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Dear Members of the San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission:

My name is Erica Pinto and I am chairwoman of the Jamul Indian Village.

The communication today is as a representative of my tribe as well as a member of the Kumeyaay who have inhabited much of San Diego County for thousands of years. Given the charge of the IRC, and the need to focus on communities of interest, we feel it important to communicate our concerns about the draft maps.

The tribal community is really the original community of interest as the original human inhabitants of this region. In looking at the current district boundaries, the Kumeyaay tribes are largely in the 2nd Supervisorial District and the Luiseño tribes in the 5th Supervisorial District. While there is a strong preference to have the tribal community in one district, we recognize the geographic challenge in doing so. That said, the currently proposed maps further split the tribes between several districts, which diminishes the effective representation for our community of interest and, as such, is not supported by our tribal nations.

We believe our tribal reservations, as they currently exist, should continue to be included in a district or districts representative of the unincorporated community in eastern San Diego County, including our reservation in Jamul. We believe our communities united, in no more than two districts, with like interests in the rural east county and not diluted, to the extent possible, is the right means to protect a very important and sometimes ignored community of interest.

In conclusion, we know you have a difficult task and appreciate your service, but hope that you can consider the needs of the San Diego County tribal community relative to the district boundaries you create.

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