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In reading through the public comments I've noticed numerous statements advancing the interests of particular rural/agricultural groups and ethnic minorities as "communities of interest," but few addressing the concerns of coastal residents.

As a long-time resident of Pacific Beach, I would like to point out that those of us living along the coast throughout the county and Downtown San Diego, which borders San Diego Bay, are also a cohesive "community of interest" with specific needs and concerns, many unique to our location by the water.

We, too, deserve appropriate representation from an elected official who understands our concerns.

The beach and nearby coastal communities have many distinct characteristics, unique to our proximity to the ocean and bays.

We are extremely impacted by the threats presented by climate change and are the most vulnerable to sea-level rise and potential displacement from our homes.

We are the communities most impacted by short term vacation rentals, which have radically depleted our housing stock and forced out long-term residents and driven a sharp increase in prices for rents and purchase of homes.

Coastal locations are the main driver of San Diego's tourism-related economy, home to most accommodations, restaurants, tourist attractions, museums, surfing, the airport, train station and the entertainment districts.

We urgently require repairs and upgrades to our infrastructure, particularly our crumbling roads, bridges, power and water and sewer systems, as well as our healthcare systems, all of which serve not just residents but income-generating tourists arriving nationally and internationally.

San Diego's coastal location -- and surfing -- have long been hailed as a main draw for "the best and the brightest" at our universities and innovative businesses and start-ups -- and even Nobel Prize winning scientists -- from all over the world. The coastal communities are why so many people want to live and build their businesses in San Diego.

Please, when you are redrawing our county's districts, please keep in mind that the coastal communities have separate and distinct attributes aside from other regions of the county.

We matter just as much as the rural and ethnic communities throughout the county.

We who live along the coast are indeed a distinct "community of interest."

And we deserve representation, too.

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