



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
Chamber of Commerce

September 21, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 65,000 member-employees, I am writing to you to urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep the Santa Clarita Valley and North LA Communities within one Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts. Additionally, we urge the Commission to place the whole Santa Clarita Valley within compact districts that include the communities of north Los Angeles County, including the Antelope Valley.

The City of Santa Clarita, located in north Los Angeles County, is the third most populous city in Los Angeles County and is home to approximately 221,000 residents with an additional 70,000 people residing in the adjacent unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. These adjacent unincorporated communities, including Stevenson Ranch, Castaic, Agua Dulce, and Acton, share many unifying conditions, including geographic, economic, and social.

Furthermore, the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole collaborates on regional issues, including transportation planning, homelessness, public safety, emergency preparedness and response, and water quality and supply, with the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

Additionally, the City of Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale, as well as unincorporated areas, contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department and work in collaboration on emergency preparedness through the Los Angeles County Disaster Management Area B planning group.

For decades, North County cities and communities have partnered in advancing public transportation, various development issues, land use, and public health initiatives. Most of these programs impact the region as a whole and are not specific to one community. It is in the best interests of the continuity of these initiatives that the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys be able to continue to advocate as one body.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in the redistricting and thank you for your consideration of our comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ivan Volschenk".

Ivan Volschenk
President, Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce