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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:16 PM
To: Yolo County 2021 Redistricting
Subject: Realign the 5th Supervisor District to include Winters and west Woodland so we rural residents have representation that understands our community.

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission:

Please be advised I am writing these comments without the benefit of your website because it was extremely difficult and cumbersome to use. I found it impossible to convey our thoughts on this very important issue.

My husband and I, and our son and his wife, live north of Woodland on CR 99. We live with services provided either by ourselves or the County: Waste Management that requires us to move large amounts of trash 600 feet to the county road; no public treated water or sewage disposal; public safety dependent on sheriff's deputies who may be some distance away, and rural volunteer fire departments. Road maintenance is almost nonexistent. We live some distance from banking, medical, domestic and farm supplies, schools, churches and all services. We have a unique community: we are typically engaged in agriculture or related businesses. The BOS makes many decisions that impact us, e.g., funding/operations of the sheriff, District Attorney and the rural fire districts, road maintenance, etc.. No member of the BOS lives like we do, so even assuming best motives, they do not understand the impact of their decisions on us - we are a large and very unique constituency. Simply put: they do not know what they do not know.

However, there is a redistricting solution that will provide representation to our community of interest: modify the 5th District to move Winters and its related ag areas back into the 5th, and also move western Woodland back into the 5th. Western Woodland is the "agriculture" part of the City of Woodland: Many Woodland resident farmers and ranchers chose that part of town. Farm offices and businesses are located along "Farmers" Boulevard", also known as West Kentucky. Examples: Yolo County Farm Bureau is there and suppliers such as Holt, Irrigation Supply, and Eaton Drilling. The Yolo County Ag Commissioner Offices and Norton Hall are on North Cottonwood, Raleys, Yolo Vet, Sterling May, True Value Hardware and "our" post office branch are there. Garton Equipment is on CR 98. Country kids go to Zamora, Lee Jr. High, Woodland High and Holy Rosary School.

We recognize that to produce reasonably similar populations in each District, the 5th should have east Woodland removed therefrom: it does not have the connection to the large rural population as does west Woodland.

For these reasons we request that the Redistricting Commission and the Board of Supervisors adopt the map submitted by [REDACTED] with the active support and help of many others who live in the country and/or are involved in farming.

Thank you.

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