

Hello,

My name is Mitra Samani and I live in the neighborhood of Canoga Park in the San Fernando Valley.

The US Census Dept has a Census County Division for the San Fernando Valley which gives the exact geography.

Essentially, the San Fernando Valley contains all the neighborhoods north of Mulholland Blvd which is on top of the Hollywood Hills.

Though it has a population of about 2 million residents, the San Fernando Valley is neither a county nor a city. But if it was, it would be among the largest in the nation.

The Valley is roughly split into a "West Valley" and "East Valley," with the 405-freeway dividing those two.

The Valley is further divided by a neighborhood council system that bestows local government status on our many neighborhoods, like Sherman Oaks, Reseda, and my own neighborhood of Canoga Park.

Please make districts that reflect our community by trying to include a vast majority, or entirely, Valley population.

If needed, try to hew to the West Valley and East Valley sub-divide.

And please try to minimize splits within Valley neighborhoods.

Please don't divide our community of interest and throw pieces of the Valley to this and that city or county that happen to be adjacent, but a million miles away in our minds.

Thank you.