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**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Agenda Item #6, November 3 Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:29:51 PM

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Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commissioners,  
I sent the following email prior to yesterday's deadline, but now question if the address was correct. Please accept my comment for this evening's hearing.

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**To:** 'by' <redistricting@countyofsb.org>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Agenda Item #6, November 3 Meeting

Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commissioners,  
My name is Ron Faas and I'm a resident of Sunnyside Mobilehome Community in the unincorporated part of the County near Santa Maria.  
Santa Barbara County is very socially and economically diverse. Our population is both majority people of color and majority renters. Our districts and our county supervisors should reflect that.

**I urge the commissioners to move forward with the United Communities Map** because:

- Cities within Santa Barbara County should be considered Communities of Interest and wholly contained within a single Supervisorial District to the extent possible given population limitations.
- The City of Santa Maria, with its population exceeding that of a single Supervisorial District, should not be divided among more than two Supervisorial Districts.
- The Cuyama Valley should be included within one of the Supervisorial Districts containing a portion of the City of Santa Maria.
- Consistent with cities as a community of interest, the City of Guadalupe should be included within one of the Supervisorial Districts containing a portion of the City of Santa Maria. However, Orcutt doesn't belong in the same district with Guadalupe.
- Most importantly: this map honors "communities of interest" by uniting communities with shared lived experiences and struggles. It creates ideal districts that ensure quality representation from their respective county supervisor.

The United Communities Map creates three districts countywide with a stronger voice for people of color, renters, young people, immigrant families, and working-class neighborhoods like Lompoc, Isla Vista, Old Town Goleta, and the Eastside and Westside of Santa Barbara.

**Specific considerations by proposed districts.**

SM and Guadalupe

- Guadalupe and Santa Maria are like sister cities, home to many immigrant farmworker neighborhoods that need a supervisor who will be a voice for Santa Barbara County's immigrant and farmworker communities!
- The two cities are already heavily connected through commerce and occupations, with heavy commuting occurring every day. With limited access to grocery stores and recreation, Guadalupe residents regularly travel into Santa Maria on Main Street/Route 166 heavily impacted by traffic congestion for years with heavy ag equipment and trucks.
- Santa Maria, the county's biggest city, is too big for one supervisor district. But the northern and western parts of the city are most similar to Guadalupe as heavily immigrant and farmworker neighborhoods, while the southern and eastern ends of the city are more similar to Orcutt as more middle-class racially mixed areas with higher rates of homeownership and college education.

Proposed District 5: Guadalupe and Latino majority of Santa Maria, includes Tanglewood and Casmalia.

Concentration of working-class and immigrant farmworker neighborhoods, majority renter, supermajority Latino, most historically underrepresented communities in county. Voice of

Latino majority of North County for immigrant and farmworker rights.

Orcutt w/Vandenberg (and why Orcutt doesn't belong with Guadalupe)

- Orcutt and Guadalupe are not similar demographically. Orcutt has much higher levels of college education, homeownership, and income and is majority white while Guadalupe is majority Latino
- In the Hancock College board of trustee districts, Orcutt is put with southern and eastern Santa Maria while Guadalupe is with northern and western Santa Maria. Unlike high school boundaries, these election districts are actually based on voting rights considerations
- Southern Santa Maria shares a lot of commerce with Orcutt due to geographic proximity, but also middle class neighborhoods whose residents regularly go to stores in Southern SM, Target, Walmart shopping center etc.
- Many middle class military families live in Orcutt and commute to the Vandenberg Airforce Base for work

Proposed District 4: Orcutt, Vandenberg, Mission Hills, Cuyama, Los Alamos, and whiter/middle-class parts of Santa Maria and Lompoc.

Rural communities and agriculture, with high share of homeowners and military middle-class. Voice of conservative North County for small government and low taxes.

Other Proposed Districts

Proposed District 3: Lompoc, Isla Vista, and Old Town Goleta.

Cross North/South County swing district, but with shared commonalities between low-income and majority renter historically underrepresented communities, most racially diverse district with largest Black and AAPI populations and majority people of color overall. Strong voice on racial and economic justice.

Proposed District 2: Flatlands of Santa Barbara/Noleta.

Most urbanized part of the county, working-class flatlands of South County, majority renters and high share of public transit users. Strong voice on urban issues like housing/transportation and economic justice issues.

Proposed District 1: Carpinteria, Montecito, Summerland, foothills of Santa Barbara and Goleta, and Santa Ynez Valley.

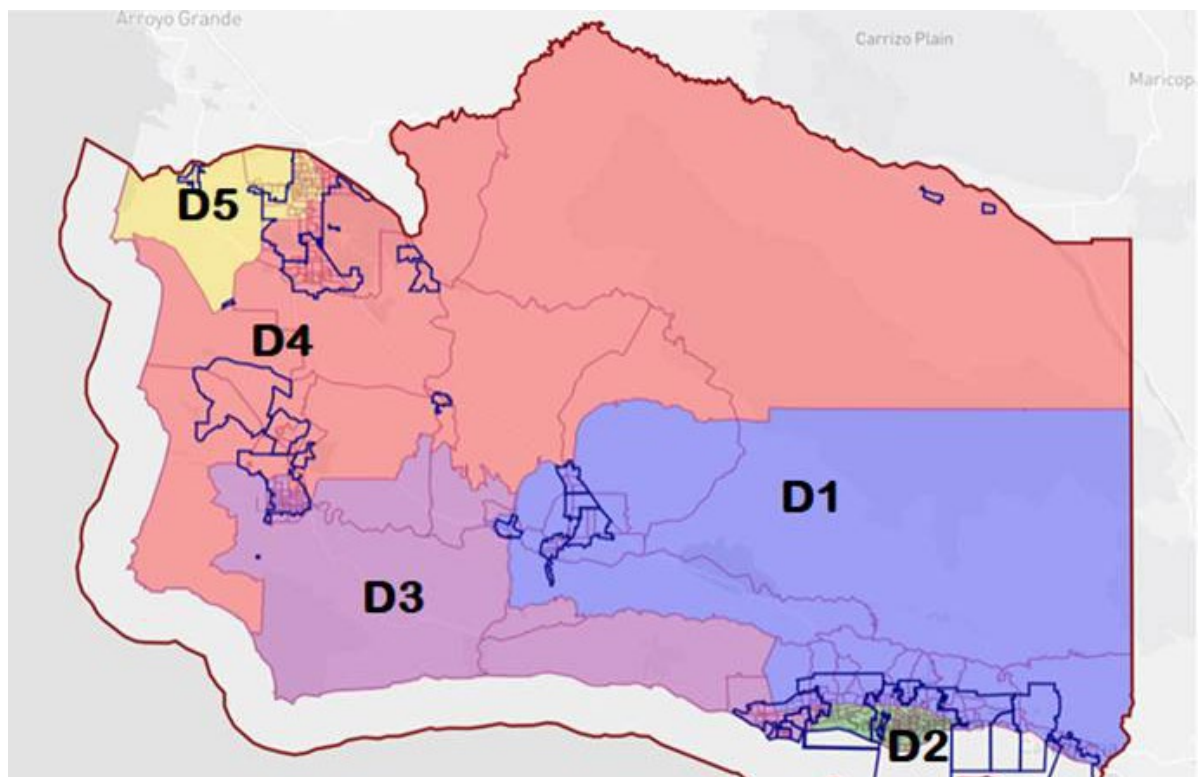
Communities with high share of middle-upper class white homeowners, mix of tourism and boutique agriculture. Strong environmental voice especially on wildfire/debris flow issues and development concerns

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the above points & those of others voicing support for you to move forward with the United Communities Map.

Thank you.

Ron Faas

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**From:** [Charles H. Bell](#)  
**To:** [Glenn Morris](#)  
**Cc:** [Andrea Sheridan Ordin](#); [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Item # 3 - Meeting of November 3, 2021 - Request Correction to Minutes of October 14, 2021 Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 4:43:52 PM

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Thank you very much.

Charles H. Bell, Jr.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 3, 2021, at 12:30 PM, Glenn Morris <[glenn@santamaria.com](mailto:glenn@santamaria.com)> wrote:

Mr. Bell.

Thank you for your note and correction. I will make sure that it is noted as part of the record this evening.

