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To: <VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov>

Hello Commissioners,

Our County is currently split into four Congressional Districts that include District #4 (McClintock), #16 (Costa), #21 (Valadao) & #22 (Nunes). I feel these congressional district maps, drawn up after the 2010 census gave the unintentional impression of being gerrymandered and resulted in splitting our County this way. Fresno County has the 10th largest population in the State and should remain intact. With our County's population there is enough for at least one full Congressional District. The County shouldn't be split into more than two Congressional Districts and if so, it can be achieved with the addition of contiguous cities with similar interest and concerns added to meet the Equal population and Voting Rights Act requirements.

I don't want our County Congressional districts to include any cities in Tulare County nor Hanford in Kings County. We also shouldn't require Fresno County citizens to vote in and with Kern County just to satisfy their equal population numbers. Some people like to vote in person others like to visit the offices of their congressperson and local staff. The way our districts are set up now it's hard to do that.

I live in Clovis and The Congressman for my District has a Faux office there with no staff or telephones and with a number that's answered in his main office in Visalia. He uses taxpayer money for rent and it's non use. His office in Visalia is a long ways for me to drive and pay gas money to visit in person. I know I can call but I feel disconnected from that City & County.

My personal request also includes keeping the cities of Clovis and Fresno intact when drawing up one of our Congressional Districts. I have included a map of these two cities which your line drawers accessed during a recent Zone F public input mtg.

Thank you for your consideration and for the steadfast and transparent work you do on behalf of the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,
Judi Steele