

## **Exhibit 2**

# **Redistricting Comments Submitted via Website and E-Mail**

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Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council

My name is Norbert Tan. My family has lived in Ventura County for 18-years. We are currently 13-year residents of the South Bank neighborhood in North Oxnard, CA. I serve as the Deputy Director of the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON) in Los Angeles. A3PCON is a member of two multiracial coalitions advocating for equitable representation for communities of color in the redistricting process: the People's Bloc and the AAPI & AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. Currently, I commute to downtown Los Angeles 2-4 times a month. I also work remotely and travel within Los Angeles and Ventura County for my nonprofit consulting clients and executive coaching clients.

Geographically, South Bank is bound by the 101 freeway to the north, North Ventura Road to the west, Vineyard Avenue to the south, and North Oxnard Blvd to the east.

Our neighborhood is made up of a range of lower middle class to upper middle-class residents, living in apartments and single-family homes. Many of the single-family homes have multiple-generations living together. Our residents range from migrant workers to health care workers to professionals with advanced degrees.

Our immediate neighborhood has an elementary school, park, and cemetery, but is flanked by RiverRidge Golf Course, the Collection, the Esplanade Towers and retail center.

Our neighborhood is predominantly made up of Latinx residents. Spanish is widely spoken. The City of Oxnard hosts various festivals, like the Strawberry Festival and the Salsa Festival.

The Oxnard school districts and Haas Automation are the largest employers in our area.

Oxnard College, Ventura College, and Cal State Channel Islands are the major higher education institutions in our area.

Most residents travel by car and bus. There is Amtrak service through Oxnard.

Some of the major issues facing our neighborhood is:

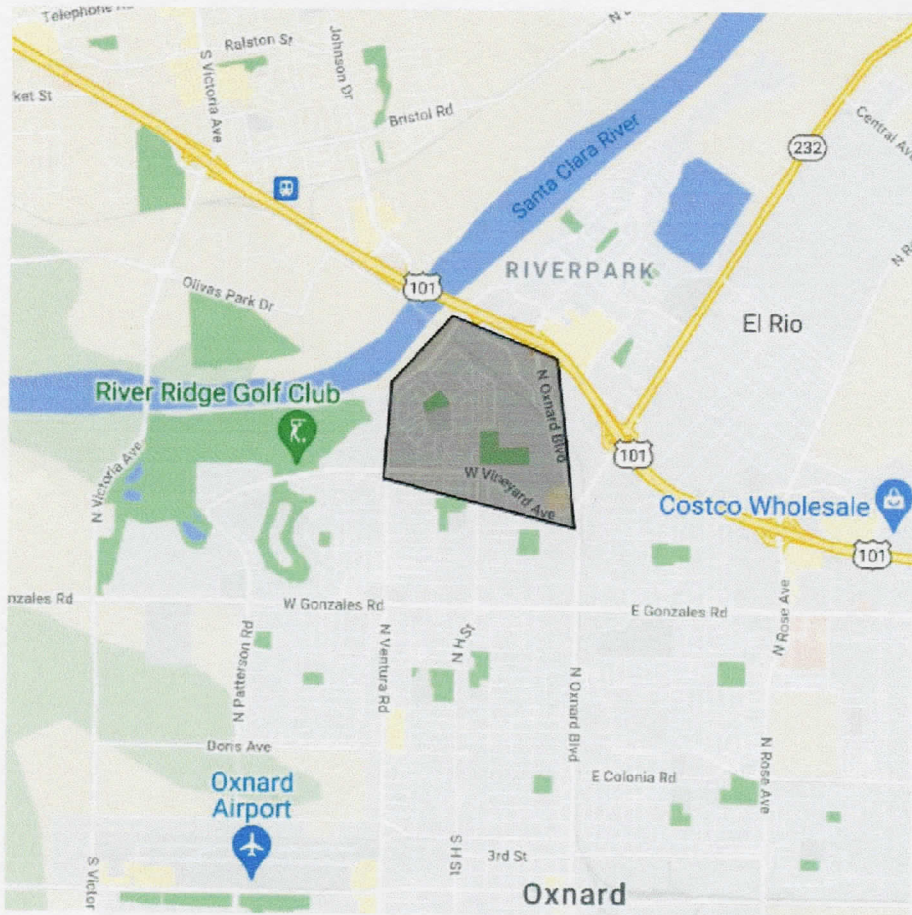
- 1) The unhoused living in the Santa Clara Riverbank.
- 2) Housing affordability
- 3) Environmental effects stemming from the floods and wildfires.
- 4) General recovery from the pandemic.

