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Email in support of Map 13A for District 5

Monday November 29, 2021

My name is Wayne Godinet. As a resident (over 60 years), in Oceanside, and 35 year volunteer in our communities of interest (COI), addressing cultural, youth, gang, and recreational needs in our communities through a network of grassroots organizations and liaisons who represent various institutions/ agencies, such as school districts, governmental agencies/ departments, faith based ministries, law enforcement, youth organizations, cultural/ ethnic groups, parks and recreation, gang intervention, etc., I wish to submit this email in support of Map 13A for District 5.

I and many other Samoan and Pacific Islanders, came to Oceanside and the San Diego north county region by way of the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, and also by way of the Navy installation on Coronado Island and Miramar. My Father was stationed on Camp Pendleton, served in the Korean War, retired and worked civil service on Coronado Island until retirement, passing in 2017, at the age of 95 here in Oceanside. My older brother Joseph, served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, stationed on the USS Constellation, aircraft carrier. He also passed in 2017 at age 69, from health complications related to several tours in Vietnam (West Pac). Our experience, is similar to other Samoan and Pacific Islander families' in the north county region, and we are in our fourth generation as American citizens residing in Oceanside, Vista, Fallbrook, San Marcos, Escondido, Bonsall, and eastward into Temecula, Hemet, and Murrieta. The climate in Southern California was always appealing to the Samoan community.

The Samoan Community in and around Oceanside is one of the largest and longest established cultural communities on the west coast. The organization I am representing and speaking on behalf of, has been celebrating and organizing the annual Oceanside Samoan Cultural Celebration around the Fourth of July, for the past 33 years, bringing thousands of our Samoan and Polynesian people and visitors together. We have hosted the Governor of American Samoa and hundreds of dignitaries during our annual weeklong event. As volunteers of the Oceanside Samoan Cultural Committee, we work year round in the north county area addressing our youth, cultural, educational, mental health, drug, and gang issues. We communicate closely with law enforcement, city leadership/ officials, school board, leaders, ministries, sports/athletes, and mentors. We have around 10 Samoan churches/ ministries in North County. Our own NFL football Hall Of Famer, Junior Seau, grew up in a gang neighborhood, gave back to his community, served as a role model, and both his Youth and Senior Fitness programs continue

today. Although Junior passed away in May of 2012, his legacy continues, as he inspired so many youth to stay in school, work out, eat healthy, volunteer by giving back and helping others less fortunate. Many of these youths are now adult mentors, coaches, and parents, guiding our students and serving as role models as well.

Maintaining the integrity of our community within the same county district is very important. We have the opportunity to work with other communities of color such as Fil-Am, Hawaiian, Latino, African American, and other A/API communities within our district to have our voices heard, as we have for years. Continuing to grow an authentic paradigm of grassroots collaboration brings a level of trust, which allows the transactional transparency needed to bring the resources and truly develop a reliable and consistent network of grassroots organizations and stakeholders.

The I-78 corridor and the communities along I-15, are growing and well traveled daily For Thanksgiving, our family included nephews, nieces, grand kids, who live in Bonsall and Vista.

As the former Program Director of The Oceanside Boys Club ('71-'90)- before it became Boys and Girls Club, I realized the gang issues in our communities were on the rise. Oceanside had 29 gang related homicides in 1995. I became a full time volunteer on the streets of Oceanside and continue the work to today addressing youth violence, drug and gang involvement, not only among Samoan youth but all youth under the volunteer efforts of the Samoan Cultural Committee, and Save Our Streets Outreach (formed after the shooting death of Oceanside Police Officer Dan Bessant, by Samoan gang members, Dec. 20, 2006. To this day, including Dec. 20, 2021 of this year, Save Our Streets continues to host the Annual Dan Bessant and Tony Zepatella (Opd officer shot and killed by an hispanic gang member three years prior to officer Bessants murder), Candlelight Vigil and moment of silence at 6:33pm. The vigils are presented simultaneously, in four gang claimed neighborhoods in Oceanside, in memory and honor of our late officers.

With the utmost respect, we urge the commission to adopt Map 13A for District 5

Thank you,  
Wayne Godinet  
Samoan Cultural Comm/ Save Our Streets

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