

**September 27, 2021**

**TO: Fresno County Redistricting Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Ernesto Saavedra, Fresno County Resident – BOS District 1**

**RE: SUPPORT EQUITY COALITION MAP FRESNO BOS**

My name is Ernesto Saavedra, I'm writing to represent my neighbors and family.

I live in the community of District 1, a farmworking community, and a **“community of interest” that should be kept with ALL the other rural communities west of Highway 41**, Mendota, Firebaugh, Huron, Riverdale, Caruthers, Kerman and Coalinga, and the urban areas west of Highway 99.

I am in strong support of the Equity Coalition map, particularly Supervisor District 1. All of us living in Western Fresno County should be in the same District – it makes sense. The Westside has been divided for too long & this is our chance to unify in support of our unique region.

- We are majority LatinX. Lots of immigrants, undocumented. We are poor and struggle with low income and seasonal unemployment.
- Westside communities have many unmet basic needs in common, like lack of housing, water quality and availability, and access to the internet.
- The proposed Equity Coalition map keeps the historical connection to West Fresno, whose residents share many of our concerns, from quality of education to good jobs.

Please support the Equity Coalition map. It's for the benefit of all of us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Saavedra