Communities of Interest
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My name is Melissa Sorongon and I’m a resident of the Lompoc Valley. The Santa Maria Valley, including the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe, is an important Community Of Interest in California’s Central Coast, which should be kept together and ideally united in the same districts as the Lompoc Valley.

The Santa Maria Valley is a community of interest because:

- It is an agricultural, working-class, and farmworker community facing disparities in housing, education, and healthcare with unique economic needs
- It is a community of immigrant families with a much larger share of Latinx residents, immigrants, and Spanish and indigenous language speakers than the surrounding region
- It is an environmental justice community who has been disproportionately impacted by pollution from oil and gas, agricultural chemicals, and groundwater depletion

Thank you for your attention to the opinion of a concerned and active citizen and voter.

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Typed on my phone--please forgive occasional typos.