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California Redistricting Commission
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Via Email: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov.

RE: Protecting the Legislative Cohesion of Thousand Oaks within Ventura County

Honorable Commissioners:

First, thank you for serving in this important and challenging role of managing California’s redistricting. Thank you too for seeking early input from affected communities.

As the Second District Supervisor for the County of Ventura, I represent the City of Thousand Oaks. While Thousand Oaks borders Los Angeles County, Thousand Oaks residents are both strongly aligned with Ventura County, and obtain government services from various government agencies located in Ventura County. On many levels, the City of Thousand Oaks’ community of interest lies with the County of Ventura.

This alignment is particularly germane to legislative boundaries when considering the interaction between the city and its State and federal representatives regarding funding government services. The City of Thousand Oaks contracts with and receives many important services from Ventura County government, including fire, police, flood control, and social services.

Accordingly, the City and County collaborate jointly with our mutual State, and particularly Congressional, representatives on funding these vital services. We want to assure that the redistricting process does not disrupt these well-established working relationships or become fragmented. Were Thousand Oaks to be severed from Ventura County’s Congressional district, the funding of important public services could be compromised.
I respectfully request and encourage that State and particularly Congressional legislative district boundaries keep Thousand Oaks whole and within Ventura County legislative districts.

Cordially,

Linda Parks
Supervisor, Second District