**Glenn Morris**

SBC Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item # 3 - Meeting of November 3, 2021 - Request Correction to Minutes of October 14, 2021 Meeting

Chairman Morris (cc Andrea Ordin, Esq.):

This is to request correction of the Minutes of the Commission's October 14, 2021 Meeting, at page 4. The minutes incorrectly identifies my letter on behalf of The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce as "in support of Jannett Rios" relating to the issue of filling a vacancy on the Commission.

The letter did not support Ms. Rios' nomination. The letter outlined my client's position on the general inadequacy of representation of Hispanics on the Commission. My client noted that even if Ms. Rios was selected, this problem would not be resolved.

In my letter on behalf of this client that was part of the agenda of the October 3, 2021 meeting, my client had recommended your Commission select Mr. Tom

Martinez to fill the vacancy.

I would appreciate the correction of the record. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Good evening Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I have lived in Carpinteria for 29 years, and appreciate your work to re-draw the district lines for Santa Barbara County Supervisor districts. Since Carpinteria is currently a part of District 1, and has demographic similarities to the Santa Barbara Eastside and Westside, I encourage your Commission to adopt a map that keeps Carp in District 1. Carp has many Latino residents, and has much in common with Santa Barbara.

Thank you for taking my comment

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**From:** [Cathy Murillo](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Cc:** [Rebecca Bjork](#); [Rene Eyerly](#)  
**Subject:** County Redistricting Process  
**Date:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:11:31 PM

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To: Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Dear Chair Morris:

This email is to clarify and confirm that I did not sign on to the redistricting map / proposal by the City of Santa Maria. I spoke with Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino yesterday and she acknowledged she had not contacted me regarding the letter submitted by her City. I am glad she and I were able to connect.

I am copying our City Administrator Rebecca Bjork on this communication to confirm that our City has not expressed any opinion on County redistricting.

If you have any questions for me, please respond, or call my mobile phone 805-252-3012.

Thank you for all your good work on this challenging and important task.

Best, Mayor Murillo

**From:** [Celeste Barber](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Comments Regarding Proposed Supervisorial District Maps  
**Date:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:44:02 AM

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November 7, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

As you work to draw the redistricting lines, I ask that you place UC, Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara City College within the same supervisorial district. The college students from both schools share identical concerns – notably quality and affordable student housing – and their collective voices merit being heard by joining the two areas into one county district. I have lived in Santa Barbara County since 1980, arriving here as a student at UCSB. I later taught at SBCC for twenty years. I am sensitive to the need for our young people to be represented at the County level by one supervisor.

Furthermore, District 3 college students and residents share nothing in common with residents from Santa Ynez, including the most obvious, geography. It would make sense to redistrict so that the supervisors can best serve the concerns specific to the respective areas.

For example, billionaire Charles Munger has offered a \$200 million donation to UCSB for the construction of a dormitory that must meet his demands, including his own architectural design – with no concern for what best serves housing needs of students, or the wishes of that particular coastal community. Among the design proposals: that the 1.7 million square foot high-rise dorm would situate 94% of the students in windowless rooms. Thus, no access to fresh air, let alone the impact such a living situation will surely have on their mental and emotional health – not to forget the safety issues (fire; earthquake; active shooter).

Who best able to stand up to heavy-handed proposals like Mr. Munger's, than an elected official sensitive to -- accountable to -- the college population and surrounding community.

Please give my proposal your thoughtful consideration. Thank you.

Celeste Barber

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**From:** [Glenn Morris](#)  
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**Cc:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#); [Ordin, Andrea](#); ["Daniel Phillips"](#); [Jennifer Fitzgerald](#); [megan.elizabeth.turley@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CIRC  
**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:44:30 AM

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Good morning.

Thanks for your note and your continued engagement in the Redistricting process for the SBC Board of Supervisors.

I have shared your suggestions with our team for their insight and consideration as we continue to work on making sure our communications and tools are as clear and accurate as we can make them.

If you check the [DrawSantaBarbaraCounty.org](#) site today, you'll note that the team has already made several adjustments, to the landing page, the draw a map page, and the view draft maps page. While I'm sure we could continue to improve these pages, given our budget, staffing, and time constraints, we hope that the additional information now included on these pages moves us significantly in the right direction.

On a personal note, I appreciate your positive engagement with the Commission. Clearly we're "building the plane while we fly it" with this new (at least to SBC) process. I'm sure that with hindsight, we will be able to identify a range of recommended process adjustments to make future efforts much cleaner and efficient. It's my hope that – after the first of the year when this process is complete – the commission can hold a hearing or two and work with interested stakeholders to publish a report capturing the lessons learned and recommendations for next time. I'll look forward to your engagement in that discussion!

## Glenn Morris

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**From:** Lee Heller <[leehellerk9@gmail.com](mailto:leehellerk9@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:54 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: CIRC

Dear Chair Morris,

I'm sorry to email you at this email address, but emails that go to the CIRC redistricting inbox don't seem to be read in a timely fashion, and this pertains to improvements to the map presentation process. I'm hoping that your attention can get this matter to staff in a more timely fashion, since we are running out of time to get things right, and ensure a successful outcome for the CIRC. I also realize that NDC is a bit crunched with Shalice being out, and that may result in a bottleneck. It may make sense to provide guidance to

Tripepi Smith directly (as I believe Vice-Chair Turley has been doing from time to time).

I believe in offering solutions, not just criticism, where there are problems. As regards the lack of a tool to submit narratives, as well as ways for the public to see DistrictR maps, and not just PDFs, I suggest the following:

On the View Draft Maps page (<https://drawsantabarbaracounty.org/view-draft-maps/>)

1. Start with a paragraph explaining the process: the currently posted maps were received by Oct. 18; maps submitted after that and by the new second deadline of Nov. 8 will be posted by such-and-such date [I think it's Nov. 12?]. Focus maps will be chosen by certain dates, etc.
2. Explain HOW the maps are being presented, and may be reviewed, on that web page -- i.e. both as draft plans in PDF form, and in greater, GIS-detail using DistrictR.
3. If possible, have a link for each draft map not just as a PDF, but also directly to the map in DistrictR, so that people can look at both without having to wade through various links, as is currently required. Frankly, it's really hard to find the DistrictR versions, and I didn't even know that this was possible until Nov. 3, when Dr. Phillips made his presentation. If that is too time consuming (as it could be very tedious work to provide those links), a less friendly but still better approach would be to have an explanation of how the Plan Summary Table works (right now there is a link to the table, but no explanation of what it even is, and it does not contain live links). The table itself needs work, since Column A refers to "labels," but should be called "Draft Plan #," as otherwise it's not clear how the table works relative to the draft plans. Explain that users can search for the draft plans in DistrictR by using the Draft Plan number to find the DistrictR number, and then find the map in question in DistrictR by using that number.
4. Have a link to the DistrictR tool right there on the View Draft Maps page. Currently you have to go to a whole different page, Draw A Map, then find the link for DistrictR, and then find the DistrictR versions of the Draft Plans. It would be so easy to put this link, <https://districtr.org/event/SBCounty>, right on the View Draft Maps page next to the Plan Summary Table, as part of the explanation for how the public can view draft plans in GIS detail.
5. Have a mechanism on the Draw A Map page for submitting an accompanying narrative. As you know (and at Vice-Chair Turley's recommendation) I submitted an email immediately after the last October meeting about doing this, since there was broad agreement as to the value of having these narratives but needing a way to submit them anonymously. Nothing was done. This is a no-brainer. All you need is a simple form, much like the one on the Contact page for the CIRC, with two fields: map number and narrative explanation. Once submitted, staff will need to find a way to include them with each draft map -- maybe as a third page, after the map and the census analysis pages.

I assume you will report this as an ex parte communication. If you feel it appropriate to submit this as public comment to the CIRC, that is fine with me. I am just trying to find an expedited way to fix problems!+

I also want to thank you for your graciousness and openness, as you have made every effort to run a fair, inclusive, and functional process, with so many hurdles and challenges! As you know, I have been in there from the beginning, trying to make sure that the Commission is as successful as possible. I hope you are able to forward these suggestions so that, if no other solutions have already been implemented, staff can use these to get us where we need to be!

Gratefully,

Lee E. Heller, Ph.D., J.D.  
Santa Barbara CA

**From:** [Jeff Havlik](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** 3rd District  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:01:19 AM

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Whatever else is decided, I believe it is imperative to take Isla Vista out of the Third District. That is one of the most egregious cases of gerrymandering I've ever seen.

