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244,000 against 7,000 is not a fair district! We have little common interests that we would share in voting.

How many of you live in the rural areas of East County and can relate to living rurally? Surely you can understand that Chula Vista residents can't either?

California - Prop. 20 Amends Cal. Constitution

"Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

U.S. Supreme Court -Considerations • Common interests must extend beyond race alone. • Show the common interest beyond race and also show that line-drawers were aware of the common interest at the time they drew the plan • Ex: Justification for the community of interest was rejected in Bush v. Vera:

Jamul should not be in the same district as Chula Vista because they are not similar.

Jamul is mountainous, and covers a vast amount of property in large (8 acre zoning) lots, from Jamul center and surrounding area reaching 16.83 mi². Jamul, the largest of these communities, and its surrounding hills and valleys accommodate a majority of the Subregion's population. Generally, the Subregion is still rural in character since it has no sewer system and imported water service only in the northwestern portion of the area. Jamul is Agricultural, with vineyards, farm land, tree farms, livestock and camping. Statistic shows that 74.1% of residents living in Jamul drive to work while only 0.3% of resident use the mass transit. Jamul is rural community oriented, not City. Although people come from different cultures, they live in peace and respect for each other. Jamul had a population of 6,163 at the 2010 census. the population of other races including Hispanics, Indian, Arabs and Africa Americans has increased. Jamul has been listed as one of the most culturally diverse suburbs in San Diego.

9 reasons to live in Jamul

Reason 1 - Plenty of Fun Things to Do (fun things to do include, Steele Canyon Golf club, skydiving, mountain climbing, hiking, biking, dirt bike riding, horse back riding, camping).

Reason 2 - Close Proximity to Downtown San Diego (It will only take you 26.4 minutes

to travel to the city.)

Reason - Excellent Weather 3 Reason 4 - Culturally Diverse Reason 5 - Reputable Schools 6 Reason - Low Crime Rate Reason 7 - Family-friendly 8 Reason - Friendly Community

Reason 9 - Easy Access to Social Amenities

Chula Vista boasts more than 52 square miles of coastal landscape, canyons, rolling hills, mountains, quality parks, and miles of trails, has small housing lots and apartments for housing. Chula Vista is the second-largest city in the San Diego metropolitan area, the seventh largest city in Southern California, the fifteenth largest city in the state of California. The population was 243,916 as of the 2010 census. Chula Vista has quietly become the Philippines 2.0. With nearly 31,344 Pinoy living in the city, according to the American Community Survey in the Census. Chula Vista's culture has been profoundly influenced by Filipino immigration since the 1940s.

Dear Board of Supervisors, Commissioners,

I am writing in regard to the Current Visualization for East County San Diego. I have lived in the East County since 1976. I have managed a restaurant in the earlier days of my working career and in the 80's the company I worked for redistricted it's restaurants to include Imperial Valley. First hand I would like to tell you that it was a hardship on everyone involved. Every Thursday we would have managers meetings at each of the restaurants stores, taking time to rotate each week. Traveling to and from for the manager in Imperial County became too much each week, so we had to include that trip for all 9 other managers to travel to Imperial Valley as well in all fairness. Driving our own vehicles and paying for fuel ourselves. What was once hardship for one manager became equally a hardship now for 9 more people.

There should be a mile limit for districts that is reasonable and fair to all people involved. Being part of the East County was already hard for the people living in the rural areas of San Diego County (Jamul). The closest communities or towns to Jamul are Spring Valley (7.5 ml), Rancho San Diego (9 ml), Lemon Grove (9 ml), El Cajon (10 ml), Lakeside (14 ml), Santee (17 ml), and Alpine (22 ml) which is East County.

Jamul shares the Grossmont Union High School District. Jamul shares the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. Jamul is also serviced by the Sheriff's and Fire Departments in the East, San Diego County, not Imperial or Chula Vista. Jamul already suffers with a delayed response time for emergencies. Everything we belong to is located on the East County already, our Churches, entertainment, jobs, and recreation. We are a small rural piece of San Diego County.

What has worked for so many, for so long, doesn't have to be changed with the times. Some things are just better left alone! Please continue to include us with the rest of rural San Diego and District 2.