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Ramona as a unified community has developed lasting relationships with our sister communities, forming a Backcountry Coalition including the communities of Ramona, Fallbrook, Alpine, Valley Center and Borrego Springs. These communities form the San Diego Backcountry, which shares concerns of infrastructure, healthcare access, social services, parks and recreation, schools, and agriculture. We also enjoy a burgeoning wine industry, which benefits from the singularity of representation on the County Board of Supervisors.

Dividing Ramona or separating Ramona from its sister communities of Poway, Lakeside, Alpine, Fallbrook, Valley Center and Borrego Springs would dilute these like-minded communities in pursuing issues unique to them. The fear is that in a diluted status, issues of critical importance to Ramona and the Backcountry would be overwhelmed by the larger urban centers. Ramona and its sister communities are like-minded and should enjoy an undiluted representative pursuing the interests unique to the rural community.

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