October 26, 2021

Kings County Board of Supervisors 1400 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford, CA 93230

Subject:

City of Corcoran Comment Letter on 2020 Redistricting of Kings County Board of

Supervisor District Boundaries

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On October 12, 2021, County staff presented to our Council an overview of the Kings County Board of Supervisors Redistricting process. We were made aware that the next County public hearing was set for November 3, 2021. Our Corcoran City Council met and discussed this process and desire to provide on behalf of our City Council the following feedback for your consideration.

Our City Staff have evaluated the existing Kings County Board of Supervisor District Boundaries using the 2020 Redistricting data and mapping applications and discovered that the current District Boundaries already meet a less than 5% population deviation. In addition, District 2 which represents the City of Corcoran is already the closest population total to the ideal with only 48 more than the ideal 27,745. District 2 is currently at 27,794.

In relation to common communities of interest, the City of Corcoran has long-standing common community interest ties to both the City of Avenal and unincorporated community of Kettleman City. The unincorporated community of Home Garden was added to District 2 as a result of the 2010 Kings County Redistricting process, and has been a good community addition with similar interests and challenges while combined in our District 2 representation. The City of Corcoran highly encourages this Board to leave District 2 boundaries in tact as they currently exist to represent the ideal population balance total, and maintenance of common communities of interest.

Maintenance of District 2 can be maintained by small adjustments to the remaining Districts as they center around the City of Hanford. The Board should pay close attention to District 4 as this District was on the verge of reaching a majority Hispanic District in the 2010 Redistricting process. District 4 as it currently exists is at 48% Hispanic. A shift to include portions of South Hanford and the unincorporated community of Grangeville under the Alternative Kings County District Boundary provided could increase this District to a 51.9% Hispanic district. The communities of Grangeville and Armona have also had many common community interest ties between business and property owners. Some expansion to District 1 can also be easily accomplished by taking in the Lemoore Naval Air Station and some surrounding agricultural

properties. Altogether, this Alternative would result in less than 1% population deviation and maintain two Hispanic districts.

We respectfully submit the following two maps depicting the 2020 Population and Ethnicity for the currently existing District Boundaries, and an Alternative District Boundary map for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, and we wish your Board the best in redefining the Board's areas of representation.

Sincerely,

Patricia Nolen, Mayor Coregran City Council

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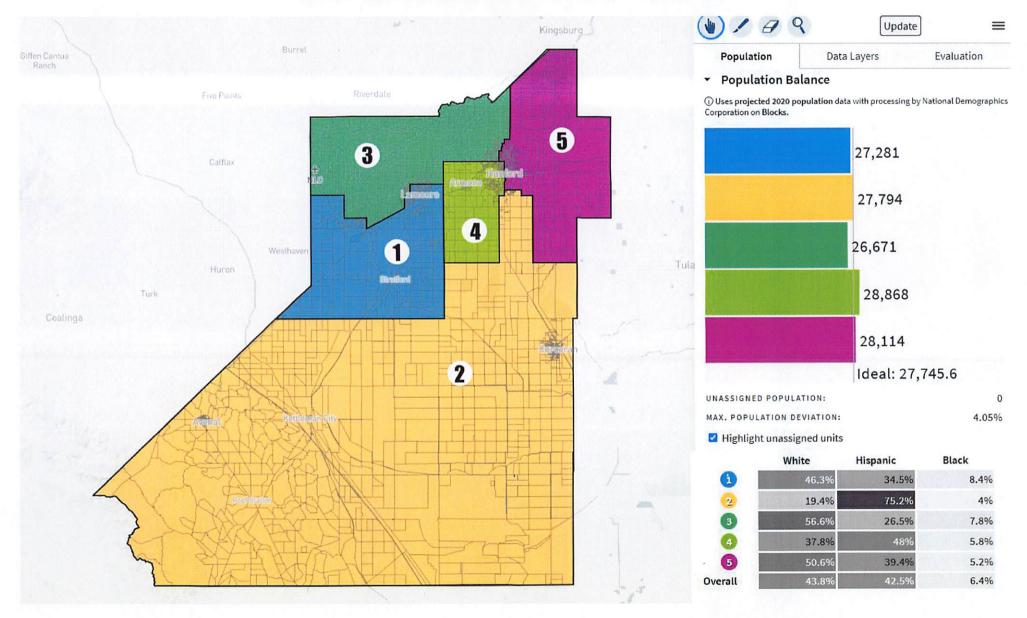
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Existing KCBOS District Boundaries with 2020 Census Population & Ethnicity using District Online Mapping Tool

Alternative KCBOS District Boundaries with 2020 Census Population & Ethnicity using District Online Mapping Tool

EXISTING KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT BOUNDARIES WITH 2020 CENSUS POPULATION & ETHNICITY



ALTERNATIVE KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT BOUNDARIES WITH 2020 CENSUS POPULATION & ETHNICITY

