Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to our state, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your work to understand and design representation for all Californians is of the utmost importance and we are grateful that you have stepped up to do this work.

We are writing to you today as the Central Coast Coalition of Chambers representing 11 cities, dozens of unincorporated communities and service districts and a population of nearly half a million people spanning San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara Counties to encourage you to keep this region together in one district.

Throughout all of our work, we seek to unify the Central Coast to forge a stronger, more resilient regional economy and recognizing our collection of communities in one district will do just that.

The regional economy is built on a shared set of leading industries including agriculture, tourism and aerospace and a single community rarely has the workers, transportation, housing and amenities to compete on its own. Together, however, we have the ingredients for a more resilient and prosperous economy; many companies have employees who commute between the two Counties, customers who come from another county and even satellite offices that regularly collaborate.

Additionally, residents of the region regularly cross county lines for education, healthcare and cultural activities and, while each community is unique, we share a similar set of priorities, concerns and opportunities.

By leveraging our collective strengths, world-class assets and shared vision, we can create a bigger economic pie and help everyone do better.

Each of the vibrant communities in our region has its own distinct charm. And while it’s natural to focus on one’s own neighborhood or town, we have overcome those tendencies, working together to help each other tackle shared challenges across our region and harness opportunities to preserve and enhance our collective quality of life.

Please keep the communities of Buellton, Lompoc, Solvang, Santa Maria, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, Atascadero and Paso Robles united as you endeavor to create accurate, equitable and nonpartisan districts.
Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you to ensure that San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara County residents get the best quality representation for the decade to come.

Sincerely,

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