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California Citizens Redistricting Commission,  
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Yolo County submits the below comments in response to the recently posted visualizations of state Senate, Assembly, and Congressional redistricting. In general, the County supports visualizations that maintain the cohesion and integrity of communities of interest both internal to the County and those shared with the Sacramento Region and eastern Solano County, neighboring jurisdictions with whom we actively engage on numerous matters of great importance to our residents.

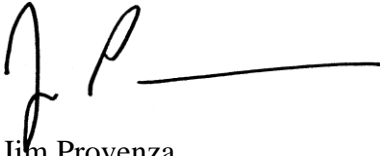
The County would request the Commission specifically consider the following communities on interest in its visualization and map drafting process:

**The County as a Community of Interest:** Certain communities in Yolo County including the City of Winters and the community of El Macero (east of City of Davis and utilizes many city services) are at times bifurcated from the balance of the County. Ideally, Yolo County would remain together to the extent possible as a community of interest. The City of Winters is a key partner in many county programs, districts, and agencies (the Yolo County Transportation District, Valley Clean Energy Alliance, Yolo Habitat Conservancy, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, etc.) as well as regional emergency management and fire response efforts. This exclusion of the City of Winters could actively harm our collective ability to advocate on behalf of these countywide initiatives and districts.

**Regional Bodies and Collaborative Partnerships as a Community of Interest:** Much of the County's regional collaboration occurs on an east-west axis. Cohesion with the Sacramento Region and/or eastern Solano County is essential to ensuring the success of important regional and collaborative initiatives including watershed management of Putah Creek, the Yolo Bypass and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; fire response and preparedness with neighboring Napa and Solano County; transportation initiatives to mitigate and reduce traffic impacts along the I-80 corridor (including participation in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the Capital Corridor JPA), and regional economic development initiatives and partnerships. Additionally, the City of West Sacramento and eastern Yolo County form a community of interest with the City of Sacramento particularly on issues related to transportation and flood control. Maintaining these communities of interest is imperative to addressing these regional and cross-jurisdictional challenges.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We urge the Commission to consider visualizations that best maintain the County's internal and regional communities of interest and honor long established interconnectedness with the Sacramento Region and eastern Solano County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'P' followed by a horizontal line.

Jim Provenza  
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors