocean. Total population requires that S.B. City limits beyond Hwy 154 and West Side below US 101 be split...by necessity. Boundary line rules suggest "reasonable equal population." Demographics suggest to me that it is reasonable to split Santa Barbara City at these distinct neighborhoods and communities of interest boundary lines.

Proposed map limits split of city limits as much as possible. Santa Barbara and Santa Maria cannot form a district alone and those extreme dynamics require two additional districts to participate in reasonably equal districts. Third District by default, reasonably forms the Central Coast District...not North and not South County. Santa Maria City is reasonably divided, City of Santa Barbara is reasonably divided. Cuyama Valley is reasonably represented and in my view IV/UCSB communities reasonably represented and finally, Goleta City and Lompoc City are carved out on the fringe, with a very high degree of city limits intact under one district. Overall, proposed map would reflect five fairly equivalent land areas and shared representative interests.

Just my thoughts and I thank the commission for their good work

Todd Wilson

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**Message**

Dear Commissioners,

I have attempted to follow and participate in the Santa Barbara County redistricting process and the work of your commission. I attended an in-person workshop in Solvang in order to better understand the process. At that time your consultants made map drawing with the recommended software sites look like a "walk in the park." I asked who do I contact when I have problems and I was told the programs were very user friendly.

Before attempting to draw a map on Maptitude I dutifully watched the online tutorials and took notes. But when I sat down to use Maptitude it went "haywire". It would not allow me to connect the dots while describing an area without zooming in and out and sideways. I abandoned Maptitude and tried District R. I was able to complete a draft map and share it and went back later to finalize it. I thought I had finalized it and wrote you to incorporate it as a Final map. But later I found it was not included because it was in the wrong place. But I had not been informed it was in the wrong place.

Subsequently when it was moved to the right place I did get confirmation. My problem now is that District R does not have Citizen Voting Age Population, only VAP. I have been told to use Maptitude to get those figures but that is impossible. I have been told SLO's District R has CVAP. Why doesn't SB County's District R have CVAP?

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Please note that I would like my name and contact information NOT to be attached to the following map narrative:

The goal of the Fair and Equal Representation Map, District R ID 79143, is to create five districts that share our county's rich diversity, and that can elect a government that enables all residents to thrive.

In drawing this map, I took great care not to disrupt current districts too radically. Doing so could have adverse effects by disenfranchising entire communities who have recently elected a Supervisor.

In this map, the city of Santa Maria continues to be split between District 5 and District 4 but along more of an East-West axis than a North-South axis. Currently, most of North Santa Maria is in the fifth district, with Cuyama, Garey, and Sisquoc to the east while South Santa Maria is with Orcutt and the east side of Lompoc.

This map, however, includes western Santa Maria with the City of Guadalupe, as many residents of both regions have identified these areas as a community of interest with similar demographics, a shared agricultural economy, and similar educational outcomes. Additionally, western Santa Maria and the City of Guadalupe both have high shares of immigrants, renters, and monolingual Spanish speakers.

Eastern and southern Santa Maria, meanwhile, join Orcutt, Garey and Sisquoc, the western Cuyama Valley, as well as Vandenberg Air Force Base, Vandenberg Villages, Mission Hills, Mesa Oaks, and the northern part of the City of Lompoc to form District 4. It was important to me to form a district that preserved the connection between Vandenberg Space Force Base and some of its bedroom communities, including Orcutt, Vandenberg Village, Mesa Oaks, and Mission Hills. The northern part of the City of Lompoc is included in this District so that the City of Lompoc will have two supervisors engaged in City issues, which will increase residents' representation.

In the City of Santa Barbara the Westside and Eastside continue to be kept together as a community of interest with Carpinteria, the City with the highest Latino population in south Santa Barbara County. Oak Park, the upper east side, Samarkand, Hope, and the Mesa are neighborhoods in the City of Santa Barbara that continue to be in the 2nd District. Demographically these neighborhoods share more in common with the eastern Goleta Valley, as they contain a higher percentage of homeowners and single-family home planned neighborhoods. Goleta remains split between District 2 and District 3, as it has preferred to be. Isla Vista and UCSB stay in District 3 as they have historically been, and as the young, University of California Santa Barbara student population are a community of interest and they have stated that they share little in common with the more established, homeowning communities of Goleta and District 2, and more in common with the Ellwood area, where there are more renters and mobile homeowners.

Lastly, the map reverses districts in the mid-county city of Lompoc so that most of the city is in District 3 instead of District 4, while, as mentioned earlier, northern Lompoc is in District 4 with Vandenberg Air Force Base, Orcutt, Cuyama, Garey, and Sisquoc. The change allows for District 5 to include Santa Maria and Guadalupe as a community of interest and District 4 to cover a larger geographic area of smaller cities and unincorporated areas with similar demographic characteristics and local concerns. The reversal places Lompoc with communities of interest to which it is more allied, having a larger minority/renter population (similar to IV/UCSB and parts of Goleta) than the 4th District.

In addition to much of Lompoc, District 3 continues to include the smaller populations of Buellton and the Santa Ynez Valley so that residents of these mid-county areas do not experience a disruption in political representation or to their voting schedules. I



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have included Los Alamos in District 4 upon learning that Los Alamos elementary and high school students attend Orcutt public schools.

