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Commissioners:

My name is Russell Jauregui and I am a Board Member of Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, which provides pro bono legal services throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

I'm focusing my comments today on our Senate District for Western Riverside County, currently Senate District 31.

I am writing to provide the Commission with a draft district that has a Latino CVAP of greater than 50%.

As someone who works in both counties, it is important that we keep this district wholly within Riverside County as our issues unique and to maintain a good contiguous mix of similar, diverse communities of interests on the western side of the county.

Second, the general philosophy behind the current layout of our Senate District 31 makes sense, with the city of Riverside being the center and incorporating communities to the west and east of neighboring communities.

The issue is that we have not yet had the ability to obtain Latino representation in the State Senate for this area. We have achieved Latino representation at the City Council and the underlying State Assembly districts, but never the State Senate.

As someone who works daily in the Latino community, it is important to me and our community to work to achieve representation in the State Senate.

As you draw our Senate district, please use the tools you have to help make this a reality for our community.

We deserve a State Senate Seat with a Latino CVAP greater than 50%.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully
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