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Dear California Redistricting Citizens Commission,
My name is Ryan Jones and I live in district CA-49, specifically Oceanside. I'd like to take some time to address the needs of my community;

I've lived in North County for almost my entire life, taking a one-year break to live in Mexico. I've bounced between Vista, San Marcos, and Escondido, but Oceanside has always been my home. The unique combination of industry and agriculture gives us a lot things in common. The culture we have formed as the communities interconnected by the 76 is one of cooperation and self-sufficiency.

But Oceanside isn't properly represented. The 49th congressional district is based on a monopoly of the northern section of the San Diego Coast when it should be based on the needs, composition, and culture of the community. And everyone knows the cultural ties end at the lagoon between Carlsbad and Oceanside. The residents of Oceanside avoid going to Carlsbad at all costs, and Carlsbad residents have a tendency to look down upon everyone of a lower income level. However, many Oceanside residents know Vista like the back of their hand.

Finally, many San Clemente citizens want to stay as a part of the 49th district, but I can't find a single Oceanside citizen that feels the same. The city of San Clemente is a part of Orange County and pays taxes to them as well as receives funds from them. Their property value is based on their Orange status and their income levels match Orange county. They have their reasons for wanting to stay, but frankly it offers no benefits to any north county residents.

Knowing all this alongside the fact that San Diego is quite likely to lose a congressional seat, here are some changes I'd make to the district map:

1. Merge Vista into one single district
 1. Western Vista shouldn't be in the same district as places with 50k+ median incomes
 2. Eastern Vista doesn't have enough in common with El Cajon, though it does have closer cultural and material ties with San Marcos and Escondido
 3. Vista and Oceanside share very close ties with the border between them often being blurry to it's citizens
 4. Vista should combine with other agriculture heavy areas like Fallbrook and Bonsall

2. Join Oceanside with Vista, Fallbrook, Bonsall, as per recommendation by the CEO of the Oceanside chamber of commerce.
 1. These cities share a combination of industry and agriculture
 2. They all share the 76 Highway
 3. They share the San Luis Rey river and other associated watersheds
 4. They are similar in both median income and racial demographics

3. Add San Marcos and Escondido to the CA-49 block
 - They match the rest of the new 49 block in income, resources, and racial demographics

4. Separate Carlsbad and Encinitas from CA-49 and combine them with the more similar cities of Solana Beach and Encinitas as well as inland support from Mira Mesa

1. People from Oceanside *will not* enter Carlsbad if they can help it
2. Carlsbad and Oceanside are separated by many natural bodies of water
3. Carlsbad and Encinitas are much closer in demographics (such as median income) to Solana Beach and Del Mar than Oceanside and Vista

5. Make sure these new districts 49 and 50 line up with EcoRegions as well as the natural rivers and watersheds of the county

1. These new districts are separated by lagoons, rivers, mountains, and ecological regions, helping be proactive in fighting the climate crisis
2. Ecologically similar regions need to agree on the same environmental regulations
3. Each congressional district needs separate watersheds to prioritize protections specific to their needs

6. Stick to county lines and exclude San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano. (If extra people are needed to maintain 5 seats, take them from Temecula and Murrieta, a place with more similar demographics and interests.)

1. They pay taxes to and receive funds from Orange County, not San Diego County
2. Their median income matches Carlsbad and Encinitas though is vastly different from Oceanside, and it's established Oceanside and Carlsbad need to separate

3. They are both identical to many other Orange County cities
4. North 49th constituents feel like their representatives only pay attention to the San Diego districts (which they should!)

(And sorry for any variations of this plan you see, that would be my doing.)