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Hello,

My name is Alicia Watkins. My husband, 3 daughters, and I have lived in Ramona for 4 years. Our daughters attend school in Ramona and my mother in law is a Ramona resident and Volunteer Sheriff at the Ramona substation. In addition, I work as a County Park Ranger for the County of San Diego, serving the Ramona Open Space Preserves Work Group that oversees 9 different preserves/parks in Ramona. As a family we reside on what is considered the "West End" of Ramona but conduct business and extra curricular activities throughout town, from Mt. Woodson to Main Street to the San Diego Country Estates. For work, my team travels around town daily, patrolling and conducting work from one end of town to the other. Because we are so physically active around town and always on the move, we have daily first hand experience and knowledge about how important it is to keep the community of Ramona connected under one district.

We know that the Independent Redistricting Commission's goal is to "Keep Communities Together" and we expect adherence to that. Ramona is best served by remaining one, undivided community within a single, County Supervisor District. On top of that, it's imperative that East County and our rural backcountry stay connected as we depend on our relationships with neighboring towns and cities for issues like State Route 67, fire management, and emergency services. The only way that the people of Ramona and East County will have an equitable voice in the decisions that affect us, is to keep us together.

I support Supervisor Andersons map and beg of you to keep Ramona, the backcountry, and East County in one district.

Thank you,
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