**From:** [John Duncan](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Cc:** [John Duncan](#)  
**Subject:** Map Submission Follow Up  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 7:48:26 PM

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Commissioners,

I spoke to your Commission at this evening's meeting.

First, please reply to this email so I know it has been received and you can honor my request.

Previously on October 17th I submitted a District R map (65579) and asked that you consider it. It was a Final version of map 65196 that was a draft. I requested that you consider my Final map which was labeled Final.

I never received a reply and assumed that my Map was accepted as a Final. Only this evening did I discover that my map, although submitted before the 18th deadline, was not listed as one of those accepted.

In order to make sure you have my map, I have resubmitted it once again and it now appears in the Gallery. It is #75237 and is titled "Copy of 65579." I request that you consider it as a map submitted prior to 10/18.

If I have the time I will submit a revised map to address the latest population figures. But it seems very burdensome that we should have to totally redraw our DistrictR maps.

Please reply as requested above.

Thank You,  
J.L. Duncan

**From:** [Jennifer Fitzgerald](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** forward of comment/question from County's independent redistricting commission website  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:00:03 PM

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**Message**

I don't believe the message one little bit.

The powerful have used the census information and the voting ballots to re-draw district boundaries to ensure that they have the best chance to remain in power... better serve the community !!! Ha ha ha. Who gets to draw the lines ? And who appoints the people who draw the lines ? What a joke. I know you're just going to dismiss my comment and do whatever you want anyway. We here in the USA have a protected political class. And that was never supposed to happen. Go ahead and add up the average number of years of the people who are serving and you will find your political class. It was intended that people would serve a term or two then go back to their private lives... go ahead do the research. Then it won't be so easy to dismiss my comment. The powerful almost never give up their power willingly. I'm not claiming that they are evil or bad it's human nature...

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**Subject:** Letter to Commissioners  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:26:39 PM

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Dear Commissioners, 11/10/21

Amongst the letters your commission received last week was a letter suggesting that all the Mayors of all the cities in Santa Barbara County endorsed a certain set of redistricting ideas and adoption of a certain map by your commission. In rather broad terms, the letter conflated the support of Mayors with the support of Cities. It also conflated the support of certain ideas with support of a certain map.

Solvang was one of the cities listed: “Solvang – Mayor Charlie Uhrig – Confirmed”

I am a Solvang resident and to find out the truth of this matter I attended Monday’s City Council meeting and followed up with communications with the City Manager.

The City Manager wrote that “Solvang has not taken any action. Mayor has not signed or sent any letter pending Council input and opportunity for public to comment.”

The Council will be considering the adoption of a resolution regarding County Redistricting on November 22 but the staff report and draft resolution proposed for the agenda item do not mention a specific map that the City proposes to endorse.

Considering past history, it would probably not be in Solvang’s best interest to support the wholesale rearrangement of Supervisorial districts that the misleading letter claimed Solvang supports. Solvang and the Santa Ynez Valley are important parts of the current Third District that connects the City with the South Coast, the entire Gaviota Coast reaching from Campus Point to Point Conception, and all the recreational areas provided by the Pacific Ocean.

This relationship represents a community of interest of proven cultural and economic value. Solvang relies upon its unique attractive setting rich with recreational opportunities, to attract visitors.

But the map the City was claimed to support, would place Solvang in the Fourth District, disconnect it from the South Coast, and attach it to three quarters of Orcutt and half of Santa Maria, substantially diminishing the importance of the Santa Ynez Valley and Solvang. The interests of the Valley and Solvang would clearly play “second fiddle” or perhaps “third or fourth fiddle” to the larger urban areas.

The current Third District includes a number of small communities and the largest number of residents living in unincorporated areas found in all the districts. Any Third District supervisor must understand the concerns of these residents and represent them at the Board of Supervisors. This is a proven pattern of local government.

Please retain the current configuration of the Third District and only make the smallest changes necessary to rebalance the County’s five districts. The communities of interest they join have stood the test of time. The existing relationships between Supervisors and their constituents are valuable. Moving residents from one district to another risks

diminishing their franchise by extending the period between elections.

Thank You for your consideration,

J. Lansing Duncan

Solvang, CA



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I know I'm a little late in this request, however it is an important one, so I hope that you can consider our concerns.

We are farmers who live on Farren Road. Prior to the last redistricting, our representative was from the Santa Maria area. After the redistricting took effect, our representative was from the city. Farmers need to be represented by persons that understand the needs of farmers. Since the last redistricting, that has not been the case.

When you decide which proposal to settle on, please select one that does not place the farmers in the area represented by a representative of the city. I noted that there are several proposals that I believe respond to my request. I hope that you will take our concerns when selecting which proposal to decide on.

If there were more time, I am positive that all farmers in this part of the County would support my request.

Respectfully submitted

Jay Coslett (Representing the farmers on Farren Road)

**From:** [Bobbi McGinnis](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the 400 series of maps  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:05:48 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in Santa Barbara most of my life and have worked as a realtor for over 30 years and raised my children here.. I have sold single family and commercial properties throughout the County. I recommend the commission support the 400 series maps for several reasons. First, the concept of uniting the SBCC college students with the UCSB and Isla Vista group is brilliant. Over 3000 SBCC students live in Isla Vista. So, they will have representation for the school they are attending and the area where they live. This is true representation.

Secondly, they are combined with the families that live and work in the coastal region. Many of the business and apartment complexes where students habitat are owned and managed by adults who live in the coastal region. For example, one local landlord just converted a large student -apartment complex on the Mesa to solar energy to protect the environment through clean energy and please his tenants. The landlord and the student tenants both benefited by the common interest of energy efficient, climate change technology. In addition, people who live by the ocean are deeply concerned with development along the coast. They are united by their love of the ocean. Their voice can be clearly heard if they have representation on the BOS.

Thirdly, by dividing south county into 2 districts it creates a foothill district. I live in a Painted Cave rebuilt house. Our family has been evacuated in almost every fire that we have had in the last 15 years. The families, farmers and ranchers have a keen interest in the forest management and the clearing of our creeks and canyons. The risks of living in the foothills can not be compared to the areas of downtown and coastal region. We have a common weather and concerns that are different than those living by the sea.

Lastly, the 400 series gives a more balanced approach to the territory covered. Residents will live in close proximity to one another. You will not have a 3 hour drive to get to the seat of your representation. Everyone will live in a comfortable 15 minute to 30 minute drive to reach the heart of their district.

Please support the 400 series maps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bobbi McGinnis

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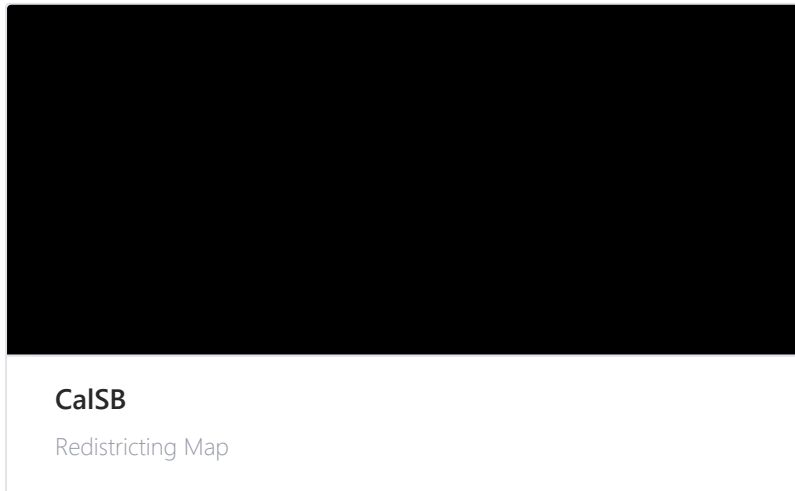
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- 1st) City of Santa Barbara, majority-white.
- 2nd) City of Goleta, slightly majority-minority.
- 3rd) Rest of the coast, majority-minority, includes tribal area.
- 4th) Santa Maria city, Latino-majority
- 5th) Inland county, slightly majority-white.

