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The Hon. Robert W. Crown
State Capitol
Sacramento 4, California

May 29, 1961

Dear Bob:

More on why Ventura County should not with
its continuing 59.9% Democratic registration be
placed in a C.D. with two Republican A.D.s.

When I spoke with you ten days ago you said that
Santa Barbara County could not be with the 12th C.D. as
the population of that C.D. would be so excessive. I'm
sure you did not realize then that our proposed 13th
C.D. Ventura, Santa Barbara, and the 57th A.D. has the
largest population of any C.D. in the State and nearly
20,000 more people than the 12th would have had with
Santa Barbara added to it as I suggested.

C.D.

12th	Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz plus Santa Barbara Co.	379,010 + 168,960 547,970
13th	(168,960) (199,138) (194,876) Santa Barbara, Ventura, and the 57th A.D. minus Santa Barbara Co.	562,976 - 168,960 394,976

Ours is the only A.D. in the State with this high
59.9% Demo placed with areas below 50%.

All growth predictions are for Ventura County to be
the Orange County of the 1960s. All of this growth so
far has maintained the nearly 60% Demo edge. You will be
greatly embarrassed in a very few years by the ridiculous
size of this C.D. and the enormous waste of our County's
growth at 59.9% Demo majority being bogged down by a
Republican incumbent and 2 large Republican A.D.s.

If Santa Barbara cannot be added to the 12th C.D.
because of commitments, we urge you to limit the 13th C.D.
to Ventura County and Santa Barbara County. The population
would be 368,100. It would likely end up the largest
C.D. in the State. Our Democratic margin would dominate
the district and soon insure replacing Teague with a Demo-
crat.

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(Cont. 13th C.D.)

Our Democratic organization has done a very good job of getting Democrats registered, despite our fast growth, and getting out the Democratic vote on election day. This has greatly aided the Democratic incumbents in our County. Our only failure has been in re-education in the congressional race. We have a blessing and a problem that few other areas in the State have. We have a good newspaper in Ventura that has a large circulation and a good liberal Democratic editorial point of view. For years it has supported almost 100% of the Democrats running for office. The exception is League for Congress--apparently on a friendship basis. We have done better for our congressional candidate in the parts of our County served by a Republican paper. This past year League was more successful than usual by using a John Birch Society type campaign like Hiestand did. League had the help of the local Armed Forces in pushing the two campaign materials he considered most important "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map".

Eliminate League from the Democratic portion of his old district and you remove this personality problem and our one stumbling block from producing a solid Democratic slate vote.

Here are a few suggestions if Santa Barbara Co. remains with Ventura Co.

Join the 57th A.D. to the 43rd A.D. - > 20th C.D

57th	194,876	49% Demo
43rd	201,682	44%
	396,558	

and

54th A.D.	193,526	39%
47th "	200,180	35%
24th C.D. < 49th "	195,729	41%
	589,435	

Then no one can accuse the Democrats of having Lompoc and Hollywood in the same C.D.

Hope to see you this week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Tolmach