### Exhibit 1

# Summary of Redistricting Comments and Maps Received Received Since Last Meeting

- Support for community map v2
- · Maintain Ventura and Ojai in one district
- Some proposed maps divide established neighborhoods of Oxnard (Map 1A, Community Map, Map 66742)
- Align Thousand Oaks and Newbury park in one district
- · Align Simi Valley and Moorpark in the same district
- · Align Oak Park and Thousand Oaks in the same district
- Oxnard to be given the same consideration as other cities when dividing cities is necessary. Limit division of communities of interest.
- Moorpark together in one district
- Maps with clear boundaries that can be understood by residents
- Support for two minority/majority districts



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October 15, 2021

County of Ventura Redistricting 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009-1940

Re: County of Ventura District 1 – Maintaining Ojai and Ventura as Communities of Interest

To Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

The City of Ojai would like to resubmit this letter in support of retaining Ojai in District 1 and strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to consider maintaining both the City of Ojai and the City of Ventura in District 1. The Cities of Ojai and Ventura have a strong connection and community interests. Both are served by the Ventura River and its water supply and share State Highway 33. The Ojai Valley Trail is also connected to the Ventura River Trail which allows residents from both cities to bike from the Ventura to downtown Ojai. Public transportation also connects the cities and their residents.

At the County of Ventura Community Redistricting Meeting on August 31, 2021 you received public comment from Assemblymember and former District 1 Supervisor Steve Bennett. Assemblymember Bennett stated he feels strongly that Ojai and Ventura have a strong community of interest because both cities are connected by the Ventura River water source and Highway 33. The City of Ojai agrees with, and supports Assemblymember Bennett's statement.

The definition of a Community of Interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. The City of Ojai and Ventura meet this criteria, and should remain in District 1.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

James Vega, ¢ity Manager



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November 10, 2021

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors and Redistricting 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009-1940

RE: County of Ventura District 1 - Maintaining Ojai and Ventura as Communities of Interest

To Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

The City of Ojai has submitted multiple letters during the Ventura County redistricting process in support of retaining Ojai in District 1 along with the City of Ventura, and encourages the Board of Supervisors to maintain Ojai and Ventura in District 1. The City has received numerous calls and emails from residents of both Ojai and the Ojai Valley also supporting this request. Further the Board of Supervisors had indicated recently that it also supports maintaining this District. However, it appears a map was introduced late in the process that omits this requirement. The City encourages the Board to only consider maps that maintain Ojai and Ventura as communities of interest.

The Cities of Ojai and Ventura have a strong connection and community interests. Both are served by the Ventura River and its water supply, and share State Highway 33. The Ojai Valley Trail is also connected to the Ventura River Trail, which allows residents from both cities to bicycle from Ventura to downtown Ojai. Public Transportation also connects the cities and their residents.

The definition of a Community of Interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. The City of Ojai and Ventura meet this criteria, and should remain, together, in District 1.

Thank you,

James Vega City of Ojai City Manager

Cc: Ojai City Council



November 8, 2021

Chair Linda Parks Supervisor Matt LaVere Supervisor Kelly Long Supervisor Bob Huber Supervisor Carmen Ramirez

Re: Redistricting: Fairness in Separating Cities into Two or More Districts

There appears to be little concern regarding separating the City of Oxnard into 3 supervisorial districts. It is mentioned briefly once (on page 5) in the CEO's letter to the Board. Yet in the letter's overview of each of the maps to be considered, the cities being divided are clearly identified with no mention of Oxnard being also divided into 3 districts.

It appears little consideration was given to limiting division of Oxnard into only two districts. Perhaps this was not feasible unless more cities were divided. Perhaps this should be considered since it appears dividing a city is not a serious concern as in Oxnard's case.

More attention should be given to ensuring that communities and neighborhoods of common interest within each city are clearly identified and kept within a single district to avoid disenfranchising any area.

It is clear if there are to be two majority minority districts, some cities will need to be divided into 2 or 3 districts. Oxnard should be given the same consideration as any other city.

We support the creation of two majority minority districts but also ask that the City of Oxnard be given the same consideration as other cities when dividing cities is necessary. Oxnard has been divided into 3 districts in the past 10 years, why should there be any major concern for other cities being divided?

Best regards,

Rene Aiu on behalf of the Harbor & Beach Community Alliance

cc: Clerk of the Board, Oxnard City Council

Email: <u>redistricting@ventura.org</u>

**Phone:** 805-654-2998

**Mail:** Redistricting, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93009-1940



# Community Input Form Tell us About Your Community

- 1. What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.
- 2. Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

- 3. Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.
- 4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

Providing the following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

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From:	Greg Vallejos
То:	Redistricting
Cc:	Bernardo Perez
Subject:	County Redistricting - Moorpark
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 8:47:49 AM

To whom it may concern -

Regarding the county redistricting. I have lived in Moorpark for 25 years. I am a homeowner, husband and father of three. When I first moved to this lovely community Moorpark was a lesser known place that most considered "out of the way". A bedroom community that was known for public safety and up and coming school performance. The high school was a perennial academic decathlon winner and many of the elementary schools attained Blue Ribbon designations by the state. The thought was Moorpark would become more affluent and resemble that of an Oak Park or Westlake Village. Many residents felt that due to our proximity to the Santa Clara Valley and Thousand Oaks communities our city would benefit and begin to reflect those cities respective attributes. That has never really taken place. While our community has an outstanding reputation for public safety and high household incomes, our school performance has dropped. Subsequently our home values are not what they are just one freeway exit to the south. Property values are notably higher in Thousand Oaks. The only reason I can come up with is that their schools have higher academic performance.

In the recent county redistricting proposals I did not see any maps that aligned Moorpark to Thousand Oaks. Is there a scenario where Moorpark could be affiliated with our T.O. neighbors? As mentioned, Moorpark has a lot to offer but could also benefit from decisions made that include being closely aligned to our Thousand Oaks neighbors.

Thank you for taking time to read my thoughts and hope you take my ideas into consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Vallejos vallejos3@att.net

From:	Nunez, Jackie
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Agenda Item 39 and 40
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:19:31 AM

From: Allison Gister <allisongister@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:52 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 39 and 40

Hello,

I'm writing to comment on the redistricting effort for Ventura County, and to endorse the strong recommendation of the Oak Park Municipal Council that the community of Oak Park remain in its entirety within the same Supervisorial District as the City of Thousand Oaks.