Name "PalmSB"

**From:** [Edward Fuller](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** County Redistricting Map Next Public Hearing - Friday, November 12  
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my opinion on the redrawing of Santa Barbara county Supervisorial District maps. My name is Ed Fuller. I was born in Santa Barbara and have spent all 65 years of my life as a south county resident. I am currently a resident of Old Town Goleta and spent 6 years as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Goleta. All my adult life I have been amazed how UCSB/Isla Vista has for so many decades been a part of the 3rd district which includes Santa Ynez. What have Isla Vista/UCSB residents ever had in common with the country folk of the Santa Ynez valley? Maybe it's wine? Other than that, I suspect zero. North west Goleta would have a lot more in common, especially the foothills and areas west of Goleta along the coast. If you are really interested in Communities of Interests then it makes the most sense to include SBCC and the apartment areas around it with UCSB, Isla Vista, the Coal Oil Point/Devereux area, and the faculty/family/student housing around University Village. Let's put right the wrong that has been the 3rd District for decades.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Fuller

Ed Fuller, Broker, SRS, ABR, GRI, SRES, ePro, BPOR, GREEN

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**From:** [fromero@solutions-plus.net](mailto:fromero@solutions-plus.net)  
**To:** "Glenn Morris"  
**Cc:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting Comment Letter  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:51:55 PM

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Glenn,

Quick question. Could you distribute as Chair? I was only going by what the website said, there was no mention of holiday closures.

Thanks so much!

Frances

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**From:** fromero@solutions-plus.net <fromero@solutions-plus.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:47 PM  
**To:** 'Glenn Morris' <glenn@santamaria.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting Comment Letter

Hi Glenn,

Thanks for the quick response. I thought that the deadline was today at 5pm, I'm sorry for being a bit late. As you can see, there is a lot of community involvement on this letter so it took a bit longer to prepare for submittal than anticipated.

Best regards,

Frances

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**From:** Glenn Morris <[glenn@santamaria.com](mailto:glenn@santamaria.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** 'fromero@solutions-plus.net' <[fromero@solutions-plus.net](mailto:fromero@solutions-plus.net)>; [redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org)  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting Comment Letter

Thank you, Frances.

I will make sure this gets to our team so it gets included in the public record. Given that we're meeting tomorrow and that the packet has already been published (and the fact that staff aren't working today for the holiday), I can't guarantee it will be distributed before our next meeting.

I don't believe that will be a problem, however, because the commission is going to take testimony on maps for the next 2 or 3 meetings before reducing the list from the 80+ submitted

to our first batch of “focus maps.” This will allow plenty of time for your letter to be included and considered.

## Glenn Morris

SBC Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission  
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**From:** [fromero@solutions-plus.net](mailto:fromero@solutions-plus.net) <[fromero@solutions-plus.net](mailto:fromero@solutions-plus.net)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 11:19 AM

**To:** [redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org)

**Cc:** Glenn Morris <[glenn@santamaria.com](mailto:glenn@santamaria.com)>

**Subject:** Redistricting Comment Letter

Dear Chairperson Morris & Commissioners,

Please confirm receipt of the attached comment letter for your Commission’s review & consideration.

Thank you for your service on this very important task.

Warm regards,

*Frances*

Cell 805.720.1120

Frances Romero

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**From:** [Nelda Martin](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting with "Fair Boundaries"  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 1:51:57 PM

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To the Independent Commission:

When I retired in 2018 I moved to the Central Coast and I reside in Los Alamos. I want to call attention to the disparity in District 3. Isla Vista is an urban area with little but nothing in common with "The Valley" residents who are older and retired, along with farmers, and ranchers.

In closing, I would ask that the commission choose Map #407. I believe that this map will provide adequate representation for District 3.

Thank you for your consideration of this extremely important matter!

Nelda A Martin  
P O Box 676  
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**From:** [Melissa De Soto](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** My View On Redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 3:02:05 PM

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As a long-time resident of Santa Barbara, I can attest to the fact that District 3 currently includes dissimilar communities with little in common. Many of the residents of the Santa Ynez Valley include older residents, retirees, farmers, and ranchers, and those seeking a quiet place to live, while Isla Vista is a fast-paced urban environment with a young population. These communities, given their inherent and obvious differences, often have diverging interests, creating a divided district. By following the 400 series maps it creates a coastal district like whereby SBCC and UCSB are in the same district gives them a unified voice. Did you know that 3000 SBCC students live in Isla Vista? The student's concern for the shoreline and interest in the ocean is consistent with the people who live next to the ocean all along the coastline south of Highway 101. Please consider one of the maps in the 400 series. Unite the students and give representation to the people who live along the coast.

Sincerely,  
Melissa D.  
329 E. Carillo Street  
SB, CA 93101

**From:** [Sheridan Rosenberg](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** My first choice is 407  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 3:42:32 PM

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We have been victimized as a community by the unfair distribution of votes from Isla Vista/UCSB. We need the map redrawn and my first choice is 407.

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**From:** [Debra Cloud](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting in Santa Barbara County  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 3:51:08 PM

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Thank you and have a great day!

Debi Cloud  
Santa Maria CA

**From:** [Ciara Main](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Map  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:02:09 PM

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Hello,

As a resident of Santa Barbara County I would like to see Public Map 407 be put into place and act as our new redistricting lines.

400 - 408 are my series preference.

Thank you

**From:** [Lisa Sloan](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Hearing November 12  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:04:03 PM

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Dear Redistricting Committee,

Would you please include my comments on the draft redistricting maps?

As a long term resident of Goleta, I prefer the 400 series maps for two reasons:

- 1) They unite the transient student population. The students from SBCC and UCSB mostly live in Isla Vista and the apartment complexes along the coast. With 55000 new or returning students moving into the area each year, they belong in the same district so they can have a united voice.
- 2) The 400 series maps unite the urban and suburban areas of the south coast foothills. The families who live in this region send their children to the Santa Barbara Unified School District Schools. These urban and suburban residential areas are far more similar to each other than they are to the more rural areas to the north and west of them.

For these reasons I ask the commission to pick one of the 400 series maps, with 407 being my first choice. In this way, similar populations are grouped together to give voice to the southern region of the County. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Sloan

**From:** [Barbara Anne](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Fair Boundaries for our County  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:05:19 PM

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Dear Redistricting Committee,

I applaud you for your hard work in creating fair and just boundaries for our County.

I would like to add my input and alliance with the grouping of all the coastline into one district as the sample 407 map shows.

This gives our students a unified voice and also the farmers. It is apparent that the map as it stands right now does not fairly represent

the diversity of our community. Equality and equity is our theme for all, and let's work hard to create fresh and fair boundaries.

Barbara Batastini  
Santa Barbara

**From:** [Mark Oliver](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Map Comments  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:10:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [Mark Oliver Redistricting Map Comments.pdf](#)

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Dear Commissioners,

Please find the attached PDF letter with my comments for the meeting tomorrow. If possible please acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.

Mark Oliver

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November 11, 2021

Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

RE: Comments in support of DistrictR Map #76847

Dear Commissioners,

I live in the Santa Ynez Valley. I strongly urge the adoption of DistrictR Map #76847. It is equitable and fair while maintaining a critical balance between the competing—and often narrow—interests found throughout the county. For example, while the so-called "United Communities" proposed map claims better representation for the urban areas of Santa Maria and Orcutt, both of which are experiencing increasing growth and have a favorable attitude to proposed developments, the Santa Ynez Valley shares very little of the same attitude.

Although the commission must strike an equitable treatment of all citizens regardless of their personal beliefs and desires, it should keep in mind that radically changing, or “packing” the district boundaries, as in the "United Communities" map, will lead to the disenfranchisement of citizens in the Santa Ynez Valley no less deserving of equal treatment.

That is why I find DistrictR Map #76847 to be the superior choice. This map maintains and improves upon Santa Barbara County’s supervisorial districts without injecting turmoil and creating disruption of existing representation and community relationships.

It is fairly balanced—and fundamentally is the same as the one that has worked very well for many years. The balance between the urban north and urban south county is buffered by the third district, similar to what now exists. The current third district will continue to be unified and represented by the largest number of citizens in unincorporated county areas, citizens united by interest, providing them with much needed representation in county government.

Parenthetically, it should be pointed out that representatives of the United Communities proposed map have claimed Solvang has endorsed their map. That is false and untrue. The city manager has noted that “Solvang has not taken any action. [The] Mayor has not signed or sent any letter pending Council input and opportunity for public to comment.” An examination of other potentially spurious



support is advised.

I support the adoption of DistrictR Map #76847. It is a natural "evolutionary" change, not a radical one that will lead to the disenfranchisement of the citizens of unincorporated county areas.

Make the fewest revisions required to rebalance the county's five districts.