Other important characteristics that I thought should be shared among all Districts include:

Higher education institutions and the students that attend them:

District 1: Westmont College

District 2: Santa Barbara City College

District 3: UC Santa Barbara

District 4: Allan Hancock Lompoc Valley Center and Allan Hancock Vandenberg Space Force Base Center

District 5: Allan Hancock Santa Maria Campus

Our Coastline, including County and State coastal parks:

District 1: Rincon Point to the Santa Barbara Harbor

District 2: the Harbor to Goleta Beach

District 3: Campus Point to Jalama Beach

District 4: Jalama Beach to Point Sal

District 5: Paradise Beach to the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes

Areas with prime agricultural land:

District 1: The Carpinteria Valley and Eastern Cuyama Valley

District 2: Prime Ag land in the Goleta Valley

District 3: The Santa Ynez valley and Eastern

District 4: Western Cuyama Valley and Eastern Santa Maria Valley

District 5: Western Santa Maria Valley

Overall, I believe the proposed map balances the status quo with changing demographics and shared interests in a way that creates diverse constituencies for all five Supervisors, while preserving communities of interest so that all residents can have the opportunity for fair and equal representation at the county level.

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**Message**

I have submitted a minor revision to my previous District R map 76847. The new map ( District R 79829 ) includes minor boundary adjustments including picking up previously omitted Santa Barbara Island. When the new map is listed can you please use the "A, B, C..." type of notation that you have used previously so that it is clear to the public and the commission that references to one also apply to the other. In order to insure any references are not dropped please consider both maps for now, but ultimately the more complete map as determined by the commission, would supplant the other. Please acknowledge your receipt and understanding of this message. Thank You.

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### Message

I like Map 101 because it encompasses the Santa Ynez River watershed in District 3. Also Los Alamos and Lompoc. District 5 no longer includes Montecito and Carpinteria.

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### Message

I favor Map 101 and others like it that draw District 3 to include the Santa Ynez River watershed, including Los Alamos and Lompoc

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**Message**

I have reviewed the maps, and favor those that align District 3 with the Santa Inez River watershed, but include Los Alamos as well as Lompoc. Map 101 also separates District 1 from Montecito, and includes most of the Cuyama Valley.

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**Message**

Dear Commissioners,

I just became aware of the work your Commission has already been doing to develop possible new redistricting maps for Santa Barbara County. After looking at what seemed like scores of proposed redistricting maps, my comments are in support of District R Map #76847 and here's why:

1. The Santa Ynez Valley, in which I live, is comprised of two cities and three unincorporated towns that have worked hard to collectively forge an identity as well as maintain community relationships. From my standpoint, it is imperative that all of the SYV remains in the same district.
2. The whole of the Santa Ynez Valley remains in the 3rd District AND there is minimal change to the five existing Supervisor Districts while rebalancing the County population.
3. Map proposal #76847 recommends continuing to include the more "urban" population of UCSB and Isla Vista to balance the otherwise rural population of the 3rd District.

I couldn't find, and didn't know if there was a reason that the District R software doesn't include Citizen Age Population data under ethnicity. That seemingly would be important information to have when redrawing voting districts.

Similarly, it would have been most helpful (and time saving) if the various map creators' comments were connected to their proposed maps.

Thank you for your time in reading my comments. I look forward to more closely watching how the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission's work unfolds.

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**Message**

Accompanying Comments for DistrictR Map #76847

This map attempts to improve upon and rebalance Santa Barbara County's five Supervisorial Districts without unnecessary turmoil and disruption of established identity, representation, and community relationships.

The urban population of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria has historically required that each of them be represented by two districts, the First and the Second in the South, and the Fourth and the Fifth in the North. This map retains that time-tested strategy and reaffirms historical district connections.

It makes clear minimal modifications to the boundary between the First and the Second within the City of Santa Barbara and the campus of SBCC remains intact. The current ragged sawtooth boundary between the Fourth and the Fifth within the City of Santa Maria is dramatically simplified. Apart from minimal changes to their western boundaries the First, Second, and Fifth District remain substantially unchanged.

The Third District has historically incorporated the Santa Ynez Valley, a number of small communities, and the largest number of residents in the unincorporated areas. Aggregating these residents within a single district insures that they will have a strong voice in County government despite their geographic dispersal. Apart from the City of Lompoc, this map keeps intact the watershed of the Santa Ynez River from the eastern end of Lake Cachuma to Surf Beach.

In order for the population of the Third to equal the other districts it has always needed an urban population, and Isla Vista and UCSB provide that population while unifying the entire Gaviota Coast community of interest from Campus Point to Point Conception. The Gaviota Coast and the Santa Ynez Valley combine recreational visitor-serving opportunities of immense cultural and economic importance.

Lompoc has always served as the focus of the Fourth District along with Orcutt and part of Santa Maria. This map retains those community of interest driven connections while rebalancing the area of unincorporated Orcutt included. This is necessitated by the relative growth of the Fourth and Fifth Districts.

The voting age population of all minorities according to DistrictR is listed below:

5th Dist. - 83%, 4th Dist. - 59%, 3rd Dist. - 50%, 2nd Dist. - 40%, 1st Dist. - 44%

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**Message**

I would like to make a comment on Friday, November 12. I will be joining by Zoom. My comment will be based on maps 601 and 124 regarding the Cuyama Valley placement in Districts 1 and 5.

Thank you.

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