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Leticia Maldonado/Stamos from V.O.C.E.S. of Fallbrook, a community organizing group that is based on Collective Leadership.

Fallbrook is one of the fastest growing communities in North County. With over 55,000 residents, the greater Fallbrook area of Bonsall, De Luz, and Rainbow, has historically been connected with the surrounding communities of Oceanside, Vista, Escondido, San Marcos and Valley Center, particularly by the agricultural industries but also by commerce, medical and emergency services, recreation, culture and much more. I recently learned that the Chamber of Commerce of Northern San Diego County, founded in 1914 included Fallbrook, Escondido, Vista and Oceanside. We go back together a long ways.

At the last meeting, I submitted a rudimentary map to include Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Pala, Pauma, and other eastern unincorporated areas of San Diego County because there appeared, at that time, to be no draft map being considered that included those communities together. Not being able to access the tools your demographers have at their disposal, of course my map had none of the data that is now shown on that map - Map 3 - now that it has had the expertise of FLO applied, thank you IRC staff and FLO Analytics. Speaking only as it pertains to North County, I think that Map 8 is more fitting and I would like to go on record as supporting Map 8 at it applies to District 5 rather than Map 3.

By supporting Map 8 as it pertains to District 5, I think we have an opportunity to honor the purpose of the California Voting Rights Act, and that is to protect the rights of racially marginalized voters to have the chance to elect their preferred candidates. The advice put forth at the last meeting by Mr. Adelson, I believe was his name, was to remember that Districting is a law-driven process to address race related voting rights issues. Issue-interest groups are not a protected category - "14026"(d) "Protected class" means a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group, as this class is referenced and defined in the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.)." There are no other protected categories written in the law. While that is not to say that there are not other

groups or criteria that the IRC could and should consider, I do not believe that any other groups of residents should be held as a higher priority.

Fallbrook and surrounding communities of Bonsall, Rainbow, De Luz, have a large population, more than the city of Poway. Nearly 50% of our population is Latino. Of course that isn't enough to elect a supervisor but with alliances and coalitions with other like-minded groups in District 5, the Latino voters in Fallbrook have the potential to affect the outcomes of county supervisorial races and help elect a preferred candidate. We in Fallbrook can only do that if we are in District 5 and District 5 should include Escondido, San Marcos, Vista and Oceanside. That would be a very positive and promising place to be.

I would also point out that the e-comments that I have read that have been sent to you from Fallbrook residents asking you to maintain Fallbrook as part of the Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside District 5, represents a very diverse group of community members, ethnically and economically and by age - they include business owners, local elected representatives, retired community volunteers and young adults who are our communities up and coming leaders. I urge you to adopt Map 8 which keeps the Fallbrook area in D5 and includes Escondido in that same district. Thank you.

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