With these minor adjustments, the commission can maintain the stable, non-disruptive existing relationships that will allow citizens of all areas of the county to continue to benefit equally.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Mark Oliver  
Solvang

**From:** [Sandi Neustadt](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:13:40 PM

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As a 54 year resident of Goleta, I can attest to the fact that District 3 currently includes dissimilar communities with little in common. Many of the residents of the Santa Ynez Valley include older residents, retirees, farmers, and ranchers, and those seeking a quiet place to live, while Isla Vista is a fast-paced urban environment with a young population. These communities, given their inherent and obvious differences, often have diverging interests, creating a divided district. By following the 400 series maps it creates a coastal district like whereby SBCC and UCSB are in the same district gives them a unified voice. Did you know that 3000 SBCC students live in Isla Vista? The students' concern for the shoreline and interest in the ocean is consistent with the people who live next to the ocean all along the coastline south of Highway 101. Please consider one of the maps in the 400 series. Unite the students and give representation to the people who live along the coast.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Kindest Regards,

Sandi Neustadt

**From:** [Aimee Smith](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** county supervisor district redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:35:31 PM

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As a resident in faculty housing with children, I can attest to the different culture of IV and UCSB housing compared to other parts of the county.

If the purpose of districts is to give different communities representation that can voice their interests and concerns in county government, than it is most reasonable to have the student and UCSB community in one district as provided for in the 400 draft map series.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Aimee Smith

**From:** [James Fenkner](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** SB Country Redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:52:05 PM

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Dear SB County Redistricting Board,

I live on the Mesa in Santa Barbara and would like to share my perspective as to the various maps presented to the SB Country redistricting board.

In brief, I support the 400 series maps ( map number 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, and 408). In the event I am only allowed one map to support, I would support map 407. My logic is simple, these maps appear to best respect natural boundaries and communities of common interest. From a cultural and community interest point of view, combining the towns in the Santa Ynez wine country together in District 2 makes huge sense. Using this same logic, I believe that uniting Isla Vista with SBCC and the Mesa into District 2 is most representative of the shared interests in this area.

Thank you for your work on the redistricting board and for considering my point of view.

Best Regards,

James Fenkner  
805 455 6800

Home address:

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Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**From:** [Mikey](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Isla Vista needs to be consolidated with Goleta  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:55:57 PM

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To whom it may concern:

The very unbalanced third district, which includes the UCSB/Isla Vista population needs to be consolidated into the second district or at least diluted.

The existing northern part of district 3 is unfairly affected by the significantly different population in Isla Vista; a UCSB transient population can not be allowed to determine taxes, bonds and laws for the northern population that has a much different long term plan.

Thank you,  
Michael C. Schaumburg  
805 679-3068

**From:** [Michele WeslanderQuaid](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting input  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:01:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to Santa Barbara County Redistricting Committee - 11 NOV 2021.pdf](#)

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RE: Santa Barbara County Redistricting

Please see the attached letter, which contains my inputs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Michele R. Weslander Quaid

Hello, Santa Barbara County Redistricting Committee,

I was raised in Santa Barbara and spent the first 14 years of my life here. My mom and I moved away in 1983 and I returned with my family in 2016. I reside at the property that originally belonged to my grandparents off Patterson Avenue towards Cathedral Oaks in what is now known as “Noleta” because it is not in the City of Santa Barbara or the City of Goleta.

The districts need to be redrawn in a more logical manner, specifically Districts 2 and 3. Isla Vista (IV) is urban and does not belong in District 3, which is primarily Santa Ynez Valley. IV better fits in the more urban District 2. The 400 series maps create a coastal district whereby SBCC and UCSB are in the same district, giving them a unified voice, and makes both District 2 and District 3 more cohesive.

In reviewing the maps online, I believe 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, and 407 to be the best with regard to incorporating neighborhoods within appropriate district lines. They are highly similar in that IV is included in District 2 in all of the renderings. Furthermore, more rural cities are included entirely within a district rather than split on a district line. In my view, Map 402 is the best.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Michele R. Weslander Quaid  
534 Tepic Place, Santa Barbara CA 93111

**From:** [Amy Blair](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting input  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:58:38 PM

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Dear Redistricting Committee,

I am happy to see your efforts in re-creating better boundaries that are more fair and equal for the SB county.

I would like to add my input and alliance with the grouping of all the coastline into one district as the sample 407 map shows.

That way, many demographics including students and farmers are equally reflected, having a balanced fair representation. It is clear that the current map does not fairly represent the diversity of our community. Equality and equity is imperative. Let's make sure this vital balanced representation is met in the making of the new boundaries.

Thank you,

Amy Blair  
2417 calle Linares,  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109



**From:** [Jill Rivera](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** New Maps for SB District Boundaries  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 5:04:42 PM

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Dear Committee,

I am writing you to voice my desire to construct the most fair and equitable maps. I am in favor of the 400 series because it puts all the college students from UCSB (IV) and SBCC all in one category with a distinct voice. This would be a coastal district and would accurately represent the student population as one voice. I believe this would be the best and fairest way to outline moving forward.

Thank you,

Jill Rivera

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Toni Lane](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Cc:** [Jason Stilwell](#)  
**Subject:** Mayors Support for Map #72487 named VRA/Communities of Interest  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 5:51:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Redistricting Commission Mayor Support Letter 11-11-21.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter forwarded on behalf of Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino, expressing support for Map #72487 named VRA/Communities of Interest to include for consideration by the Redistricting Commission.

Thank you,

***Toni Lane***

*Toni Lane*

*Executive Administrator, City Manager's Office*

*City of Santa Maria / 110 East Cook Street, Room 1 / Santa Maria, CA 93454 /*

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November 11, 2021

County of Santa Barbara  
Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission  
[redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org)

Dear Commission Members,

One overarching priority of City Councils across Santa Barbara County is for the Commission to consider cities as communities of interest. Prior to independent redistricting, we have seen Supervisorial districts splitting cities and not adequately representing cities and its residents. City Councils and I believe this has led to the underrepresentation of cities, a greater focus by the supervisors of unincorporated areas of the County rather than cities (even though more County voters live within cities), and sharp cost shifts to cities for county services such as law enforcement, animal control, and a number of other County provided services.

The Mayors throughout the County recognize the Redistricting Commission has a very aggressive schedule. The Commission plans to hold a hearing on proposed maps next week and through November with a goal of selecting one map by the end of the year. We commend you on your efforts and appreciate the opportunity to provide input and suggestions and how this process can culminate in County supervisorial representation best for all County residents.

We have reviewed the many submitted maps. A number of them seem to have city communities of interest as afterthoughts, carving the cities up seemingly just to balance countywide population numbers without a focus on city needs or representation. This unfortunately is consistent with past practice, and we count on the Commission to take a more holistic view.

The map we found that most aligns with city priorities and keeping cities intact as communities of interest is Map #72487 named VRA/Communities of Interest.

The Mayors like this map and believe it is best for the cities in the County because:

1. It creates two minority-majority districts by both population and Voting Age Population by Race which comports with the priorities of the Voting Rights Act;
2. It divides districts primarily by major thoroughfares rather than gerrymander;
3. It maintains Communities of Interest including:

- A) It comports with the City of Santa Maria City Council resolution to keep cities whole and to not divide Santa Maria into more than two supervisorial districts, as practical as possible;
- B) It keeps Vandenberg Space Force Base, Lompoc, Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village, and the Federal Prison in the same District;
- C) It keeps the entire Santa Ynez Valley together including the Lake Cachuma Watershed;
- D) It keeps the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara as a whole as possible;
- E) It puts the two medium-sized cities (Lompoc and Goleta) together for the first time ensuring they will have direct representation on the Board of Supervisors. These two communities “share” some 10,000 commuters each and every day;
- F) It restores Guadalupe with both Santa Maria and Orcutt districts, and it restores Cuyama into the district with the City of Santa Maria;
- G) Four of the five districts encompass coastal territory.

I have reached out to Mayors across the County and several have confirmed agreement with the above-requested priorities for the Commission to consider.

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have in this regard.

Respectfully Submitted,



**ALICE M. PATINO**  
Mayor

**From:** [michelle@dewerdfamily.com](mailto:michelle@dewerdfamily.com)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Please send my updates  
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Hello,

I am interested in receiving email updates on the redistricting process.

Thank you!

