Good Afternoon,

I am a long time resident of Kings County. Up until the gutting of the Voters Rights Act, by the Supreme Court, Kings County has been required to stay whole when districts were drawn.

We are a small county with no large cities. Hanford is the County Seat and serves as the hub for the entire county. Lemoore is smaller and very close to Hanford. Between Hanford and Lemoore, most Navy and contractor families for NAS Lemoore, reside in these two cities.

Services for all county schools are centered in Hanford and Lemoore. All of the small communities in the county depend on Hanford, and to a smaller extent Lemoore, for shopping, medical care, and other vital services.

It has come to my attention that an outside organization has supplied maps to the commission that crack the towns of Hanford and Lemoore into different districts. (both towns are cracked in two) In fact, the northern areas of Lemoore and Hanford were actually drawn into a district that goes into Northern Tulare County, up into the foothills and then north to Clovis. This is not a community that we feel a part of. The map looks to be what we might call, gerrymandered. What is really concerning about these maps, is that Kings County had NO voice in the creation of these maps. When a group of voters from Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore asked to give input, we were told that it was too early to give that input. It would seem to me that this IS the time to give input and I hope that the commission will not approve these maps.
The districts that we are in currently, seem to be fairly drawn and competitive. I know that some changes will need to be make, but what this group has proposed is opposed by most people in Kings County.

I hope that the commission will take my concerns into consideration.

Thank you,

Cathleen Jorgensen