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Hello,

Please find attached a letter sent unanimously on behalf of the Fallbrook Planning Group's 15 member body to the San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission as an official statement on the county-wide redistricting efforts.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time,

Ross L. Pike

Secretary
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Fallbrook Community Planning Group (FCPG)
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FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

November 18, 2021

Commissioners of the San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission,

On November 15, 2021, the members of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group voted unanimously to send the following statement to your commission:

The Fallbrook Planning Group thanks the Commissioners that serve on the San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission for their time and commitment to community throughout the reapportionment process.

The Fallbrook Planning Group is comprised of 15 elected members representing approximately 50,000 Fallbrook area residents to the County of San Diego on land use matters. Due to Fallbrook being an unincorporated area, we recognize the importance of having a Board of Supervisors that ensures our voice is not lost in the process of governance. It is for that reason, the Fallbrook Planning Group submits the following statement to the Commission:

- North San Diego County is a community of interest with an area consisting of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Valley Center, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and the north inland tribal lands. Separating our unincorporated areas from a North County district violates that community of interest.
- Our North County communities share essential services and resources with overlapping agencies such as health districts, law enforcement, fire districts, school districts, and transportation services.
- The County Sheriff's Department patrols both unincorporated communities and the cities of Vista and San Marcos.
- The San Marcos Fire Department services both the city of San Marcos and unincorporated communities.
- The Vallecitos Water District services both unincorporated communities and portions of the city of San Marcos.
- The Vista Irrigation District services the city of Vista, unincorporated communities, and portions of the city of San Marcos.
- The Bonsall School District (an unincorporated community) also educates students in part of the cities of Vista and Oceanside.
- The North County Fire Protection District is a geographically connected network of fire agencies in Northern San Diego County that is known as the North Zone Operational Area and is based in Fallbrook.
- BIPOC communities should not be split. Fallbrook has a Latinx population of 48% and should be kept whole along with our fellow North County BIPOC communities like Vista that has a 51% Latinx population, Oceanside which has a 36% Latinx population, and Escondido that has a 52% Latinx population.
- Our communities deserve to have a single advocate that understands these connections and can represent our interests to the Board of Supervisors.

Therefore, the Fallbrook Planning Group expresses support for the unified representation of the North County communities in proposed Map 11. We ask that the San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission protect our BIPOC communities as well as ensure adequate representation to our surrounding communities by keeping District 5 a North County district respecting our regional identity.

Respectfully yours,

Eileen Delaney, Chair Roy Moosa, First Vice Chair Kim Murphy, Second Vice Chair Ross L. Pike, Secretary Tom Harrington Jeniene Domercq Stephani Baxter Steve Brown Mark Mervich Jim Loge

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