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I live in and own a home in Supervisorial District 2 of Fresno County.

My grandfather was a cattle rancher in Mariposa County. He told me there's two types of farmers and ranchers in Fresno County, those on the East Side and those on the West Side. He said they do things on their ranches, farms, and orchards differently because the land is different.

As I grew up, I watched Fresno's urban growth with interest. Manchester Center was built north of town. That was a time when south of downtown led to other businesses, parks, and homes. Clovis was a long drive and a different place separated from Fresno by orchards. It's downtown was built differently. Still is.

I think the five general areas look good on the Equity maps. Fresno County West Side, East Side with Clovis, and three Urban areas that I think of as North Fresno, Southwest Fresno, and Southeast Fresno County.

I particularly like that the proposed North Fresno district follows Willow Avenue as the boundary that has long served to define areas of influence between the two cities. The San Joaquin River is the northernmost boundary possible. Another line follows Highway 99 on the west and keeps North Fresno separate from the urban growth west of the highway. There's wiggle room along that line for District 1 and District 2 to equalize population counts, if required, keeping each area's own Board representation.

For the southern boundary of the proposed District 2, the Equity map generally follows Shaw Avenue. Most Fresno residents see Shaw Avenue as a boundary. As a long time resident, I see the people of Fresno County as having more in common than most will admit. We are thankfully a richly diverse people.

I know by living at 4 addresses over the last 45 years, that North Fresno has different community interests than Clovis, even though the Clovis School District runs across the north of the urban region. Our services and planning come from the City of Fresno. Clovis is the "gateway to the Sierras" and North Fresno is the north end of a large city.

The people I know, owners or renters, working, retired, school pupils from pre-K through post-graduate college-- All of them--do their activities mostly around their immediate neighborhoods, and then outward towards Clovis, towards CSUF, towards River Park and Fashion Fair and Fig Garden shopping centers and the many businesses within the mapped area. Restaurants, bars, small parks, biking and jogging, walking, churches, school activities, public meetings and the regional Woodward Park are within the District 2 Equity map, as proposed.

I strongly recommend the Equity map proposal for District 2 because of these reasons.

Thank you,  
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