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I am writing to register my support for continuing to refine Draft Map 14. While this map is not perfect, variations of the draft map 14 can best represent distinct community interests by strengthening community voice and voting power in a defined district.

Map 14 accomplishes this by keeping AAPI communities of Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, Carmel Valley, Miramar, Linda Vista, Kearny Mesa together. Additionally, Map 14 maintains the proposed PANA district which keeps the core of the Black/Muslim community of interest together & keeps the LGBTQ communities together, while creating a majority minority district appropriately reflecting the demography and cultural diversity of San Diego's central region. Furthermore, Map 14 ensures a majority Latino district in South County as required by the Voting Rights Act by keeping the Historic Barrio District together in South County and removing Coronado and Pt. Loma to prevent dilution of Latino voting power in District 1. Map 14 combines the urban areas along the 78 together in one district since they have similar issues and concerns at the County level. Map 14 also creates an East County district that unites as many rural communities of interest, as possible.

All variations of draft map 13 disenfranchise voters in the central district in opposition to the IRC's mission and stated goals. Under draft map 13 the new BIPOC majority would be represented by the current District 2 representative, and they would not have a chance to elect someone who reflects their interests for 3 years. These variations of draft map 13 also divide the AAPI communities. The neighborhoods of Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos, Carmel Valley, Miramar, Linda Vista, and Kearny Mesa need to be kept together. Certainly, Rancho Peñasquitos, Carmel Valley, Mira Mesa do not share similar community needs and county services as the more rural communities of Julian, Mount Laguna, Borrego Springs, and Jacumba. Placing these communities in the same district will dilute the voice of both rural and suburban communities.

I urge the commission to move forward with further refinements of Map 14 for all of the reasons stated above.
Respectfully submitted.

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