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Good Afternoon, Mr. Bame

Please see the attached letter from Mr. Denis Turner, Recording Secretary of Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

if you have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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RE: Redistricting Commission of San Diego County

To the Independent Redistricting Commission of San Diego County:

On October 20, 2021, the SCTCA Board of Directors & Seventeen (17) Federal Recognized tribes, met to discuss the Independent Redistricting Commission to respectfully ask you to ensure that the Tribal Reservations in Inland North County be maintained in a North County Supervisorial District.

The independent and self-governing Nations, including the Reservations, of La Jolla, Los Coyotes, Mesa Grande, Pala, Pauma/Yuima, Rincon, Santa Ysabel and San Pasqual are currently contained within one Supervisor District. We urge you to maintain their current placement within a North County district.

Doing so would ensure that the important community and intergovernmental ties we have forged with our neighbors will be maintained.

As others have noted, North County has historically been a mixture of urban and rural, coastal and inland. The current District 5 certainly reflects that mix. The tribal reservations, in our historic lands in Inland North County, are linked to the more urbanized areas to the west by the two main highways, 76 and 78.

We are also linked by the interlocking relationships between the special districts that provide services to so much of North County. The water districts and fire districts serve our direct neighbors and they also assist us in emergencies.

Our children are educated in the school districts in Valley Center and Fallbrook and many other districts. Our ties to our neighbors in surrounding communities and our ties to all of North County are deep and important. And we also have close ties to the cities in North County: San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside, Carlsbad and Escondido. Those ties are important to us.

In addition, the Seventeen (17) SCTCA federally recognized Tribes on October 20, 2021, also discussed the issues of Barona, Sycuan, Jamul and Viejas, being included into District #2 redistricting based upon the same principles, and inter-governmental ties forged by water districts, fire services, special districts, and emergency services, thus making ties to neighbors surrounding the Tribal Reservations of Barona, Sycuan, Jamul and Viejas.

Finally, Districts #2 & #5 surely represent our tribal community of interest. Beyond that, however, for the Sovereign Tribal Reservations in San Diego County, it is important that we continue to be part of the County Supervisor Districts, one that comprises the coastal and urban and rural communities and the transportation corridors, the chambers of commerce, and the network of businesses and organizations that make up San Diego County. These are our historic lands and we ask that you ensure that our voices continue to be heard.

Respectfully,

Denis Turner

Recording Secretary

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