Dear CA Citizens’ Redistricting Commission,

Stanislaus County should be kept together. I’ve heard that one or more proposals under consideration takes away Oakdale from the 10th congressional district.

I think it makes more sense for Tracy be removed than Oakdale. The city is largely a bay-area commuter city. Their local issues aren’t very similar, and their interests differ from those of Stanislaus County.

Oakdale on the other hand shares significant common interests. Some of the interests Oakdale shares with other Stanislaus County cities are:

- The surrounding cities (largely Modesto, Turlock, Ceres) have community relations with Oakdale - both residents and local government officials.
- Oakdale has the same nearby population center (Modesto).
  - Work and shopping in each other’s cities.
  - Shared interest in connecting roads and other infrastructure.
- Farming
- Water is a very important and critical issue. There is a regional surface water treatment plant under construction 10 miles south of Oakdale.
- Oakdale gets power from Modesto Irrigation District.
- Oakdale uses the same library system, office of education, sheriff, and the many other county services.
- Shared local banking, including Oak Valley Community Bank (founded in Oakdale) and Valley First Credit Union - branches serving cities throughout our area.

I’ve heard that one proposal under consideration adds Lodi to our district. I wouldn't be opposed to Lodi joining. Some common interests include water, farming, and wineries.

Regards,

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