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**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Agenda items 39 & 40

Dear Clerk of the Board / Honorable Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Denise Helfstein. I have been a resident of Oak Park for nearly 18 years. I am writing to you today about county redistricting. I urge you **NOT** to adopt maps 1A, LULAC, or the Community Plan Map. I encourage you to consider District R or Map 2A instead. The November 3, 2021 letter to you from Jane Nye, Chair of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council, excellently cites reasons for this.

Oak Park, in its entirety, should remain within the same Supervisorial District as the City of Thousand Oaks. Oak Park is the largest unincorporated community in Ventura County. Oak Park is a community of like needs, economics, areas of interest, and shared services as our adjoining neighbor, the City of Thousand Oaks. We share transportation connectivity, municipal services and infrastructure, police services, and community values.

Oak Park is situated in the Conejo Valley and is contiguous to Thousand Oaks, sharing a common border along Lindero Canyon Road and Kanan Road. There is an economic similarity between Oak Park and neighboring Thousand Oaks and North Ranch, and we share the same open space and tree preservation values. Students from Oak Park Unified and Conejo Valley Unified School Districts participate together in events, activities, and sports.

Simi Valley is topographically distinct and geographically distant from Oak Park, with **no shared roads**. Oak Park is a part of the greater 101 corridor community and part of the Conejo Valley that stretches from Agoura Hills through Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks to the Conejo Grade. In comparison, Simi Valley is about a half-hour away from Oak Park. We share no mutual police, utility, or transportation services with Simi Valley as with neighboring Thousand Oaks. Additionally, the budget for County Service Area (CSA) No. 4 (Oak Park) includes contracting with the City of Thousand Oaks Police Department for Volunteers in Policing services in Oak Park. Simi Valley maintains a separate city police force that has no jurisdiction in Oak Park.

The above comments are but some of the reasons. I respectfully request that as you work towards drawing new Supervisorial districts for Ventura County, you allow the entire Oak Park community to remain with our sister jurisdiction Thousand Oaks.

Sincerely,

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