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Subject: Line Drawing Direction- Keep Orange County and LA County Separate

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Dear Commissioner Sadhwani,

Thank you for all of your hard work to ensure fair district maps. I am writing to you directly as I have had the opportunity to listen in this past week to the line drawing direction sessions for Southern California, notably focusing on Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

I am a resident of Yorba Linda in Orange County. As of now, we are grouped in with several LA and San Bernardino County communities at the state and federal legislative levels. I heard several commissioners suggest that there are individuals who would like us to continue being grouped with communities in LA County such as Diamond Bar, Walnut, and Rowland Heights. I am writing to state my preference, and strongly disagree with staying with Los Angeles County. Orange County has its own unique identity and our needs greatly differ from those in the LA and San Bernardino County communities.

I hope the redistricting commission can provide direction to the line drawing consultants to keep the Orange County cities with other Orange County communities, apart from our neighbors to the north. Personally, I'd like to see Yorba Linda grouped with communities such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin, Orange, and Villa Park. These communities are all foothill communities and share a community of interest. The LA County communities such as Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights and West Covina should be grouped together separately.

Thank you for your attention and your hard work on this issue. Please share this email with your colleagues-Commissioners Akutagawa, Taylor, Ahmad, Kennedy, and Le Mons.

Sincerely,
Karen Lawson