

# **Fresno County Redistricting**

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Hi, my name is Debbie J. Darden. I have lived and worked in the county of Fresno for Fifty-Five years. I'd like you to keep my community, West Fresno, together in a single district, in District 3.

My community is diverse, multi-generational, low-income, and medium-income, primarily renters, with legacy homeowners who owned homes before the construction of Highways 99, 41, and 180 split our community.

Within the county of Fresno, my community is similar to the following neighborhoods and cities: Southeast Fresno, Malaga, Calwa, and Easton. However, my community is different from the following neighborhoods and cities: North Fresno, Kerman, Clovis, and Sanger.

My community is united around the following concerns:

- Our community should be in a district that represents the city of Fresno and accurately reflects where the Black population is within the county.
- Our shared interests include living wage jobs, health care, quality K-12 education, and opportunities for homeownership.
- Additionally, the recent Cal EnviroScreen 4.0 Data report shows West Fresno as having the highest concentration of bad air pollution in the nation. This is something no other neighborhoods in the city of Fresno experience and is only partially shared with the Southwestern parts of the county.

We would like to keep our community whole and united because of similar connections and challenges. The boundaries of the West Fresno community are as follows: Northern to Shields / Eastern to Peach / Western to Cornelia and Southern Central Avenue. These boundaries are reflected on Public Map 118.

Thank you,

Debbie J. Darden