Oak Park is situated in the Conejo Valley and is contiguous to the City of Thousand Oaks, sharing a common border along Lindero Canyon Road and Kanan Road. I can attest to the economic similarities between Oak Park and the Thousand Oaks community as I travel there for shopping, sports, and other activities on a weekly basis.

In contrast, over the four years I have lived in Oak Park, I have not ever traveled to Simi Valley. There are no shared roads with the Simi Valley community, nor do I patronize a single store or restaurant in Simi Valley.

I respectfully ask, that in alignment with the Oak Park MAC, you allow the Oak Park community to remain with its sister jurisdiction, Thousand Oaks.

Sincerely, Allison Gister Oak Park Resident

From:	Nunez, Jackie
To:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Agenda Items 39 & 40
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:17:17 AM

From: Flint M <flint.mavis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:17 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Agenda Items 39 & 40

Hi There -

I am writing to urge you to vote no on any map that places Oak Park within the Simi Valley Supervisorial District.

Oak Park is contiguous to Thousand Oaks, we share a common border and residents of Oak Park share many economic similarities with TO. We use the same shopping areas, restaurants, sports leagues, municipal services, infrastructure and police services. Simi Valley is geographically distant from Oak Park, shares no common borders or roads. Simi is at least 30 minutes away from Oak Park and we share no municipal services and contribute to each other's economy to a much smaller degree than we do with Thousand Oaks.

I urge you to vote no the following:

- 1. 1A
- 2. LULAC Map

3. Community plan Map and please vote yes on either:

- 1. District R
- 2. Map 2A

Thank you -

Flint Mavis, Oak Park resident.

From:	Nunez, Jackie
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Agenda Items 39 and 40
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:17:51 AM

From: Claudia Hakim <claudia.r.hakim@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:51 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Agenda Items 39 and 40

As your Board considers redistricting options for Ventura County, the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) strongly recommends that Oak park Community remain in its entirety with the same supervisorial District at the City of Thousand Oaks. Oak Park is the largest unincorporated community in Ventura County.

Oak Park is a community of like needs, economics, areas of interest, and shared services as our adjoining neighbor, the City of Thousand Oaks. We share transportation connectivity, municipal services and infrastructure, police services, and community values.

Oak Park is situated in the Conejo Valley and is contiguous to the City of Thousand Oaks, sharing a common border along Lindero Canyon Road and Kanan Road. There is an economic similarity between Oak Park and neighboring Thousand Oaks and North Ranch, and we share the same open space and preservation values. Students from Oak Park Unified and Conejo Valle Unified Schol Districts participate in events, activities, and sports together.

Our MAC was made aware of the possibility of moving Oak Park out of District 2 and into District 4 Simi Valley. However, that would not be a good fit for the community. Simi Valley is topographically distinct and geographically distant from Oak Park with no shared roads. Simi Valley is about a halfhour from Oak Park. We share no mutual police, utility, or transportation services with Simi Valley as we do with Thousand Oaks. Oa Park residents utilize the shopping centers and restaurants available in nearby Thousand Oaks and contribute to each other's economy to a much greater extent than Simi Valley. Additionally, the MAC oversees the budget for County SErce AREA No 4, which included contracting with the City of Thousand Oaks Police Department for Volunteers in Policing services in Oak Park, Simi Valley maintains a separate city police force that has no jurisdiction in Oak Park.

Respectfully ask that as you work toward drawing new Supervisorial districts for Ventura County, you allow Oak Park community to remain with our sister Jursidtiction Thousand Oaks

 $> \bigcirc$  No on 1A

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> Yes on

> ✓ Yes on District R

> 🗹 Yes on Map 2A

Best,

Claudia Hakim

From:	Nunez, Jackie
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Board of Supervisor"s Meeting November 9. 2021 Agenda Items 39 and 40-Public Comment
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:17:23 AM

From: Nancy Schreiner <Nancy@nkslaw.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:43 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Board of Supervisor's Meeting November 9. 2021 Agenda Items 39 and 40-Public Comment

Chair Linda Parks and Supervisors-I have been reviewing the maps proposed by the County consultant, cities and other organizations. I reside in unincorporated Ventura County however we are very close to the City limits of Camarillo. With the exception of some maps submitted by the City of Camarillo, our area cannot be clearly determined to be within what proposed District. None of the maps have sufficient detail for the average citizens to review and provided public comment. I understand that precincts are used but as voting citizens, we are entitled to be provided more detail and information in order to provide valuable and detailed public comment.

I respectfully request before you go any further with redistricting maps that significantly more detailed maps with readable streets noted are provided to the general public so we can provide educated information to you. I feel I have been prohibited from providing valuable comment since there is not sufficient detail of streets being provided.

Thank you.

Nancy Kierstyn Schreiner Attorney at Law Law Offices of Nancy Kierstyn Schreiner 400 Camarillo Ranch Road, Suite 102 Camarillo, CA 93012 (805) 248-9093

Please note our office has relocated to 400 Camarillo Ranch Road, Suite 102, Camarillo, California 93012. Our phone number will remain the same (805) 248-9093.

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From:	Nunez, Jackie
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Comments on Item 39 for the Board of Supervisors Hearing November 9, 2021
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:19:00 AM

From: makrause1@msn.com <makrause1@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:35 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Comments on Item 39 for the Board of Supervisors Hearing November 9, 2021

I would like to make the following comments to the Board of Supervisors regarding Redistricting: I am a member of Santa Clara Valley Together which is part of a coalition working toward more equitable representation for residents and voters of the Santa Clara Valley. I support Community Map V2, which combines the Santa Clara Valley with portions of Oxnard and Camarillo and several unincorporated communities. I believe that specifically combining Santa Paula and Fillmore with Oxnard will keep communities of interest together. These three cities have a long agricultural history, as well as an existing agricultural economy and workforce. These three cities are also among the four oldest cities in the County, and share many of the same concerns such as aging infrastructure, aging housing stock, gentrification, etc. Community Map V2 does not include any portion of Moorpark, so concerns about splitting that community are mitigated by this new map. I believe that Community Map V2 meets the requirements of both the Fair Maps Act and the Voting Rights Act, and should serve as the basis for the revision of Supervisorial District boundaries. Thank you.

