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- 1.) complete the on-line form below
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- 4.) email comments to: FresnoCounty2021Redistricting@fresnocountyca.gov

Note: Submitted comments will be part of the public record.

1. First Name

Mark

2. Last Name

Felten

3. Agency/Organization (If Applicable)

CNC Education Fund

4. Email

markfelten@ymail.com

5. Address (Street Number and Name)

Not answered

6. City

Fresno

7. ZIP Code

93710

8. Contact Phone

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9. Supervisorial District

(Please refer to this district lookup tool if necessary)

(o) District 2 – Steve Brandau

If comment is specific to a Commissioner Hearing, please fill in Hearing date and Agenda # (please note comments specific to a hearing date, must be submitted by 5:00 pm one (1) day in advance of the meeting)

10. Hearing Date

10/21/2021

11. Agenda Item

Redistricting

12. Comment (please note that all comments received will be part of the public record)

Hello, my name is Mark Felten and I live north Fresno near Hoover High school. Thank you for allowing me to speak today and for your service. As someone who grew up in Highway City and currently lives just north of Shaw in Fresno, I know how the County Supervisorial Districts are drawn has left out the majority of Fresno County residents. Including some working class neighborhoods just north of Shaw like the one I live in. I personally feel like it makes sense to separate certain working class neighborhoods from districts where wealthier interests dominate. An example of this is grouping old figarden, Woodward Park, Clovis West and Buchanan High neighborhoods, and other parts of North Fresno and North Clovis together. But then moving other districts north of Shaw to other districts where the populations have more in common. I feel like it makes sense for example to group out certain neighborhoods of figarden where the homes cost a fraction of what most homes on Van Ness Ave cost and overall people live two different realities. Other neighborhoods north of Shaw that I would protect are Highway City, Herndon, Pinedale, El Dorado and apartment complexes near Fresno State and Tarpey Village in Clovis. I feel that the Fresno Inclusive Families Map takes all I just mentioned into consideration and urge you all to uplift our neighborhoods by making that a reality. The process of redistricting only comes once every 10 years and the county has not done their due diligence to include us all in the process. I know that the current maps are not compliant with the FAIR MAPS Act. We need new maps like the Inclusive Families Coalition maps which will reflect Fresno County's growth and evolution. With the new criteria, it would be wrong on so many levels to keep the existing districts largely the same. Our communities deserve equal representation and we deserve more supervisors that look like Fresno.

13. Attach File

Thank you,

County of Fresno

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