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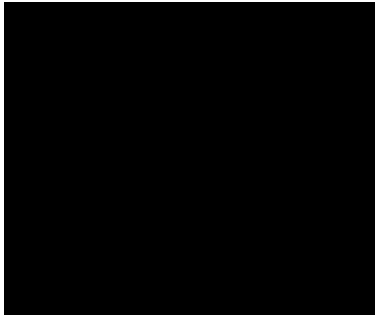
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I am writing to express my concern about some of the recent maps generated (Maps 9 and 10, and previous maps similar in nature to the concerns I will express). The general Fallbrook/Rainbow area is a community that has geographic and economic ties to both the 78 corridor and to the general Temecula (Riverside County) area. We are a suburban/agricultural community that has limited retail, corporate, and healthcare infrastructure built up within it and as such, the residents of our community often reach out to neighboring communities for essential services. For most residents in our area, employment opportunity and retail activity takes place outside our boundaries, making those communities an integral part of what we are.

I myself try to shop locally when I can, and when that is not possible, I make an effort to practice 'commerce' within San Diego County. I get my healthcare at the Kaiser facility in San Marcos rather than the Temecula offices, which are twice the distance from my residence. When shopping 'big box', I make my preference to shop along the 78 corridor rather than in the Temecula area (again, twice as distant), at increased cost in dollars and time. I would like to believe that the sales tax dollars I pay that are collected in our county will somehow make their way back to improving my immediate community, and presently, our current supervisor is doing a great job of that.

Disassociating the Fallbrook/Rainbow communities from those communities along the 78 corridor will adversely affect the representation of the residents of this community. Should our next county supervisor hail from the greater Poway area, the loyalty of that County Supervisor will logically lie with those communities and over time, our community will suffer from a reduced amount of attention and community investment from the County. In time, when a community loses the attention of its regional leaders and service providers, that community suffers. I would cite two recent examples of events that have impacted our community and our reaction to that changed foisted on us ...

- Loss of Fallbrook Hospital – With the closure of our local hospital, basic and critical hospitalization is now only available along the 78 corridor (Palomar and Tri-City hospitals) and to our north in Riverside County (Temecula and Loma Linda Hospitals). The lack of local facilities for major medical care has created a sense of isolation in our community and increased our emergency transport costs. Fortunately, our local fire agency (North

County Fire, of which I am a board member but speak here on behalf of myself and not that agency) now collaborates with other local San Diego County agencies (Vista/Oceanside/Escondido fire agencies) to ensure adequate emergency response in times of higher need.

- The pending separation of our local water districts from SDCWA – Our community pays the same rates as the rest of the county for our water, most significantly, the increase in costs due to the Bud Lewis Desalination Plant in Carlsbad. While desalination is of great benefit to the county (and I agree), nothing is being done to mitigate the level of salinity in our local water supply. The potential for adverse health and the impact on local agriculture (and jobs) is undeniable. Of all customers along the MWD service area, Fallbrook residents pay top dollar for water that has the highest salinity and solids content in the entirety of the MWD water delivery area. We pay for maintaining infrastructure to deliver water to communities beyond ours and we pay for the fixed costs of that desalination plant; we receive no benefits from either (other than increased water security). SDCWA ‘shrugged’ when asked to consider the reasonable ‘quid pro quo’ of mixing some of the desalinated water from the Lewis plant upstream from our taps and thus, improve the quality of water delivered to our community. It refused to reduce our wholesale water cost relative to the rest of the SDCWA service area. Highest cost, worst quality, fair deal? No wonder that many in our community are calling for leaving the SDCWA and joining with the EMWD (Riverside County) for our water services.

The above are just two examples of what a community experiences and how it reacts when its governmental institutions become disassociated and lose sight of its constituents. Should our community be lumped with more affluent and populated (and distant!) communities far removed from us, well, more discontent is likely.

Keep the Fallbrook/Rainbow communities in the same Supervisorial district as our closest neighbors on the 78 corridor (Oceanside/Vista/San Marcos, and if possible, Escondido).

cc: Supervisor Jim Desmond, District 5, San Diego County  
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