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Good Day,

Please find attached a letter on behalf of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians.

If there are any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
Carrie Lopez
Tribal Administrator

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November 28, 2021

Mr. David Bane, Chair
San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402
San Diego, CA 92101
via electronic mail: redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov

RE: Redistricting of San Diego County

Dear Chairman Bane:

On behalf of our Tribe, the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians (SLR), we write to you and the members of the Independent Redistricting Commission to express our interests in the current redistricting of the supervisorial districts. We support the inclusion of our historical territories to be coalesced within one supervisorial district. From our perspective, Map 13A best meets this intention and our community of interest (COI).

Our Tribe has lived for over 10,000 years in the area now known as North San Diego County, inclusive of Camp Pendleton, as far South as Encinitas, and to the East encompassing the current Reservation territories. We are one of seven Luiseño Tribes in this territory. Although SLR does not govern over a reservation, we continue to act as a steward over these lands regarding the protection and preservation of cultural resources. We are recognized by the California Native American Heritage Commission to oversee the protection of our ancestors' remains and sacred sites, which includes adherence to our traditional customs and practices. Preservation of our heritage is our highest priority. Our sacred sites have included Oceanside, Camp Pendleton, Bonsall, Fallbrook, and surrounding communities and continue to be discovered via land development activity throughout this region. We have built critical relationships with local county and municipal agencies. And it is our hope to preserve the interests of all of the Luiseño Tribes in one district.

Although "Map 13A" appears to best align with our tribal interests, we do see that "Public Submitted Map 14" may also preserve our heritage and communities of interest in District 5, so we would also support that map if it brings unity to the county.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

With great respect,

Mel Vernon, Tribal Captain

Support of San Diego County Redistricting -- San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians

