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To Linda Parks and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

We are Oak Park residents and homeowners and strongly oppose the following redistricting map proposals for all the reasons stated in the attached Oak Park MAC letter:

NO:
1A
LULAC Map
Community Plan Map

The above maps would lump our small, close-knit community of Oak Park with the much larger Simi Valley, a district that is not only geographically distinct and separated from Oak Park by the mountains and foothills, but also a district with a very different social, economic and cultural population and very different social and economic interests. For example, Oak Park children regularly play sports with neighboring children from Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, and even Calabasas, but not with Simi Valley. Oak Park has one of the highest vaccination rates in the county; Simi Valley is a very different picture. Students from Oak Park Park Unified and Conejo Valley Unified regularly participate in sports, activities and events together.

Also, Oak Park constituent interests will not be represented at all under these maps when lumped in with a much larger constituency such as Simi. We've seen this happen with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District where the interests of the Oak Park community and residents get completely drowned out or ignored due to its relatively small size compared to Simi.

The social and economic interests of Oak Park align better with its neighboring cities of Thousand Oaks, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village and have for many years. Please keep Oak Park with Thousand Oaks.

Please vote **YES** on District R and 2A maps.

Thank you,
David & Soyon Hardy



Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council

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November 3, 2021

Chair Linda Parks
Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Avenue
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Dear Chair Parks and Board:

As your Board considers redistricting options for Ventura County, the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) strongly recommends that our community remain in its entirety within the same Supervisorial District as the City of Thousand Oaks. Oak Park is the largest unincorporated community in Ventura County. The Oak Park MAC is an elected body that represents approximately 14,000 Oak Park residents and we work very closely and extensively with the District 2 Supervisor to meet our community's needs.

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 the City of 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 in events, activities, and sports together.

Our MAC was made aware of the possibility of moving Oak Park out of District 2 and into District 4 with Simi Valley. However, we feel that would not be a good fit for our community. 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 we do with neighboring Thousand Oaks. Oak Park residents utilize the shopping centers and restaurants available in nearby Thousand Oaks and contribute to each other's economy to a much greater extent than in Simi Valley. Additionally, the MAC oversees the budget for County Service Area (CSA) No. 4, which 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.

Oak Park has enjoyed a long history of being aligned with Thousand Oaks, and the MAC has successfully been administered by the nearby District 2 Supervisor since our MAC was founded in 1975. The District 2 Supervisor office administers several MACs and is familiar with the intricacies and interests of MACs, whereas there are no MACs in District 4.

On October 28, 2021, the Oak Park MAC voted in favor of sending this recommendation to your Board respectfully asking that as you work toward drawing new Supervisorial districts for Ventura County, you allow the Oak Park community to remain with our sister jurisdiction, Thousand Oaks.

Cordially,



Jane Nye, Chair
Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council