

Caller 8148:

All right. Good afternoon, commissioners. And thank you for taking the time to listen today. My name is Cameron Gray and I'm the current mayor for the city of Hesperia. I've lived here for over 30 years. I'm calling as an individual resident of the high desert and a veteran because I'm concerned about our city being put in a district with Los Angeles County. Our community is very different from Los Angeles County and our residents would not be served best by being in a district based in LA county. I could tell you from my over 30 years of experience growing up and living in the high desert that I have had many represent is that were from the antelope valley or Los Angeles County and as Ryan stated, we never seem to be their first priority. Our city has critical needs when it comes to our roads and infrastructure. We're also working to improve waste water treatment public -- and public safety. Having meaningful representation at the state and federal level is critical in ensuring our voices will be heard and our needs met. I'm afraid that if the commission puts us with Los Angeles county-based district we will not get our fair share. Worse we will not be with our San Bernardino County high desert communities we share interests with. Our city sits on the Mojave Desert air quality management district and other cities across the high desert like Barstow, needles, valley and twenty-nine palms because we all share the same issues high wind, dust and particulates. Our city also sits in the victor valley transit authorities with the agency for the High desert community from pinion hills to needles and everywhere in between. We belong in a district with our fellow San Bernardino County communities and I urge the commission not to break us apart and district my community in Los Angeles County. In addition, San Bernardino County has so many military paces and a huge host of veterans and this is what's even more important as a veteran, being intact and staying.