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To Independent Redistricting Commissioners:

Since my schedule does not allow me to participate in tonight's virtual meeting, please consider my comments below when making your decision on redistricting San Diego County.

My name is Michael Casinelli. I live in Jamul, and have been elected to serve on the Jamul / Dulzura Community Planning Group. I'm currently in my fourth 4-year term. I know this area well and have listened to the community.

The community wants you to know that environmental and safety needs in our County's rural areas, such as Jamul, Dulzura, Alpine, Ramona, Lakeside, and a few other "East County" backcountry locations, are nothing like the needs of urban and suburban areas of the County; and as such, would better be served if the above rural areas were in the same district.

Furthermore, all that our residents do regarding shopping, employment, schools, medical facilities, etc., are mainly within our local area. Jamul has no similar needs with the City of San Diego, or the City of Chula Vista or National City. Likewise, redistricting Jamul to be clustered with areas close to or within Imperial County would not serve common interests. Jamul is more than 120 miles from the San Diego County - Imperial County boundary line.

It would be a grave mistake to cluster these rural and semi-rural areas, mentioned above, with any urban or suburban areas, or with communities in the desert more than 100 miles away.

In no particular order, these are some of the significant differences from living in rural Jamul compared to the County's urban and suburban communities or Imperial County.

- Rural areas lack infrastructure, with usually only one two-lane road to ingress and egress the area. There are no road shoulders, nor are there street lights, sidewalks or bike lanes.
- Rural areas are under constant loss-of-life-and-home threat from wildfires.
- Rural areas have extremely limited wildfire evacuation routes.
- Rural area parcel sizes are mainly a minimum of two acres, up to 80 acres.
- Rural areas contain many parcels that have farm animals, orchards, vineyards or other crops.
- Rural areas depend on ground water for home, yard, agricultural, and fire-extinguishing needs. There is no pipeline of potable water available.
- Rural areas have dark sky ordinances.

In conclusion, Jamul and other rural areas have unique needs that would not be met if clustered with urban and suburban areas, or with areas 100+ miles away with dissimilar needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Casinelli

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