All the best,

Michelle de Werd

Michelle de Werd

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**From:** [Tami Bollay](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistributing 3rd District  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:45:18 PM

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Please remove Isla Vista from the Santa Barbara County 3rd District.  
Santa Ynez, Buellton area are mostly agricultural and have very little in common with Isla Vista.  
The farming and manufacturing areas of Santa Barbara are not well represented by the County.  
Thank You,  
Tami Bollay  
162 White Oak Road  
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Theresa Reilly](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Input from the Santa Ynez Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 9:07:17 PM

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Addendum to my earlier email: please refer to "the minimally disruptive DistrictR Map # 76847 submitted to the independent redistricting commission" as my preferred map submitted this far. Thank you.

Theresa Reilly  
[tree101@hotmail.com](mailto:tree101@hotmail.com)

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On Nov 11, 2021, at 8:39 PM, Theresa Reilly <[tree101@hotmail.com](mailto:tree101@hotmail.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am a 30+ year resident of the Santa Ynez Valley, having raised my children here, taught in local schools, and am now semi-retired and actively involved in this community. Prior to that, I attended UCSB and lived many years in Santa Barbara and Goleta. There is a close connection between my peer group, my hobbies and interests and the South Coast and none whatsoever with Santa Maria or Orcutt.

Historically and currently, the Santa Ynez River watershed is an important corridor and should be connected in any redistricting efforts. Our rural/small town sensibilities need to be affiliated with similar adjacent areas if populations need to be balanced in adjusting redistricting maps. While Isla Vista may not be the best match and can be off-putting for some in our Valley residents, it is imperative that the Santa Ynez Valley not be divided or thrown in with North County. I support a map that does not diverge significantly from our current third district as suggested by Lansing Duncan.

Please add my email to your contact list for the redistricting process so that I may stay informed and involved in the process.

Sincerely,

Theresa Reilly  
Buellton Resident  
[tree101@hotmail.com](mailto:tree101@hotmail.com)

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Dear Committee,

I am writing you to voice my desire to construct the most fair and equitable maps. I am in favor of the 400 series because it puts all the college students from UCSB (IV) and SBCC all in one category with a distinct voice. This would be a coastal district and would accurately represent the student population as one voice. I believe this would be the best and fairest way to outline moving forward.

Thank you,

Jill Rivera

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Toni Lane](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Cc:** [Jason Stilwell](#)  
**Subject:** Mayors Support for Map #72487 named VRA/Communities of Interest  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 5:51:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Redistricting Commission Mayor Support Letter 11-11-21.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter forwarded on behalf of Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino, expressing support for Map #72487 named VRA/Communities of Interest to include for consideration by the Redistricting Commission.

Thank you,

***Toni Lane***

*Toni Lane*

*Executive Administrator, City Manager's Office*

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November 11, 2021

County of Santa Barbara  
Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission  
[redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org)

Dear Commission Members,

One overarching priority of City Councils across Santa Barbara County is for the Commission to consider cities as communities of interest. Prior to independent redistricting, we have seen Supervisorial districts splitting cities and not adequately representing cities and its residents. City Councils and I believe this has led to the underrepresentation of cities, a greater focus by the supervisors of unincorporated areas of the County rather than cities (even though more County voters live within cities), and sharp cost shifts to cities for county services such as law enforcement, animal control, and a number of other County provided services.

The Mayors throughout the County recognize the Redistricting Commission has a very aggressive schedule. The Commission plans to hold a hearing on proposed maps next week and through November with a goal of selecting one map by the end of the year. We commend you on your efforts and appreciate the opportunity to provide input and suggestions and how this process can culminate in County supervisorial representation best for all County residents.

We have reviewed the many submitted maps. A number of them seem to have city communities of interest as afterthoughts, carving the cities up seemingly just to balance countywide population numbers without a focus on city needs or representation. This unfortunately is consistent with past practice, and we count on the Commission to take a more holistic view.

The map we found that most aligns with city priorities and keeping cities intact as communities of interest is Map #72487 named VRA/Communities of Interest.

The Mayors like this map and believe it is best for the cities in the County because:

1. It creates two minority-majority districts by both population and Voting Age Population by Race which comports with the priorities of the Voting Rights Act;
2. It divides districts primarily by major thoroughfares rather than gerrymander;
3. It maintains Communities of Interest including:

- A) It comports with the City of Santa Maria City Council resolution to keep cities whole and to not divide Santa Maria into more than two supervisorial districts, as practical as possible;
- B) It keeps Vandenberg Space Force Base, Lompoc, Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village, and the Federal Prison in the same District;
- C) It keeps the entire Santa Ynez Valley together including the Lake Cachuma Watershed;
- D) It keeps the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara as a whole as possible;
- E) It puts the two medium-sized cities (Lompoc and Goleta) together for the first time ensuring they will have direct representation on the Board of Supervisors. These two communities “share” some 10,000 commuters each and every day;
- F) It restores Guadalupe with both Santa Maria and Orcutt districts, and it restores Cuyama into the district with the City of Santa Maria;
- G) Four of the five districts encompass coastal territory.

I have reached out to Mayors across the County and several have confirmed agreement with the above-requested priorities for the Commission to consider.

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have in this regard.

Respectfully Submitted,



**ALICE M. PATINO**  
Mayor

**From:** [michelle@dewerdfamily.com](mailto:michelle@dewerdfamily.com)  
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**Subject:** Please send my updates  
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Hello,

I am interested in receiving email updates on the redistricting process.

Thank you!

All the best,

Michelle de Werd

Michelle de Werd

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**From:** [Tami Bollay](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistributing 3rd District  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:45:18 PM

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Please remove Isla Vista from the Santa Barbara County 3rd District.  
Santa Ynez, Buellton area are mostly agricultural and have very little in common with Isla Vista.  
The farming and manufacturing areas of Santa Barbara are not well represented by the County.  
Thank You,  
Tami Bollay  
162 White Oak Road  
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Theresa Reilly](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Input from the Santa Ynez Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 9:07:17 PM

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Addendum to my earlier email: please refer to "the minimally disruptive DistrictR Map # 76847 submitted to the independent redistricting commission" as my preferred map submitted this far. Thank you.

Theresa Reilly  
[tree101@hotmail.com](mailto:tree101@hotmail.com)

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On Nov 11, 2021, at 8:39 PM, Theresa Reilly <[tree101@hotmail.com](mailto:tree101@hotmail.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am a 30+ year resident of the Santa Ynez Valley, having raised my children here, taught in local schools, and am now semi-retired and actively involved in this community. Prior to that, I attended UCSB and lived many years in Santa Barbara and Goleta. There is a close connection between my peer group, my hobbies and interests and the South Coast and none whatsoever with Santa Maria or Orcutt.

Historically and currently, the Santa Ynez River watershed is an important corridor and should be connected in any redistricting efforts. Our rural/small town sensibilities need to be affiliated with similar adjacent areas if populations need to be balanced in adjusting redistricting maps. While Isla Vista may not be the best match and can be off-putting for some in our Valley residents, it is imperative that the Santa Ynez Valley not be divided or thrown in with North County. I support a map that does not diverge significantly from our current third district as suggested by Lansing Duncan.

Please add my email to your contact list for the redistricting process so that I may stay informed and involved in the process.

Sincerely,

Theresa Reilly  
Buellton Resident  
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**From:** [Lee Rosenberg](#)  
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**Subject:** Isla Vista  
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It is and has been for years an embarrassing absurdity to have Isla Vista artificially annexed to the 3rd District. There is no identifiable rationale for this conjunction. There is no ethnic, geographic or other reason to continue to allow this absurdity.

Lee Rosenberg  
Solvang

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bill Woodbridge](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** in favor of "united communities Map"  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 10:13:46 PM

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Hi redistricting people. Just a message that I am very much in favor of the “United Communities Map” for redistricting.

Thanks,

Bill Woodbridge  
805-679-5372  
56 S Patterson Ave #207  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

**From:** [Alex Pujo](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Support for "United Communities"  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 10:35:16 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commission members,

I write in support of the 'United Communities Map' as the superior choice for supervisorial districts in Santa Barbara County. Of the (6) alternatives listed on Noozhawk, the 'United Communities' makes more sense because:

- 1) It joins Santa Maria and Guadalupe (District 5);
- 2) It keeps most of Santa Barbara on District 2;
- 3) District 3 is more compact (and manageable) than in the current version;
- 4) Carpinteria, Summerland, Montecito and the Santa Barbara Foothills are joined with the Santa Ynez Valley, Los Olivos and Buellton in District 1. It is a large district but the communities are more similar and better connected than with the current boundaries.
- 5) District 4 is a very large and sprawling district, but it combines communities with similar characteristics: Vandenberg, Orcut and Los Alamos.