Mary Ann Krause Santa Paula

From:	Nunez, Jackie
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Nov. 09, 2021 Public Comments: Item 39: Public Hearing Regarding the 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Process
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:15:41 AM

From: Debbie Mitchell <debbiem@companyv.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:48 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Nov. 09, 2021 Public Comments: Item 39: Public Hearing Regarding the 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Process

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Nov. 09, 2021 Public Comments: Item 39: Public Hearing Regarding the 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Process

Dear Mr. Powers and Board of Supervsiors,

### Please provide County Draft Maps in Mapping Tool format the public is using!

When reviewing the posted draft maps I find it confusing and disappointing to see the draft maps **again** in a format that does not allow for the same detail of street level views of boundary lines and data values as the tool the public is using.

**Public Mapping tool:** 

https://districtr.org/tag/Ventura\_County

Could you please provide the draft maps under consideration using the same tool set that the public is using for submitting maps *and* reference links to those map numbers so that the public can review the finer level details and data?

I have requested this before and cannot find with certainty matching maps in the gallery.

### I would request this be done well in advance of the NEXT MEETING!

Thank you!

Debbie Mitchell 1-310-804-2382 <u>debbiem@companyv.com</u>

From:	Nunez, Jackie
To:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Public Comment on Agenda Item No. 39-40 for 11/9/2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:16:00 AM
Attachments:	OP MAC Letter.pdf

From: Soyon Hardy <soyonhardy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:51 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Cc: Soyon Hardy <soyonhardy@gmail.com>
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item No. 39-40 for 11/9/2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting

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To Linda Parks and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

We are Oak Park residents and homeowners and strongly oppose the following redistricting map proposals for all the reasons stated in the attached Oak Park MAC letter:

#### <u>NO:</u>

1A LULAC Map Community Plan Map

The above maps would lump our small, close-knit community of Oak Park with the much larger Simi Valley, a district that is not only geographically distinct and separated from Oak Park by the mountains and foothills, but also a district with a very different social, economic and cultural population and very different social and economic interests. For example, Oak Park children regularly play sports with neighboring children from Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, and even Calabasas, but not with Simi Valley. Oak Park has one of the highest vaccination rates in the county; Simi Valley is a very different picture. Students from Oak Park Park Unified and Conejo Valley Unified regularly participate in sports, activities and events together.

Also, Oak Park constituent interests will not be represented at all under these maps when lumped in with a much larger constituency such as Simi. We've seen this happen with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District where the interests of the Oak Park community and residents get completely drowned out or ignored due to its relatively small size compared to Simi.

The social and economic interests of Oak Park align better with its neighboring cities of Thousand Oaks, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village and have for many years. Please keep Oak Park with Thousand Oaks.

Please vote **YES** on District R and 2A maps.

Thank you, David & Soyon Hardy From: Nancy Lindholm <n.lindholm@wvcba.org>Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:47 PMTo: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>Subject: Redistricting map

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I would like to submit the following map for consideration by the Board of Supervisors:

https://districtr.org/plan/77412

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Nancy

Nancy Lindholm President/CEO West Ventura County Business Alliance



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From:	Nunez, Jackie
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Redistricting Maps on BOS Agenda for Tuesday, 09 November 2021
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:15:04 AM

-----Original Message-----From: Anne <amcc21@runbox.com> Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:11 PM To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org> Subject: Redistricting Maps on BOS Agenda for Tuesday, 09 November 2021

I am a resident of Moorpark. I am OPPOSED to the City of Moorpark being split up - as far as the re-districting of voters is concerning. ALL the voters in the city of Moorpark should remain together. I dare say, thus I recommend that the cities of Thousand Oaks or Simi Valley be split up and added to District 4 to bring some balance! Patricia A. McCammon

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Please submit the attached letter as a public comment.

Thank you.

Andrea Mackey Management Analyst, City Manager's Office City of Ojai | 401 S. Ventura Street | Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 646-5581 ext. 101 | <u>andrea.mackey@ojai.ca.gov</u> From:Nunez, JackieTo:RedistrictingSubject:FW: Redistricting; Somis MAC boundaryDate:Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:01:02 AMAttachments:Somis MAC Boundaries Map.pdf

From: "Offerman, Steve" <<u>Steve.Offerman@ventura.org</u>>
Date: November 9, 2021 at 8:06:11 AM PST
Subject: Redistricting; Somis MAC boundary

Greetings-

Supervisor Parks requests that the Somis MAC boundary be kept whole (in whichever district Somis falls within.) Some alternatives split the MAC area, however the severed areas are low in population and wouldn't have much impact on deviation or ethnicity.

Steve

From:	Nunez, Jackie
To:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: Written Comments for BOS Agenda item 40 - Redistricting
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:17:05 AM

From: Faith Grant <faithagrant@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:02 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Written Comments for BOS Agenda item 40 - Redistricting

Dear Board of Supervisors -

The City of Thousand Oaks should remain part of Ventura County and should not be integrated into Los Angeles County. The City of Thousand Oaks is master planned community which incorporated over 50 years ago. Thousand Oaks has no common interests with the City of Los Angeles and North Los Angeles County. It differs in density, transportation, service providers, community alliances, economic interests and topography

Of the ten cities of Ventura County, Thousand Oaks shares common interests, economic and social levels, human/social service providers and programs. Five of the ten cities contract with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and six out of the ten cities are serviced by Ventura County Fire District---a vital concern as this district continues to require a coordinated protection effort from climate-related drought and wildfires.

If another district does indeed need to be added that contains a majority of Latinx, it seems demographically appropriate to split up Camarillo rather than Thousand Oaks.

I urge you to leave the City of Thousand Oaks intact.

Thank you.

Faith Grant Thousand Oaks Please keep Moorpark together.

Thank you, Carmen Barbagiovanni 11939 Berrybrook Court Moorpark, Ca 93021

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Keep the City of Moorpark together in one district.

DO NOT split the City of Moorpark into different districts.

Keep the City of Moorpark entirely within the Southeastern district.

