General Public Comment on redistricting CA-25

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Commissioners

This is public comment that pertains to the Congressional district that is currently CA-25. It currently encompasses part of Ventura County (including Simi Valley) and much of Los Angeles County (Antelope Valley, Porter Ranch, and part of San Fernando Valley).

Simi Valley must be placed into a district that is separate from Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, and San Fernando Valley. Simi Valley has interests and issues that do not align with that of LA County.

Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, and San Fernando Valley have a lot in common. Employees in the industrial sector of Santa Clarita almost all come from Santa Clarita, Palmdale/Lancaster, and San Fernando. Similarly, businesses - especially aerospace - in Antelope Valley have employees that largely live in Palmdale/Lancaster or Santa Clarita. San Fernando Valley also has many employees who live in Santa Clarita and Palmdale/Lancaster.

I implore the Commission to consider drawing further south into San Fernando when redrawing what is currently CA-25 and put Simi Valley into a district in Ventura County where it will be better served.

Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

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