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Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Ave.
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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisors Bennett and Zaragoza to Consider a Proposed Supervisorial Redistricting Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider the attached redistricting plan and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

DISCUSSION:

At our meeting of April 26th, our Board directed staff to prepare for Board consideration a redistricting plan proposed at the meeting by Supervisor Zaragoza. That plan is contained in the Resource Management Agency Board letter on today's agenda, and is referred to as "Alternative 2."

The "Alternative 2" plan was never intended to be a fully-resolved countywide redistricting plan. Rather, "Alternative 2" focused on addressing the City of Oxnard beach areas and Channel Islands Harbor area district boundaries. Accordingly, other district boundary changes must be made throughout the county to achieve a legally sufficient redistricting plan in accordance with our Board's adopted guidelines.

We have prepared for your consideration a redistricting plan that builds from "Alternative 2" to achieve a plan that brings all districts to within the specified 1% population difference, keeps Oxnard within three supervisorial districts, does not divide other cities, and brings the Latino population of the Third District to above 50%.

Any redistricting plan unavoidably shifts neighborhoods from one district to another. After ten years with our current boundaries, they have become familiar, and relationships between Supervisors and communities have been well established. Nevertheless, the law requires that some neighborhoods be moved from one district to another, and regardless of how the lines are drawn, it will not be possible to please everyone.



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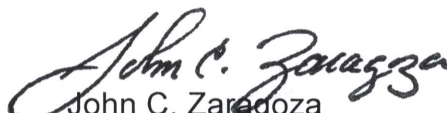
The April 26th "Alternative 2" plan eliminated the multi-district division of the Oxnard beach and harbor areas and kept the Oxnard supervisorial district connected to the Oxnard beaches. Our proposed plan makes additional minor adjustments to the Fifth District to expand the First and Third Districts to equalize population and increase the Latino population of the Third District to above 50%. In the Eastern County, the Second District takes from the Third District the CSUCI community, and the Second District would take from the Fourth District the Tierra Rejada Valley and Somis.

We believe the proposed plan, "Alternative 3," meets legal requirements and the Board's adopted guidelines in a manner that is least disruptive to established communities, and is responsive to public testimony received at the April 26th Board hearing.

Cordially,



Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District



John C. Zaragoza
Supervisor, Fifth District

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