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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work and efforts these past few months listening to the communities. I'm writing to you as a long-time resident of Escondido and North County San Diego, and as a member of the Asian and Vietnamese diaspora communities within this city and region, to support Draft Map #6 uniting Escondido with San Marcos, Vista and Oceanside along the 78 freeway.

In early 90s, my family resettled in Escondido where small communities of Asian and Vietnamese refugees had started establishing, and our communities continue to grow and expand these past three decades. I remembered when the first Vietnamese restaurant first opened in Escondido and when the first Bubble Tea shop opened in North County (San Marcos). I also remembered having to travel to Linda Vista to find a Vietnamese grocery store and to City Heights to visit a Vietnamese Buddhist temple.

Now Escondido not only boasts multiple Vietnamese restaurants, but at least two Bubble Tea shops and two Asian specialized grocery stores selling Vietnamese products along with multiple Buddhist temples. To speak nothing of the rest of North County region where we have a Daiso Store and 88 Ranch Market recently opened in Oceanside.

Our communities are still small compared those in the rest of San Diego County, but we are here, distinct, diverse, growing and connected.

I feel Draft Map #6 to most reflect the region's growing Asian and Vietnamese diaspora communities, and I urge the Commission to move forward with Draft Map #6 to unite our communities in Escondido with the rest of our communities in San Marcos, Vista and Oceanside.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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