September 26, 2021

Respected members of the Redistricting Commission,

My name is Martha Howard, and thank you for taking in consideration our request to include Temecula Congressional and Assembly Districts entirely in Riverside County.

Under the current districting, Temecula had to go to San Diego County to attain representation; isolating Temecula and the surrounding area in districts that are completely dominated by North San Diego County - with which Temecula and the surrounding Riverside County area have almost nothing in common - leaves our community and portion of SW Riverside County with virtually no congressional or assembly representation and in great disadvantage. Our community has effectively been without representation for the past 10 years.

Because the Temecula area has been so damaged by its isolation from Riverside County and almost total control by North San Diego County, we are stressing to this Commission that for the past ten years it has lived with fragmented communities of interest; therefore it would now be unfair for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) to once again saddle us with that burden.

Instead, the CRC should do everything it can to include Temecula's Congressional and Assembly Districts **entirely in Riverside County** where many communities of interests (like public schools, sports centers and activities, freeways and transportation facilities, eating establishments, entertainment venues and job centers like Abbott Laboratories, Old Town, Wine Country and Pechanga are shared. Our area has very little in common with much of North San Diego County which is much more rural and spread out than the Temecula area. But
our area does have lots in common with jurisdictions like Murrieta, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar and the like.

Once again thank you for taking into consideration our request.

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