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As a native San Diegan with roots here over 100 years, born in Bay Park and raised in Lemon Grove I can tell you that east county is completely different from our costal cities in numerous ways. It is unfair to the way of life, needs and community recognition of any of the areas to be condensed into one region and served by a single Supervisor, Senator or otherwise. Coastal cities like Chula Vista don't incur the same fears or needs as a Jamul, Campo, Lakeside or Alpine and vice versa. Lumping them together will cause a disproportionate allocation of services to those in the unincorporated areas compared as to those already served by a City Charter, services and funds.

The unincorporated portions of San Diego County are being split by these proposed maps. Areas representing a large portion of the Counties population. Many of them are sister communities like Jamul /Campo, Alpine/Ramona and Lakeside (even Santee).

- In the rural portions of the County there are larger parcel sizes, on well water and septic with the inability to get fire insurance. Urban areas are on 5,000 Sf lots, city water/sewer and have neighborhood libraries, police and fire depts.

-The unincorporated areas have no other government than the County and they rely on the County for basic services that contribute to their quality of life such as public safety, fire protection, healthcare, roads and infrastructure. Dividing rural East County removes access to resources and will make them compete with urban cities for recognition and services.

- Many communities in the East County are linked by shared interests such as agriculture, large animals, fire danger and transportation routes such as Hwy 67 and interstate 8.

-If you ask anyone who has visited here, they will tell you our communities consist of East County, North County, South Bay and the City of San Diego. Removing East county's voice by splitting up our communities is wrong. Please don't ignore an entire population's adequate representation of the diverse needs they alone share. Change isn't always better if it's just for change's sake. Your job isn't just to make change. It is to make sure you are making things better for the populations served by these new maps. Can you honestly say that is what you are doing with these proposed maps?

I beg to differ.

Cordially,

Lesha Montoya- Schaeffer

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