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Hi IRC,

I live in the Ramona area and am about to attend a local school board meeting tomorrow night. I notice in the agenda a resolution directed to you about displeasure with the proposed maps. After reviewing Maps 9 through 12B I wondered why there is an effort by IRC to have two rural districts instead of just one. Why wouldn't you lump all the more rural areas together and try to get the population of that larger rural area to match the smaller suburban and urban areas in the county?

All the current proposed maps split the rural areas into north and south sections and then join those rural areas with more urban areas to get the populations to balance. For example in Map 11 there is a large south east rural area that is combined with Poway, Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, and down toward La Mesa.

Have you considered a large single east rural area that does not contain the denser suburban and urban areas? Not sure if you can population balance that but it would be worth looking at.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Kim Newcomer  
