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Contact Us : Entry # 89**Name**

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Message

Comment for Monday, November 22nd Meeting at 6:00 p.m

Thank you commissioners for the opportunity to voice my comments. I am here to emphasize the importance of the needs of the Cuyama Valley in your process of defining districts for Santa Barbara County.

The extremely uncertain future of Cuyama's critically overdrafted water situation is the primary and all important reason that the Cuyama Valley should remain in both the First and the Fifth Districts as it is now. Since the State of California mandated bringing the water usage into sustainability for the economic future of the state, the four counties having jurisdiction in the Cuyama Valley were tasked with being one of the first of critically overdrafted basins to develop a plan that the State Water Resource Board would accept. Both the 1st and the 5th District Supervisors have served on this board since its inception 5 years ago. The vast amount of information, research and work that has been done to create this plan now in the process of edits and revisions makes it important that Cuyama remains in the 1st and the 5th District to maintain the momentum to bring the plan into acceptance and the Cuyama Basin into sustainability.

In addition, since being made part of the first District Cuyama has begun to have a stronger presence in Santa Barbara county and grow economically. More awareness from being connected to the Coastal cities has strengthened participation and involvement in County issues.

I urge the commissioners to accept Map #816B which keeps the Cuyama in the 1st and the 5th Districts. The population deviation is quite within the guidelines. Other comments made by other residents have also included the importance of refraining from extensive upheaval at this time.

Thank you.
Pamela Baczuk
New Cuyama Resident

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As a long-time resident of the Santa Ynez Valley (and having resided in Santa Barbara for prior decades), I am sending this message to express my support for the proposed redistricting map #816B. This is the most reasonable and logical option for defining the 3rd District. Thank you for your serious consideration of our request to adopt redistricting map #816B.

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I live in Lompoc and request that Map 408B be adopted.

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Message

The following 4 maps are totally inappropriate.

#801C is absurd in lumping the SY Valley communities with Montecito and Carpinteria. They are not really connected geographically or culturally.

#810 has much too large a geographic area for District #4. The distance from Buellton to Casmalia to Cuyama is far too great, and the communities aren't linked.

#815 has the same problems as #810, and it cuts off the SY Valley too close to Buellton. District #4 should extend farther west.

#821B has the same problems as #810 and #815. The SYV communities shouldn't be linked with Casmalia and Cuyama.

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Contact Us : Entry # 85

Message

I am a white, Orcutt resident who believes all people should have confidence that their vote is consequential. The income and needs of the Latino community would be best represented by the 818 MAP. If they feel their voice is not heard, then democracy is not doing its job. And to help democracy survive all people should fully believe their vote counts. The Latino vote would be lost if combined with the very different demographics of Orcutt.

We all do better when we all do better.

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I am a resident of Lompoc and currently reside in District 4. From the maps I am seeing, particularly the new short list, there are a couple of maps that seem to be sensible.

Those two maps are #104 & #408B. Both these maps give good focus to balance and similarity to all the areas, even though both maps break Lompoc into 2 Districts.

Students of SBCC & UCSB are centralized in Dist. 2, while agriculture and viticulture are supported in Districts 3 & 4 which results therefore, in each community being able to be clearly and fairly represented.

I believe that Maps 104 & 408B are the most sensible on the current list. Either map will be broadly acceptable and seen openly to NOT be a partisan tweak.

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Contact Us : Entry # 83**Name**

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I support Map 801C. It is important that the Latino communities have an equitable representation. This map, 801C, couples together higher Latino populations, which will give a stronger voice in decisions that involve their lives and well being. Representation must be reflective of the community. For example, Santa Maria and Guadalupe combined in the 5th District would benefit by similar representation, given income, housing, transportation, and educational needs. The commission's purpose is to distribute populations into districts that will ensure accurate representation, and needed resources, in those communities. I ask that you evaluate this enormous responsibility with forward thinking. It is important that all residents progress and thrive in this great country, and all voices be heard by those who will listen and respond accordingly.

Thank you for your diligence and dedication in this matter.

Constance Ford

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Message

I have reviewed all of the draft maps for the proposed redistricting of Santa Barbara County. I believe that Map 818 DirtrictR 79143 presents the best option. It allows for the establishment of a 5th District, but at the same time keeps close ties to our existing layout of the districts which will help maintain established representational relationships. It also keeps the Santa Ynez Valley and its watershed intact. Additionally it respects the Chumash desire to keep the Gaviota Coast from the Goleta Slough to Point Conception connected to the valley.

Sincerely,

John Copeland

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Message

Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commission,

My name is Walker Armstrong, I am a resident of the 4th district. I graduated from St. Joseph Highschool and Allan Hancock College, where I played collegiate Baseball. I believe that Lompoc and UCSB should not share a supervisorial district. Having grown up in North County, I know first hand the significant differences between the two areas that are not necessarily visible from a South County view.

Most importantly, Santa Barbara County must respect and acknowledge differences in student populations. Lompoc is the home of many Allan Hancock students. The vast majority of these students are commuters, living at home with their families. They do not share living or education spaces with students of UCSB.

