

Caller 1143:

Thank you for taking comment today. My name is Eric Swanson. I'm the president of the Hesperia unified school district and husband of a classroom teacher. I'm calling as private citizen today to ask the commission not to put San Bernardino County high desert communities in the district with Los Angeles County communities. I have lived here in the high desert for 50 years. I've raised my family here. I have been a school board member for 15 years. As a long time, resident, I can remember many representatives that come from the Los Angeles County to represent us and I can honestly say we always seem to get leftovers and that's going back decades. Also, I wanted to urge the commission when looking at the victor valley that you just don't look at the incorporated cities because we have a lot of unincorporated communities in our high desert, for example Hesperia unified doesn't just cover Hesperia but oak tails and other unincorporated areas. Apple valley school district educates students in unincorporated areas and so on and on and on. I also work with the San Bernardino County desert school board association in collaboration with school districts in rural parts from snowline which covers the Tri-community area of right 50,000, pinion hills and fallen to rim of the world, lake arrow head, big bear, lucerne valley and all the way to Barstow, corona, silver valley which covers the communities of Newberry strings and fort Irwin. All the districts we work together on issues like funding, rural buses which is a big issue, resources specialists, education, stem, learning and access to career and education opportunities. We have more in common high desert than antelope valley. Thank you for letting me comment. Our district is going through -- we just went through drawing the school district maps and I do have