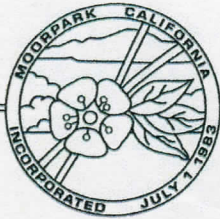
I would urge any redistricting commission to keep the boundaries of Oxnard whole because of the unique challenges and opportunities that come from having such a diverse populations defined by such definite boundaries. The vibrant mix of agriculture, retail, education, tourism,



and technology industries in Oxnard continue to make it the largest and most economically powerful city in the county. It's important to me to have elected officials who can rise to the challenge of representing a community.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story.





# CITY OF MOORPARK

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September 1, 2021

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**RE: Redistricting Comments from the City of Moorpark**

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments as you go through the redistricting process following the 2020 Census. As a public agency with City Councilmembers elected by district, we understand and commend the County's efforts to solicit feedback from stakeholders throughout the County as you identify communities of interest and, ultimately, districts.

The City of Moorpark offers the following comments to help inform your redistricting process:

**Comment 1: Moorpark Should Be Entirely Located in One District**

As enshrined in state law, "Cities should be kept together where possible." Moorpark has historically benefitted from having a single point of contact on the Board of Supervisors who carries the weight of all Moorpark residents. This is preferable to being split into smaller portions of multiple districts.

**Comment 2: Moorpark Should Be Located in a Southeast-County District**

Due to the proximity, physical geography, and freeway system in Ventura County, Moorpark has closer ties to the southeastern Ventura County cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks than it does to other communities in western Ventura County (such as Camarillo) and in the Heritage Valley (such as Santa Paula and Fillmore).

There are numerous governmental examples recognizing the close ties between Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. Moorpark City Transit buses and vans are operated by the City of Thousand Oaks. The buses are stored overnight and refueled at the City of Simi



Valley Transit Maintenance Facility located a mere mile from Moorpark's city limits. Within the Southern California Association of Governments, our district consists of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. In fact, our region is currently represented by a Moorpark City Councilmember.

Given the current demographics and locations of population centers within Ventura County, I am confident that you can and will create a fair, equitable district map that incorporates our two comments and ensures that the voting rights of Moorpark and Ventura County residents will be respected for the next decade and beyond. I look forward to seeing the County's efforts to accomplish this in the coming months.

Respectfully,



Troy Brown  
City Manager

cc: City Council  
Assistant City Manager  
City Clerk

**New submission from Community of Interest Online Form**

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Fri 9/10/2021 6:12 AM

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**Name**

Wendy Zimmerman

**Email**wdzimmerman@yahoo.com**Which district do you live in?**

District 2

**What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.**

We are concerned about the environment, wild life, open space, and protecting our single family neighborhood from being swallowed by too much growth in our back yards being contemplated by the City of Thousand Oaks. Business interests are taking over. We want our residential, suburban lifestyle to remain intact. We are hard working people, many in skilled trades, fire and police, teachers, administrators, managers and support staff. Many long term residents and stability. Our homes are over 50 years old. We will need infrastructure improvements--sewers, streets, we have too many power outages and old above ground poles, lack choices for cable/media/communications. We have too much traffic on the 101, We do not have any public transit that goes where people need to go when they need it. We need services 24/7, our traffic on the freeway is just as congested, maybe more so than on weekdays. If more homes are built near us, our streets will be completely clogged and we won't be able to get to and from our homes and suffer from noise pollution, traffic, and trash. We will lose visiting wild life like raccoons, hawks, owls, possums, and other creatures that maintain balance in our ecosystem. Our arroyo will be polluted and water fowl will die off or leave. We will be left with rats, mosquitos and a sick environment that will harm our health. Important to us that we continue to have a supervisor who cares about our unincorporated tract and that our needs are met and represented to the Board of Supervisors.

**Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)**

I live in Casa Conejo, an unincorporated tract of 900 homes in Newbury Park surrounded by the City of Thousand Oaks. We are bordered by the 101 Fwy on the North, Borchard Rd on the South, Jenny Drive on the West, and Strauss and Virginia to the East. Primary access is Wendy Drive which divides the East and West sides of the tract. I can ONLY access my home by taking either Bella or Alice and other streets to Wendy Drive.

**Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.**

Our community is not part of a City. Ventura County Board of Supervisors is our only direct governing body. The City of Thousand Oaks has become very pro-growth and we are in danger of being strangled and crowded out. Supervisor Parks has protected us. We are not at all like Simi Valley which is pro-growth, pro-business, very conservative and not a match for our more mixed community which has a greater focus on the environment and influenced by the Santa Monica Mountains and ocean breezes. We do not want to be in a sphere that wants to become the San Fernando Valley.



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**What else would you like to tell us about your community?**

We are proud that we live in Casa Conejo. We have worked hard to get here. We are a community of single story, single family homes built in the 1960's. We have many people who moved out from the city and have stayed to raise their children and will remain in their homes through retirement. We have deep roots. We like our quieter suburban life. We are close enough to night life and entertainment to get it easily. We don't have big budgets for fancy dining. We don't have functional public transit. We do use active transportation such as bikes, skateboards, and walking for exercise, going to school and nearby errands.

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### Which district do you live in?

District 5

### What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

We have a vagrant homeless problem. I have seen homeless people from out of the area often. Some use outdoor space to poop in commercial areas like iHop parking lot.

### Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

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### Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

We need more funding compared to the other areas. I don't understand why areas are not equally distributed in space. There tends to be a lot of inequality in the distribution with wages and home values with the current map and it isn't equitable to all.

### What else would you like to tell us about your community?

We are working class but I often see people here commute.



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### Name

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### Which district do you live in?

District 5

### What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

I was born and raised in the 5th district and have seen this area go down hill due to I'm sure many factors. The changes I have seen is more homeless and slumlords who take advantage of immigrants. I'd like to see more code compliance , policies that prevent homelessness, and improved landscaping.

### Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

C street and Vine by EO Green elementary

Landmarks near by are the port Hueneme beach , the naval base and downtown Oxnard

### Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

The 5th district who seems to be the majority should have more of a say in the policies of Ventura county but yet based on the current map are not.

### What else would you like to tell us about your community?

Based on the current map district 5 seems to be sectioned into one area so that our people aren't diluting the districts around us which is racially unfair and allows for policies that are not representative the majority of the community in Ventura county.

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Susan Soy

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### Which district do you live in?

District 2

### What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

Home, Family, Safety, Public services such as libraries, parks are important in this region of single family homes. We have great interest in city and county cooperation as well as interagency collaboration with the open space agency (COSCA?) and CalTrans to address trash along the 23 freeway and working toward a positive resolution to eliminate homeless encampments along the freeway and in neighborhood and regional parks.

Another large interagency concern is assuring that adequate planning for future water needs are met as well as readiness for fire and earthquakes. I know my attempt to sign up for the County alert system and my calls for help to sign up have not been addressed.

### Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

1526 Calle De Oro. Sunset Hills, Erbes and Highway 23

### Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

We are voters and residents and our voice is important. All decision of the County affect the residents of Thousand Oaks.

### What else would you like to tell us about your community?

We are largely middle income folks and in my neighborhood many of us are seniors with fixed incomes, a large number of community volunteers and contributors to the democratic processes that make our city, county, state, and country a wonderful place.



**New submission from Community of Interest Online Form**

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Laura Espinosa

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District 3

**What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.**

My name is Laura Espinosa, President of Santa Paula Latino Town Hall. We welcome the opportunity to offer public comment during the Redistricting Process. We are based in Santa Paula but have membership throughout the County and the Santa Clara Valley. First you should know that Santa Paula has a history of voter dilution that prevented it from electing its' candidate of choice in the city and county wide races. In 2002 Santa Paula settled a U.S. Department of Justice lawsuit that resulted in the city's admission that the Latino community was unable to elect its' candidate of choice. This is legal decision that documents that voting was racially polarized. The Board of Supervisors has never had a Latino representative in the past 100 year history from the Santa Clara Valley of Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru.

**Communities of Interest**

Our 3rd District Valley lies along the Santa Clara River, the last remaining wild river in California. It is connected by agriculture production and workers that generate millions of dollars in crop production. Yet do not receive an equitable share of those proceeds. It is anchored by Catholic churches in Piru, San Salvador Mission, St. Francis of Assisi in Fillmore, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Sebastian in Santa Paula and Sacred Heart in Saticoy along the 126 freeway.

