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Honorable Commissioners

My name is [REDACTED], resident of Woodland, and I wish to share my thoughts on the maps before you. My comments are informed in part by the analysis provided to you by your staff.

One of the most significant aspects to consider when developing new district maps based on census data is the Citizens Voting Age Population (CVAP). In 2011, using 2010 census data as a baseline, District 5 Chicano/Latino CVAP was 34.5 followed by District 3 with 23.5. Both districts cover the City of Woodland.

Your staff writes that "Based on CVAP, the County's adult eligible voter population has grown by 10.9% -slightly faster than the County's 7.7% population growth...Overall, **CVAP population growth was 28.5% among Latinos**, 11.8% among Asians, and 32.4% among African Americans within the County. **One of the most notable ethnic and racial changes includes the Latino CVAP population surpassing 40% in District 5.**" These numbers are based on the their analysis of the 2020 census.

Maps 1, 2 and 3 are not acceptable. They violate Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act. All three maps dilute the voting strengths of Chicano/Latino citizens in Supervisorial District 5. If you apply the 2020 census data as the baseline to the existing boundaries of District 5, you find that the CVAP for the Chicano/Latino citizens is 40.7%. However, the proposed maps 1 and 2 reduces such percentage to 35.6 respectively, and map 3 reduces such percentage to 36.3. The proposed CVAP by these maps takes us back close to the 2010 CVAP (34.5) for Chicano/Latinos in District 5. These maps dilute the voting strength of the aforementioned protected group resulting in a gross violation of Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights. We will oppose any attempts that take us backwards, suppresses and dilutes the vote of the Chicano/Latino voting age population in District 5 as it is proposed in maps 1, 2 and 3.

The proponents of maps 1, 2 and 3 accomplished this violation of the law by significantly increasing the CVAP of the Chicano/Latino population in District 3. If you look at existing District 3 using

2020 Census data as a baseline, you will discover that the CVAP for this group is 30.7; however map one increases it to 37%, map two to 37.4 and map 3 to 34.2. The above mentioned increases are by themselves more than likely not a violation of Federal Law. However, this is accomplished by significantly diluting the voting strengths of Chicano/Latino population (CVAP) in District 5. These actions are in direct violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. It is also a well known tactic of divide and conquer.

Is it a deliberate attempt to dilute the vote of the District 5 Chicano /Latino voting strength, given the results of the last election in this district or is it an uninformed mistake? Regardless of the reason, it is against the law. **Those individuals supporting, advocating or approving any of these maps (1, 2 or 3) are in violation of federal law.**

The only acceptable maps are Map 4 and the Map submitted by Concilio. I urge you to recommend such maps to the County Board of Supervisors.

Chicano/Latino CVAP	Existing Map 2010 Census Data	Existing Map 2020 Census Data	Proposed Map 1 2020 Census	Proposed Map 2 2020 Census	Proposed Map 3 2020 Census	Proposed Map 4 2020 Census	Concilio Map 2020 Census
District 3 Chicano/Latino CVAP	25.9	30.7	37%	37.4%	34.2	30.4	30.2
District 5 Chicano/Latino CVAP	34.5	40.7	35.6%	35.6	36.3	40.1	41.9

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