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July 28, 2011

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c/o Mr. Curt Pedersen ✓
Chairman, Boundary Review Committee
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Subject: County Redistricting Plans

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Sincerely, *Royce Smith*

Your Name
Your Address

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*HACIENDA HTS, CALIF
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Commserv@bos.lacounty.gov

From: CommServ
To: Deb
Subject: RE: Redistricting

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Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 7:24 AM
To: CommServ
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Don't move millions of people from their districts and split up neighborhoods and communities that have been linked for decades.

Deborah Vaughan - Sent from my iPhone

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