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- Good Evening Commissioners, My name is Eric Payne a southwest Fresno Lily Resident my neighborhood is bound by Jensen to the South, Church to the North, Elm to West, and Highway 41 to East. Our lack of representation due to past redistricting has impacted zoning, the prevalence of heavy industrial companies like meat rendering, packing, and trucking has impacted our community's health and wellbeing in West Fresno. As a result, Black families that could move out of the West moved North up the 99 corridors for better outcomes, jobs, and opportunities.
- **The county's current boundaries disadvantage Black communities that live along the 99 corridor and in West Fresno. We are split into multiple districts despite having unified interests and a limited presence in the Far Western part of the county.**
- 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 neighbors are primarily low-middle income, diverse Hmong, Sikh, MENA, and Latino multigenerational households.
- Our shared interests include living wage jobs, health care, quality K-12 education, and opportunities for homeownership.
- My community is different from Kerman, Mendota, Firebaugh, Coalinga, Huron, and Caruthers and we should not be a district that is over 90 percent rural and primarily Latino.
- **Boundaries for West Fresno**
  - N: Shields
  - S: Central Avenue
  - E: Peach Avenue
  - W: Cornelia

- Boundaries for 99/Central

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In Community,

Eric Payne

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