

The Hon. Robert W. Crown  
State Capital  
Sacramento, California

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Dear Bob:

Following my phone call to you Wednesday night, I thought of a few points I would like to bring to you. I hope this may aid you in considering amendments.

If you can't give Santa Barbara County to anyone else but to Ventura County that population of 400,000 is quite enough without the Los Angeles County "tail" extending into Woodland Hills.

All professional planners are predicting that Ventura County's growth during the '60s will be like Orange County's. For the past ten years Ventura County has grown at a rate of 73%. During the same period Los Angeles County has been growing at only 54.3%, and the State at only 48.5%. Most of the growth in our County has been during the past 3 years. The present growth rate of our County is ~~3 times~~ the percentage rate for the State and 2 times the percentage rate for L.A. County. The figures have just been compiled by Wilsey, Ham and Blair, planning consultants. Our population is 209,000. During 1960 our growth was 13,000 persons and planning consultants to the County estimate the numerical growth to soon rise to 20,000 persons per year.

I urge you to drop Santa Barbara County and add a portion of The San Fernando Valley running along our eastern border where our growth is the greatest. Since we are growing at the fastest rate in the State, it would be logical for us to be one of the smallest districts of the State.

Early next week read the San Francisco Chronicle about the Armed Forces activity in the County during the past campaign.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,