

**Mayor
John H. Linn**

July 5, 2011

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The City Council of the City of Lompoc respectfully expresses our strong opposition to any proposed redistricting map plan drawn by the Santa Barbara County residents that would divide the City of Lompoc and its citizens between Supervisorial Districts. The Lompoc City Council understands the Board, at their upcoming meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 12, will take public testimony regarding sixteen (16) different redistricting map versions.

At the regular City Council meeting of July 5, 2011, the Lompoc City Council met and considered the upcoming supervisorial redistricting efforts. At this meeting, we concurred that the "communities of interest" concept and keeping cities "whole" should be the most important criteria considered in the redistricting process. The communities of interest concept is defined as that which brings people together with shared interests, and the ability of people to relate to one another's social, political, and economic interests. Thus, the City Council of the City of Lompoc endorses County redistricting plans that would keep Lompoc and other County cities whole.

The City Council of the City of Lompoc does not approve any redistricting map versions that would result in our city split between two supervisorial districts, and we request that every attempt be made by the County to keep Lompoc and other County cities whole. Therefore, we strongly request the County Board of Supervisors consider a redistricting plan in line with the "Communities of Interest" concept, and make every attempt to keep Lompoc and other County cities whole.

Please give this matter your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

John H. Linn
Mayor, City of Lompoc

c: Lompoc City Council