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Dear Commissioners,

We are submitting this Unity Map on behalf of a broad coalition of stakeholders across San Diego County, including community organizations, city councilmembers from cities across our region, and involved citizens.

We greatly appreciate the work that the Commission has done and is continuing to do to listen to diverse and often competing voices in this Redistricting process.

After Friday night's meeting, it became clear that the Commission is mostly in agreement on a number of key priorities, but is struggling to figure-out how to meet all of these different priorities within the constraints.

We are excited to have put together a compromise Unity Map that builds on maps 13a and 11, with revisions and improvements in order to meet all of these different priorities -- with very minimal trade-offs.

These priorities include:

- (1) Establishing the Coastal District, from Encinitas to Point Loma, and also now including Carlsbad and Coronado.
- (2) Creating a North County District that includes the shared communities of interest of Oceanside, Camp Pendleton, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and the surrounding unincorporated areas. This approach embraces the months of testimony in support of these communities being joined in one district. Note the importance of including Escondido with Vista and Oceanside in one district united with the surrounding unincorporated communities that rely on these cities.
- (3) Preserving established communities of interest in East County, from north to south, including the unincorporated areas around El Cajon in East County, and keeping the unincorporated districts around El Cajon together in an East County district.

- (4) Keeping the BIPOC and Refugee community together from El Cajon to City Heights.
- (5) Uniting the AAPI community of Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley, Sorrento Valley, and UCSD in the Coastal District.
- (6) Maintaining and uniting the LGBTQ+ neighborhoods together in one district, from Hillcrest to Kensington.
- (7) Creating a majority-Latinx district in South County that preserves the voice of communities along the U.S.-Mexican border. And maintaining a majority Latinx district in the South Bay in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act that keeps the two border crossings in Otay Mesa and Potrero together.

EXPLANATION:

- Map 13a / Map 11 is the starting point.
- Move the unincorporated areas around El Cajon into East County.
- Move Serra Mesa, Linda Vista, Kearny Mesa, and Birdland into Central District.
- Move the AAPI communities of Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos into the Coastal District.
- Move the unincorporated areas around Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest into East County.
- Move far east corner of unincorporated area into East County.
- Move the border region of Tecate and Potrero into Latinx South District.

This attached map accomplishes these objectives, and captures the many, many months of public testimony.

The map is by no means perfect, but we believe it is the best compromise achievable to meet the needs and concerns expressed over the past many months of public testimony.

We strongly support this map as the best path forward for the people of San Diego County, and we hope that the Commission will take this map into consideration as we approach the deadline to pass a final map.

Respectfully,

San Diego County Unity Map Coalition