Thank you for your work. Best regards,

-Alex

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**From:** [Mary Ellen Brooks](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** letter for today's packet  
**Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 7:48:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [CPA redistricting final .docx](#)

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Dear Staff: Please find attached a letter regarding redistricting process/mapa from Citizens Planning Association. The letter explains why we support a particular map. I hope you will add our letter to the packet for today's meeting. I could not find where to send letters/comments. I only saw the link for maps. Let me know when you receive this and if it will be added. Marell Brooks



916 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
November 12, 2021

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

The non-profit Citizens Planning Association, representing residents from throughout Santa Barbara County, has supported sound land use policies on the Central Coast since 1960. As such we have seen many redistricting plans. We supported establishment of an independent redistricting commission.

However, we and our members have found it difficult to locate and review various maps proposed by the public. We have heard from many of our members that they support certain maps or certain features of maps, but we have been unable to locate these maps as they are not yet posted on the website. It is unfortunate that there are no narratives to inform you or the public about why certain boundaries or changes are proposed. We find this unfortunate, and hope that you do not arbitrarily remove some ideas from consideration without full and complete review and analysis of all the maps that have been submitted. If this requires you to hold additional meetings, we urge you to add them to the agenda.

We urge you to make as few changes as possible to meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

We see no need to alter the numbering system of districts, as proposed by your consultants. District one should begin at the southern border of the County and proceed northward. There is no reason that the City of Santa Barbara should be designated “District 1.” This has the potential, depending on the final map selected that many voters in the City of Santa Barbara who are expecting to vote in June of next year, would not have the opportunity to select a Supervisor until 2024. Likewise, residents of Carpinteria who just selected a Supervisor last year, could be faced with another election in 2022.

We have had difficulty drawing maps using the tools provided and evaluating the maps others have submitted. The tools for residents to propose maps have been cumbersome and hard to use. The main program available, DistrictR, does not calculate Citizen Voting Age Population. This is a critical measurement to ensure compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Right Act of 1965. In addition, we urge you to require an analysis of racially polarized voting, to ensure that you are not “packing” or “cracking” important voting blocks. We are baffled why this information is not readily available in the DistrictR program for Santa Barbara County – as it is easily accessible by the public using DistrictR in both San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties.

Santa Barbara County is home to many institutions of higher learning, including Westmont College, Antioch College, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara College of Law, University of California, and Alan Hancock College. Alan Hancock College has benefited by having its two campuses (Santa Maria & Lompoc) spread across two districts, thus allowing them to have the “ear” of more than one Supervisor. We do not support “packing” UCSB with SBCC into a mega student-centered district as some have proposed.

Isla Vista/UCSB & UCSB’s west campus have many alignments with the Gaviota Coast, and it is logical to keep these areas connected within one supervisorial district. UCSB now owns a las Varas Ranch on the Gaviota Coast, and it is logical to keep those parcels together. Likewise, UCSB has many academic

connections along the coast up to and including substantial research at the Dangermond Preserve. This area should remain in a contiguous district.

We acknowledge that the growth patterns of the county have moved the population centers steadily north; however many residents of “North County” and “Mid County” commute to Western Goleta for employment. This is particularly true of residents of Lompoc and Buellton, many of whom commute to jobs in Western Goleta and at UCSB. It is logical that these areas – and the Gaviota Coast remain connected.

We see no reason to “pack” all of the residents of the City of Santa Barbara in one Supervisorial District. Historically, the City of Santa Barbara has been well served by having two supervisors looking out for the City’s interests. We feel that this should remain the norm. Likewise, we understand that the City of Goleta recently held a meeting to discuss redistricting of the Board of Supervisors, and the majority of their Council felt they had been well served by having two Supervisors looking out for their interests. It is also clear that the City of Santa Maria’s population exceeds that of one Supervisorial District. It seems logical that ALL the larger cities (Santa Maria, Santa Barbara and Lompoc) should be represented by two Supervisors to ensure that their voices are heard.

Many of our CPA members in the North County live in the smaller unincorporated communities and they feel well served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District which has been able to address their needs which often differ from those living in the cities. Having them in the one district gives them the attention needed, especially with services such as the library and emergency services.

We have seen several maps that meet the above criteria, including District R Map # 76847. This map appears to rebalance the population of the five Supervisorial Districts without unnecessary turmoil and disruption of established identity, representation and community relationships.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Marell Brooks, President

For Citizens Planning Association

**From:** [Rosanne Crawford](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 3:47:24 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am excited that redistricting is being addressed. For the most equitable and fair elections I feel it necessary to address the imbalance of the high density transient community of IV and UCSB and feel they should be moved out of the 3rd district.

The 400 series has the best representation particularly 407.

Thank you for the consideration,

Rosanne Crawford  
2726 Ben Lomond Dr  
Santa Barbara Ca. 93105.

**From:** [Michael English](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:21:42 PM

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As a resident in unincorporated Santa Barbara County (a.k.a Noleta) since 2006, I request you remove Isla Vista and UCSB from District 3 and add them to District 2 when you redraw the map of the Supervisorial Districts. The citizens in UCSB and Isla Vista are socially and culturally more aligned with the citizens in District 2 than those in the rest of District 3. They use the same restaurants, shop in the same stores, and have similar urban housing rental rates as those in District 2. Those in District 3 have higher rates of rural land ownership with quite different shopping and dining patterns.

The [Draw Santa Barbara County - View Draft Maps](#) page includes many potential maps for the redistricting, and I believe that [Public 401](#), [Public 402](#), and [Public 407](#) would be acceptable, and of those three that [Public 407](#) would be the best fit for representing the diversity our region has.

Thank you for taking public feedback on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Michael English



**From:** [Gerry Shepherd](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 8:09:52 AM

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Please add my comments: I prefer redistribution to eliminate Isla Vista and UCSB from the Third District. These areas are incompatible with the more rural nature of District Three.

Gerry Shepherd  
1400 W. Hwy 154  
Santa Ynez

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Pamela Baczuk](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Please add me to your list for notifications  
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Dear Redistricting commission,

Please add me to your list for notifications. I would like to make public comment at tonight's (November 12) meeting.

Thank you.  
Pamela Baczuk

**From:** [Chris Hartman](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting with "Better Boundaries"  
**Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 8:56:13 AM

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To the Independent Commission:

I have been a resident of Santa Ynez with my family for 11 years. I want to call attention to the disparity in District 3.

Isla Vista is an urban area with little but nothing in common with "The Valley" residents who are older and retired, along with farmers, and ranchers.

In closing, I would ask that the commission choose Map #407. I believe that this map will provide adequate representation for District 3.

Thank you for your consideration of this extremely important matter!

Chris Hartman  
1297 Highland Road  
Santa Ynez 93460

**From:** [Susan Shehab](#)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting with "Fair Boundaries"  
**Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 8:58:06 AM

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Dear Independent Commission:

We are Native Californians and living in SYV for about 8years.

District 3, Isla Vista has nothing in common with The Santa Ynez Valley. Totally different residents and does not meld in any way to our valley. Please consider changing.

Please, I am asking the commission choose Map 407. This map should provide adequate representation for District 3.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this very important matter.

Susan Shehab  
Solvang resident

**From:** [lannyebenstein@aol.com](mailto:lannyebenstein@aol.com)  
**To:** [CEO Redistricting RES](#)  
**Subject:** CA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP  
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November 12, 2021

**To: Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission**

**Fr: Lanny Ebenstein, Ph.D., President, California Voting Rights Project**

**Re: CA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP**

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for your service to the County of Santa Barbara. This letter is to advocate very strongly for the revised CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP submitted on the Commission's website yesterday.

The California Voting Rights Project is among the leading non-profit organizations in the state in helping local government agencies to comply with the California Voting Rights Act. We have been involved with more than 25 successful transitions from at-large to district elections in government agencies throughout the state with total population exceeding 4 million Californians. In addition, members of the California Voting Rights Project are very involved with Santa Barbara County educational agencies in drawing school boundary lines and preparing enrollment projections.