Its socio-economic conditions, social determinants of health and poverty rates are all similar, 16%-19% range often cited has the highest in the County of Ventura as compared to 6.9% in Camarillo, a city we would like to have removed from the District as there is little community of interest shared with the predominately white, wealthy community with many upscale shops. Latinos make up the highest percentage of the population in the SCV. We are a young population and there are a large number of individuals without legal status which contributes to the lack of voter strength.

Some may describe us as quaint Main Street, with corner Mom and Pop Mexican markets and bakeries, 99 cent stores, and cart vendors. We are unique. We celebrate many festivals such as Santo Nino de Atocha that attracts thousands of Catholic believers throughout California, De Colores cultural arts festival, Labor Day parade, Veterans events, Chamber of Commerce street fairs with music and handcraft sales and car shows. Little League and Boys and Girls Club activities are the few youth activities available. Teen activities are almost non-existent.

There is a sweat lodge on Telegraph Road that runs the entire SCV Valley where indigenous practices are followed. There is a Purepecha enclave located in Santa Paula, an indigenous community from Michoacán, Mexico. They are a tribe never conquered by the mighty Aztecs.



The Santa Clara Valley often relies on service clubs and non-profits for supportive services. We have been united during the pandemic for the highest numbers of Covid 19 illness and lowest rates of vaccinations. During the months of July and August of 2021, alone, there were over 1,000 applications for rental assistance in Santa Paula.

We are a community of resilient activists that fought to reopen the Santa Paula Hospital, twice! The coalition of SPLTH and Santa Clara Valley Together, made up of SCV residents, has fought for the expansion of the Ventura Community College East Campus Center following the inability to have effective representation on the College Board that follows the 3rd District boundaries. We fight for expanded mental health services.

The community also successfully fought a hazardous waste facility, but unfortunately is easy prey for other unpleasant things facing communities of color such as the Toland Road Dump and the Todd Road Jail.

Both Sespe and Cabrillo Village have connection to the Santa Clara Valley and farm worker resistance to poor and oppressive working and living conditions and were both successful in developing farmworker driven housing. A sense of pride, hard work and self-determination are common traits among Latino families.

#### Change Needed

In order to have fair representation, the 3rd district must change. Regardless of having voted in every election, the majority Latino populace has never seen a person like me elected to the Board of Supervisors although we make up 80% of the population. We believe by removing Camarillo and adding Cabrillo Village, Saticoy, El Rio, Nyeland Acres, North Oxnard (north of Plaza Park and bordered to the West by Victoria Avenue and to the East by El Rio) we would have a District that shares our communities of interest.

The iconic Bank in Saticoy was once known as the Mercantile Bank of Santa Paula. Saticoy's population is 87% Latino. In 1976 Farmworker families bought their humble cottages from Saticoy Lemon Association. This was the first time U.S. farmworkers purchased the camp they lived in. Many of the Saticoy, Cabrillo and East Ventura families have grown children and relatives who live in surrounding Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru, and El Rio, North Oxnard.

State Route 118 curves thru Southerly portion of the town site of Saticoy and heads northwest as Wells Road terminates at Santa Paula Freeway. Saticoy is near an apex of an alluvial fan formed by the Santa Clara River and Calleguas Creek. The Santa Clara river Valley opens up into the Oxnard Plain. South Mountain on the South shore marks the end of the Valley.

We respectfully seek your full review of the additions we seek to create a new 3rd District that will allow full voting rights to an underserved community with little political power as it currently stands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Espinosa

President

Santa Paula Latino Town Hall

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## New submission from Community of Interest Online Form (Spanish)

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### ¿En qué distrito vive?

Distrito 1

### ¿Cuáles son los intereses comunes en su comunidad? Describa por qué son importantes para usted.

La Seguridad de la familia, y la salud. Es importante que mi comunidad pueda vivir en un ambiente de paz y armonía.

### ¿Dónde está su comunidad? ¿Cuáles son las calles que cruzan y/o puntos de referencia en su vecindario? (Por ejemplo, intersecciones, carreteras, ríos, etc.)

Miners Oaks Ojai Ca. la calle que cruza cerca de mi vecindario es Maricopa- Hwy 33 y cruzero St.

### ¿Por qué es importante que su comunidad sea incluida en el proceso de redistribución de distritos de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Ventura? Por favor describa cómo los problemas que considera la Junta de Supervisores tienen un impacto en su comunidad.

Para que podamos ser odios. La junta de supervisors vela por los intereses de nuestra comunidad por eso es tan importante cualquier decisión que sea tomada en la junta.