From a 22+ year resident of Moorpark.

Karen Szabo

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Please keep the City of Moorpark together in one district. Sincerely, Sara Evans (A Moorpark resident)

Thank Keep the city of Moorpark together in one district.

Keep the City of Moorpark together in one district.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a concerned Moorpark resident of 30 years regarding proposals to split up the city of Moorpark. Keep the City of Moorpark together in one district. It is important for a community, especially as small as ours, to have proper representation. The thought of splitting up our small community is insulting, especially given you have 3 out of 5 proposals showing a split For the problems you are trying to solve for you will be creating other greater ones. Please consider the concern of the people you will be affecting with your decisions. We are not just numbers and statistics, we are a close knit community and should be treated as such.

Sincerely, Allison Vlachos

Hello,

I am a long time resident of Moorpark and local Business Owner. My vote is to keep Moorpark unified and to NOT split into zones/districts.

Sincerely,

Manny Vlachos, P.E. Vlachos Engineering, Inc. 887 Patriot Dr., Bldg. I Suite G Moorpark, CA 93021 Office: 805-552-9550 Cell: 818-515-7233 Please keep the City of Moorpark together in one district.

Thank you, Julie Kraus

Please keep the city of Moorpark together in one district.

Thank you, Bernie Rosander Moorpark Resident From:Kristen JacobsenTo:RedistrictingSubject:KEEP MOORPARK TOGETHERDate:Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:16:06 PM

KEEP MOORPARK TOGETHER! There is no good reason to split it! Kristen Jacobsen



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November 9, 2021

Board of Supervisors County of Ventura 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, California 93009

Re: 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Process

Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

This letter is to provide written comments on behalf of the City of Oxnard in response to the Board Letter dated November 9, 2021, as well as the draft supervisorial maps included with the Board Letter as Exhibits 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

While the City understands that the Board of Supervisors has not formally endorsed any of the five draft supervisorial maps that are being considered at today's public hearings, it is important to state for the record the legal deficiencies that exist in some of the maps that will be considered at today's public hearings because of the ways in which three of the maps improperly divide multiple established neighborhoods in the City of Oxnard.

As an initial matter, the City agrees with the Board Letter that the supervisorial map that is adopted by the Board must be in compliance with the U.S. Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act (as well as the California Constitution). In addition, new and amended provisions of state law (SB 594, commonly known as the Fair MAPS Act) imposes five criteria that the Board must consider in the redistricting process in order of priority. (Elections Code Section 21500, subd. (c).) These criteria are as follows:

"(1) To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous.

(2) To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division. A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates. (3) To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.

(4) Supervisorial district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, supervisorial districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the county.

(5) To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, supervisorial districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations."

While letters and emails to the Board from various cities and individuals in unincorporated communities in Ventura County request that their city or community *not* be divided or separated from another jurisdiction as part of the County supervisorial redistricting, the Fair MAPS Act places a *greater* priority on "the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest [being] respected in a manner that minimizes its division" than that of "the geographic integrity of a city or census designated place [being] respected in a manner that minimizes its division." (Elections Code Section 21500, subd. (c).)

Keeping these important legal principles in mind, three of the five maps that are being considered today by the Board of Supervisors fail to meet the requirements of the Fair MAPS Act by ignoring the requirements of state law that, "[t]o the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division."

The issues with the three maps are as follows:

1. **Map #1A** (recently revised by the County's demographer) divides the established Oxnard neighborhood of Windsor North/River Ridge, Cabrillo, Via Marina and Five Points Northeast into two different supervisorial districts.<sup>1</sup> The division of these neighborhoods is not necessary in order to achieve the County's stated goal of creating two majority Latino/Latinx supervisorial districts in which at least 50.1% of the citizens old enough to vote in the proposed district were Latino/Latinx because a supervisorial map could be created without such unnecessary divisions of established neighborhoods and communities of interest. While it is clearly practicable for this map to respect the boundaries of the established Oxnard neighborhoods, this map simply ignores the neighborhood boundaries. In addition, by ignoring such boundaries, Map #1A would also create supervisorial district boundaries that are not easily identifiable and understandable by residents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A map of these Oxnard neighborhoods can be viewed online at https://www.oxnard.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/01/Neighborhoods-2030GP-12.02.20-1.pdf, while a detailed interactive neighborhood map can be viewed at https://www.oxnard.org/neighborhoods

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2. **Map #3** (the Community Map) divides the established neighborhoods of South Bank, Windsor North/River Ridge and Five Points Northeast into two different supervisorial districts. The division of these neighborhoods is not necessary in order to achieve the County's stated goal of creating two majority Latino/Latinx supervisorial districts in which at least 50.1% of the citizens old enough to vote in the proposed district were Latino/Latinx.

3. **Map #5 (Map #66742)** divides the established neighborhoods of Wilson, Fremont North, Carriage Square and South Bank into two different supervisorial districts. This map not only divides four very established Oxnard neighborhoods, but it does so in a manner that clearly does not respect the geographic integrity of these neighborhoods.<sup>2</sup>

Map #5's proposed east/west border between Districts 1 and 3 does not create a clear and understandable boundary by following a major north/south thoroughfare such as Oxnard Boulevard, "H" Street or North Ventura Road to create the boundary. Instead, the east/west boundary between Districts 1 and 3 proposed by Map #5 does the following:

A. At the northern end of the east/west boundary, follows "H" Street south for a number of blocks;

B. Abruptly turns west for a few blocks at the intersection of Gonzales Road and "H" Street";

C. Heads south on Lantana Street for a block;

D. Doubles back to the east on Rosewood Drive (which parallels West Gonzales Road);

E. Crosses "H" Street and continues east on Rosewood Drive for a few blocks before heading south on Dover Street for one block;

F. Doubles back again to the west along Lawnwood Way (which also parallels West Gonzales Road) for a few blocks;

G. Heads south on "F" Street for a number of blocks;

H. At Third Street, heads west for four blocks; and

I. Rejoins "H" Street to head south for two blocks.

This very irregular boundary would create unnecessary division of established neighborhoods and communities of interest in violation of state law. This is because it is practicable to draw an east/west boundary that does not divided established and historic Oxnard neighborhoods, while still meeting the County's stated goal of creating two majority Latino/Latinx supervisorial districts in which at least 50.1% of the citizens old enough to vote in the proposed district were Latino/Latinx. In addition, because of the irregular east/west boundary between Districts 1 and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A GIS version of Map #5 can be viewed at: https://vcportal.ventura.org/COV/redistricting/2021-11-02/Ventura%20County%20DistrictR%20Map%20ID%2066742.html.

