

# LOS OSOS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 4, 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors;

Los Osos Community Advisory Council (LOCAC) is writing to you to request that you keep the North Coast Communities together when you finalize your redistricting project.

The North Coast has been consistently represented by a single Supervisor for over 50 years. The North Coast is a distinct community of interest as defined by the small towns along the North Coast, our common culture, environmental concerns, tourism, water concerns, and our dependence on highway 1.

The latest census data shows that the County of San Luis Obispo has only grown in population by a small amount. This small increase in population does not warrant any change to district boundary lines. The current districts as drawn meet all State criteria. LOCAC does not believe that any change to the district lines is needed. The new redistricting proposals will be in place for 10 years. LOCAC is asking the Board of Supervisors to please keep our coastal communities together so our voices can be heard.

Draft Map C removes both Cambria and San Simeon from the other coastal communities. This proposal will dramatically change the North Coast and further isolate the towns of Cambria and San Simeon. The only reason that the Board of Supervisors would change the redistricting lines would be purely political.

LOCAC asks the Board of Supervisors reject Map C and any other map that would divide the North Coast. State regulations state that redistricting requires communities of interest to stay intact. We are requesting the Board of Supervisors to keep our communities in the North Coast intact.

Thank you for considering our request to keep our communities of interest together.

Sincerely,

Trish Bartel

Chair, Los Osos Community Advisory Council