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Hello commissioners, My name is Ramla Sahid and I have been a resident of City Heights for 28 years. My younger brothers who are now 25 and 22 years old, were born in City Heights. I live on 43rd street and I have a nine month old who I hope to raise in this beautiful community I call home. I've also worked in this community for over 11 years.

I describe my community as a community of immigrants and refugees or children of immigrants refugees. Our community has shared languages, speaking Spanish, Somali, Oromo, Amharic, Swahili, Mushunguli, Kazigwa, Burmese, and arabic among many others. We also share cultural practices as diverse immigrant people coming from East Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America. We have important community centers that unite and bring us together. We share a similar socioeconomic status, and common goals for our children and families.

Of the County's draft maps, I appreciate that City Heights, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, El Cajon, Paradise Hills, Spring Valley and Rancho San Diego are kept together in Draft Maps 6, 7, and 8.

District 3 in draft maps 6 and 7, and District 2 in draft map 8 are important in uplifting our Black, Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, Asian refugee, and immigrant communities. I dislike that Santee was included in the BIPOC, refugee, and immigrant district in the earlier draft maps.

As a newcomer community, the majority of us speak a primary language other than English at home, and are limited English proficient. The BIPOC, Refugee, and Immigrant Community of Interest must be kept together to ensure that our shared needs such as increased affordable housing, equitable transportation access, and English language services are adequately addressed by the County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your hard work and keeping our community in mind while redrawing the lines. We appreciate and ask that you keep our communities together in this process.

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