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3, Map #5 would also create supervisorial district boundaries that are not easily identifiable and understandable by residents in violation of state law.

Finally, while Map #2A does not divide established neighborhoods, the proposed supervisorial district boundaries within the City of Oxnard are drawn in such a manner that the boundaries would not be easily identifiable and understandable by residents.

Thank you for consideration of these important issues as you continue your consideration and deliberation of the supervisorial district maps.

Very truly yours,

Alexander Nguyen City Manager

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council Michael Powers, Chief Executive Officer, County of Ventura Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager Stephen Fischer, City Attorney Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney Tiffany N. North, County Counsel Rosa Gonzalez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board (via email at clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)



Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on California coordinate system, zone 5

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Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations

Dotted land lines were established by private survey 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 11, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with California Department of Water Resources from aerial photographs taken 1969. This information not field checked

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From:	cov.websiteadmins@ventura.org
To:	McLaughlin, Cole; Redistricting
Subject:	New submission from Community of Interest Online Form
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:11:06 PM

#### Name

Wince Scintuottis

#### Email

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#### Which district do you live in?

District 2

#### What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

Thousand Oaks/Newbury Park should remain together due to local connections of businesses, schools, parks district, Sheriff's region, sports programs, families, and boundaries.

Needs are similar: water issues, road issues, fire dangers, bicycle lanes, outdoor activities, school district covers both, lifestyles

The mountain range between Thousand Oaks and Camarillo has been a great separator between the hustle and bustle of the city and the begin of the rural & agricultural areas.

Thousand Oaks/Westlake/Lake Sherwood (Ventura County side) should not be split up due to same points of item #1, plus connectivity to Civic Arts Plaza, Oaks Mall, Borders to LA County, Nightlife, commitment to open space, pharmaceutical industries, common post office and DMV.

# Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

Live over by the Janss Rd library.

Landmarks aren't that much...Conejo Creek park is biggest draw with teen center, goebel center, etc.

Would like to see an outdoor amphitheater put where the concerts (Oak Heart) used to be setup. Facing away from the homes. The big dirt area is just wasted space right now.

# Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

Some board members are more proactive in resolving community issues and others not. Splitting up any city would seem to cause chaos that isn't needed. If something is wrong, there should be one person to go talk with, not have finger pointing. I would envision the various city council members would want that as well.

#### What else would you like to tell us about your community?

One of the measurements is the quantity of people in each district and requirement for 2 minority/majority groupings. It looks within that census report that those are pretty close already so not sure why we need to change everything. Don't fix something that isn't broken. Just make a few small tweaks if possible.

From:	cov.websiteadmins@ventura.org
То:	McLaughlin, Cole; Redistricting
Subject:	New submission from Redistricting Contact Form
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 11:12:58 AM

#### Name

Robert Cote

#### Email

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#### Phone

(805) 443-6583

#### Comments:

The 2 of 5 "Hispanic" maps are literally drawn based on race. A population of 830k can accommodate 7 districts. Your 2-3 leaning districts would fall naturally in that 2/7 perhaps 3/7 scenario.

That won't be considered. So. Use the same criteria that the California redistricting commission uses. Compact, contiguous, geographic, municipal. using those; Oxnard or Camarillo either split in three is unsupportable.

Feel free to contact me.
From:	cov.websiteadmins@ventura.org
То:	McLaughlin, Cole; Redistricting
Subject:	New submission from Redistricting Contact Form
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John Gay

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(707) 481-7448

### Comments:

I would prefer that the city of Moorpark remain a single entity, and not linked with Santa Paula and Fillmore. Thank you.

From:	cov.websiteadmins@ventura.org
То:	McLaughlin, Cole; Redistricting
Subject:	New submission from Redistricting Contact Form
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:39:21 AM

karen betancourt

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(805) 551-1678

### Comments:

I am against redistricting...it will divide the community into too many areas and I think it is better for the community as a whole to leave it as it is so that we have one representative.

From:	cov.websiteadmins@ventura.org
То:	McLaughlin, Cole; Redistricting
Subject:	New submission from Redistricting Contact Form
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:25:34 PM

Mike Dutra

### Email

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### Phone

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### Comments:

In regards to the draft plan for Thousand Oaks, I am in favor of Draft Plan 2, keeping Thousand Oaks together.

Thanks, Mike Dutra

From:	cov.websiteadmins@ventura.org
То:	McLaughlin, Cole; Redistricting
Subject:	New submission from Redistricting Contact Form
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Rene Aiu

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#### Comments:

Re: Redistricting: Channel Islands Harbor and Beach Areas, A Community of Interest

We are requesting that redistricting map plans keep, as a proven "community of interest", the neighborhoods and areas within the following boundaries in one single district:

All neighborhoods within the boundaries of 5th Street to the North, the Pacific Ocean to the West and Victoria Avenue to the East including all the neighborhoods of the Silver Strand Beach areas south and west of the Navy Base.

The Channel Islands Harbor and Beach community shares social, economic and environmental interests and should be grouped into a single supervisor district to facilitate fair and effective representation.

Best regards,

Rene Aiu and Debbie Mitchell on behalf of the Harbor & Beach Community Alliance cc: Clerk of the Board



### Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council

Jane Nye (Chair) Alon Glickstein (Vice Chair) Seema Chandra JL Diaz Janice Smets

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November 3, 2021

Chair Linda Parks Ventura County Board of Supervisors 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, California 93003

Dear Chair Parks and Board:

As your Board considers redistricting options for Ventura County, the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) strongly recommends that our community remain in its entirety within the same Supervisorial District as the City of Thousand Oaks. Oak Park is the largest unincorporated community in Ventura County. The Oak Park MAC is an elected body that represents approximately 14,000 Oak Park residents and we work very closely and extensively with the District 2 Supervisor to meet our community's needs.

