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I served for 14 years in the Calif Assembly and Senate. I grew up in Escondido--North County--and represented North County for all those years. For decades, San Diego county has been commonly understood to embody 4 main areas: North County, East County, South County, and the City of San Diego. Although there are some commonalities among all, each area has FOR DECADES been well understood to embrace different Communities of Interest: from the economy, transportation, recreation, healthcare institutions, social clubs, chambers of commerce, etc., each has had its own character distinct from the others. Indeed, my grandfather represented North County as a Supervisor in the 1930's! It is critical, in terms of Communities of Interest and the Voting Rights Act that the map--unlike the iterations we see today--retain East County as a separate part of the county, not dissected into pieces, which would destroy the genuine community of interest there. For the 5th seat, as has traditionally been done, parts of each of these areas can be added--e.g., RB as a part of North County, parts of the North County coast, etc. Please respect the reality of East County as a separate community of interest!

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