### ¿Qué más le gustaría contarnos sobre su comunidad?

Nuestra pequeña comunidad de Miners Oaks donde vive muchas familias con niños pequeños ha sufrido la falta de no ser oídos, sobre el tráfico que tenemos la velocidad en las calles y avenidas no son seguras no ha sido controlada el límite de velocidad, y esta causando un gran miedo para salir por las calles a caminar con nuestra familia y mascotas. No casi vigilancia del Hwy Patrol que veamos para ayudar a controlar y vigilar las altas velocidades tan peligrosas..

Juana Juarez

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District 1

Question 1:

Family security and health. It's important that my community can live in a peaceful environment in harmony.

Question 2:

Miners Oaks, Ojai, CA. The street that crosses my neighborhood is Maricopa-Hwy 33 and Cruzero St.

Question 3:

So we can be heard. The Board of Supervisors watches over the interest of our community which is why the decisions of the Board of Supervisors are so important.

Question 4:

Our small community of Meiners Oaks, many families and small children have suffered the consequences of not being heard, about traffic and speeding on roads, and streets are not safe. The speed limits have not been controlled. This is causing a lot of fear when it comes to walking with our families and pets. We barely see any patrol of the speeding on behalf of Cal Hwy patrol.



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### Which district do you live in?

District 3

### What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

The Oxnard Plain, which includes the communities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme and El Rio, is an important Community Of Interest in California's Central Coast, and that is should be kept together and ideally united in the same districts as the nearby Santa Clara River Valley, which include the communities of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru.

### Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

The Oxnard Plain and Santa Clara Valley share similar regional identities, struggles, and population make up. They both comprise mostly agricultural communities and rural areas where the population consists of the working class and farm workers. As well as having a large population of immigrant families who speak Spanish and indigenous languages.

### Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

Our community is also disproportionately impacted by pollution from oil and gas, agricultural chemicals, and groundwater depletion which means that our needs are similar in scope.

I also believe that the more affluent communities like Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks should not be grouped together with Oxnard as their population and community needs differ vastly from ours.

### What else would you like to tell us about your community?

I recommend that you do not split up La Colonia or South Oxnard, these Latino communities that have long been underrepresented and need their voting rights to be protected. I would also recommend that La Colonia and South Oxnard should also be grouped in the district, because of their shared demographics.

I also recommend that South Oxnard and Port Hueneme be grouped together since both regions share a High School that youth from both regions attend and also have a high concentration of latino residents and the working class. Most residents don't know that they are living in two different regions due to the size of Port Hueneme.



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Gabriela Valencia

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District 5

**What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.**

I am a social worker living in South Oxnard and have lived here for 30 years. Oxnard has historically been a stronghold for a Latino, immigrant and farm worker community and there is a sense of shared community and culture. Many like myself come from families that have worked and continue to work in agriculture. Families like mine have made great contributions to the local culture and economy and deserve to be represented by individuals who understand their unique needs. My community deserves to be represented by someone who understands the need for support for immigrant, Latino families in the agricultural sector. This includes someone who can understand the need for affordable housing, quality education, and preserving the local rich Latinx culture.

**Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)**

My community includes South Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and La Colonia.

**Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.**

It is important that this community be included in the redistricting process as South Oxnard and La Colonia share many of the same characteristics including ethnic backgrounds and residents of the same socioeconomic status. There are also many youth who have attending school in both communities, including myself. Many residents from these areas are often transporting back and forth for work and school. South Oxnard should also be with Port Hueneme as they share a connection with the Naval Base and the Port. Many residents including myself also attend school from both areas, as well as travel between both areas for work. For many, the line that separated the cities of Port Hueneme and South Oxnard are blurred and consider it the same community.

**What else would you like to tell us about your community?**

Because Oxnard has more population than one district, it must be split into more than one district. When dividing Oxnard, it is preferable to put North Oxnard with Camarillo because they are more similar economically and demographically, and more connected to each other along the 101. North Oxnard is more middle-class than South Oxnard, has many newer developments, and many residents are second-generation Mexican-American rather than first-generation immigrants, all of which make it more similar to Camarillo than South Oxnard. Many residents of South Oxnard like myself have a strong sense of pride, as many of our families began their lives here and share the same pride in the lives they have made here as first-generation Mexican-Americans.