The students of UCSB are almost indistinguishable from the students of SBCC. These students take courses together, live in the same housing complexes. UCSB is the #1 destination for SBCC transfers. UCSB and SBCC actually share professors; educators who teach at both the UCSB and Santa Barbara City College.

I personally knew student athletes who attended UCSB but took courses at SBCC so they could compete in sports on SBCC teams. SBCC even offers Cross Enrollment, so students can take courses at both UCSB AND SBCC. UCSB and SBCC are extremely intertwined and immediately related to one another on many levels.

I believe that if UCSB and Lompoc are placed in a supervisor district with UCSB, the voices of north county students will once again be drowned out by students in the South. We already live in a county that spends more than double the amount of money on education in the South than it does in the North.

Thank you,

Walker Armstrong

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Message

Dear commissioners,

I would like to express my support for maps 818 and 816B.

I believe that the commission should choose a map that does not make too many changes. Both of these maps fit that criterion. However I do see the value of improving minority representation, which map 818 would do. I also think it's very important to keep the valley connected to the ocean, which both maps do.

I don't think it's a good idea to have a map that has one huge geographically dispersed district just because that puts all the rural communities be together. I understand that compactness is a criteria and that certainly would not be compact! That's why it makes sense to continue to connect the Valley with Isla Vista. That's where urban population can be drawn in to enhance the numbers and ensure that the third district has enough people in it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Message

I support the principle of keeping populations with likely shared characteristics together. Therefore I wish to keep Goleta, Isla Vista and UCSB together in District 3.

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Contact Us : Entry # 78**Name**

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Message

My name is Erika Lindemann and I'm a 20 year resident of the City of Santa Barbara. I spent my first 18 years growing up as a resident of the in the Mission Canyon area of the County of Santa Barbara.

Having lived in both areas of our South Coast region, I have the lived experience and understanding that the interests and issue areas of residents in the foothills are different from those of residents in the flatlands of Santa Barbara.

I support the United Communities map that was created by an impressive coalition of local community groups and organizations - organizations who help amplify the voices and interests of some of our least represented residents.

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.

Nearly half of Santa Barbara County residents are Latino, but we don't have a single Latino board member. We need a Latino supermajority district, combining the immigrant farmworker neighborhoods of Guadalupe and Santa Maria.

For the last 20 years I've had the honor to work in both the government and nonprofit sectors, focusing on sustainable transportation (go bikes, walking and buses!) and healthy and happy young people.

Through my time working and living in the flatlands of the City of Santa Barbara, it has become increasingly clear to me that the biggest dividing lines of South County are actually not between cities, they're between the flatlands and the foothills. The natural division between these two sides of South County is at Alameda Padre Serra and Upper State in Santa Barbara and the 101 through the Goleta Valley.

I am proud to be a resident of the City of Santa Barbara when I know that my voice and the voices and interests of my fellow neighbors are being heard. This means we are able to speak up and see changes in policy in areas like the need for affordable housing, criminal justice reform, viable and safe options for sustainable transportation and equitable access to open spaces.

I believe that the United Communities map will be an important step in this direction.

Thank you.

Erika Lindemann
City of Santa Barbara resident

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Message

I vote for Map 103 to be considered to allow Los Alamos to be combined with the Santa Ynez Valley.

Carlin Jones

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Contact Us : Entry # 76**Name**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you regarding the Santa Barbara County High School Attendance Areas by School District map. I am a nurse at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and my husband is a plumber in Goleta, CA. We are current residents of Los Alamos, CA with our children attending middle school in Buellton at Oak Valley Elementary. Although Los Alamos is in the Santa Maria School District, we chose to have our children in school, sports, and all other activities in the Santa Ynez Valley because our entire life is south of Los Alamos. To put our children in school and activities in Santa Maria would be extremely difficult for us to manage and we would simply not be able to do so with the long drive from Santa Barbara. Los Alamos is a central town, wedged evenly between Buellton and Orcutt. It is the exact same amount of time to travel by car to Buellton as it is to Orcutt. I believe that the school district zoning should be changed to allow children to attend either Santa Ynez Highschool or Righetti Highschool simply due to the fact that we are a town on our own between Santa Maria and Buellton. Unless a resident is employed in Los Alamos, every resident residing here must either commute to either the North County or South County to support their families. By having my children build all of their foundational friendships and memories in the Santa Ynez Valley, only to uproot them and send them to Highschool in a completely different town (Santa Maria) due to the zoning regulations, is not only unfair, but it is detrimental to their wellbeing. Every Elementary school in the Santa Ynez Valley is more than happy to accept my children with an intradistrict transfer form, and I believe that our high school should do the same. We are a town of hard working, wonderful people who only want the best for our children. I hope that the County Supervisors and the School Administrators will consider changing the zoning regulations and allow our children to flourish in the community that they are growing up in.

Thank you for your time,

Carlin Jones

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Please see DistrictR #84127 for some minor suggested changes to 821B. I believe this makes D3 more contiguous. Thank you.

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