Oak Park is a community of like needs, economics, areas of interest and shared services as our adjoining neighbor, the City of Thousand Oaks. We share transportation connectivity, municipal services and infrastructure, police services, and community values.

Oak Park is situated in the Conejo Valley and is contiguous to the City of Thousand Oaks sharing a common border along Lindero Canyon Road and Kanan Road. There is an economic similarity between Oak Park and neighboring Thousand Oaks and North Ranch, and we share the same open space and tree preservation values. Students from Oak Park Unified and Conejo Valley Unified School Districts participate in events, activities, and sports together.

Our MAC was made aware of the possibility of moving Oak Park out of District 2 and into District 4 with Simi Valley. However, we feel that would not be a good fit for our community. Simi Valley is topographically distinct and geographically distant from Oak Park with no shared roads. Oak Park is a part of the greater 101 corridor community and part of the Conejo Valley that stretches from Agoura Hills through Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks to the Conejo Grade. In comparison, Simi Valley is about a half hour away from Oak Park. We share no mutual police, utility, or transportation services with Simi Valley as we do with neighboring Thousand Oaks. Oak Park residents utilize the shopping centers and restaurants available in nearby Thousand Oaks and contribute to each other's economy to a much greater extent than in Simi Valley. Additionally, the MAC oversees the budget for County Service Area (CSA) No. 4, which includes contracting with the City of Thousand Oaks Police Department for Volunteers in Policing services in Oak Park. Simi Valley maintains a separate city police force that has no jurisdiction in Oak Park.

Oak Park MAC November 3, 2021 Page 2

Oak Park has enjoyed a long history of being aligned with Thousand Oaks, and the MAC has successfully been administered by the nearby District 2 Supervisor since our MAC was founded in 1975. The District 2 Supervisor office administers several MACs and is familiar with the intricacies and interests of MACs, whereas there are no MACs in District 4.

On October 28, 2021, the Oak Park MAC voted in favor of sending this recommendation to your Board respectfully asking that as you work toward drawing new Supervisorial districts for Ventura County, you allow the Oak Park community to remain with our sister jurisdiction, Thousand Oaks.

Cordially,

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Jăne Nye, Chair Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council

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County of Ventura

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Ventura, CA 93009

### RE: OPPOSED TO DRAFT REDISTRICTING MAPS THAT DIVIDE MOORPARK INTO MULTIPLE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I am the Mayor of Moorpark but today I am writing in a personal capacity. I encourage the Board to adopt a district map that does not split Moorpark and keeps communities of interest together. I understand that some cities will inevitably need to be split during the redistricting process, however the split should make sense and preserve communities of interest.

I would like to share with you some examples of why Moorpark should continue to be in a Southeast-County District, especially with the city of Simi Valley.

1.) <u>Shared Transportation Network</u>: Moorpark is connected to adjacent communities primarily by the 23 and 118 Freeways, which is physically a contiguous freeway traveling between Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, through Moorpark.

2.) <u>Shared Employment Base</u>: Moorpark largely shares its employment base with eastern Ventura County and western Los Angeles. A recent study of commuting

patterns revealed that 8.7% of Moorpark commuters traveled to work in western Ventura County. By contrast, 26.9% of commuters travel to Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Camarillo, and an additional 34.4% commute to Los Angeles County.

3.) <u>Shared Governmental Operations</u>: Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks enjoy numerous partnerships in providing service to the public. One example is the Moorpark City Transit bus system which is operated under contract with the city of Thousand Oaks. The Moorpark City Transit buses are stored, maintained, and refueled at Simi Valley's Transit Maintenance Facility.

4.) <u>Shared Impacts by Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)</u>: One of the key priorities for Moorpark and Simi Valley is preventing and mitigating the effects of Public Safety Power Shutoffs by Southern California Edison (SCE). Moorpark and Simi Valley suffered through PSPS outages in 2019, 2020, and 2021, including a Santa Ana Wind event during which SCE de-energized six of the ten circuits in Moorpark, cutting power to thousands of customers for upwards of 40 consecutive hours. Moorpark and Simi Valley are especially vulnerable to high-powered Santa Ana Winds which are magnified by the mountain passes.

5.) <u>Shared Communities of Interest</u>: In 2019 the Boys & Girls Clubs of Moorpark and Simi Valley merged into one organization uniting our Board of Directors with representatives from both Moorpark and Simi Valley. We now have shared facilities in both cities. The Rotary Club of Moorpark sponsored the first Rotary Club of Simi Valley. Simi Valley now has three Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Clubs in Group 5 consist of the three Rotary Clubs from Simi Valley, and two Rotary Clubs from Moorpark. The Rotary Clubs in Group 5 continually volunteer in working together on service projects and community fundraisers. These five Rotary Clubs of Moorpark and Simi Valley share an ongoing service project where we have adopted Tierra Rejada Road to clean up trash between our two cities.

I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors keep Moorpark in one District, and that we remain in one district with our sister city Simi Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Parvin

Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark & Simi Valley Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Moorpark

From:	Debbie Mitchell
То:	Redistricting; CountyExecutiveOfficer
Cc:	Ramirez, Carmen; LaVere, Matt; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber; alexander.nguyen@oxnard.org; Perello, Bert; Rene Aiu
Subject:	Please provide County Draft Maps in Mapping Tool format the public is using.
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:21:33 PM

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Thank you!

Debbie Mitchell 1-310-804-2382 debbiem@companyv.com

From:	Bernardo Perez
То:	Redistricting
Cc:	bernardo.m.perez@gmail.com; mike.schaible@slstrategy.com; pat.dennis@slstrategy.com
Subject:	Public Comment Re. Draft County Redistricting Maps
Date:	Friday, November 5, 2021 2:27:02 PM
Attachments:	Moorpark, CA 1974.pdf

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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

The community of Moorpark should not be divided in two as you may be contemplating in the county maps redistricting process. Moorpark must remain intact and aligned with Simi Valley as shown in Draft Plan 2 and in conformance with the following traditional redistricting principles for fair representation:

- Contiguous districts should not hop/jump
- Maintain "communities of interest"
- Follow city/county/local government lines
- Keep districts compact appearance/function

### Contiguous

"Cradled by mountain ranges, Moorpark is ...**nestled in the heart of Simi Valley – the Little Simi Valley, it is called."** (The Moorpark Story Centennial Edition by Norma Gunter, 1969). From the beginning, Moorpark and Simi Valley have been identified as one contiguous area.