## CITY OF OJAI

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September 14, 2021

County of Ventura  
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Re: County of Ventura District 1 – Maintaining Ojai and Ventura as communities of interest

To Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

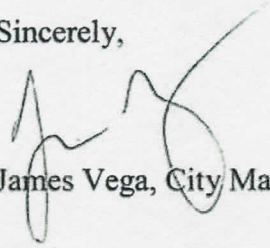
The City of Ojai would like to submit this letter in support of retaining Ojai in District 1. The Cities of Ojai and Ventura have a strong connection and community interests. Both are served by the Ventura River and its water supply and share State Highway 33. The Ojai Valley Trail is also connected to the Ventura River Trail which allows residents from both cities to bike from the Ventura to downtown Ojai. Public transportation also connects the cities and their residents.

At the County of Ventura Community Redistricting Meeting on August 31, 2021 you received public comment from Assemblymember and former District 1 Supervisor Steve Bennett. Assemblymember Bennett stated he feels strongly that Ojai and Ventura have a strong community of interest because both cities are connected by the Ventura River water source and Highway 33. The City of Ojai agrees with, and supports Assemblymember Bennett's statement.

The definition of a Community of Interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. The City of Ojai and Ventura meet this criteria, and should remain in District 1.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
James Vega, City Manager

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**Which district do you live in?**

District 5

**What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.**

The Channel Islands Beach Community around both sides of the harbor fall into the City of Oxnard & Ventura County jurisdictions, although our concerns & needs are similar.

**Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)**

From the fencing of the Navy base along Victoria to Oxnard Shores down Harbor Blvd.

**Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.**






The concerns about emergency information with limited exit access from SilverStrand Beach & Hollywood By the Sea areas, over development on public land, coastal access for all Ventura County residents.@

**What else would you like to tell us about your community?**

A small community that enjoys visitors to Channel Islands Harbor with access to all

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**Which district do you live in?**

District 1

**What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.**

The Ventura River watershed district is clearly a "community of interest."

**Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)**

1424 Carne Rd. , near intersection of Carne Rd. and Thatcher Rc.

**Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.**

District 1 could possibly lose population from East Ventura.

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**Which district do you live in?**

District 1

**What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.**

Keeping the Ventura River watershed community intact because the population growth outside this area is extraneous. Dropping some East Ventura population makes sense to assure future of District 1.

**Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)**

Highway 33 and Meiners Road

**Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.**

Our area population remains fairly static as new housing remains minimal, with the recent exception of affordable senior housing nearby. I moved to my community because of the low development policies.

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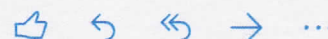
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### Which district do you live in?

District 5

### What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

# 1 Water Quality in the Channel Islands Harbor and Edison Canal and 100% support for establishing mitigation for degradation.

I am the Chair of Channel Islands Neighborhood Council. Our 1,900 homes are located in Channel Islands Harbor an area that is a key visitor serving asset of the County. This harbor is the Gateway to the Channel Islands National Park. If the harbor or canal is polluted it impacts all the surrounding beach residents as well. We want a swimmable, fishable and paddle-able harbor for everyone to enjoy in the county.

### Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

Channel Islands Neighborhood Council boundaries: Wooley Rd., Victoria Blvd, Channel Islands Blvd., Harbor Blvd.

The Harbor and the Edison Canal is THE LANDMARK in the City of Oxnard.

### Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

We need our Supervisor to have oversight for the harbor and the Edison Canal and the surrounding 2,400 acres of farmland to the north. The farmland to the north discharges unfiltered runoff into the Edison Canal. Everything south of McGrath Lake is essential, because it drains into the harbor. The beaches that surround the harbor are also part of this environmental eco-system. Thriving harbors - thriving beaches and visa versa.

### What else would you like to tell us about your community?

We are very passionate and love the natural environment that the beach and harbor community are all about.

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## Public Comments Sept 21 Agenda Item 46 Public Hearing Regarding the 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Process

Following are my intended comments for input:

1. What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

### Answer 1

#### **Water Quality in the harbor and support for establishing mitigation for degradation.**

I am the VP of Channel Islands waterfront Homeowners Association in Mandalay Bay (north of the bridge) where I live. Our homes are located in Channel Islands Harbor an area that is also an important visitor serving asset of the County welcoming the enjoyment of Kayakers, paddle boards and small boats from an area far larger than our own community.

