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Hi, my name is Cynthia Sterling.

I have lived and worked in the county of Fresno for 30 years.

I'd like you to keep my community together in Districts 3 & 1, according to the map designed by the **The Fresno Inclusive Families Coalition**.

My community is low-income and very diverse, with a great majority of unemployed youth, seniors and those on fixed incomes. My community has much in common with the 93722, 93706 and 93721 zip codes than the North and Farwestern parts of Fresno County. COVID-19 has exacerbated the problems in our county and my community specifically as people of color are less likely to have quality jobs offered in our neighborhood or offered to us for a number of reasons.

I am concerned about the redistricting process that has happened thus far and that keeping the lines essentially the same would alienate the African American/Black community and other minority communities, especially the Hmong & Punjabi people.

There are over 108 ethnic groups in the areas I live in that would benefit from the 'Fresno Inclusive Families Coalition and Maps; at present the communities work together but are not really connected. The map presented by the Fresno Inclusive Families Coalition and Maps would allow the community to come together as a unit, supporting people from the African American/Black, Hmong and Punjabi groups. This would give our children a chance to be better friends and allies, and to elect our candidates of choice, people of color from various walks of life.

In conclusion I would like our community in District's 3 and 1, to reflect the **The Fresno Inclusive Families Coalition and Maps which keeps West Fresno, the 99/Central Corridor and Sunnyside whole**.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my voice heard and to share why my community should be kept whole.

Respectfully,

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