This fact is documented in the attached USGS topo map (Moorpark Quadrangle) created in 1951 and later 'photo inspected' in 1974. You will note the area comprised of our Moorpark community is noted on the map as "Little Simi Valley". The only draft plan that maintains the Moorpark community of interest in a contiguous district with Simi Valley is Draft Plan 2.

### Maintain "communities of interest"

Creating a second majority-minority district is laudable and I support this goal but **"while communities of interest may include race, it cannot be the predominant factor in drawing district boundaries"** (Redistricting Partners, Traditional Redistricting Principles). Overriding this consideration is the afore-mentioned principle of contiguous districts, maintaining the communities of interest as well as the redistricting principles of maintaining city government lines and keeping districts compact. Creating a second majority-minority district should not be at the expense of dividing the historical Moorpark community of interest.

Not only is Moorpark separated from the communities in Draft Plan 1 by the significant geographical barrier of Grimes Canyon, Moorpark has little in common with the communities within proposed Draft Plan 1. They have their own unique and rich history but Moorpark does not fit within that community of interest. Moorpark should be retained in the district proposed in Draft Plan 2 for at least the following Communities of Interest principles:

- Moorpark and Simi Valley historically are identified as one contiguous area
- Moorpark is located within the area known as Little Simi Valley
- Moorpark and Simi Valley historically and largely still share economic interests
- Moorpark is within the same Arroyo Simi watershed area
- Moorpark and Simi Valley are in the service area of Moorpark College
- Moorpark and Simi Valley are in the service area of Adventist Health Simi Valley Hospital
- Moorpark and Simi Valley Rotary Clubs (5) regularly collaborate on shared projects
- Moorpark and Simi Valley share portions of Happy Camp Canyon Regional Park

• Moorpark and Simi Valley, in the east county, share a political interest regarding the provision of county programs, services and resources

### Follow city/local government lines

While portions of some cities have historically crossed into more than one county district, it kept communities of interest together that shared a common interest. For example, keeping the beach communities of Oxnard/Port Hueneme together and keeping the Ventura beach area distinct because of the geographical barrier of the Santa Clara River. Or recognizing that

Camarillo shares a common high school district with the 5<sup>th</sup> District. In these examples there is a logical explanation for crossing local government lines.

Dividing Moorpark in two provides neither a logical explanation nor community benefit. Draft Plan 1 only divides the Moorpark community of interest and local government.

### **Keep districts compact**

This is one of the most obvious reasons to keep Moorpark intact. Draft Plan 1 dividing Moorpark in two does not create a compact district, in fact it represents an egregious exception to this redistricting principle. The Santa Susana Mountains, Oak Ridge and Big Mountain are significant geographical barriers separating Moorpark and Simi Valley from the Santa Clara Valley.

Thank you for your thoughtful and attentive consideration of my comments and documentation supporting your adoption of Draft Plan 2. Much of this information is taken directly from the information presented at the recently held Redistricting Community Meeting. If you have any questions, please call me at 805-208-3570.

I look forward to your adoption of Draft Plan 2 which achieves your goal of creating a second majority-minority district while keeping the Moorpark community intact.

From:	Debbie Mitchell
To:	Bautista, Ashley
Cc:	Redistricting; CountyExecutiveOfficer; Ramirez, Carmen; LaVere, Matt; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber; alexander.nguyen@oxnard.org; Perello, Bert; Rene Aiu
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Hello,

Thank you, I think you missed my point that the maps listed as draft maps for the meeting gives no editable alternative to tweak, the following maps available are named similarly and in some cases close.

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Debbie Mitchell 1-310-804-2382 <u>debbiem@companyv.com</u>

On Mon, Nov 8, 2021, at 2:38 PM, Bautista, Ashley wrote:

Ms. Mitchell, Thank you for reaching out to the Board of Supervisors on Redistricting. DistrictR is a public mapping tool to allow community members to submit plans. All the plans submitted by the public are featured on the <u>District R webpage</u>. Draft maps are produced in the following formats— the PDF Atlas and webmaps. Draft maps can be found at the following link: <u>https://www.ventura.org/redistricting/draft-maps/</u>. Under each PDF is a link to the HTML file which allows a community member to zoom in to

see the map more closely so that you can see the street level. All community members can submit maps on the District R tool or provide feedback in narrative form via email, by phone, at the library (all Oxnard Libraries, Ventura County Libraries, TO Libraries and Blanchard Library), by appointment or at a public hearing (November 9, at 3 or 6 and November 16).

I think the best way to view the maps more closely would be to view the HTML formats of the draft maps. Under each draft map there is a blue link that states to "To view x map in more detail please click here". It would be best to click those HTML links to view each draft map. You can view here: <u>https://www.ventura.org/redistricting/draft-maps/</u>.

I've also included here:

Draft Plan 1A Draft Plan 2A Community Map LULAC MALDEF Plan DistrictR Map ID 66742

Hope that helps. We appreciate your involvement in the process.

Thank you, Ashley

### Ashley Bautista

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From: Debbie Mitchell <<u>debbiem@companyv.com</u>> Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:21 PM To: Redistricting <<u>Redistricting@ventura.org</u>>; CountyExecutiveOfficer <<u>CountyExecutiveOfficer@ventura.org</u>>; CountyExecutiveOfficer <<u>CountyExecutiveOfficer@ventura.org</u>>; CountyExecutiveOfficer <<u>CountyExecutiveOfficer@ventura.org</u>>; CountyExecutiveOfficer <<u>CountyExecutiveOfficer@ventura.org</u>>; CountyExecutiveOfficer <<u>CountyExecutiveOfficer@ventura.org</u>>; LaVere, Matt <<u>Matt.LaVere@ventura.org</u>>; Parks, Linda <<u>Linda.Parks@ventura.org</u>>; Long, Kelly <<u>Kelly.Long@ventura.org</u>>; Supervisor Huber <<u>Supervisor.Huber@ventura.org</u>>; alexander.nguyen@oxnard.org; Perello, Bert <<u>bert.perello@oxnard.org</u>>; Rene Aiu <<u>aiurene@gmail.com</u>> Subject: Please provide County Draft Maps in Mapping Tool format the public is using. Importance: High

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From:	<u>William Weirick</u>
То:	"James Vega"; Gonzalez, Veronica; Ramirez, Carmen; LaVere, Matt; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber
Cc:	Pettit, Mike; Redistricting
Subject:	RE: Redistricting Maps and Information Request
Date:	Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:05:01 AM
Cc: Subject:	Pettit, Mike; Redistricting RE: Redistricting Maps and Information Request

The Ventura River watershed is an overwhelming community of interest element in terms of Ventura and Ojai. Ventura is part of the Casitas Municipal Water District in the Ojai Valley (its largest single customer), Ojai's primary water supply is through a Community Service District operated by the Casitas Municipal Water District.