2. **Where is your community?** What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)


2 Channel Islands Waterfront Homeowners Association (CIWHA) known in City of Oxnard as Waterways -1 represents 750 homes in Mandalay (North of Channel Islands Blvd, bordered on the east at Victoria, the west at Harbor Blvd and the north at Hemlock and Eastbourne Bay).

Our larger Channel Islands Harbor community consists of neighborhoods within the boundaries of **Gonzales to the North, Victoria Avenue to the east, the Pacific Ocean to the West and the entirety of the surrounding area of Channel Islands Harbor to the South. We need to include all the way to Gonzales road on the Northeast and perhaps Mcgrath based on the mapping tool as it pertains to Water Quality issues with the canal that impact the Harbor.**

3. Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

Our Channel Islands Harbor community shares social, economic and environmental interests and should be grouped into 1 supervisor district to facilitate fair and effective representation on all issues mentioned here.

4 What else would you like to tell us about your community?

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Our 750 homeowners current greatest concern is funding aging infrastructure (seawalls), our second most immediate concern is harbor water quality investigation and mitigation response, funding and facilitation of surrounding contributors to this issue.








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**Comments:**

As a resident of Ojai, I ask that you PLEASE keep the Ventura River watershed community of interest in tact as you move through the redistricting process. This will enable all members of the community to work together on issues involving water—needs, use, storage, conservation, pricing, development, etc.

If need be, subtract a portion of the East Ventura population as you navigate to create districts of more or less equal proportions..

This is literally a watershed moment.

Feel free to contact me, if you wish, for any reason.

Sincerely,

Katherine Holden  
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**Comments:**






I'm a resident of District 1, and I favor aplan that conerves this district much as it is.

Yours,

Katharine Pond

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**Karen Hesli** <karenhesli@gmail.com>

Sun 9/19/2021 4:08 PM

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dear supervisors

we would like to register two comments about the need for changes to district one:

- (1) please keep the Ventura River watershed's community of interest intact.
- (2) please consider reconfiguring some areas from East Ventura.

thank you,

jeff welch and karen hesli  
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September 17, 2021

Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
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Re: Community Input.

Dear Members of the Board:

While I have known about redistricting for many years to determine the County of Ventura supervisorial districts, and participated in the district process for the election of City of Simi Valley City Council members, with the exception of the mayoral seat which is voted on by the citizens at-will, I am still not at ease tackling the matter, but I have comments and hope they are related.

Because a Community of Interest "is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation", my focus is on the Tierra Rejada Valley even though the area is unincorporated. Ever since the October 30, 2021 Easy Fire, I have heard from the City Council dais about the struggles of the residents impacted by that ragging fire: burned homes, animals killed, and people barely getting out with their lives!!!! Dais comments include people in the area do not know what jurisdiction they are in, maps of the area are needed, who can they contact, etc.!!!! Because the fire ignited in Simi Valley, then spread into the Tierra Rejada Valley, and made its way toward Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks(I have family members living in these cities, and Simi Valley), I want these neighbors' community kept intact, be helped with the Easy Fire recovery process, and provided with an effective and fair representation!!!!

I know about the Santa Susana Knolls community since 1990 when the Rocketdyne Santa Susana Field Laboratory meetings on chemical, water, and soil contamination were

scheduled in Simi Valley, and in Chatsworth, and addressed many a plan on this grave issue, and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's NPDES permit process plans for the SSFL, and the City of Simi Valley!!!! I met some of the Santa Susana Knolls residents!!!! While I am no longer active in these matters, I keep them, and Simi Valleyians in my thoughts and prayers!!!!

Another Community of Interest is the Bell Canyon area! These neighbors' community must be kept intact!!!! I knew about Bell Canyon from the 2018 Woolsey Fire news reports! The area was devastated; homes were burned and damaged, and people's lives were changed forever!!!! I learned during the Ventura LAFCo September 15, 2021 Bell Canyon Community Services District Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Review public hearing that the community is completely isolated from the rest of Ventura County!!!!

There are a number of communities in the County's unincorporated areas! I visited all of the Supervisors' County web pages, and lacking was historical information on the unincorporated communities represented by each member of the Board!!!! One County Supervisor's web page was outstanding!!!! Supervisors' constituents in the County unincorporated area--who pay taxes, and vote to be represented--deserve more such as: community identities, area maps (as opposed to district maps), etc.!!!! People interested in these communities should not have to look them up on the Internet!!!! Each unincorporated community is unique!!!! Respect them!!!! God Bless Them All!!!!

