

# Ventura County

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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	379,010
	plus Santa Barbara Co.	+ 168,962
		547,972

	(168,962)	(199,138)	(194,876)
13th	Santa Barbara, Ventura, and the 57th A.D.		
		562,976	
	minus Santa Barbara Co.	- 168,962	
		394,914	

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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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 Teague 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 Teague was more successful than usual by using a John Birch Society type campaign like Hiestand did. Teague had the help of the local Armed Forces in pushing the no campaign materials he considered most important "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map".

Eliminate Teague 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%
	<u>396,558</u>	

and

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

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