Just one factor of common interest.

Bill Weirick Mayor Pro Tem City of Ojai

From: James Vega [mailto:james.vega@ojai.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 6:28 PM
To: Gonzalez, Veronica; Ramirez, Carmen; Matt.LaVere@ventura.org; Linda.Parks@ventura.org; kelly.long@ventura.org; supervisor.huber@ventura.org
Cc: Pettit, Mike; redistricting@ventura.org
Subject: RE: Redistricting Maps and Information Request

Good evening –

We have received several calls from community members concerned about potential adoption of a County Supervisor's redistricting map that apparently separates Ojai and Ventura. We have continued to submit the attached letter indicating the City's position regarding the importance of maintaining the connection to Ventura as a community of interest. The City of Ojai, and the City Council, strongly reiterates that position, and asks that the Board of Supervisors only consider maps that maintain that connection between Ojai and Ventura.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

James Vega | City Manager vega@ojaicity.org | (805)646-5581 ext. 102

From:	James Vega	
То:	Gonzalez, Veronica; Ramirez, Carmen; LaVere, Matt; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber	
Cc:	Pettit, Mike; Redistricting	
Subject:	RE: Redistricting Maps and Information Request	
Date:	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:28:18 PM	
Attachments:	10-15-2021 Resubmit Letter - Ventura County Board of Supervisors - Maintaining Ojai and Ventura as	
	Communities of Interest.pdf	

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Good evening –

We have received several calls from community members concerned about potential adoption of a County Supervisor's redistricting map that apparently separates Ojai and Ventura. We have continued to submit the attached letter indicating the City's position regarding the importance of maintaining the connection to Ventura as a community of interest. The City of Ojai, and the City Council, strongly reiterates that position, and asks that the Board of Supervisors only consider maps that maintain that connection between Ojai and Ventura.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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From:	Kevin Gutherie
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Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:15:07 PM

Fair and wise district boundaries are made with these guidelines. Keep communities together. Don't divide cities. Don't attempt to artificially enhance the power of one race relative to another. Moorpark and Simi Valley should be placed together for these reasons: They have very similar populations, there are families that are spread within these cities. Placing Moorpark, Simi, and Thousand Oaks together would be good for the same reasons.

--Kevin Gutherie (805) 990 - 5086 RE/MAX ONE REALTY

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Keep the city of Moorpark in one district.

### **Exhibit A - Somis Municipal Advisory Council**



From:Bernardo PerezTo:RedistrictingSubject:Supplemental PDate:Monday, Noven

On October 25, 2021 I submitted Public Comments encouraging the Board of Supervisors to approve Draft Plan 2 and offered supporting documentation. Since that time, I have become aware of Community Map Version 2 and offer my support for that map as well. Both maps ensure the Board of Supervisors achieves its goal of creating a second majority-minority county district while at the same time respecting and maintaining the integrity of the Moorpark community of interest.

Thank you for your attention to my comments and of those many other community members who support these maps and these goals.

Bernardo Perez

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### League of United Latin American Citizens

### California District 17

November 5, 2021

Supervisor Bob Huber Supervisor Matt LaVere Supervisor Kelly Long Supervisor Linda Parks Supervisor Carmen Ramirez

**RE: LULAC Map** 

Dear Members of the Board:

Greetings from California LULAC Ventura County District 17. As an affiliate of our national organization, we are dedicated to the equitable treatment of all citizens and residents of the community, particularly people of Latino descent.

Our Mission is to advance the *educational attainment, economic condition, health, civil rights, and political empowerment* of the Hispanic population of the United States through community-based programs operating in over 1200 membership chapters throughout the United States.

A group of community stakeholders including local LULAC councils and labor organizations have created a credible and equitable map that also takes into account community of interest public feedback as well as California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) legal considerations. Our partner organization, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) provided technical assistance and data for our recommended map.

The LULAC map takes into account three guiding principles:

- 1. Separate the Santa Clara Valley and Camarillo. Residents of the Santa Clara Valley have complained for years that their choice in electing representatives has been impacted due to the dilution of communities of interest. There is community consensus around this principle, not just from those living in the Santa Clara Valley.
- 2. Ensure that the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of choice or its ability to influence the outcome of elections is protected under CVRA.

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- LULAC's goal is to ensure city-level splits do not result in the dilution of the vote
   power of protected classes. The LULAC map accomplishes this by drawing lines that respect communities of interest and neighborhood-level boundaries.
- 4. Meeting legal mandates, fulfilling community feedback, and balancing population variation makes the process incredibly difficult to keep cities intact. The LULAC map keeps Santa Paula, Fillmore, Ojai, Ventura, and Simi Valley whole. Moorpark can be made whole with minor modifications. It also keeps the unincorporated areas of El Rio, beach communities, and Oak Park whole as well. Camarillo is only divided two ways with much of Central Camarillo and Mission Oaks included in a new district with Thousand Oaks. The area around North Ranch, Lang Ranch, and areas east of Olsen Rd are included in the new district with Simi Valley.

This map represents the expressed will of our membership and community partners. We respectfully urge you to consider LULAC's vision for an equitable map that meets CVRA requirements by respecting the voting power of protected classes while being sensitive to community of interest public feedback.

Sincerely,

LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

David M. Rodriguez, Interim Officer-Ventura County Chair – California LULAC Committee on Civil Rights and Advocacy www.lulac.org