Sincerely,

Teresa Jordan



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### Which district do you live in?

District 1

### What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

I am the VP of Channel Islands Waterfront Homeowners Association representing Mandalay Bay homeowners, active with Neighborhood Council, supportive and active with HBCA. All Neighborhoods of Channel Islands Harbor (north and south), & the beach community of Oxnard, Hollywood Beach & Silverstrand share a common interest in the preservation of the harbor and coastal assets of the beaches and harbor visitor serving assets.

### Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

5th street to the North, Victoria to the East, Pacific ocean to the west and South including Silverstrand.

### Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

Our community has diverse but common goals that precipitate in the quality of life while ensuring the quality of visitor serving purposes of the beaches and Harbor contiguous in our geographical community.

### What else would you like to tell us about your community?

Our Community members volunteer to seek solutions through volunteer efforts to monitor water quality particularly since the closure of the Mandalay Generating Station (MGS) cooling pumps and the blockage of the north end of Edison Canal. The hydrology of Edison Canal, Mandalay Bay and Channel Islands Harbor has been dramatically changed due to the lack of circulation..

Our Community members volunteer in efforts supporting the California Trail.

Our Community members actively advocate transparency & process for development and social justice in bridging communication between the residents and governmental agencies that represent us.

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COUNTY of VENTURA

## Community Input Form

Tell us About Your Community

1. What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

Preserving the beaches and harbor/marina for public recreation. Protecting the marine life and water quality.

2. Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

Hollywood Beach - Silver Strand up to Oxnard Shores - over to Mandalay Bay.

3. Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

Development of County owned property including Fisherman's Wharf. Our Oxnard coastal and bay communities should be in the same supervisorial district.

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

We support environmental justice.

Providing the following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you updates on the process.

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COUNTY of VENTURA

## Community Input Form

### Tell us About Your Community

1. What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.

The common interests of our community are the Channel Islands Harbor, the beaches and wildlife. We have proven to be united on protecting these rare and irreplaceable assets of the public as they impact the quality of life here.

2. Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)

Our community consists of neighborhoods within the boundaries of Fifth Street to the North, Victoria Avenue to the South, the Pacific Ocean to the West and includes the SilverStrand area.

3. Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.

Our community should be grouped into 1 supervisorial district to effective in voicing our common interests and shared values.

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

We work to also support other neighborhoods regarding issues of Environmental Justice and have worked to help others through our joint Food & Toy Drive

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**Which district do you live in?**

District 5

**What are the common interests in your community? Describe why they are important to you.**

I am a social worker living in South Oxnard and have lived here for 30 years. Oxnard has historically been a stronghold for a Latino, immigrant and farm worker community and there is a sense of shared community and culture. Many like myself come from families that have worked and continue to work in agriculture. Families like mine have made great contributions to the local culture and economy and deserve to be represented by individuals who understand their unique needs. My community deserves to be represented by someone who understands the need for support for immigrant, Latino families in the agricultural sector. This includes someone who can understand the need for affordable housing, quality education, and preserving the local rich Latinx culture.

**Where is your community? What are the cross streets and/or landmarks in your neighborhood? (For example, intersections, roads, rivers, etc.)**

My community includes South Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and La Colonia.

**Why is it important for your community to be included in the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues that the Board of Supervisors considers have an impact on your community.**

It is important that this community to be included in the redistricting process as South Oxnard and La Colonia share many of the same characteristics including ethnic backgrounds and residents of the same socioeconomic status. There are also many youth who have attending school in both communities, including myself. Many residents from these areas are often transporting back and forth for work and school. South Oxnard should also be with Port Hueneme as they share a connection with the Naval Base and the Port. Many residents including myself also attend school from both areas, as well as travel between both areas for work. For many, the line that separated the cities of Port Hueneme and South Oxnard are blurred and consider it the same community.

**What else would you like to tell us about your community?**

Because Oxnard has more population than one district, it must be split into more than one district. When dividing Oxnard, it is preferable to put North Oxnard with Camarillo because they are more similar economically and demographically, and more connected to each other along the 101. North Oxnard is more middle-class than South Oxnard, has many newer developments, and many residents are second-generation Mexican-American rather than first-generation immigrants, all of which make it more similar to Camarillo than South Oxnard. Many residents of South Oxnard like myself have a strong sense of pride, as many of our families began their lives here and share the same pride in the lives they have made here as first-generation Mexican-Americans.