Communities of Interest

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My name is Rebeca and I work in Santa Maria advocating for the working class and immigrant families of this community. 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.

We are a community of interest because:

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

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter,

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