On these bases, we hope you will select the CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP as the preferred choice for supervisorial lines in Santa Barbara County for the next decade. We make this recommendation on the following grounds:

1) **EQUALITY OF TOTAL POPULATION.** The maximum population deviation in our map is among the very lowest of all maps submitted for your consideration--merely 0.37% (i.e., less than four tenths of one percent).

**2) COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT.** Compliance with the California Voting Rights Act is the most important factor to consider in evaluating maps. In this respect, the CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP is the preferred choice. Three districts (5, 4, and 3) would be majority non-white districts in total population. District 5 would be 85.9% non-white in total population, District 4 would be 60.4% non-white total population, and District 3 would be 55.2% non-white total population.

Even more significantly, Districts 5, 4, and 3 would be majority non-white districts in voting age population. District 5 would be 82.1% in non-white voting age population, District 4 would be 55.6% non-white voting age population, and District 3 would be 50.7% non-white voting age population. No other plan submitted has more than three majority non-white voting age population districts.

It should be noted that some proposed maps that would combine western Santa Maria with Guadalupe would constitute discouraged and prohibited "packing" of supervisorial districts. The goal of the CVRA is to create the greatest number of competitive districts for members of protected classes possible, not to create individual districts with the greatest percentage of members of protected classes, while also considering other factors as discussed further here.

3) **GREATEST COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST,** Another strength of the CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP is it would lead to the greatest community identity within supervisorial districts. Current problems with county supervisorial district boundaries would be eliminated or

alleviated. Guadalupe, Vandenberg Space Force Base, and Vandenberg Village would no longer be located in the 3rd District but in the 4th District. Approximately 85% of the City of Lompoc and more than 90% of the City of Goleta would become located in the 3rd Supervisorial District, together with the five Santa Ynez Valley communities of Los Olivos, Buellton, Ballard, Solvang, and Santa Ynez. Los Alamos, like Guadalupe as well as Orcutt, is in the Righetti High School attendance area. Los Alamos would become part of the 4th District with Orcutt, Guadalupe, southern Santa Maria, and VSFB. Los Alamos is also part of the Orcutt Union, Kindergarten-8th grade, School District.

On the south coast, all of UCSB and Isla Vista would be placed in the 2nd Supervisorial District, which would also include Santa Barbara City College. There is no question that UCSB and Isla Vista share far more in common with the south coast--geographically, culturally, historically, and educationally--than with any other part of Santa Barbara county. Similarly, the City of Goleta would become almost entirely located in one supervisorial district, the 3rd District. Goleta has more in common--economically, socially, historically, and culturally--with central Santa Barbara county than does Isla Vista and UCSB, and Goleta is geographically closer to the Santa Ynez Valley.

4) RETENTION OF EXISTING SUPERVISORIAL LINES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE. Although the CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP would eliminate or alleviate existing problems with county supervisorial district boundaries identified above, they also retain existing supervisorial lines to the greatest extent feasible wherever possible. This is especially the case in parts of Santa Barbara County with little population. With the exceptions of the changes described above, other supervisorial lines would change little while equalizing total population and complying with the CVRA while reflecting communities of interest.

5) LOCATION OF SIGNIFICANT UNINCORPORATED AND INCORPORATED AREAS IN ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, EQUALIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL SIZE OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS WITH COASTAL AREA. Currently, supervisorial districts are very different in geographical size. In particular, the 3rd Supervisorial District comprises at this time about 40% of the total area of the county and 75% of the county's coast. The 4th Supervisorial District is undersized at this time and does not have any coast. The CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP would significantly increase the geographical size of the 4th District by placing the Guadalupe to Vandenberg Space Force Base and Los Alamos areas in it, also creating a fourth supervisorial district with coastal area. It should be noted that the Channel Islands have been located in the 2nd Supervisorial District for decades and provide significant territorial area for the 2nd District that is off-shore. As a result of the proposed location of UCSB and SBCC in the 2nd Supervisorial District, the location of the Channel Islands in the 2nd District is particularly appropriate due to the educational and research opportunities the Channel Islands provide UCSB and SBCC.

6) USE OF EASILY IDENTIFIABLE ROADS AND OTHER BOUNDARIES TO IDENTIFY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. The CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP uses easily identifiable roads and other boundaries to identify supervisorial districts wherever possible. For example, in the 5th District, Betteravia Road marks much of the new boundary in the City of Santa Maria between the 5th and 4th Districts. Similarly, the new boundary line between the 1st and 2nd supervisorial districts is largely Hope Avenue, State Street, and Mission Street. These easily identifiable roads and other boundaries build, where possible, on historical supervisorial district lines.

7) SPECIAL PROBLEMS. There are several special problems with supervisorial district areas that benefit from further discussion.

LOMPOC--It is unfortunate that not all of the City of Lompoc can be placed in one supervisorial district. However, the CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP places about 85% of Lompoc in the 3rd Supervisorial District while leaving about 15% of it in the 4th. The essential circumstance is the growth in north county. As a result of this growth, Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Orcutt, VSFB and adjacent areas, and Los Alamos (which has only about 2,000 people) together comprise almost two full supervisorial districts. In order for these areas to have the population of two full supervisorial districts, only about 6,500 of Lompoc's population of about 45,000 can be located in the 4th or 5th supervisorial districts. The growth of north county renders placement of Lompoc in the 3rd District inevitable. The lines for Lompoc proposed in the CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP also place all of Lompoc Airport, Lompoc Waste Water Treatment Plant, and La Purisima Mission State Historical Park in the 3rd District. Highway 246 from Lompoc to Buellton is a more

direct and shorter transportation artery from Lompoc to the Santa Ynez Valley than from VSFB, Orcutt, or Guadalupe to the Santa Ynez Valley. The proposed area on the northwestern side of Lompoc proposed for retention in the 4th District is demarcated by major Lompoc roads.

GOLETA AND ISLA VISTA. The essential situation again concerns population growth in northern Santa Barbara county. There are, after the 2020 census, only the equivalent of approximately 2 and 1/3 supervisors of population on the south coast of Santa Barbara County from Carpinteria through Goleta. Either Goleta or UCSB-Isla Vista must be placed in the 3rd District: it is not possible to place any significant portions of both simultaneously in the 2nd Supervisorial District. As noted above, for many reasons both with respect to community identity and geography, the City of Goleta is more appropriately placed in the 3rd District, of which it has also historically been part, than UCSB-Isla Vista. In addition, placement of UCSB-Isla Vista in the 3rd Supervisorial District (rather than Goleta) would require either the bypassing or splitting of the Ellwood area, thereby also bypassing or splitting City of Goleta area. It makes substantially more sense to place UCSB-Isla Vista in the 2nd Supervisorial District with Santa Barbara City College, which is the most significant single source of UCSB students and which with UCSB would create a supervisorial district in which two leading educational institutions are located (another community of interest) than to place Goleta in the 2nd District, excluding some part of Ellwood, to enable UCSB-Isla Vista to be placed in the 3rd District with the Santa Ynez Valley (which has about 21,000 residents total) and about 35,000 other north county residents.

CUYAMA. Only about 1,000 people live in Cuyama and New Cuyama combined. Its isolation from the rest of Santa Barbara County makes placement in the 1st Supervisorial District appropriate. The placement of Cuyama and New Cuyama in the 1st Supervisorial District in the past decade has worked well. Location of Cuyama and New Cuyama in the 1st District provides another approximately 1,000 residents in the 1st District (modestly helping to equalize population in supervisorial districts) and provides a larger geographical territory for the 1st District. Cuyama and New Cuyama, as well as the whole county, benefit from continuing placement in the 1st District.

The decisions with respect to supervisorial districts should be based on the fullest and most complete data and information, building on 1) as nearly equal population in supervisorial districts as possible; 2) the California Voting Rights Act; 3) the greatest communities of interest; 4) retention of existing supervisorial lines to the greatest extent feasible; 5) location of significant unincorporated and incorporated areas in all supervisorial districts, equalization of geographical size of supervisorial districts, and increasing the number of supervisorial districts with coastal area; 6) use of easily identifiable roads and other boundaries to identify supervisorial districts; and 7) attention to special problems. The CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT MAP meets these criteria the best of any other map in each of these areas individually as well as, especially, together.

Thank you for your consideration and, again, for your service to the County of Santa Barbara.

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P.S. The map submitted yesterday on the Commission's website is titled "CA VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT" and has the ID number 79817. It replaces an earlier map ("Public 124"), which was based on earlier and incomplete census data, that should no longer be considered.